



DESPITE THE SNOW AND wind, the number four hole on the St. Francis Golf Course stands as a reminder that even in the worst weather, a golfer can play through.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Heavy snow amounts to little less than an inch

April showers turned to snow on Thursday, April 10. Early in the morning, it started as rain, then turned to large flakes of heavy, wet snow. Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, reported 3 inches of snow which amounted to .45 inch of moisture. The two-total was .65 inch. The area has been dry. Storms build up and go around St. Francis. That little bit of moisture last week seemed to green up the wheat, ditches and lawns.

Low temperatures are still hanging in around freezing

Date	High	Low	Prec.
April 8	62	33	
April 9	43	34	.20
April 10	35	31	.45
April 11	48	31	
April 12	51	30	
April 13	57	28	
April 14	76	36	

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Book Review

Book Review from St. Francis Public Library
Meet Me In Venice
By Elizabeth Adler

Four words would change her life.

Precious Rafferty is an American antiques dealer living in Paris. Though Precious - known as Preshy - lives in the world's most romantic city, she keeps her feet firmly on the ground. No man will ever sweep her off her feet. Until she meets Bennett James. He's perfect in every way. Is he too good to be true? Granted, she doesn't know much about his business or personal life in Shanghai, but isn't it time to stop being so jaded about romance? And then her long-lost cousin Lily Song sends her an urgent message about Preshy's new love. "Meet me in Venice" are Lily's cryptic words.

One man might possibly end

it....

Lily lives in Shanghai and knows the antiques underworld there - and she has a secret important enough to draw her to Venice to meet Preshy for the first time, face-to-face. Ruggedly handsome, world-weary writer Sam Knight senses there's a story afoot. Precious senses he's getting closer and closer to her and enmeshed in this tangled web of danger and desire. But is Sam also not all he seems to be? Does he have a terrible secret he's keeping from Preshy? In Venice, Precious will have to weave through a maze of betrayers and seducers to discover who she can trust with her heart... and with her life.

Page-turning, lushly descriptive, and intelligent, Meet Me in Venice is a cat-and-mouse game with plenty of twists and wonderful characters you'll never forget.

Card shower

The family of John Walz is holding a card shower to help him celebrate his 80th birthday on April 26.

Cards may be sent to him at 208 W. Spencer Street, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Card shower

Albert "Bud" Enfield of Goodland will be celebrating his 80th birthday on April 19. His family is requesting a card shower to honor him on his birthday.

Address cards to him at 2473 Caldwell, Goodland KS 67735.

Health Fair rescheduled

The St. Francis Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic Health Fair, which was postponed due to a snow storm has been rescheduled to 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the St. Francis Grade School gym. Lab work results will be available at the health fair.

Bird City High School Alumni

The Bird City High School Alumni will meet at 6 p.m. on May 24. They are featuring a luau. Tickets are available until May 15 at the bank in Bird City or by calling Joyce Moore at (785) 899-6145 or mailing a check to her at 304 E 10th, Goodland KS 67735. (classified ad elsewhere).

AARP meeting

AARP will be meeting at 2 p.m. p.m. on Thursday at the Senior Center. At 2:30 p.m., Rodney Neitzel will be the speaker. Gladys Cullum and Bud Houtman will be hostess and host. All are welcome to attend.

Cemetery Board meeting

Cemetery Board, District 2, will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 21 in the commissioners room in the courthouse.

City Council

The St. Francis City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the new city hall building.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 6 at Sawhill Park. Team members will walk until 7 a.m. Saturday, June 7, to raise the funds pledged for research for a cure for cancer.

Rec program summer sports

St. Francis Recreation Com-

mission signup forms for baseball, softball, pitching machine and T-ball are coming home with students from the St. Francis Grade School. If you did not get a signup form they are available at either school office or the city office. The city office is unable to accept return forms with a fee, so please return them to either school office.

If you have questions, please call Jolene Dodd, recreation director, at home 332-2545.

The director is also looking for umpires for the baseball and softball season. Call her after 5 p.m. at the number listed above.

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. You 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 if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Farm loans are available to women and minority groups

Farm operating and farm ownership loans for women and members of minority groups who want to purchase or operate a family-size farm are available according to Patty Eckhardt, farm loan manager of the Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for Sherman, Wallace and Cheyenne counties.

"Each year, the agency earmarks a portion of its farm loan funding for socially disadvantaged applicants, people who have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender inequality without regard to their individual qualities," Mrs. Eckhardt said. Socially disadvantaged applicants may be women, African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics, Asian and Pacific Islanders and Alaskan natives.

She said that while funding is earmarked for loans to socially disadvantaged applicants, loan approval is neither automatic nor guaranteed. "Socially disadvantaged applicants must meet the same eligibility criteria as other applicants," she said. Applicants must be U.S. citizens; have a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations; have sufficient education, training or experience managing or operating a farm; possess legal capacity to incur debt; and, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere.

