



COMING FROM COLBY, this boy enjoyed playing with the ducks that would later be sent down the Republican River with the fastest duck bringing home winnings to the owner.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Nursing home reports growing it's own nurses

Several employees at the Good Samaritan Village are taking courses to become a registered nurse, all without leaving town.

Working and learning to become a Registered Nurse is possible now as an employee of the Good Samaritan Village.

The Good Samaritan Society, the largest not-for-profit long-term

care provider in the country, in partnership with the University of South Dakota, is offering an associate of science nursing degree program on-line and through the Distance Learning Network for Good Samaritan employees. The University of South Dakota and the nursing program are nationally accredited. The associate degree through

distance learning is the only model of its kind in the country. Staff members can take classes at work and earn their degree.

"Without being able to participate in this program, I would have had to travel or move away from this community to earn a degree as a R.N.," said Lori Bunjes, present student and employee at the Good Samaritan Village and participant in the nursing program.

"It is absolutely wonderful to be able to have this program," said Ronda Zwegardt, program participant. "As a mother of two young boys, it is nearly impossible to attend a college, especially since the nearest college is an hour plus away. Now, I will be able to get my degree while still working and raising my family."

Both candidates have expressed appreciation to the Good Samaritan Society, the local Administrator, the director of nursing, and the class proctor, Michele Rohweder, for the flexibility with schedule and helping them to further their education and reach their goals of becoming a registered nurse.

Depending upon previous college credits, an employee could complete the associate of science degree program in one to four years as a part-time student. Classes offered over the Distance Learning Network range from algebra to human anatomy. The program makes the effort to enable students to have access to clinical training experiences close to home or as in Cheyenne County, at the local hospital and the nursing home. Exams are proctored at the local Good Samaritan Village by the staff development registered nurse.

For more information about the Good Samaritan Society and this unique learning opportunity, contact Paul Rainbolt, administrator, at (785) 332-2531.



CORRECTION — MOTHER'S DAY Dance program held Sunday had some delightful entertainment. The cutline on last week's Herald's front page photo was incorrect. The little dancer on the left is Juana Penzing and the dancer in the front is Breana Charnoff, not Kattie Jenik.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Memorial Day schedule

The offices of the Bird City Times and St. Francis Herald will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. The paper will be delivered one day late that week, going to the post office Thursday afternoon, May 29 and on the routes Friday, May 30. The deadline for all ads, news and pictures that week will be 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 27.

Late papers

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be a day late in reaching the post office boxes and the mail routes the week of May 19. Both offices will be open May 19 and all ads, news and pictures for that week's paper will be due Monday at 5 p.m.

Memorial Day Service

Memorial Day Service will be held at Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, south of Wheeler, at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 26. Association members will join together following for a Dutch treat lunch and annual business meeting at Captain Hook's Fine Dining.

Check the name label

Have you checked the name label on your paper? If the date shows that your newspaper has expired, please renew it because if the subscription runs completely out, it will take two weeks after you resubscribe before it will once again be delivered to your mail box.

Fair dates

The Cheyenne County Fair will be held from Aug. 6 through Aug. 9.

Volleyball sign up

Sign up-sheets for the Volleyball Clinic are due no later than June 4. The clinic will be held June 11 through June 13. If you have questions, please contact Jolene Dodd at (785) 332-2545 after 5 p.m.

City Council

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

Cheyenne County Commissioners

Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. today

(Thursday) in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) in the basement of the clinic across from the hospital.

Grade school promotion

Sixth grade promotion will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the grade school gymnasium.

Summer reading program sign-up

St. Francis Public Librarian Pat Leibbrandt will be encouraging children to sign up for the Summer Reading Program which will be held all summer long.

"Children can sign up all summer long but we will begin sign-up on May 26," she said.

Students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade may participate in the program. However, students must be able to read on their own.

The last day of the reading program has been set for July 25.

Free Kids Fishing Day

Rock Creek Hatchery, 7 miles north of Parks, will be hosting a Free Kids Fishing Day beginning at 10 a.m. until noon mountain standard time, on Saturday. Children 12 and under will be allowed to fish for and catch up to two rainbow trout from a specially stocked hatchery pond. There will be free bobbers, weights and other gifts for the kids. Poles will be available for use and instruction in casting and good fishing etiquette will be provided. Bring your own worms.

For further information please contact Rock Creek Hatchery, 308-423-2080, or by e-mail at rchatch@ngpc.state.ne.us

Moran staff in county

A member of Congressman Jerry Moran's staff will be in St. Francis to hold local office hours from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Eric Depperschmidt, Constituent Services Representative for the First Congressional District, will be in the commissioners' room at the Cheyenne County

Courthouse in St. Francis to answer questions and concerns of area residents. Individuals who have questions about the federal government, experiencing difficulties with Social Security, Medicare, veterans' affairs or other issues, or wish to voice their opinions are encouraged to attend.

For further information or to speak with a constituent services representative, contact Lisa Dethloff or Mr. Depperschmidt at 785-628-6401.

Commodities to be distributed

The emergency food assistance program has commodities to be given away from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 20 at the senior citizen center in St. Francis. Commodities include: peanut butter, beef stew, mixed fruit, green beans, pudding, frozen blueberries. If you are homebound and unable to pick up commodities call (785) 332-3463, leave name and address.

Guidelines are as follows: 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.

Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with E, F and G 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.

High school alumni

St. Francis Community High School Alumni celebration will be held on June 21. The school calendar has the date as June 14 which is incorrect. For more information contact Shirley Zwegardt, 785-332-2286.

Alcoholic Anonymous/Al-Anon

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.

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.

Hospice Service

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 800-315-5122.

Enrollment for Fun at Library is Monday

"Laugh It Up At The Library" is the theme for the coming Summer Fun Session held at the St. Francis Public Library.

Summer Fun sessions are geared for preschoolers, ages 3 through 5, and kindergarten through third graders. Enrollment is Monday at the library and librarian Pat Leibbrandt reports there is no charge for the sessions.

Working with children this year is Amber Feikert. She is planning for the sessions to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the July 10. Class times are 10 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon.

The younger children will meet on Tuesdays and the older children

will meet on Thursdays.

Some of the activities planned are making crafts, reading, performing finger plays, singing songs, making food snacks and playing games.

"I'm really looking forward to working with the kids this summer," Amber said.

"If there are too many for a class (10 kids per class), another class will be held on Wednesdays."

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hour & 40 min.

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May 16, 17 & 18

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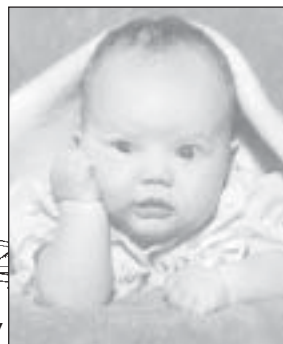
The Annual Meeting and Clean-up for the
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Secretary, Charles Curry

Brooke ~
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