



CHECKING THE FISH — Mark Brown set the fish back in the water. He and Alex Draper caught a total of eight fish weighing 17.4 pounds and took fourth place in the contest.

Cold weather for fishing



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The annual trout fishing contest held by the Cheyenne County Wildlife organization was held Sunday at Keller Pond, northwest of St. Francis.

Despite the cold, damp, blustery day, 24 teams of two lined the edge of the pond. They came prepared wearing winter clothing and boots.

Terry Rieger, one of the coordinator, reported 95 fish were caught weighing a total of 207 pounds. The pond was stocked earlier with 400 pounds of trout.

That leaves almost 200 pounds

of trout just waiting to be caught, Mr. Rieger said.

There were two "tagged" fish in the pond. Trevor Reed caught one and was given \$25.

Taking first place was the team of Mike Henderson and Melvin Crow. They caught nine fish weighing a total of 21.8 pounds.

Second place went to Trevor and Isaac Sturgeon, Bird City. They caught 10 fish weighing 21.6 pounds.

Slim and Jake Baxter also had 10 fish weighing 21.6 pounds but the Sturgeon boys weighed in first so the Baxters took third place.

Mark Brown and Alex Draper

took fourth with eight fish weighing 17.4 pounds.

Taking fifth was the team of Ben Killingsworth and Tye Gilliland. They caught seven fish weighing 14 pounds.

"Everyone had a good time, there was lots of laughing and a lot of cold," Mr. Rieger said.

With the contest over, the pond is open to anyone who wants to fish. It should be noted that a Kansas fishing license is needed if the person is between 16 and 64 years old.

"Plan to take the kids and go fishing," Mr. Rieger concluded.



TIM STIMBERT was the official weigher of trout at the fishing contest held Sunday. Even with the warm clothes and boots, it was a cold job.

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Theater to show 3D films

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The Cheyenne Theater in St. Francis will soon be able to show 3D movies.

Robert Grace, member of the Theater Committee, reported that the new screen has arrived and on Monday, the crew will arrive to install the digital equipment, new screen, new sound boards and sub-woofer speaker.

Several months ago, the Theater Committee began raising money to purchase the equipment which was estimated to cost around \$95,000. The city of St. Francis had budgeted to help with the purchase but would take several years before there would be enough money. Mr. Grace thought it was important to purchase the equipment sooner as, in the future, there might be a high demand.

At the Jan. 10, city council meeting, Mr. Grace said \$41,000 had been donated and, with the city's budgeted amount of \$12,500, they could pay the 50 percent necessary to purchase the digital equipment. The city then made a lease agreement with Bankwest St. Francis for the remaining money needed.

The "digital premiere" of the Cheyenne Theater is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 4, through 6. There should be no interruption in the movie schedule. However, as of Tuesday, the movie to be shown that weekend is not known. Look for more information next week.



LEARNING TO RECYCLE — The Head Start students made a field trip to the recycling center. Zoe Hankins throws her bottle into the right container while teacher, Lori Rieger helps.

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Log siding planned for hut

Warm weather will soon be here and the final phase of remodeling the Scout Hut needs to be completed.

At the Feb. 14, meeting of the St. Francis City Council, they noted that the outside of the building, now a stucco finish, will have a log siding. The council will be taking bids for putting on the sid-

ing which has already been purchased.

They questioned if the contractor's bid would include the additional materials, and, if so, what were all the materials needed?

Then there was the question of staining. Councilman, Roger Jensen, and mayor, Scott Schultz, thought that the Girl and Boy

Scouts would be doing the staining when the siding was on and the weather warmed up.

While there was still the material list to be determined, the council agreed that they would like to have the bids in by March 28, and the work on the Hut to be completed by Memorial Day when the swimming pool opens.

Village holds open house

The beds have arrived, much of the other furniture is here and the carpet laid at the west end of the Good Samaritan Village. Just in time for the open house to be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The only area that will be open to the public is the west wing so people need to come to the west door.

As people tour the renovated wing, they will hear about the future plans for the Village. Jeff Paulsen, administrator, will be there to answer questions.

A fire on Oct. 19, caused extensive damage to the St. Francis Village building and there were 48 residents who were placed in neighboring nursing homes. Some went to other Good Samaritan Society centers, some went to neighboring long-term care centers and some went home. Many of the staff dispersed to work at those centers.

The Village has begun phase one of the building recovery process, which includes the renovation of 22 units for residents, kitchen renovations and new flooring, paint and communications systems.

Phase one is expected to be complete by March 1. In phase two, the center plans to finish 10 more units for a total of 32 resident beds by May 1.



CHECKING THE FISH — Rick Gawrychowski with Armstrong United, was one of the workers putting resident's beds together before the open house.

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