

# Arts and crafts fair scheduled Saturday

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Everyone is urged to do some of their holiday shopping at the upcoming St. Francis Arts and Crafts Festival this Saturday. The 18th annual Craft Festival will be held Nov. 2 at the St. Francis Grade School from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Like every year, shoppers will be delighted by the array of items filling the gym and overflowing into the hallways of the grade school. The Parents Teachers Association Book Fair will also be there in one of the workrooms. Inside the cafeteria, ABC Preschool will tempt you with the smell of chicken noodle soup and homemade cinnamon rolls.

There are going to be even more vendors to shop from this year said Tammy Grice, one of the event coordinators. There are nine new vendors, she said. The total count of sellers is impressive. There are going to be 28 craft vendors, and six non-profits.

With so many vendors, there is sure to be something for everyone! Some of the new items that will be available this year include: Up-cycled, or repurposed items, quilts, doll clothes, lariat rope baskets, clocks, mirrors and frames, and horseshoe jewelry and crafts.

There will also be many returning vendors. The popular barn-wood crafts vendor will be selling his barn-wood birdhouses and furniture. The First Christian Church will be selling pecans again, and Jobs

Daughters will also be selling nuts and goodies. The livestock judging team will be taking orders for the greenery wreaths that they sell.

Some of the items that the returning vendors will have for sale include handmade soaps and body products, crochet, knitting, personalized books, handcrafted trains, iron work, photography, as well as honey, salsas and baked goods, and much, much more. There are so many items to choose from!

It will be a great time to do your holiday shopping. Go for a great day of fun, door prizes and shopping!

### Lunch

ABC Preschool will be serving lunch from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the cafeteria during the Craft Festival. Warm up with some chili or chicken noodle soup, and spoil yourself with some homemade cinnamon rolls or peanut butter bar cookies for dessert. Money raised will be used to help with the preschool expenses.

### PTA Book Fair

The St. Francis PTA is teaming up with the Craft Festival to hold their annual book fair. The members will be in one of the workrooms of the grade school during the day. This is one of PTA's main money-making projects and the money goes to help the school and students. Come support your PTA!

For more information, please contact Tammy Grice at 785-332-2910, or email at stsfraicraft@yahoo.com.



HARVEST CONTINUES as AJ McAtee brings in a truckload of corn to unload at Wheeler Equity by Josh Walters. Herald staff photo by Tim Burr.

# Holiday gift fair features unique items

People are urged to "shop till you drop" at the Holiday Boutique from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

Those coming to the show will be able to register to win a door prize, enjoy a cookie and see the

many specials offered.

Some of the booths at the Boutique are Designs by Dee, Mary Kay, Hand In Hand Therapeutic, It's A Wrap, JamBerry Nails, Jockey Person to Person, Mische Purses, Premier Designs Jewelry, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple and Thirty-One.

# Calendar workshop scheduled

Just in time for Christmas, Althea Lebow will be teaching the craft of scrapbooking through making a Christmas calendar that can be used all year for yourself or given as an extra special Christmas present to a loved one. Scrapbooking is a popular hobby which allows people to personalize their photos and mementos not just in albums, but for framing as well. Althea has been working on this craft for many years and has developed techniques that you can continue to use after this project is complete.

A complete scrapbooking packet will be provided. Each participant will need to bring twelve photos (one for each month of the year) and a list of special events, like birthdays, as well as a sack lunch for Saturday. The class starts on Friday, Nov. 8, 6:30-9:30 p.m., and finishes the next day, Saturday Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at 109 N. Quincy Street. Sign up at Cuppa Joe or call Janet Carman at 785-332-3569. Cheyenne Center for Creativity, www.cc4creativity.org.

# Hometown Hero —



KEN QUIGLEY, left, and Art Krueger check out sink that needs replaced.

# Men take time for senior center

The St. Francis Senior Center, located at the west end of Main Street, could be compared to the school. Instead of teaching and providing activities for youngsters, it is a place for senior citizens, anywhere from 60 years of age and up, to find information and activities.

Making sure that everything is running smoothly are two men, Ken Quigley, who is the chairman of the board, and Art Krueger, who is the treasurer. While there is the matter of seeing to the weekly matters that come up and seeing that there is enough money to pay the bills, their main concern today is that there are a lot of people in the community who are not taking advantage of the good, well-balanced meals and the camaraderie with fellow seniors.

Because of their unselfish efforts, they have been selected as the Hometown Heros. They will be the first to say that the center is run by a number of efficient people. The cooks, Irene Hilt, Laura Pugh and Vera Zweygardt, prepare delicious meals; Bev Wilkening has assumed the duties of managing the center after ErvaGene DeAragon retired; the rest of the board of directors and most of all, the faithful people who support the center three days a week.

A senior citizen is asked to pay \$3.25 a meal and that money goes to the Northwest Kasas Area Agency on Aging's Homestead Nutrition Project. In return, the agency furnishes the food for meals and pays for Ms. Hilt's salary.

Favorite meals include roast beef, fried chicken, spaghetti, chicken-fried steak and meatloaf.

The senior center received \$8,000 from the St. Francis City Council and the county commissioners allotted \$5,090. However, Art said, utilities and the cost for two of the cooks comes to around \$21,000.

