

Holiday lights, banners are up

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It is Christmas in St. Francis!

The lights are strung across Main Street; new Christmas welcome banners are up and many of the stores have Christmas lights, trees and decorations inside and out.

Warm weather has allowed residents to put out their decorations and string lights. There are a number of homes with lots and lots of lights and some with just lots of lights. There is hardly a block in St. Francis that doesn't have some Christmas lights shining.

People have until the weekend of Dec. 12 and 13 to get their lights and decorations out for the annual Chamber Lighting Contest. Last year's contest winners will be judging the lighting on homes and two prizes of \$50 scrip each will be awarded to the winners at the Christmas drawing on Monday, Dec. 14.

No entries are needed as every house with lights is automatically entered. The winners will be featured in *The Saint Francis Herald* on Dec. 17.

For more information, call or stop by *The Herald* office or call the Chamber office.

Death notice

Ernel W. Rogers, age 91, died Nov. 26, 2009. He was born Aug. 16, 1918, in Cheyenne County. He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte (Worley) Rogers in 2000. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Oakley. There will be a graveside service at Lawn Ridge Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Memorials may be made to Butterfield Trail Ride, Muscular Dystrophy Association and Evercare Hospice of Colorado Springs in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 221, Oakley 67748.

Awards given at ball game tonight

A Kansas Assessment Awards Presentation will be held between the varsity girls' and varsity boys' basketball games tonight (Thursday).

Parents with children receiving awards will be receiving an invitation from the schools.

The basketball teams will be playing in the Sagebrush Tournament the week of Dec. 7. They will be playing on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. Check story for times and location.

E-Waste pick up

E-Waste pick up will be held Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Recycling Center south of U.S. 36 behind the museum. Bring old electronic equipment, micro-waves, television, computers and other such items that cannot be

taken to the landfill.

St. Francis Public Library

The St. Francis Public Library will start closing on Saturdays, beginning this Saturday.

Christmas in the Country "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht"

Christmas in the Country, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht," will be held at the historic Salem Lutheran Church, 8 miles northwest of St. Francis, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19. In case of bad weather, call (785) 332-3002 or (785) 332-3634.

Country Christmas

Country Christmas, sponsored by Center Church Association, will be held at the Bird City Senior Center at 6 p.m. on Dec. 4.

Bring a can of soup, finger foods and Christmas stories, readings, and poems to share.

Historical Society

The Cheyenne County Historical Society is hosting a meeting and potluck on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m. at the senior center. Everyone interested in the history of the county is welcome. This is an opportunity to ask questions about the Museum, the Historical Society and to support the organization.

Board of Education

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10.

Cheyenne County Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet tonight (Thursday) at the courthouse.

Western Plains Arts Association

On Monday at 7:30 p.m., the famous Riders in the Sky will present the holiday show, "Christmas The Cowboys Way," in the Oakley High School Auditorium.

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Senior Citizen's Center. The program will be a "Christmas Sendoff" by the high school choir. Debbie Fiala is the director.

Cheyenne County Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at 7:30 on Monday at the First Christian Church in St. Francis. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in prayer, fellowship and learning as they work together to provide "Life for all."

Big Brother/Big Sister

The Big Brother/Big Sister Christmas tree silent auction will be held from Monday, Nov. 30, to Dec. 10. Local businesses, clubs, organizations and individuals are asked to donate an artificial Christmas tree to be on display at Bankwest starting Nov. 30.

Those decorating trees can use a theme or they can just use the typical Christmas ornaments, bows and garland, said Bridgette Antholz, coordinator.

Those wanting to donate a tree should contact Mr. Antholz at Bankwest, 332-3333. Deliver the

tree to the bank by 4 p.m. on Nov. 30.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the county clerk's office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

Sainty Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous

Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-6542 for more information.

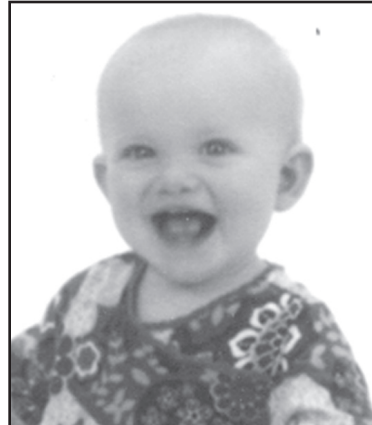
Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

First birthay celebrated by family and friends

On Sept. 26, Sadie Anne Gerstenkorn, the daughter of Shawn and Chasiti Gerstenkorn of Highlands Ranch, Colo., celebrated her first birthday. Many friends and family were in attendance for her "Bear" theme celebration.

Grandparents are Connie and Willie Weems of Goodland, Steve Gutsch of Lakewood, Colo.; Ed and Jenanne Gerstenkorn of Wichita and Holly Gerstenkorn of Arlington, Texas. Great-grandparents are Jessie Schield of St. Francis, Andy and Bea Gerstenkorn of Waterloo and Mildred Gutsch of Goodland.



Sadie Gerstenkorn

Nutritious food at affordable price

Whenever families gather for the holidays, there is food! The goal of Prairie Land Food is to make the Christmas Season merrier and less stressful by making available great food at an affordable price. Every month the Prairie Pak includes five or six meat/protein items, four or five fresh veggies and four or five fresh fruits all for a discounted price and two hours of volunteer service to the community, and what easier time to find volunteer opportunities than now. There are also three specials available each month that will help you stretch your food dollar.

The Prairie Land Food program is not a government program; it is available to everyone regardless of income. It is a 501(c)(3) organization with a goal of providing quality, nutritious food at a low cost to

help stretch food dollars. The program is funded through participation, the more people participate, the greater the purchasing power.

