



Wildlife banquet offers food, prizes

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Every year, hunters and fishermen as well as others interested in outdoor sports gather for the Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet. It will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Bird City Legion hall on Friday. The auction will begin at 8:15 p.m. Besides a dinner of prime rib with all the trimmings, there will be drawings and door prizes awarded.

Some of the items auctioned off will include a Remington 870, 3 1/2-inch 12 gauge magnum, Remington 870, 20 gauge youth gun; Savage 22-250 rifle; Savage 243 rifle, Browning 22 automatic pistol, CVA Inline muzzle loader; Henry Youth 22 rifle, Henry 22 magnum; Tony Howard knives, paintings by Peggy Moberly, paintings on turkey feathers; fishing lures, Howa 12-gauge over and under shotgun, two pellet guns along with fishing equipment and numerous other prizes.

There will be lots of prizes for young and old. To encourage membership, those joining with their paid membership will enjoy the free prime rib meal along with the banquet activities. The membership

also includes unlimited access to the gun range.

"It should be noted that there is only seating for 300 so we are encouraging people to purchase their tickets early," said Francis O'Leary, member.

To purchase a ticket to the banquet and auction, stop at Bumper To Bumper, or Owens True Value, NAPA Keller Parts in St. Francis; Frontier Ag in Bird City; or contact any Cheyenne County Wildlife member.

What the organization does

Cheyenne County Wildlife is active in the county and the money used from the banquet and auction helps with cost-share tree plantings and stocking trout in Keller Pond. The organization also gives four scholarships to graduating seniors and supports the 4-H Shooting Sports program.

The Wildlife organization's clubhouse south of St. Francis was once again the place where hunters could bring the deer to be tested for chronic wasting disease. Samples were taken and sent to the K-State labs. Francis O'Leary, member, said no disease had been found in the samples sent in from Cheyenne County.

Emergency building nearing completion

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The March 15 deadline is Saturday and the KanStep Emergency Building is almost complete.

Dale Weeks, councilman and head of the Kanstep program gave his report at the March 4 St. Francis City Council meeting.

He said Sam Miller and his crew continue with the wiring. There are several volunteers working on outlets, lights and other electrical services. This has been a big job

and they are working at a good pace, he said.

There is still a lot of work to be done with the heating and air conditioning units. Hopefully most of the work can be done this week.

The plumbing is laid and, as volunteers add the bathroom fixtures, they will be able to hook them up.

The bathrooms and east storage area are all that is left to be textured and painted. These tasks were to be done by the weekend.

Wednesday evening was ladies' night and they painted the windows and moulding around the rooms.

Billy Krien and Todd Krien will start laying the rock on the front of the building very soon as the weather is warms up.

The building will still be short of floor coverings in the two offices, paper towel holders and other small items in the bathrooms. Donations to help purchase these items would be appreciated.

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'I NEED THIS PUPPY' — Addy Christensen, 2-year-old daughter of Amy Christensen, St. Francis, loved holding the new puppy.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

New rules set for Kids' Rodeo Wednesday night of fair

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New rules set for Kids' Rodeo

By Candice Sekich-Goodrich

The Kids Rodeo will be held again on Wednesday evening of the fair and will begin at 7 p.m. However, the Cheyenne County Fair Board, when they met on Thursday, noted some of the rules from

the previous year will be changing.

Children must be five years-old or up to 70 pounds to be able to participate in the Mutton Bustin' contest.

The fair board will be adding a new event — a steer riding contest for the older children, 9-12 years of age (there is no weight limit since the steers will be

large enough for the older kids). Adam Arensdorf, St. Francis, has offered to help supply the steers needed for the event. The committee hopes to have about 15 head of steers available that will weigh anywhere from 300 to 500 pounds. The calves, which will be mostly holstein or holstein/Angus cross, are expected to be

a little tamer, and not so wild.

The board was unsure what the stock charge would be for these calves, so they tabled the discussion to the next meeting when the board has a chance to get more information together and is able to discuss the matter with Mr. Arensdorf. The board voted to spend up to \$500

for different size helmets and the rigging necessary for this event along with any other items needed.

The committee also discussed adding a Catch-a-Pig contest during the Kids' Rodeo event. The junior and senior

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'THE ROOMS ARE READY' says sinister handyman Herman (played by Bruce Swihart) to Reverend Mother Superior (Beth Maifeld).

Production to produce laughter

Crunch time is here for the cast and crew of "Murder Can Be Habit-Forming," directed by Neil Carmichael and Colleen Gardner.

The production, sponsored by On Stage, Inc., is set for Saturday only in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium. A matinee will be held at 4 p.m. and an evening performance at 7 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at Bankwest, Western Sate Bank, First national Bank and may be purchased at the door. (See related article.)

The entire plot takes place within an old mansion, now St. Mary's Convent in upstate New York, which is occupied by the Reverend Mother Superior (Beth Maifeld), and Sisters, Mary Martin (Dara Carmichael), Mary Agatha (Carol Redding), Mary Margaret (Deonn Wiese), and Mary Thomas (Leisha Hilt). The Reverend Mother and sisters attempt to stay one step ahead of a serial killer known as "the Mary Murderer." A sinister handyman, Herman (Bruce Swihart), also works at the convent.

When the bus, driven by bachelor Willard Patterson (Tim Burr), is stranded by a blizzard, the passengers find their way to the convent where they have lodging for the night. Among the passengers are a lovelorn college student named Mary Bishop (Amber Fromholtz), a smart woman with a secret, Mary Adams (Connie Jenkins), and actress, Erika Kincaid, whose television character is names Mary (Talley Morrow), and Laura, a retired school teacher who was formerly... you guessed it... a nun named Mary (Elaine Kite).

Other local star-studded cast members include: the college professor David Lewis (Helene Landenberger, a newspaper columnist, Miss Stacey (Leigh Ann Faulkender), the police detective Lt. Patrick McDougal (Kip Wiese), the strange heavy metal band member, Torch (Hoagie Carmichael); and an upset college student, Ryan (David Morrow).

Also showcased in the play are Andrew Melia, KLOE, Goodland, as the radio announcer, and Art Krueger in the role of Charles Beckett and Mad Dog Morgan.

As somber music plays, John and Natalie Knodel welcome guests to their seats. The program serves as a fan during distressing or hilarious moments.



PUTTING ON THE FINAL TOUCHES — Troy Hilt has been getting the props built and into place for the mystery/comedy.

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