



LIFELINE EQUIPMENT is now in the Cheyenne County Hospital. Those looking at the new system are Millie Glasco, Ryan Murray, Shawna Blanca and Mary Ruth Burkett.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Hospital has Lifeline service

The Cheyenne County Hospital is taking over Lifeline from the Cheyenne County Care Outreach.

The Lifeline CarePartner telephone enables the user to call for help 24-hours-a-day by pressing the personal help button. People with the service will also be provided with a small device that they wear around their neck or a bracelet which, when the button is pressed, will activate the Lifeline help.

This service allows elderly people to continue to live at home, knowing that help is readily available. If an ambulance is needed then it will be contacted.

Telephone functions include large, high-contrast pushbuttons for easy dialing, lighted keypad for night-time use and a speakerphone for hands-free conversation. The range of the buttons is throughout the house and out into the yard, approximately 200

feet. A range test is done at the time of installation.

The hospital will continue offering the same Lifeline service to the community as it has been in the past.

The Cheyenne County Care Outreach operated this service for 20 years. In 1987, Glenn Glasco, along with help from the community churches and a 50/50 grant from the Methodist Ministry Funds in Wichita, started Lifeline in the county. In 1996, Millie Glasco began helping Mr. Glasco and became the system installer.

The difference in the service will be that now hospital employees will be installing new units and doing service calls on the existing units. The billing will be done by the hospital and the payments will be made to the hospital.

The monthly fee for a Lifeline phone is \$30. A one-time installation fee of \$50 is charged for the new units.

Anyone interested in having Lifeline installed in their home should contact the hospital and ask for Shawna.

"We are pleased to be able to continue to offer this service to the community, as we feel it is a benefit to the citizens in our community," Shawna Blanca said.

## Dove season opens on Saturday

By Karen Krien

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Dove season will open Saturday in Kansas. It is a split season with the first opening on Saturday through Oct. 14; then it will close for a couple of weeks and reopen Nov. 1 through 16.

Hunters can buy licenses at the clerk's office in the courthouse, at K-Store, U.S. 36, all in St. Francis. The licenses can also be bought online at [www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us).

Mourning doves are migratory game birds and are federally regulated. Rules require that shotguns be plugged to hold no more than three shells and the daily bag limit is 15. No more than 30 can be possessed.

A Kansas hunting license and Harvest Information Stamp are required to hunt doves except for those Kansas residents younger than 16 or older than 65.

### Dove banding

Hunters are asked to look for leg bands on the mourning doves they shoot. The purpose of banding is to estimate annual survival rates, harvest rates and distribution of the harvest, as well as to refine techniques

for a future dove-banding program. This date is necessary for understanding population trends and managing dove harvests.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks officials report that hunters are a critical link in the banding study. By checking all harvested doves for bands and reporting the banded doves, hunters help biologists manage this important migratory game bird.

Because dove bands are small, hunters can easily overlook the bands so they are asked to carefully check all doves bagged. If they find a band, call 1-800-327-2263 or go to [www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl/](http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl/). Hunters can keep the bands and will be provided with a certificate identifying the age, sex, date and location the bird was banded.

### Baiting

It should be noted that baiting doves by placing grain out to intentionally attract birds is illegal for any migratory bird hunting.

### More information

For more information about hunting places in Kansas and regulations, stop by the county clerk's office in the courthouse in St. Francis.

## Sept. 15 and 16 marks Beecher Island weekend

The third weekend in September marks the date for the 108th Beecher Island Reunion. The reunion is held at Beecher Island located 22 miles west of St. Francis on U.S. 36 and then north 8.5 miles on Rd. LL.

September means many things including the new school year, shorter days and cooler nights, or an

over abundance of home-grown tomatoes. However, to the black-powder shooters, the peddle tractor pullers and turtle racers, it means that the annual Beecher Island Reunion will soon be here.

Mark Mahlberg, one of the coordinators and president of the organization, said there will be games and races for all ages with prizes

awarded. There will be a history presentation by a guest speaker, good food and lots of visiting in the shade of the giant cottonwoods.

In keeping with the Beecher Island tradition, Mr. Mahlberg said some of the finest live music will be available and that talent will be revealed in next week's article, along with a full schedule of events.

There is lots of room for campers and tents so everyone is urged to spend the weekend.

Mr. Mahlberg said volunteers are needed for cleanup on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

## Rain helps growth of weed in alleys

By Karen Krien

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It rained in St. Francis during the month of August. In fact, Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, reported 3.34 inches so far this month.

The rain has been good for lawns, gardens, crops and pastures. It has also been good for weeds which are cropping up in alleys throughout the city.

People need to realize that taking care of the alley behind them is their responsibility. J.R. Landenberger,

city manager, reports the weeds and tree limbs are hindering the trash truck from going through.

"As people drive through our town, they comment on the beautiful well-kept yards but they don't notice our alleys," Mr. Landenberger said.

The growing season is almost over but, in the meantime, the trash truck needs to get through. Everyone is urged to check the condition of their alley behind their house and keep it clear.

## Health Talk

By Susan Roelfs

HPV Vaccine -

Why get vaccinated?

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infections don't cause any symptoms, but HPV is important mainly because it can cause cervical cancer. There is no treatment for HPV infection, but the conditions it causes can be treated. The vaccine is an inactivated (not alive) vaccine which protects against four major types of Human Papillomavirus infections. The vaccine is available to women ages 11 to 26.

Why is HPV vaccine given to girls at this age?

It is important for girls to get Human Papillomavirus infections vaccine before their first sexual contact - because they have not been exposed to Human Papillomavirus. For these girls, the vaccine can prevent almost 100 percent of disease

caused by the four type of Human Papillomavirus targeted by the vaccine. The vaccine is given as a three-dose series.

No insurance? The vaccine is also available through the Vaccine for Children that are 18 years of age and under.

No insurance and over 18 years of age? We can help with a program sponsored by Merek.

Contact the Cheyenne County Health Department at 332-2381 for more information.

## Boosters can still join team

School has started and each year, *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* feature sports teams, music groups and other activities on "Booster Pages." These pages are sponsored by businesses, organizations and individuals for a one-time fee. The number and size of booster ads depends on the number of sponsors.

Those listed on the booster pages last year will be listed again unless they have notified *The Herald* office that they do not want to be a booster.

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