The community benefits from this project, too, because of the volunteer work each month. Orders can be paid by check, cash or EBT/Food Stamps. The order form at prairielandfood.com is under construction, to place your order on line contact Linda Hagan (800) 298-1989 or email to linda@prairielandfood.com.

To purchase a package, learn the prices, or for more information about Prairie Land Food contact Crissy Cooks at St. Francis Empire Motel (785) 332-2231 or call Linda Hagan (800) 298-1989.

Orders must be placed by Dec. 8 and food distribution will be Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Elks Lodge in Goodland.

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The Christmas season is underway. Stores are stocked for shoppers and the Christmas light canopy across Main Street is reminding people that they need to get their holiday gifts.

Each time people purchase \$10 in a Chamber business, they can sign up for one of three prizes of \$100 scrip to be drawn for on

Monday, Dec. 14.

There are many houses in town that are lit up for the holidays. The Chamber Lighting Contest will be held on Dec. 12 and 13. People are urged to keep their lights on those evenings so they can be judged by last year's Christmas Lighting Contest winners. The lighting winners, along with the winners of the children's poster contest, will be announced

at the Dec. 14 drawing.

Chamber Christmas activities held Dec. 14

Monday, Dec. 14, will be a big day in St. Francis. The second night of the Treasure Hunt will be held. The numbers posted in businesses on Nov. 27 will be listed with a new bunch of numbers. Each participating business will have a total of 40 numbers displayed.

Some of the numbers are being displayed on the windows and doors but some businesses have the numbers hung on a tree just inside the store. Be sure and

check out all of the 18 businesses listed on the Treasure Hunt number page.

The ABC Preschool parents and teachers will be hosting a chili feed before and after the drawing of the Chamber money and the Christmas On Us big giveaway on the 14th. The drawing starts at 5:30 p.m. at the grade school gym. Come early and enjoy a cup of chili and visiting with friends and neighbors.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Nov. 23	37	25	.04
Nov. 24	47	26	
Nov. 25	48	23	
Nov. 26	64	25	
Nov. 27	73	22	
Nov. 28	60	25	
Nov. 29	48	20	
Nov. 30	61	20	



Looking for something you don't see? Let us know, we will find it for you!

1997 F250 S/C XLT, 4x2, AT, V-8 Gas, 248K, #T7748D	\$4,250
2006 Freestyle SEL w/Leather, FWD, 45K, #T2434A	\$13,750
2004 Grand Marquis Ultimate, Loaded, 71K, #62526A	\$10,995
2008 Edge SEL w/Cloth, AWD, AT, 37K, #T5567	\$23,500
1999 Crown Victoria LX, Cloth, AT, 74K, #53870B	\$7,000
2007 Escape XLT, Cloth w/Sunroof, 4x4, AT, #5929	\$20,700
2008 F250 Crew, XLT, L. Box, 6.8L, 4x4, AT, #T1860A	\$27,500
2007 Taurus SE, FWD, V-6, AT, 27K, #22770	\$10,250
2006 Merc. Mariner Prem. Leather, 4x4, AT, 26K, #T0997	\$19,500
2006 F150 S/C XLT, 4x4, AT, 28K, Clean!! #T1925	\$23,500
2006 Five-Hundred SEL, Leather, V-6, FWD, AT, #26815A	\$12,500
2008 Lincoln MKX Elite, Nav., sunroof, 20K, #T1748A	\$36,500
2008 F150 Crew, K. Ranch, 4x4, 16K, #T6827A	\$33,500
1999 Dodge Caravan, FWD, AT, 148K, #T87720	\$3,000
2008 F250 S/C, XLT, 4x4, AT, 34K, #T0694A	\$26,500
1995 F150 R/C, XLT, Man., #T9938B	\$3,500
2004 Crown Vic LX, Leather, 4.6L, 85K, #08630A	\$9,500
2009 Ford Expedition, E. Bauer, 4x4, 22K, #T0243	\$39,700
2005 F250 Crew Lariat, 6.0L, 4x4, AT, 84K, #T5999C	\$27,500
2005 Five Hundred SEL, AWD, V6, AT, 145K, #T8182A	\$9,500
1980 F350 R/C, 4x4, 177K, #T9939B	\$2,500
1993 Chevy S/C 3500, 6.5L, w/haybed, AT, 4x4, #T3721C	\$3,500
1999 F250 S/C Lariat, 4x2, 5.4L, 111K, #T80009B	\$8,500
2000 Buick LeSabre Limited, FWD, AT, 75K, #7012A	\$7,500
2007 Explorer, XLT, 4x4, 3K, #T6407	\$31,500
2009 Ford Expedition, E. Bauer, 4x4, #T4600	\$41,250
2007 F150 Crew Lariat, 4x4, #T1611	\$31,500
2009 Taurus SEL, FWD, #22370	\$22,500
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785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

Christmas in the Country
"Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht"

at Salem Lutheran Church (8 miles NW of St. Francis)

Saturday, Dec. 19, 5 p.m. CT

(music begins at 4:30 p.m.)

Carols in German and English

Refreshments following in church basement.
Free-Will Offering
Call 785-332-3002 or 785-332-3634.)

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Cheyenne County Health Department & Clinic

Are offering H1N1 Vaccinations For Children 6 months of age to 10 years of age

(more H1N1 vaccines will be made available to the public at a later date for other "target age" groups. Please be aware that these target groups are at the request of the Center for Disease Control & the Kansas Department of Health & Environment)

For more information & an appointment please contact Priscilla Prentice at 785-332-2682 - clinic or Mila Bandel at 785-332-2381 - Health Dept.

Check your renewal dates

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Out-of-State - \$48

Bird City Times

Area - \$33 KS - \$36
Out-of-State - \$40

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