

School program to be held

'Tis the season and there nothing that sets the spirit for Christmas like the sound of children's voices singing.

The St. Francis Grade School students, kindergarten through fourth grade, will be presenting their annual Christmas program at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, in the grade school gym.

Jean Ann Confer, music instructor, reported that a number of songs, dances, skits and fun have been planned for the evening.

"Santa, Rudolph and the whole gang will be on hand to entertain the audience," she said.

Themes include: Kindergarten - "Here Comes Christmas;" first and second grade - "Sights and Sounds of the Season;" and third and fourth grade - "This is Your Life Santa Claus."

"The community is welcome to attend and there is no charge," Mrs. Confer said.



GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS—Pictures are Lucas Carmichael (Santa) and Keegan Sherlock (Rudolph) rehearsing for the grade school Christmas program. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



Society to hold Christmas program

The Cheyenne County Historical Society program at the museum is planned, weather permitting, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Phil Crawford will bring his musical talent to entertain those attending. Bring a friend and visitors are welcome.

Each member is asked to bring a plate of cookies and a pioneer recipe to share. Coffee and hot cider will be furnished. Each member is asked to bring a small Christmas stocking filled with items suitable and safe for small children to help make a joyful addition to the community food bas-

kets in St. Francis and Bird City.

Historical Society members are asked to pick up their quarterly December newsletter at the senior citizen center in St. Francis and at the Bluebird Cafe in Bird City. Others will receive theirs by mail.

The "Burial Book" by Marilyn Holzwarth has gone to the printers and hopefully it will be available at the museum for your Christmas list.

The Historical Society volunteers are encouraged by the renewal of memberships for 2003 and they welcome the new members.

Emergency medical classes to be offered

Larry Gabel, emergency medical service director, reported at the Nov. 29 meeting that Ron Young, Bird City emergency medical technician, said there were five people from the Bird City area who were interested in taking an emergency medical technician class. Bird City has only three active emergency medical technicians. The commissioners wondered if there were other people who might be interested in taking the class?

Director Gabel said that he did not have time to help with the class until after February. The class takes five to six months of training before the students can take their exams. Anyone interested in the class should call him.

The commissioners were concerned about coming up with the money for the class since it had not been included in the budget. It was noted that there would be money in the Ambulance Fund at the end of the year and maybe that money could be

encumbered. This matter will be investigated further.

Ambulance fund

Director Gabel and Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service bookkeeper, informed the commissioners that the department was behind what had been collected last year at this time but there were 50-plus Medicare forms which had been returned and \$65,000 which had not yet been collected. Kevin Berens, county attorney, had studied Medicare reimbursement and had discovered that Medicare now pays a flat rate, not a percent of the ambulance runs.

Director Gabel said there was one student who had taken the last emergency medical technician class who did not take the test and if a student takes the class but does not continue with the testing or making ambulance runs, they need to pay for the class. Otherwise, the county pays for the student to take the class.



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Christmas Caroling contest to begin

The challenge is on! Businesses, organizations, groups, whether it be two or more, have been challenged to enter the first St. Francis Chamber of Commerce sponsored Christmas Caroling Contest.

Entries have been slow coming in but Paul Rainbolt, head of the committee, reported that there has been some inquiries and thinks there will be a contest among the choirs and groups.

Choirs must sing one of four pre-selected songs at each of the four sites where judges will be waiting. Songs are: "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Silver Bells" and "Sil-

ent Night."

Judges will have a scoring system of: Costume - 100 maximum points; quality of musical presentation - 100 maximum points; mode of transportation - 100 maximum points; and "Spirit" of the choir - 100 maximum points.

The judges will either judge by themselves or select a group of discerning friends to help evaluate the various choirs. If more than one person judges, the scores will be combined and averaged at each location to determine one score from each location.

The choir with the highest score will win \$25 in scrip.

Music Ministries concert returns to St. Francis

Cal and Cindy Turner of C.C. Turner Music Ministries returns to St. Francis with a new concert and new image! They've been working behind the scenes with Mother's House Publishing to produce the very best concert just for you. You've never seen anything like this! It's non-stop fun for everyone!

Two concerts to be held at the First Christian Church, 118 E. Webster in St. Francis at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 14. A new lighting system will enhance the evening performance. Admission is free. Be sure to register at the door for a chance to win one of the free gifts given away during the concert.



