

Artificial trees needed for county festival



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Local businesses, clubs and organizations will be decorating and donating an artificial Christmas tree to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cheyenne County's Festival of Trees.

The trees can be of any size and can be decorated in a theme or with the traditional balls and garland. They will be on display at Bankwest from Monday, Nov. 24, to Thursday, Dec. 10. During that time, people may bid on the trees in a silent auction.

Funds received from the auction will be used by the county's Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.

Last year, there were nine deco-

rated trees donated. They ranged from trees decorated with sunflowers, John Deere items, and purple for K-State, just to name some. The tree auction brought in almost \$1,000.

Those decorating trees can use a theme or they can just use the typical Christmas ornaments, bows or garland, said Bridgette Antholz, coordinator. Last year, trees ranged from very small to big: some were new and others, used. Just use your imagination, she said.

Those wanting to donate a tree should contact Bridgette Antholz at Bankwest, 332-3333. Deliver the tree to the bank by 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27.

What is it?
Big Brothers Big Sisters has his-

torically had a positive reputation as "a nice program to help kids without a mom or a dad."

Statistically, the organization participants have been shown to be a potent weapon in the battle against juvenile crime and related programs. Younger kids who are mentoring with "Bigs" are less likely to be arrested, skip school, be engaged in violent confrontations, use drugs or alcohol.

Ms. Antholz said there have a number of "Bigs" volunteering to work with "Littles."

We are now, she said, in the process of matching them up.

For more information on the organization, contact Ms. Antholz.

Boxes will be picked up

The Support Our Soldiers collection boxes will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Anyone who has plans to contribute needs to place their items in one of the marked boxes in town. In St. Francis boxes are located at the St. Francis Post Office, Saintry Super's and the Hilltop Market.

The items collected in Cheyenne County are sent to a collection area where many volunteers spend hours making candy and filling the care packages.

A list of items needed include socks, flashlights, Imodium AD

as they have flu also (generic is fine), tuna, dried fruit, nuts, hard candy, peanut butter, coffee, vitamins, cough drops, knit black wool hats, wool fingerless gloves, wool neckwarmers (must be 100 percent wool because of danger of fire or explosion), handmade Christmas ornaments, money, pill bottles to make kits of first aid supplies such as Band-Aids, cotton balls, Q-tips, aspirin etc), signed Christmas cards and letters of support.

One of the reasons the volunteers make so much candy is when

the care package is opened in Afghanistan by a service man with buddies standing around instead of him feeling guilty because he has something wonderful and homemade there will be enough for him to share, especially if he whips out his knife and slices the candy into pieces.

The Support Our Soldiers program in Cheyenne County is headed by Hulda Dorsch in Bird City and Christy Wurm and the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club in St. Francis. The support of area residents is very appreciated they said.

Autumn brings need for donors

While autumn brings the promise of cooler days, and longer nights, the American Red Cross reminds area residents that regardless of the season, blood is always needed. Locally, donations can be made at the St. Francis Community Blood Drive from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, at Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College.

Blood must be on hospital shelves ready for an accident or

trauma victim. It's also needed for patients at area hospitals with scheduled surgeries - from heart surgery to joint replacements, organ transplants or premature babies - cancer treatments and much more. The need for blood and platelets is on-going.

How to donate blood:
Call 1-800-448-3543 or visit bloodisneeded.org to make an appointment. All blood types are

needed to ensure the Red Cross maintains an adequate blood supply.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old (16 in Kansas with completed Parental Consent Form). New height and weight restrictions apply to donors younger than 19. Visit bloodisneeded.org to learn more.

Bulletin Board

Death notice
Alberta Confer Huso, 90, died Nov. 1, 2009, in Tygardt, Ore. Alberta was the youngest sister of Lester Confer.

Death notice
Henry Wendell Kite, 83, of Junction City (formerly of St. Francis) died on Nov. 8, 2009, at Geary Community Hospital. Cremation has taken place with the assistance of Penwell-Gabel Mass-Hinitt Chapel. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Early deadline
The St. Francis Herald and the Bird City Times will be published a day early Thanksgiving week (Nov. 26 issue). The deadline for ads, articles and pictures for that paper will be Friday, Nov. 20 at 5 p.m. The paper will be in the St. Francis Post Office on Tuesday, Nov. 24, and on the routes on Wednesday, Nov. 25, so everyone will have the information concerning the activities and the specials for the Christmas opening.

Food pantry
The Food Pantry Thanksgiving baskets will be available from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the west end of the Cheyenne County Courthouse. Call 332-3326 and leave your name or come to the courthouse on Nov. 21.

- Movie Review -

Couples Retreat
Four Midwestern couples embark on a journey to a tropical island resort. While one of the couples is there to work on their marriage, the other three set out to jet ski, spa and enjoy some fun in the sun. They soon discover that participation in the resort's couples therapy is not optional. Suddenly, their group-rate vacation comes at a price. What follows is a hilarious look at real world problems faced by all couples.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Nov. 3	67	27	
Nov. 4	60	29	
Nov. 5	79	30	
Nov. 6	80	33	
Nov. 7	71	33	
Nov. 8	66	28	
Nov. 9	60	28	

ABC Preschool auction
The ABC Preschool Auction will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20. Check ad for location and menu.