Simple arithmetic shows that just to start with, they are \$3,000 short. We have a separate box, Ken said, that people coming to eat can donate a little extra. They pointed out that, a hamburger, French fries and a soda in a restaurant costs more than \$3.25 (the cost of a senior's meal) and then the customer generally leaves a \$1 tip. That's all we are asking, they said, just a tip over the cost of the meal.

If the person eating leaves an extra \$1, in a year, that would amount to around \$150, Ken said. However, they were quick to point out, that people do not have

to leave extra - some people, they said, don't have the extra dollar.

We do have two money-making projects a year, Ken said. At the Christmas Lighting Parade held the Friday evening after Thanksgiving, they hold a soup supper. The day of the car show held the second Saturday in May, they serve pancakes.

While both events are well attended by the community and others, there is a problem with holding them.

Many of our senior citizens are getting older, Ken said, and they are not able to do the work that they did several years ago. We need younger members and we don't know how to entice them to come help us.

The senior citizen building is old so there is constant updating. They receive memorial money which is used for remodeling. On Friday, Ken and Art had visited with Ms. Hilt about the need and a state requirement for a larger sink by the other sinks. There is no room, Ken said. The cost of a larger sink is one thing but they will need to move a stove and knock out the wall of a closet.

There is also the matter of the men's restroom. The men's restroom has a sign "Out of order" on the door. The women's restroom has been converted into a unisex restroom until they can make the men's restroom larger, change the way the door opens and make repairs. The way to the restroom is also a problem, as the floor is uneven, which makes it unsafe.

While there is extra space to enlarge the restroom, the washer and dryer will need to be moved to make it bigger.

Everything just takes money, Art said. And, we are older so we can't do the work ourselves.

These are some of the major projects that need to be done, but there is always the small stuff like leaking faucets, paint, and other small repairs.

In the future, Ken and Art will make a visit to the city council and commissioners' meetings to present their budget. In the meantime, they will be trying to budget the money, and seeing that the center continues to provide meals and fellowship, and runs smoothly.

Their volunteer efforts are very deserving for the Hometown Hero title.

# Senior Menu

## Senior Center November Menu

**Nov. 1, Friday:** Shepard's Pie, carrot salad, roll, fruit cup.

**Nov. 5, Tuesday:** Sausage gravy, hash browns, scrambled eggs, biscuit, orange juice.

**Nov. 7, Thursday:** Chicken chowder, orange pineapple salad, crackers, cinnamon bun.

**Nov. 8, Friday:** Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, corn, roll, apricots.

**Nov. 12, Tuesday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, peaches.

**Nov. 14, Thursday:** Ham and noodle casserole, pea salad, mandarin oranges, roll, brownie.

**Nov. 15, Friday:** Beef stew, cottage cheese salad with mixed fruit, crackers, fruit cobbler.

**Nov. 19, Tuesday:** Goulash, coleslaw with carrots, pears, bread sticks, pudding.

**Nov. 21, Thursday:** Sloppy Joes, baked beans, macaroni salad with vegetables, bun, pineapple upside down cake.

**Nov. 22, Friday:** Turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, roll, pumpkin dessert.

**Nov. 26, Tuesday:** Beef vegetable soup, strawberries and bananas, crackers, cookie.

# Hugs project supports soldiers

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This time of the year, many families are busy planning their Christmas vacations and what gifts they will be giving and receiving. However, some Americans will not be able to spend the holidays with family and loved ones. They are busy fighting for our country halfway across the world.

In an effort to bring a little cheer to service members, "The Hugs Project" and "Support Our Soldiers" (S.O.S.) send Christmas care packages overseas filled

with goodies. Here in northwest Kansas, Cheyenne County has been an important part of this project for over 10 years.

It is now time again for everyone to gather gifts for the soldiers. According to the Hugs Project website, some of the items that are most needed are beef jerky, nuts, peanut butter, hygiene items, socks, and handmade Christmas ornaments and Christmas stockings. Gifts of money are also appreciated to help pay for postage to send thousands of boxes to the men

and women keeping us safe.

"I hope and pray that our people here in northwest Kansas will once again share their love and thanks for the military that is keeping us safe and making us proud of them by providing them with this Christmas box," said Hulda Dorsch, co-chairman of the project in Cheyenne County.

Those wishing to donate can leave gifts or donations in the boxes in St. Francis at the Post Office or at St. Francis Supers, and in Bird City at Hometown Market.

# School Essays

## The Game of Basketball

Have you ever been in a sport that has a lot of competition? Basketball is a sport where you have to give 100% or you will easily fail. It is not always about winning or losing, it is about going out and having fun.

In basketball you have to have a positive attitude or you and your team won't make it very far; you may not even win one game.

When you go out on the court to play another team, you have to be focused and ready for anything the other team brings.

I love the sport of basketball. There are usually four quarters, unless you go into overtime. There are six minutes in a quarter. When second quarter is over, you go to your locker room and your coach gives you a short halftime talk about what you did wrong or

right.

When halftime is over, you have two more quarters to play. Every minute on the court has to count. If you don't, then at the last minute you will be scrambling for the ball. When you get the ball, you will force shots and it won't work very well. Have you ever played basketball?

Zoe Sundstrom  
St. Francis eighth grader

# Time to set your clock back!



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