Cal Turner




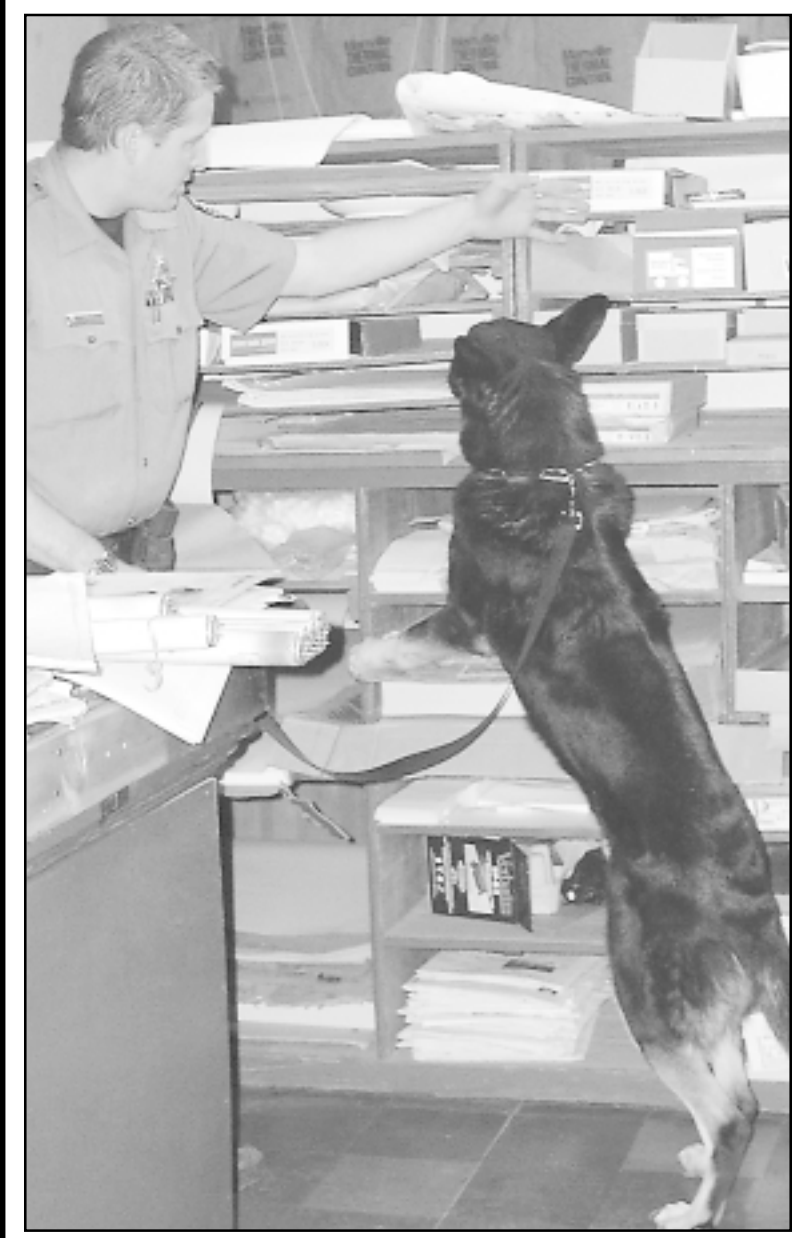
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St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to St. Francis
SUNDAYS, DEC. 8, 15 & 22
► Santa & Mrs. Claus at Stevens' Kansas Territorial, 2-3:30 p.m. - Dec. 8; Krien's Pharmacy, 1:30-3 p.m. - Dec. 15; Dee's Creations, 2-3:30 p.m. - Dec. 22.
► Drawing for \$600 Scrip & 24" Flat Screen Television, Chili Feed & Caroling Contest at Band Shell, afternoon of Dec. 15.
► Tickets for 24" Flat Screen Television - 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5

42nd Annual St. Francis Invitational Wrestling Tournament
Saturday, December 7
TEAMS PARTICIPATING: Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Holyoke, Quinter, Scott City, Sterling, St. Francis, Wichita County & Wray
• 1st Session beginning at 9:30 a.m.
• 2nd Session beginning at 1 p.m.
• Tournament will run straight through
• Finals start 15 min. after the second session ends, approximately 5:30 p.m.
Admission:
Students - \$4.00
Adults - \$6.00
These prices are for all day.
Concession Stand sponsored by the Senior Parents for Project Prom 2002

Lions Club Annual
Pancake Day
Saturday, December 7
6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Grade School Cafeteria • St. Francis
All the Pancakes You Can Eat \$3.00
Including Butter, Syrup, Coffee (all you want), Ham, Eggs & Orange Juice -- Extra
Everyone is welcome to come and fill up!
 sponsored by St. Francis Lions Club
Proceeds go to Community Service Projects



BRONSON, the new drug dog, has arrived in Cheyenne County and works with Undersheriff Cliff Flock. The Sheriff's Department is collecting donations to help pay for the dog and those interested are encouraged to contribute.

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CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA
Dec. 6, 7 & 8
at the Wray Rehabilitation & Activities Center
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* Fri., Dec. 6 - 6-8 p.m., Kick off reception for silent auction with live entertainment between 6 & 7:30 p.m. Come in and see all of the festive Christmas bundles.
* Sat., Dec. 7 - 9-Noon, Holiday Festivities for Children: Cookie Decorating, Face Painting, Hair Braiding, Kindergym for Children. 8 a.m., Cookie Factory & Candy Shoppe' Opens, We invite you to come and make your own dozen! 9-10:30 a.m., Santa will be here to visit children. Bring your own camera for pictures. BMS Cheerleaders & Wray Girl Scouts will be assisting in youth activities. Live community entertainment will be available throughout the morning. Afternoon demonstrations scheduled from 1-4 p.m., including: wood ornament painting, mosaic designs, porcelain dolls, vintage hats, sculpting, scrap booking/rubber stamping. 4-6 p.m., FREE use of the Wray Rehabilitation & Activities Center.
* Sun., Dec. 8 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m., homemade soup luncheon; 2 p.m., Community Christmas Concert; 4 p.m. cheesecake social; 4:30 p.m., live 'Appetite Service' auction begins; 6 p.m., wrap up silent auction.
For your convenience the Wray Child Care Center has daycare available Dec. 8 from 1-5 p.m.