



**SALVATION ARMY** — Aaron Blair, Connor McBride and Alex Queen ring the bell asking for donations. Envelopes were inserted in the paper last week for people who want to share with those less fortunate during the holiday season. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Christmas service planned

A Christmas service in the unique setting of the historic Salem Lutheran Church will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13. The program is titled Christmas in the Country, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht."

The church is located 8 miles northwest of St. Francis. Follow signs on U.S. 36 at Road 9 or on K-27 at Road R.

Prelude music begins at 4:30. Music for service includes: Christmas carols played and sung by Salem Lutheran Choir, Heartland Harmony Trio, Once Again Sound Band, St. Francis Singers and a number of other talented musicians. The mass choir from the community and congregations will also be singing.

Refreshments will be served in the church basement following the songfest. There will be a free-will offering.

The community is invited to attend the service of music and fellowship.

In case of snow, the program will be held the following Saturday at the same time. For more information, call 332-3002 or 332-3634.

**History of Salem Lutheran Church**

Salem Lutheran was founded by Germans from Russia (Ukraine) in 1901. Charter members were Michael Raile Sr., Andrew Schauer Sr., Ludwig Zwegardt Sr., Jacob Zwegardt, John Zwegardt Sr., Jacob Knorr and David Knorr.

The original building was erected in 1906. The current building was dedicated on the same site on Sept. 19, 1926.

All manual labor was donated and the entire cost of the church was \$10,000. All debts were paid on the day of dedication.



Salem Lutheran Church

## —Cheyenne County Developing—

Diane and Chuck Kribs have been on board with the Cheyenne County Development Corp for a month. It has been a busy month, meeting with and presenting the action plan for the Development Corp to the county commissioners, St. Francis City Council, Bird City City Council, Cheyenne Initiative Association and the Lions Club.

Diane attended the alternative energy symposium in Bird City. The request to reinstate Cheyenne County to get additional business

incentives by being designated as a "non Metro business region" has been submitted to the Kansas Secretary of Commerce.

A request was also submitted for assistance in doing a county-wide business retention and expansion study (Brees). This study is a well-structured method of determining what the business people feel they need to enhance their enterprises.

The Cheyenne County Development Corp will be asking for

local volunteers in St. Francis and Bird City to assist in this effort. Fifteen to 20 two-person teams will be needed. The team members will attend a short training seminar and then be assigned specific businesses to contact and meet with.

The Development office is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Everyone is urged to stop in with ideas and thoughts.

**Pancake breakfast**  
The St. Francis Lions Club members will be holding their annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the grade school. Check classified ad for times.

**Little Kids Wrestling**  
Little Kids Wrestling practice will begin Monday, Dec. 8, in the high school wrestling room. Kindergarten through third grade will practice from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. and fourth through sixth grade will be from 7:15 to 8:15. If you have any questions please call Clay Keller at 332-3108 or Shawna Blanka at 332-2875.

**Christmas in the Country**  
The Salem Lutheran Church will be presenting "Christmas in the Country" on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 5 p.m. See ad for details.

**Commodities**  
Government surplus commodities will be distributed from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 12, at the St. Francis Equity community room. They may be picked up in person or send a signed permission note with another individual. Cheyenne County address is required.

Please bring a strong sack or box for your items.

**Cemetery Board, District 2**  
The St. Francis Cemetery Board, District 2, has voted to hold meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of April, July, August and October. Notification will be published in the newspaper a week before each meeting.

**Big Brother/Big Sister**  
Remember to place your bids by Dec. 10 on the Big Brother/Big Sister "Festival of Trees." Check ads in this issue for further information.

**Village potluck**  
The Good Samaritan Society-St. Francis Village will be holding the annual potluck celebration of the Christmas Love Tree at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11. Everyone is welcome to come join friends and loved ones.

**Festival and Candy Store**  
The annual Yuletide Festival and Candy Store, sponsored by the Music Club, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium.

**Hospital board**  
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Monday, Nov. 24. Because there was not a quorum of members, no decisions were

made. The next hospital board meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 22, starting at 3 p.m. in the St. Francis Clinic basement.