The agency can make direct loan to applicants who are unable to get commercial credit or provide loan guarantees to commercial lenders.

Guaranteed loans may be made by any lending institution subject to Federal or state supervision (bank, savings and loans, and units of the Farm Credit System), the farm agency typically guarantees 90 to 95 percent of the loan against any loss that might be incurred if the loan fails.

Applicants can use operating loans to purchase livestock, equipment, feed, seed or pay other business related expenses. Operating

loans are usually repaid in one to seven years.

Ownership loans provide capital to purchase or enlarge a farm, construct or improve buildings promote soil and water conservation and pay closing costs. Direct ownership loan terms are up to 40 years while guaranteed loan terms are established by the lender.

Qualified applicants receive information and assistance to develop sound management

practices, analyze problems and utilize available resources essential for successful farming operations to cope with the changing agricultural environment.

In fiscal year 2007, the Kansas Farm Agency made \$2,157,819 in direct and guaranteed loans to 57 qualified socially disadvantaged applicants.

For more information, contact your local Farm Service Agency at the Department of Agriculture Service Center.

Award given for thesis on irrigation demand

Nathan Hendricks has been awarded the Outstanding Thesis Award from the Western Agricultural Economics Association. The title of his thesis was "Estimating Irrigation Water Demand with a Multinomial Logit Selectivity Model." He received his master's degree from

Kansas State University.

Nathan and his wife, Lindsay reside in Davis, Calif., where he is pursuing his doctorate degree at the University of California at Davis.

He is the son of John and Sharon Hendricks of Bird City.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 49 min.

College Road Trip

April 18, 19 & 20

Comedy

Martin Lawrence, Raven Symone, Ametia Walker, Michael Landes, Brianna Russo

Rating: G

CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3

All Others: \$5

Texas Red's BBQ

will be at St. Francis Super's
Wednesday, April 23
thru
Saturday, April 26



Beef brisket, chicken halves, turkey breast, ribs & sausage

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS
785-332-2104



Health Fair
will be held at the
Elementary Grade School
on Thursday, April 17th
From 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
There will be providers
available to go over lab results.
See You There!

St. Francis Public Library
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Monday, April 21st
thru May 17th
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E. Hwy. 36 St. Francis, KS 67756

Wedding Registry

Kristle Neuhalfen and Tyler Raile Wedding
May 10, 2008

Schultz's Ltd.
114 W. Washington
St. Francis
785-332-2833

James E. Reeves, DPM
Podiatrist/Foot Specialist
Reconstructive Surgery
Foot & Ankle Injuries
For appointments call:
Rawlins County Health Center
785-626-3211
Wed., May 14
Cheyenne County Hospital - P.M.
210 W. 1st • 332-2104
Thurs., May 15
Atwood (a.m.) • 626-3211
Colby (p.m.)
CSMC, 175 S. Range
462-332
CMC, 100 E. College Dr.
462-7511
Fri., April 16
Atwood - All Day

Celebrating 2 Years At The Hilltop
Prices Effective April 17th - 21st
*** Mix or Match Any Item ***

Florida Sweet Corn or Roma Tomatoes	6/\$2.00
Baby Carrots or Red Radishes	2/\$2.00
Sleeved Celery or Head Lettuce	2/\$2.00
Red, Yellow or Green Bell Peppers	2/\$2.00
Super Crisp Cucumbers	4/\$2.00
Fuji Apples or Sunkist Oranges	4/\$2.00
Red or Russett Green Giant Potatoes, 5 lbs.	\$2.00
Dole Butter Crunch Salad Mix	\$2.00
Fresh Strawberries or Angel Food Cake	\$2.00
Libby's Canned Fruit, Peaches, Pears, Apricots	2/\$2.00
Kraft Boxed Pasta Salads	2/\$2.00
Bush's Bakes Beans or Kraft B-B-Que Sauce	2/\$2.00
Kansas Made Hudson Cream Flour, 5 Lb.	\$2.00
Amish Potato Salad or Amish Kittens (If available)	3/\$2.00
Wild Keta Salmon Fillets, 12 oz.	\$4.00
NEW: World Classics Italian Style Pizzas	2/\$7.00
Ballpark All Beef Franks	2/\$6.00
Oscar Meyer Deli Fresh Shaved Meats	2/\$5.00
12 Large Eggs or 1 Lb. Bar-S Bacon	\$2.00
Heavy Whipping Cream or Sour Cream	2/\$2.00
Plus Other In Store Specials	

During Our 2nd Anniversary Sale Register To Win One Of Five Pillsbury Ice Cream Cakes.

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100% Home-Owned & Always Reasonable Prices!

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Hwy. 36 & Benton Street ~ St. Francis
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