

Bulletin Board

Early deadline

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays the St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times will have early deadlines for the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 issues. All ads, news and pictures for the Dec. 26 issue are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 and for the Jan. 2 issue by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27.

Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19, in the basement of the clinic across from the hospital.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16 in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

City Council

The St. Francis City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the City Building.

Board of Education

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Celebration of Life

St. Francis Compassionate Friends "Celebration of Life" Candlelight Memorial Service will be held at 7

p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis.

Theater Committee

If you are interested in working with the Theater Committee contact the City Office (332-3142) for more information. The committee meets one Monday a month, prior to the City Council meeting. The first meeting in 2003 will be Jan. 6.

Turner Music Ministries Concert

Cal and Cindy Turner of C.C. Turner Music Ministries returns to St. Francis with a new concert and new image! Two concerts will be held at the First Christian Church, St. Francis at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday. 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.

Commodities to be distributed

The emergency food assistance program has commodities to be given away from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the senior citizen center in St. Francis. If you are homebound and unable to pick up commodities call Ronda Rose (785) 332-3463, leave name and address.

Commodities include: beef stew, canned chicken, canned potatoes, potato flakes, instant milk, raisins and dried fruit. Guidelines are as fol-

lows: household of one - \$960; household of two - \$1,294; household of three - \$1,628; household of four - \$1,961; household of five - \$2,295; household of six - \$2,629; household of seven - \$2,962; household of eight - \$3,296 each additional family member \$334.

Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Agency on Aging

The board of directors and the advisory council of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Fort Hays State University in the Black and Gold room in Hays.

For more information call 1-800-432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

Cheyenne County Head Start

Cheyenne County Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2003-2004 school year. This is a free preschool program for 3- and 4-year olds of income eligible families residing in Cheyenne County. Morning sessions are available; the classroom is located at 222 E. Webster. To apply or receive additional information, please call Denise White at 332-3110. Classes will fill up quickly, so call today.

Hospice Service

November is National Hospice Month. Hospice Services provides end-of-life care in Cheyenne County and northwest Kansas. Hospice Services Inc., has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning, and other related topics. Hospice Service, Inc. is available to provide programs for groups and organizations. For more information, please call 800-315-5122.

Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon date change

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2168 or 332-2078. Note that beginning in December the day of the week has changed from Tuesday to Thursday. The first December meeting will be Dec. 5.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services 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 if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Need a Helping Hand

The Cheyenne County Helping Hands Coalition can help. Call the SRS office at (785) 332-2021.



4-H'ers tag Christmas trees

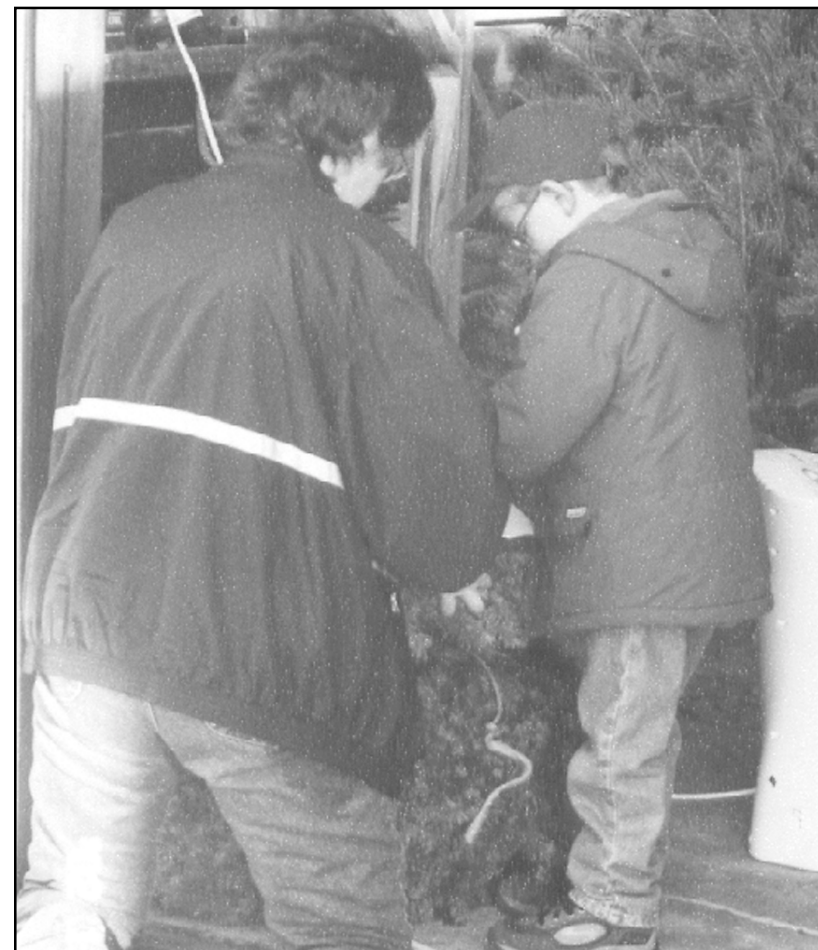
Lawn Ridge 4-H Club members want every homeowner to have a safe holiday season. On Nov. 29, 10 members went out to the farm of Todd and Tracy Neitzel (where they are selling Christmas trees and wreaths), to tie tags with safe tips on each Christmas tree and wreath to inform the purchaser of some safety tips.

