

Hunters urged to check the deer

Deer hunting season has opened and, with the discovery of chronic wasting disease in the animals, hunters are being urged to have their deer checked.

The Cheyenne County Wildlife organization is once again opening up the club house 1 mile south of St. Francis on Road 14 for disease checks.

The county organization is an agent for the state and will be paid for collecting the samples.

Francis O'Leary, club member, said the whole deer is not necessarily needed to do the check, just the head and some of the neck. The whole deer just makes it easier to pull the check.

Hunters with deer wanting a disease check need to call Mr. O'Leary at 785-332-6601 and he will meet them at the club house.

"And, I will personally call when the results of the test come back," he said.

Last year, two deer with chronic wasting disease were found in Decatur County. Several years before, a deer was found in Cheyenne County.

"If you are planning on eating the meat, I recommend that you have your deer tested," he said. "It doesn't cost the hunter any money."

First birthday celebrated

Sage Claire Ramsey turned 1 on Nov. 26. She celebrated her birthday at a lake home in Austin, Texas. Her grandma Karen Neitzel from St. Francis and her aunt Tara Neitzel-Simmonds from Hays were among the guests.

Sage is the daughter of Brad and Trish Ramsey of Boerne, Texas.



Sage Ramsey

Herald/Times holiday schedule

Christmas holiday: *The Herald* and *Times* offices will close at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and all day on Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26. The newspaper will be coming out one day early that week with the deadline for news, pictures and ads being at 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19. The papers will go to the post offices on Tuesday, Dec. 23, and on the routes Wednesday, Dec. 24.

New Year's holiday: *The Herald* and *Times* offices will close at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 31, and all day on Thursday, Jan. 1, and Friday, Jan. 2. Deadline for news, pictures and ads is the normal 5 p.m. on Monday, (Dec. 28). The papers will go to the post offices on the normal schedule of Wednesday afternoon.

90th birthday

Mabel Carstens will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Dec. 31. Her children and grandchildren welcome you to join them in celebration with a card shower. Birthday greetings may reach her at P.O. Box 545, Bird city, KS 67731.

Death notice

Phillip Emil Krien, 90, Parker, Colo., died Monday, Dec. 8, 2008. He was born Sept. 1, 1918. A service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Burial will be at the St. Francis Cemetery.

Christmas Open House

There is a Christmas Open House at Milliken Law office between 3 and 5 on Tuesday, Dec. 23. See ad in this issue.

St. Francis Equity Open House

There will be an open house at the St. Francis Equity in St. Francis on Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the Haigler branch on Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check ad for details on a drawing.

Christmas in the Country

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

Country Christmas lights

The Christmas lights are up at the homes of Don Krien and Roger Orth 4.5 miles north of St. Francis on Rd. 15. Also check out the lights at the Kip Rethke place 6 miles north on K-27, then one mile west on Rd. S.

Diabetes Support Group

Nutrition will be the featured topic at the Diabetes Support Group meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the clinic conference room.

Be a good elf

There is a "chipboard" bin at the recycle center to put used gift-wrap paper and cardboard tubes.

ABC Preschool chili feed/bake sale

The ABC Preschool chili feed/bake sale begins at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, (during the Christmas On Us drawing) in front of Jaqua Abstract. Check ad in this issue for prices and other details.

Food Pantry/food baskets

Food pantry Christmas baskets should be picked up by the steps at the southwest entrance of the courthouse between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Dec. 20.

If you have any questions, call Janet Jensen at 332-2145 or leave a message at 332-3326. If you know of someone who might need a food basket, call 332-2145.

Prairie Land pick up

Prairie Land Food pick up day is Saturday, Dec. 20, at the United Methodist Church.

\$1 off ticket

The St. Francis high school psychology class is conducting a food drive for the Food Pantry. Those bringing a non-perishable food item to the St. Francis vs Colby basketball game on Tuesday, Dec. 16, will get \$1 off the price of their ticket.

There are boxes in the churches, post office, grocery stores and school.

Farm Bill meeting

A Farm Bill Informational meeting is planned for 9 a.m. today (Thursday) at the building at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds.

"This is an opportunity for local farmers and ranchers to learn more about new programs in the Food, Conservation, and Energy

Act of 2008 (Farm Bill)," said Angie Berens, county executive director of the county's Farm Service Agency.

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. tonight. 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 in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium.

Little Kids Wrestling Dec. 16

Little Kids Wrestling practice is being held on Tuesday, Dec. 16, instead of Monday this week 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.

Board of Education

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet tonight (Thursday).

Hospital board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 22, starting at 3 p.m. in the St. Francis Clinic basement.

Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with U, X, Y, Z should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

City Council

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

Varsity sports

The Indian varsity basketball players will be playing in the final game of the Sagebrush Invitational Tournament in Brewster on Saturday.

The Indian wrestlers will entertain Colby at the high school tonight and attend the Colby Wrestling Tournament on Saturday.

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Library Art Gallery

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

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.

Commodities

Government surplus commodities will be distributed from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Friday, 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.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, 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.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Dec. 2	72	23	
Dec. 3	31	21	
Dec. 4	26	06	.04
Dec. 5	41	16	
Dec. 6	53	29	
Dec. 7	70	29	
Dec. 8	48	20	

There was less than 1 inch of snow.



WATER MAIN LINE broke near Roadside Park last Tuesday night. Paul Larson, Earl Hankins and JR Landenberger work to get it fixed. Herald photo by Casey McCormick

Special Holiday Hours
 Open till 8 p.m. Mon., & Tues., Dec. 22 & 23
 Closing at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve

Supers
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Texas Red's BBQ
 will be at St. Francis Super's
 Tuesday, Dec. 9 thru
 Saturday, Dec. 13

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

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hr. 2 min.

Fireproof
 Drama
 Dec. 12, 13 & 14
 Erin Bethea, Ken Bevel, Kirk Cameron, Jason McLeod
 PG for thematic material and some peril

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

Please join us for a Christmas Dance at Riverside Recreation on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

The Cheyenne County Hospital would like to thank the family of Grace Zweggardt for the donation of two recliners for the patient rooms. We appreciate your generosity.

The Cheyenne County Clinic (Bird City & St. Francis) will be CLOSED December 16 and 17 for all of our staff and providers to attend a training class. If you need to talk to our staff or providers, please leave us a message at the St. Francis Clinic. We will be checking messages and returning calls frequently throughout the day. Thank you for your patience and understanding to allow us to learn how to better serve our community. Both clinics will re-open on Dec. 18 with regular hours.

Check your renewal dates
 -- Current Rates --

The Saint Francis Herald
 Area - \$33 KS - \$38
 Out-of-State - \$42

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 Out-of-State - \$34

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