

# Storm spotter classes start at the high school in Sainty

A storm spotter class will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, at the high school in St. Francis. Those unable to attend this class can also attend the Rawlins County class at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12, at the Atwood Prairie Development Center; or at the Goodland Armory at 6:30 p.m. mountain daylight time on March 14 or the Dundy County class at 6:30 p.m. mountain daylight time on March 19 at the Benkelman High School.

Spotter classes are free and open to anyone with an interest in high plains severe weather. There is no age limit or special qualifications needed to become a spotter.

Storm spotters play a vital role during severe weather events. Spotters provide the ground truth that compli-

ments information displayed on Doppler radar, two key components in the severe storm warning decision process. By assisting the National Weather Service in the dissemination of warning information, storm spotters provide a valuable public service to their local communities.

Each class will discuss severe storm safety, thunderstorm development and evolution, clouds and their meaning, severe weather events and reporting procedures. Classes will last about 2 1/4 hours.

There will be several advanced spotter classes in April. These classes will be open to anyone who has attended a basic spotter class within the past three years, and will go more in depth about storm types, evolution and movement.

Look for future announcements for class times and locations on our web site: [www.weather.gov/goodland](http://www.weather.gov/goodland).

**Severe Weather Awareness Week**  
Spring Severe Weather Awareness Weeks are also fast approaching. During those weeks, a series of daily public information statements will be issued, each covering a different facet of severe weather preparedness.

This information will also play throughout the day on NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio. Tornado drills are also planned, which will consist of a test Tornado Warning issued by our office. Schools and businesses should plan to use that time to review safety procedures and respond as if it were an actual warning.

In Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week will be March 12-16.

## Red Hatters enjoy activities

### Classy Classics Red Hatters December Christmas meeting

The Main Street Coffee House was the Dec. 5 setting for the Red and Purple Hat Ladies of St. Francis known as the Classy Classics. And yes, everyone was dressed in their holiday finest — red and purple.

The group of 22 ladies enjoyed a very delicious meal planned by Liz Weber, hostess. Red Hat purse calendars and calendar refrigerator magnets were placed at each table setting, a gift from Liz.

Christmas music was provided by the St. Francis High School Music Department, under the direction of Deb Fiala, and was enjoyed by all.

A short business meeting was conducted. It was voted that the Red Hatters would give the music department \$100 to aid the students going to Europe this summer. For the music students performing at the meeting, and those in the class, a theatre ticket was given to each student.

### Classy Classics Red Hatters January meeting

The January meeting of the St. Francis Red Hatters (Classy Classics) was a noon soup and sandwich luncheon at the Main Street Coffee House, on Jan. 16. The 11:30 luncheon was enjoyed by 23 Red Hatters.

The tables were decorated in red and purple with Red Hatters napkins and mints.

### Classy Classics Red Hatters Adventures at sea

Six members of the Classy Classics or the Red Hatters of St. Francis, joined 134 ladies (Red Hatters) from Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas in Wichita on Feb. 4.

These ladies, Arlene Walz, Lois Leydig, Ruth Reynolds, Colleen Gardner, Liz Weber and Rose Mary Bierig, joined the group in Wichita for a seven-day cruise to Cozumel and Progresso Yucatan Islands of Mexico.

The group of 140 ladies were bused to Galveston, Texas, where they boarded the Carnival Cruise Ship "Ecstasy."

The former Norma Orsborn, who once lived in St. Francis, and two of Rose Mary's sisters-in-law from

Oklahoma were with the tour.

Excluding sea sickness and a few minor happening, the group had a grand time. The tour was with Village Tours of Wichita.

The ship was overrun with 140 women wearing purple with red hats. The ladies were asked by others if they could take their pictures.

One little girl, about 8-years old, said "When I get old I want to dress like that too."

They were a very colorful sight. **Classy Classics Red Hatters Valentine meeting**

Eleven Red Hatters "The Classy Classics" enjoyed a delicious dinner on Feb. 11 at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis.

This is a very nice social event prepared and served by the Luther League and parents. The room looked very festive, decorated in the valentine motif.

Other members of the Red Hatters were present, but choose to eat with family members.

A very nice evening was enjoyed by all.



Cheylin's FFA Week culmination with cherry crisp, ice cream and Kiss-A-Pig Contest - Lincoln Pochop holds the pig for Second Grade teacher, and winner, Kathy Weber to pucker up!