**Mothers' Group**  
The Mothers' Group will meet Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 9 a.m. at the First Christian Church. Everyone is welcome.

**Library Art Gallery**  
The Nativity set collection of Kim Zwegardt will be on display in the Art Gallery at the St. Francis Public Library during the month of December.

**Meeting planned for Colby**  
The annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development will be held on Dec. 10, at the City Limits Convention Center in Colby. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7. There will be a speaker plus a power point presentation of the year's activities.

For reservations contact Ruth Deines at the office at (785) 421-2151.

**Christmas Caroling**  
The Good Samaritan Society would enjoy having groups come in to share their Christmas caroling. If interested, give Cathy Loop a call at 785-332-2531 to set up a time.

**Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group**  
There will be no Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group meeting in December.

**Board of Education**  
The St. Francis Board of Education will meet on Thursday, Dec. 11.

**Varsity sports**  
The Indian wrestlers will entertain Colby at the high school Thursday, Dec. 11, and attend the Colby Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 13.

The Indian varsity basketball players will be participating in the Sagebrush Classic basketball tournament in Brewster on Monday, Dec. 8, Tuesday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 13. Note: this is a change from the school calendar.

**Basketball tournament**  
The MAC Attack youth basketball tournament will be held in McCook the weekend of Jan. 24 and 25. Students in grades fourth through eighth may participate. The deadline for entering is Jan. 12. Entries are on a first come,

first serve basis. Entry forms can be picked up at the Sports Shoppe in McCook or online at [www.mccookoptimistclub.org](http://www.mccookoptimistclub.org). Completed forms with entry fee should be sent to McCook Optimist Club, 208 Norris Ave. McCook, NE 69001. For additional information call Bob Elder at (308) 345-4296.

**Reminder**  
The junior high boys basketball game in Goodland has been changed from Thursday, Dec. 11 to Tuesday, Dec. 9.

**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.

**Narcotics/Alcohol Anonymous**  
For anyone looking for support in recovery, Bird City is now having weekly meetings. Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays with Narcotics Anonymous and Fridays with Alcohol Anonymous, starting Nov. 18 and 21 at the Senior Center.

**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.

**Weather**

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Nov. 24	60	24	
Nov. 25	61	21	
Nov. 26	65	23	
Nov. 27	40	20	.09
Nov. 28	38	22	
Nov. 29	45	28	
Nov. 30	44	19	
Dec. 1	46	23	

There was less than an inch of snow.

**SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 48 min.**

**Appaloosa**  
Romance, Western and Adaptation  
**Dec. 5, 6 & 7**  
Ed Harris, Robert Knott, Viggo Mortensen, Renee Zellweger, Timothy V. Murphy  
R for some violence and language.

**CHEYENNE THEATER** St. Francis, KS 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. 13 ~ 5 p.m. CT**  
(music begins at 4:30 p.m.)  
Carols in German and English  
Refreshments following in church basement.  
Free-Will Offering  
(Snow date - Saturday, Dec. 20 • Call 785-332-3002 or 785-332-3634.)

**CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL** 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

## MEDICARE Enrollment

**Confused by Medicare Part D?**

Meet with Pharmacist Kody Krien and staff to gain information and a personalized analysis of ALL plans available to you. We can compare plans for new enrollment or evaluate your current enrollment.

Please bring;  
Your Medicare Card  
Your Current Medication List

**When: Saturday, Dec. 6 From 9 a.m. - noon**  
**Where: Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis**

**It's Not Too Early!**

Now is the time to order your Christmas pies from the Village Pie Maker in Eustis, Nebraska. (The pie that St. Francis Loves)

Order any pie for \$10.99. Apple, Berry Medley, Blackberry, Black Cherry, Blueberry, Boysenberry, Cherry, Cranapple Nut, Gooseberry, Peach, Raspberry-Peach, Rhubarb, Strawberry-Rhubarb. Sorry, Pumpkin and Pecan not available.

Orders must be received by Dec. 7th to guarantee Christmas delivery.

**Hilltop General Store**  
Hwy. 36 & Benton Street ~ St. Francis  
Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. 7 days a week  
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