

PRACTICING FOR the Community Christmas Chorus are Tim Trumbo, Glenn Isernhagen and Stanley Keller. The group has been practicing on Sundays, preparing for their performance on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Scammers still calling grandparents for money

By Karen Krien

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Grandparents (they did not want to disclose their name) were contacted Monday that their granddaughter and a friend had traveled to Canada and, while there, had a wreck. The granddaughter had ended up in jail, was sick and she wasn't getting fed well.

The voice on the other end of the line claiming to be the The scammers have hit St. granddaughter, said she had laryngitis which made the voice more unrecognizable. The person told the grandparents that the jail keeper would tell them how to send the money which was to put it in a plain white envelope with a birthday or Christmas card.

The grandparents had the money

School Menu –

Monday

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Breakfast: Ham and cheese pita cereal assortment, milk. pocket, juice, cereal assortment and milk

Lunch: Sausage, pepperoni and cheese pizza, corn, sliced pears,

Breakfast: Coffee cake, juice, Lunch: Cheeseburger, french fries, baked beans, pineapple slices.

Thursday

mother of the granddaughter stopped by. She said the granddaughter was not in Canada but was safe in her home.

Grandparents are urged not to send money anywhere until they have contacted family members. There is a very good chance that a contact such as this is a scam.

Those scammers know that grandparents might have the extra laid out ready to send when the cash, which, in this case, was \$2,000. And, even if they can't afford it, will do almost anything

to protect their grandchildren. Do not become a victim. Those receiving a call should get as much information as possible, ask personal questions to the person posing as the grandchild, then call family members or even the grandchild's cell phone. Turn in

Bulletin Board **Emergency number**

for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

Fund-raiser baskets

The Big Brother-Big Sister baskets can be seen at the Thrift Store, Bankwest of Kansas and Western State Bank until Dec. 19. This is a fund raiser for the organization and tickets can also be purchased at these businesses. See ad for more information. **Catholic Deacon to speak**

Deacon Mark Roberti will speak at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church at 7 p.m. on Dec. 11-13, about The Holy Spirit, Mary and the New Evangelization. The presentations will each last about an hour and will be followed with refreshments.

Salvation Army

Salvation Army envelopes are included in this week's Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times. Dolores Jenik, local coordinator, reminds people that money sent in the envelope will stay in the Cheyenne County to fund the local Salvation Army organization.

Christmas program

Tema's Candlelight Christmas will be at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Friday, Dec. 9. The public is welcome to attend and a reception will time of renewal. follow after the program.

Shopping at Riverside Ladies night out shopping

extravaganza. Friday, Dec.

9 from 6-8 p.m. at Riverside Recreation.

Toy drive

Lawn Ridge 4-H'ers begin their second toy drive for Children's Hospital, Denver, on Dec. 1 by setting up collection boxes in the churches, Western State Bank, Pizza Hut and the Extension office.

Yuletide festival

The St. Francis Music Club will have their Yuletide festival, "Christmas In New York," starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the high school. The candy store will also be open so people can stock up for the holidays.

Annual Christmas service Salem Lutheran Church

The annual Christmas service at Salem Lutheran Church will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17. Prelude music will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Late papers

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times publication date will be Thursday instead of Wednesday the weeks of Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Your papers will

Cheyenne County Fair Board The new phone number will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday community and your county in the commissioners' room in and want to tell folks about it, the courthouse.

School board

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, in the board room at the high school.

Community Christmas Chorus

The Community Christmas Chorus practice will be held each Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. until Sunday, Dec. 11. The chorus will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, at Peace Lutheran Church, St Francis.

Library closed

The St. Francis Library will be closed on Saturdays in December.

Free popcorn

Cheyenne Theater The Committee is asking, that the first weekend of the month, those attending the movie bring a canned food donation for the Food Pantry and they will receive a free sack of popcorn. Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with W, X, Y and 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.

Driver's license needs to be presented or entered on form at D De

Cheyenne County ambassadors

Soldier awarded medal for service

The son of a St. Francis woman leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct has been named Army Aviation's Medal with two bronze knots, first Tactical Operations Officer National Defense Service Medal, of the Year for his efforts in Kosovo Campaign Medal with Afghanistan.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Travis M. Haney won the award for his performance with Task Force Comanche, part of the 4th Combat on Terrorism Expeditionary Aviation Brigade, in Shindad, Afghanistan, last year.

It was presented Nov. 16 by Chief Warrant Officer 5 Tom McClellan, chief tactical operation officer of the Army Aviation Branch, in Overseas Ribbon with numeral Huntsville, Ala. Chief McClellan five, NATO Medal with one said his innovation, leadership and professionalism undoubtedly saved lives and enhanced the

combat effectiveness of the Army. Warrant Officer Haney's other and Sharon Haney of Centennial, awards include the Bronze Star, Colo., and a grandson of Mildred Air Medal with Valor and numeral Gudorf and the late Robert Gudorf

If you are proud of your stop by the Cheyenne County Development office at 107 W. Washington in St. Francis and pick up an "Ambassadors" package. Take one along on a trip or to an event. Let everyone know what a great place we live in!

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 daya-week service 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. 29	54	24	
Nov. 30	61	24	
Dec. 1	31	10	
Dec. 2	49	23	
Dec. 3	27	6	.20
Dec. 4	31	6	.12
Dec. 5	17	-11	

and Meritorious Unit Award. He is the son of Deb and Dale Patton of St. Francis and Michael

(785)772-1906

two bronze Stars, Afghanistan

Campaign Medal with one bronze

Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with

three bronze stars, Global War

Medal, Global War on Terrorism

Service Medal, Korean Defense

Service Medal, Noncomissioned

Officer Professional Development

Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon,

bronze star, Valorous Unit Award



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