Photo by Natasha Gordon, Cheylin Yearbook staff

## Cougar Chronicles

**Menu**  
March 5-March 9  
Monday March 5  
Breakfast; muffins, saugage patty, cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch; Frito chili pie, salad bar, fruit, cinnamon roll, milk.  
Tuesday March 6  
Breakfast; Oatmeal, cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch; Chicken fajitas, spanish

rice, salad bar, fruit, milk  
Wednesday March 7  
Breakfast; Donuts, cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch; Fourth Grade's favorites; Hamburger Steak, macaroni and cheese, corn and green beans, Salad bar; eggs, apples, pickles, coleslaw, carrots, and mandarin oranges, Strawberry Shortcake, milk.  
Thursday March 8

**SPRING BREAK!**  
Junior High Scholars Bowl team wil travel to Oberlin on Wednesday.  
FFA will host their 3 on 3 tournament on Saturday. They had to postpone it from last Saturday due to the weather.  
Sophomore Class had to postpone their fundraiser last Sunday due to weather also.

## Obituary

**Henry Dean Weaver**  
Feb. 7, 1935 - Feb. 5, 2007  
Henry Dean Weaver lost his battle with cancer on Feb. 5, 2007, in St. George, Utah. Henry, better known as Hank, was born Feb. 7, 1935, in Cheyenne County, Kan. He graduated from Bird City High School in 1954.

Hank was a member of the unbeaten, unscored on, football team of 1953. He was named to the High School All-Star Team in 1953 and 1954.

In 1958, Hank married Marciea Spears of Benkelman, Neb.

Hank farmed on the family farm for 30 years before changing his lifestyle and moving to Las Vegas, Nev., in 1990.

His hobby of oil painting was something he accomplished in Nevada having art pieces in a Mesquite, Nev., art gallery.

Hank served on the Cheylin School Board, Cheyenne County Fair Board and was a member of

the Goodland Elks Lodge, Riverside Recreation Country Club, and Knights of Columbus while he lived in Cheyenne County.

Hank is survived by his wife, Carla, of Mesquite; his daughter, Jeanine Peter and Wade Krien of St. Francis; his son, Michael Weaver and wife, Cindy, of Larkspur, Colo.; three granddaughters, Chanell Peter of Goodland, Chauntell Peter of St. Francis and

Heather Weaver of Larkspur; his sister, Pauline Shahan and husband, Don of North Platte, Neb.; his three nieces, Traci and Tami of Denver and Teri of California, ex-wife, Marciea Weaver of Goodland, and a number of good friends in the Cheyenne County area.

Hank was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Mary Weaver.

## Extension Notes

Improving health and fitness need not be costly or even particularly time consuming, said Mike Bradshaw, Kansas State University Research and Extension health and safety specialist, who is preparing to launch Extension's 2007 Walk Kansas Fitness Challenge March 11.

The eight-week fitness program

attracted more than 20,000 participants last year, he said.

The program's low cost, \$5, makes it appealing. The team concept, with six team members logging miles to equal the distance across Kansas (423 miles, east to west), allows each team member to accomplish something most could

not accomplish alone.

Mr. Bradshaw recommends a comfortable pair of walking shoes, and added that participants can typically improve health and fitness without ever leaving their own neighborhood.

"Exercising with others also can add a social aspect while also improving health."

The program has been popular with family, friends and co-workers who make up a team. Extension offices also can match interested persons to a team needing a member or two, Bradshaw said.

Walk Kansas was introduced as a walking program and has since grown to include 15 minutes of comparable aerobic exercise. Bicycling, weight training, swimming, running or team sports such as basketball, volleyball, racquetball or soccer, can count as a mile.

About 90 percent of Walk Kansas teams cover the distance across the state, he said. Participants report benefits from physical activity such as an increase in energy, happier outlook, stress reduction, more restful sleep, lower blood pressure, and/or either a weight loss or easier time maintaining their weight.

For more information on registration and local program dates and events, contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 785-332-3171.

## Club Clip

### Go Getters 4-H Club

The Go-Getters 4-H club had their February meeting on Feb. 22 in the Lutheran Church basement.

President Aryn Sturgeon called the meeting to order and all the members recited the flag salute and the 4-H pledge.

Roll call was taken and 10 members answered to "What is your favorite sport"? There were also three visitors and four parents present.

Reporter Isaac Sturgeon read the reporter's report from the last meeting. The club also decided to have the reporter do the secretary's job too.

The Go-Getters decided not to do the Walk Kansas, but they did decide that each member could run 20 miles or walk 40 miles starting on March 1 until April 1 and the club would buy each member a t-shirt.