Safety tips attached to the trees included:

1. Keep the tree away from heat sources.
2. Check strands of lights on extension cords before putting them on the tree. Check for loose sockets and frayed wires. Use only UL approved lights.
3. Never use indoor lights outdoors. Cover outdoor plugs and connections that are touching the ground.
4. Keep lights and cords away from the tree's water supply.
5. Use no more than three sets of lights on each extension cord.
6. If you have an artificial plastic tree, use only midget lights designed for those trees. Note: These midget lights usually push in. Do not twist them!
7. Metal trees should be floodlighted only.
8. Never leave the tree unattended.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Dec. 1	64	39	
Dec. 2	62	20	
Dec. 3	24	20	
Dec. 4	27	23	
Dec. 5	48	20	
Dec. 6	57	20	
Dec. 7	55	22	
Dec. 8	40	22	
Dec. 9	54	19	



TAGGING CHRISTMAS TREES proved to be lots of fun for Lawn Ridge 4-H'ers. Pictured above are: (1 to r) Sarah and Logan Whitmore, Heidi Yonkey and Kattie Ford; below, leader Loretta Ford helps Lane Hobrock.

An 8-foot tree can burn completely in 27 seconds and creates tremendous heat.

And, lastly, have a happy holiday! Those 4-H members helping tag the

trees and wreaths were: Kattie, Megan and Scott Ford, Chance, Brooks and Lane Hobrock, Logan, Matt and Sarah Whitmore and Heidi Yonkey.

Heidi Yonkey Reporter

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hour & 51 min.

Showing
Dec. 13, 14 & 15 **8 Mile** *A Drama*
Rated: R for strong language, sexuality, some violence & drug use.
 Starring: Eminem, Kim Basinger, Brittany Murphy, Mekhi Phifer, Eugene Byrd

Cheyenne Theater *St. Francis, KS*
 785-332-2747

No one under 17 yrs. will be admitted without a pass from their parent. **Admission: \$4**

For the Record

Sheriff's Report

- 11 Vehicle inspections were made.
- 1 Summons delivered.
- 21 Sobpeonas were delivered.
- 2 Garnishments were made.
- 2 Tax Warrants were delivered.
- 4 Cattle out calls were investigated.
- 4 Warnings for speeding were issued.
- Dec. 1: Someone tore down 10 traffic signs southwest of St. Francis along the state line. The case is under investigation.
- Dec. 3: Officer took medicine to the Sherman County Jail for a prisoner.
- Dec. 3: Officers along with other law officers and volunteers searched for a missing boys in Bird City. See related article.
- Dec. 5: Officer investigated a report of erratic drivers north of St. Francis.

Dec. 7: There was a report of a suspicious pickup northwest of St. Francis.

Dec. 8: Donna Northrup, St. Francis, was driving a 1998 Ford van when she struck a deer west of St. Francis. Over \$500 in damage was reported but there were no injuries.

Hospital

Admissions

Dec. 5: Elizabeth Hoard, St. Francis
 Dec. 6: Wayne Goodell, St. Francis
 Dec. 6: Clarence Cress, Bird City

Dismissals

Dec. 3: Dorothy Finley, St. Francis
 Dec. 6: Joyce Thompson, St. Francis
 Dec. 7: Elizabeth Hoard, St. Francis
 Dec. 9: Wayne Goodell, St. Francis

Additional hospital news

Number of patients: total acute 9, total observation 3

School Menu

Dec. 16-20
 Monday: breakfast: blueberry muffin, cereal assortment, apple juice, milk; lunch: macaroni and cheese or ravioli with meat sauce, green beans, hot rolls, fruit cup, milk
 Tuesday: breakfast: buttered toast, cereal assortment, orange juice, milk; lunch: chili dog, bun, cheddar cheese, relish sticks, peach cobbler, milk
 Wednesday: breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast and jelly, grape juice, milk

lunch: chicken fajitas, lettuce and tomato, salsa and sour cream, seasoned rice, pineapple slices, milk
 Thursday: breakfast: French toast stix, syrup, apple juice, milk; lunch: baked ham, scalloped potatoes, hot rolls, tossed salad, cherry cheesecake, milk
 Friday: breakfast: breakfast taco, salsa, orange juice, milk; lunch: hamburger, bun, lettuce and tomato, pickles, chips, banana or orange, milk



Something New & Exciting
 is happening
 at the
Country Pantry
 Look in next week's paper for details

Katastrophe
Kate
7th & 8th Grade Girls Musical
 Tuesday, Dec. 17
 7:30 p.m.
 St. Francis High School
 Auditorium
 Admission - \$2

Holiday Open House
 at
First National Bank
 *
Thursday, Dec. 19
10 to 3 p.m.
 Join us for *
 *Giveaways
 *Refreshments

FIRST NATIONAL BANK **St. Francis**
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Les is BEST!!
 (Les Doggett will be 60.)
Happy Birthday
 Love, Your Family

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS
 785-332-2104

The smart money is tax credits and the Cheyenne County Hospital has some available. If you would like to steer the taxes you already pay from Topeka to Cheyenne County, please contact Les Lacy at 785-332-2104

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