Board of Education
The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

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

Cheyenne County Hospital Board
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. Monday in the basement meeting room of the St. Francis Clinic.

Common Threads Quilt Guild
Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Saintry Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Wreaths Across America is coming to WaKeeney on Dec. 12. The Civil Air Patrol will sponsor the 4th annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at WaKeeney at 11 a.m. on Dec. 12, when seven ceremonial wreaths will be placed to remember those who gave their lives in service for this country. Specially made wreaths for Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and Prisoners

of War/Missing in Action will be placed as memorials during this ceremony.

The complete story of the Wreaths Across America can be seen and heard on line at the Wreaths Across America website at www.wreathscrossamerica.com.

Tag deadline
All residents with last names beginning with T, V and W 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.

Veterans Affairs
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, 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.

Library Art Gallery
The St. Francis Public Library Art Gallery is featuring a paddle fan collection by Linda Elfers. There are approximately 25 items on display.

Saintry Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous

Saintry 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

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. **1 hr. 47 min.**

Couples Retreat

Nov. 13, 14 & 15 *Comedy*

Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman, Jon Favreau, Faizon Love, Kristin Davis PG-13 for sexual content and language.

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Children 12 & Under: \$3 **All Others: \$5**

ATTENTION — ST. FRANCIS Residents & Businesses

Time to insulate Water Meter Pits

The City of St. Francis thanks you for your cooperation!

Happy 60th!

Love, all your family

One year ago our Cherished Husband Beloved Father Stepdad, Granddad Step Granddad and Great Granddad Elry L. Hunt was taken from us. We miss & love you.

Lee & family

School Menu

<p>Monday Breakfast: pancakes, maple syrup, juice, cereal assortment, milk. Lunch: taco soup, corn chips, relish sticks, corn bread, sliced pears, milk.</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast: peanut butter and jelly uncrustables, juice, cereal assortment, milk. Lunch: sausage gravy on warm biscuits, cheesy scrambled eggs, tri-taters, oranges milk.</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast: breakfast taco, salsa, juice, cereal assortment, milk. Lunch: ham and cheese sub sandwich, dill pickle spears,</p>	<p>French fries, peaches, M and M cookie, milk.</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast: oatmeal, muffins, juice, cereal assortment, milk. Lunch: beef and bean enchilada, lettuce, tomato, sour cream, salsa, corn, hot rolls, fruit sherbet, milk.</p> <p>Friday Breakfast: breakfast casserole, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk. Lunch: Italian dunkers, cheesy breadsticks, green beans, Mandarin oranges, milk. • Salad bar is offered at noon daily in the junior/senior high school</p>
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Upcoming Auction

**Roger & Kathy Pinnell Estate
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Must See!!

2009 Ford Expedition, E. Bauer, 4x4, 22K #T0243
Stop in or Call

1997 F250 S/C XLT, 4x2, AT, V-8 Gas, 248K, #T7748D	\$4,250
2006 Freestyle SEL w/Leather, FWD, 45K, #T2434A	\$13,750
2004 Grand Marquis Ultimate, Loaded, 71K, #62526A	\$10,995
2008 Edge SEL w/Cloth, AWD, AT, 37K, #T5567	\$23,500
1999 Crown Victoria LX, Cloth, AT, 74K, #53870B	\$7,000
2007 Escape XLT, Cloth w/Sunroof, 4x4, AT, #5929	\$20,700
2008 F250 Crew, XLT, L. Box, 6.8L, 4x4, AT, #T1860A	\$27,500
2007 Taurus SE, FWD, V-6, AT, 27K, #22770	\$10,250
2007 F150 Crew Lariat, 4x4, AT, 34K, 1 Owner, #T5999A	\$27,000
2006 Merc. Mariner Prem. Leather, 4x4, AT, 26K, #T0997	\$19,500
2006 F150 S/C XLT, 4x4, AT, 28K, Clean!! #T1925	\$23,500
2006 Five-Hundred SEL, Leather, V-6, FWD, AT, #26815A	\$12,500
1997 3500 Chevy Dually S/C, Silverado w/leather, #T3721B	\$9,000
2008 Lincoln MKX Elite, Nav., sunroof, 20K, #T1748A	\$36,500
1989 Honda Civic, Man., 111K, #08630M	\$1,950
2006 F250 R/C, XL, 4x4, 4 man., #T9939A	\$24,300
2008 F150 Crew, K. Ranch, 4x4, 16K, #T6827A	CALL
1999 Dodge Caravan, FWD, AT, 148K, #T87720	\$3,000
2008 F250 S/C, XLT, 4x4, AT, 34K, #T0694A	\$26,500
1995 F150 R/C, XLT, Man., #T9938B	\$3,500
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Diabetes Support Group Meeting

**Wednesday, Nov. 18
1:30 p.m. Basement of Cheyenne County Clinic**

Guest Speaker: Kody Krien, Pharmacist will discuss the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan for the open enrollment November 15 - December 31.

Open to the public and free of charge.