The family fun night will be on March 24 from 5-7 p.m. n the St.

Francis High School cafeteria. The club will have a game and will display four of their projects.

The Go-Getters decided to donate \$50 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Song leader Rachel Keltz led the club in "Mary Had A Little Lamb".

There were two demonstrations. Josh Keltz on "How To Make Four Right Angles", and Aryn Sturgeon did a project talk on "The Basics of Photography".

The meeting was adjourned. The club had butternut squash soup and cookies.

Recreation leader Josh Keltz had the members run a balloon relay game.

The next meeting is tentatively set for March 13 in the Lutheran Church basement at 6:30 p.m.

Reporter, Isaac Sturgeon

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### Red Hat Mamas

There were nine Red Hat Mamas who met Feb. 20 at the Frosty Mug for lunch and a business meeting. Dominoes followed and a good time was had by all.

Those attending were; Phyllis Wingfield, Iris McIntosh, Lois Morelock, Frieda Black, Vernetta Haack, Carol Marsh, Bethel Golt,

Florence Antholz and Betty Lewis. The next meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. March 20 at the McDonald Senior Center.



## Legislative Town Hall Meeting with Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer & Rep. John Faber

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2007 • 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. CT**  
Wheeler - Captain Hook's Restaurant

Pd by Ostmeyer for Senate, Lori Edwards, Treasurer. Rep. John Faber, Ed Carson, Treasurer.

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**Sun., March 4 • 12:30 pm CT**  
**PAT KINEN ESTATE**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION**  
Auction Site: Western Auction & Real Estate Auction Pavilion, W. Hwy. 36, St. Francis, KS

**APPLIANCES - LAWN & GARDEN - FURNITURE & ANTIQUES - HOUSEHOLD MISC.**

Kenmore Washer & Dryer; Sears Chest Deep Freeze 13 cu.ft.; GE No Frost Refrigerator; Kenmore Elec. Stove, Almond; Blue Rocker Recliner; Cherry Entertainment Center; 5-6 Handmade Night Stands; (3) 3 Cushion Couches; Quasar Microwave; (2) Samsonite Cardtables & 4 Chairs; Wicker; Baskets; Pillows; Blankets; Lamps & Table; Kneehole Desk & Chair; Misc. Kitchen Items; Dressing Mirror; Yamaha Fun Machine; Dining Table w/Leaf, 4 roller chairs; Dresser w/Mirror & Nightstand; Rocker Recliner; Book Shelf; Night Stands; Full Size Box Springs & Mattress w/Frame, Head & Foot Board; Speed Queen Dryer Kenmore Washer; Toaster; Sewing Patterns; Knick Knacks; Doilies; Display Case; Dresser; Yard Fountain; Planters; Dining Table w/2 Leaves; L-Shaped Seating Bench.

Wooden Rocking Chair; Room Divider; Patio Table w/7 Chairs, love seat & Entertainment Bar; Bakers Rack; TV Stand; Twin Bed w/Frame; Victorian Décor; 12" Magnavox Color TV w/Remote; Flower Vases; Swivel Rocker; Entertainment Center; Serving Tables; Chest of Drawers; Wall Hangings; MANY Knick Knacks; Wexford 2 piece Footed Cake Set; Folding Chairs; Brass Headboard, full size & frame; Corner Stands; Floral Arrangements; Gazing Balls & Stands; Bedding & Pillows; Crystal; Luggage;

Fans; Silk Plants; 2 roller Chairs; King Size bed w/Frame; Coffee Table; Metal Table w/2 roller chairs; 2 End Tables; Lamps; Rocker Recliner; Dirt Devil Spot Scrubber; Funnel Cake Kit; Speakers; VCR; Board Games; Remote Control Fire & Semi Trucks; Misc. Toys; Baseball Caps; Desk Organizer; Misc. Golf Clubs; Portable BBQ Set & Utensils; Sm. Air Tank; Dog House & Dog Kennel; Car Bike Rack; Welder Sm.; Goose Decoys; Sm. Toy Box; Limited Edition Prints; Homemade Wooden Toys; Paintball Sniper Rifle; Shop Vacs; Air Compressor; Used Tires; Lawn Shuffle Board; Floor Jack; Weed Eaters; Scroll Saw; Infant Seat for Adult Bike; Misc. Playground Equipment; Ski Boots, Ski's, Ski Poles; Toboggan Sled, Wooden; 2 Man Flotation Tube; Lots of Misc.!

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