

# Pheasant hunting season opens; few birds sighted

Pheasant hunting season opened this weekend and there were hunters spotted throughout the county as they worked at scaring up pheasants.

Unfortunately, the weather was warm and dry, making conditions unfavorable for hunting down the birds.

In the spring, there were lots of pheasants including many chicks seen but the summer was hot and dry. The fall hasn't been much better and the birds are having trouble surviving.

Turkey season opened on Oct. 1 and the one thing Cheyenne County has a lot of is turkeys. Turkeys can be seen on the highways, out in the corn fields and wandering through St. Francis.

Rusty Schuyler of Littleton, Colo., had spent the weekend hunting turkey and was able to bag one before leaving for home. He said that turkey in Cheyenne County taste as good as a home-raised turkey because they are "corn fed." Those in Colorado are stringy and, because they feed mostly on sage brush, aren't as tasty.

Deer are also plentiful. There have been numerous deer-related vehicle accidents reported. This is the rutting season and they seem to be everywhere.

The archery season for deer runs from Sept. 17 to Dec. 31. Regular firearm season runs from Nov. 28 through Dec. 9.



RUSTY SCHUYLER, Littleton, had bagged a turkey and was headed back to Colorado. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT the Methodist Thrift Store in St. Francis when the doors open on Thursday morning. Volunteers have worked several days this week getting out all of the Christmas decorations, trees and clothes.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

## PLANS

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The Treasure Hunt numbers will be inserted in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* which will come out early on Tuesday (in the post office boxes) and on Wednesday in the rural route boxes. On the insert will be a list of participating businesses along with a number. Hang on to the insert as, if the number is not a matching number in the windows of participating businesses on Nov. 23, it might be a matching number on Dec. 17.

Participating businesses will be giving out prizes to those who have a matching number. This year, there are 21 businesses joining the Treasure Hunt fun.

### Light Parade

There will be a difference in the Light Parade route this year. Instead of going down Main Street, the floats will line up on the Equity drive through just west of Video Kingdom at 5:30 p.m. When the whistle sounds at 6 p.m., the parade will move east up Main Street with Santa bringing up the end of the parade.

As the floats reach the high

school, they will go their separate ways. Santa will hop off at Western State Bank where he will be visiting with children.

### Sing-a-long

Across the street from Western State Bank, people will be gathering in the band shell for a sing-a-long of Christmas songs.

### Soup supper

The Senior Center will be the place for vegetable beef soup and cinnamon buns on Friday night. Seniors will begin serving at 5 p.m. and will end at 7:30 p.m. or whenever the soup runs out. This is a great time to take the Thanksgiving cook out to eat.

### Christmas On Us

Throughout the Christmas

season, there are other activities planned. The Herald and participating businesses will once again hold Christmas On Us. For every \$10 in items purchased in these businesses, customers will receive a ticket with a number. There will be drawings throughout the season with a big drawing for \$1,000 held on Monday, Dec. 17. See related article for more information.

### Lighting contest

The Chamber always held a Christmas Lighting Contest. This year, Owens True Value and Uptown Market will each be giving a \$50 gift certificate to the two houses deemed the brightest and most festive by a team of judges.



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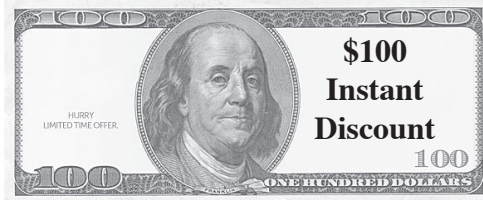
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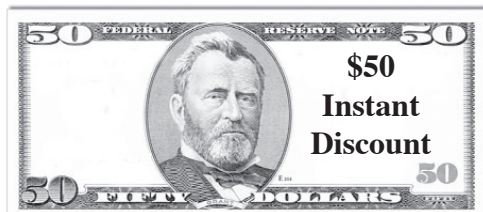
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## Early Deadline

The week of Thanksgiving, The Herald and Times will be coming out early so everyone will have their paper which will include the Treasure Hunt numbers.

Articles and Ads Deadline is Friday, Nov. 16, at 5 p.m. for the Nov. 22 paper.

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