



## Committee puts together fantastic light parade

How could the Light Parade Committee ask for anything better?

The opening of the Christmas season in St. Francis on Friday started with the Light Parade. It was spectacular!! From the golf carts to the fabulous floats, each was decked out in lights — some with many lights and others with not so many but each added to the festivities of the evening. People lined Main Street, some in vehicles while others were standing dressed in warm clothing.

The Chamber's Christmas Committee had hoped for maybe 10 floats since this was the first time a light parade had been held in St. Francis but little did the committee members know the excitement the parade generated. Ideas for floats were creative from the snow princess, to "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree," to the kid's toys float.

Kids were wearing lights generated by small batteries while the floats had medium to big gen-

erators. The courthouse employees had over 5,000 lights on their float and it had a really big generator.

It was obvious that some of the float creators had put in many hours but, whatever, each entry added to the parade and the creator of each of the entries should be applauded for their clever way of making the lights shine, the music play and the figures, whether they be animated or real, live people, work.

Also to be commended are those Chamber committee members who organized the parade and made sure it came together as the 6 o'clock whistle blew and the announcer, who with his flashlight, told the people about each float.

A comment heard from one of the float creators shortly after the parade was, "we already have ideas for next year's float."

Yep! It looks like the first light parade held Friday may become an annual event for opening the St. Francis Christmas season. —Karen Krien

## Nurse commends medical staff

Letter to the Editor:

I'd like to take this time to recognize the nurses, aides and other hospital staff.

The past four months have been very hectic. Our census has exceeded our expectations and, combine that with the hospital construction, it has been very busy.

I'd like to make sure that the staff here at the hospital is given the credit and thanks they deserve. There is no way I can identify everyone fully, but I can say that 100 percent of the hospital staff arose to the occasion.

The dedication of the nursing staff allows us to provide personal care that the big city hospitals just can't deliver.

The Physical Therapy Depart-

### Letter to the Editor

ment helping to pass dinner trays in order to keep them from getting cold when the nurses were busy. The administrative staff helping with the never-ending stream of paperwork in order to let the nurses continue to focus on patient care. The emergency medical service, helping us with patient transfers in a professional and competent manner. The housekeeping department keeping ahead of the construction as well as the constant turnover of patient rooms.

Thanks to the invisible staff — the staff that you don't see, but who work hard to make sure that your stay is a pleasant one. All these and

more are the reason that the Cheyenne County Hospital is able to provide the quality of care we do.

I'd also like to recognize the patients and their families for their patience during the construction. I know that it was frustrating for some to have to move from one room to the next.

There is also the community to thank for supporting the hospital upgrade. The changes we can already see will allow us to continue to provide and improve the quality of care we provide.

Craig A. Button, RN, CEN  
Director of nursing  
St. Francis

## Lines from the Library

By Pat Leibbrandt  
The library has the following new books: *America 24/7* by Rick

Smolan; *The Private Life Of The Cat Who* by Lilian Jackson Braun; *Shepherds Abiding* by Jan Karon;

*Ruby* by Lauraine Snelling; *The Ultimate Weight Solution* by Dr. Phil McGraw; *The Five People You Meet In Heaven* by Mitch Albom; *Love* by Toni Morrison; *Emma's Gift* by Leisha Kelly; *Texas Belles* by Kimberley Conezus; *Seabiscuit* by Laura Hillenbrand; *311 Pelican Court* by Debbie Macomber; *The Sweet Potato Queen's Guide To Life* by Jill Conner Browne.

The following new books are in the children's department: *The Case Of The Psychics Vision* by Franklin Dixon; *A Fine Start* by Kate McMullan; *A Time To Dance* by Mary Pope Osborne; *The Wild Year* by Patricia Hermes; *Eaten Alive* by John Whitman; *Ghost Of The Jedi* by John Whitman; *City Of The Dead* by John Whitman; *Army Of Terror* by John Whitman.

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: St. Francis Catholic Church, St. Francis; Claude Gleason, Bird City; Del Angel, St. Francis; Gladys Cullum, St. Francis; Eric Fiala, St. Francis; Aimee Northrup, St. Francis; Spencer Schlepp, St. Francis; Su-

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## Funny How

Funny how we cannot fit a gospel meeting into our schedule with our yearly planner but we can schedule for other events at a moment's notice.

Funny how we look forward to that big date on Friday night, but complain about getting up for church on Sunday morning.

Funny how we are rarely late to work, but always late to church.

Funny how we call God our Father and Jesus our brother, but find it hard to introduce them to our family.

Funny how we demand justice for others, but expect mercy from God.

Funny how much difficulty

some have learning the gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is to understand and explain the latest gossip about someone else.

**GOD SAYS**  
Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.  
Matthew 11:28



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## News From the Past

### 5 years ago - 1998

Troy Burr, Noel Rath and John Finley represented Cheyenne County at the Kansas Farm Bureau's 80th annual meeting in Wichita.

Christmas is coming and the Angel Trees are up for those who want to provide a gift for an area child. The Lions Club are busy collecting old glass for those in need. Many different organizations and individuals are contributing to the food pantry so more can enjoy a Merry Christmas and the hospital employees are busy collecting "Beenies for Babies" to fill a treasure chest for a child to choose from when they are in the hospital.

Two returning state champions will lead the Indian wrestling team at the St. Francis Invitational. Also on deck are two other wrestlers who won championships at the Invitational last year. They are Tyler Krien and Jon Zwegardt.

The junior high musical "Don't Say No To The USO" will be presented. They will take the audience back to the 1940s and salute the brave men and women of World War II.

Compassionate Friends is sponsoring a Candlelight Memorial Service on Dec. 16. Each year members remember their children.

### 15 years ago - 1988

Punt, Pass and Kick winners in the Northwest Kansas Division at Norton were Brian Davis and Travis Kechter.

Kay Shay has resigned as the St. Francis Recreation Director effective in April. The commission is now seeking a new director.

Two new members, Rick Walker and Brock McAtee, joined the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club.

Northwest Kansas League football honors went to Wade Krien, first team, offense; Jared Douthit, first team, defense; Ty Faulkender, second team offense; Jeff Neel, honorable mention, defense and Jeff Dankenbring, honorable mention, defense.

The Wagon Wheel Restaurant was recently purchased by LouRae Wulf. She purchased the business from Terry Zwegardt.

The Cheyenne County 4-H Livestock Judging team, representing the state of Kansas, traveled to Louisville, Ky., where they placed second nationwide. Judging were Chris Leibbrandt, Troy Hilt, Mike Bandel and Robin Greenhagen.

Shirley Ridens has opened "Made With Love" and will be offering homemade cookies and candies along with gift items and craft supplies.

### 20 years ago - 1983

John Landenberger, Cyril and Marie Hoag presented entertainment to local shoppers during the Christmas opening. They presented their music in front of Krueger's Men's Wear.

The St. Francis Music Club will be showing the Art Krueger residence, the Perry Keller residence, the Willard Cantin residence and the James Milliken residence on the Parade of Homes.

The St. Francis Wrestling team placed third at the Invitational held at the high school on Saturday. Placing first were for St. Francis were Darrell Vandike and Scott Hilt.

The Cheyenne County jail has received a new coat of paint.

Debbie Johnson of Bird City won the Kansas state junior division of the "Make It With Wool" contest held in Wichita.

The St. Francis Grade School students were treated to something special last week. It was called the "Star Lab" which dealt with the different stars in the galaxy.

In 1983 Marion Miller completed 29 years of service for the County. He was awarded a plaque by the Cheyenne County Commissioners.

### 25 years ago - 1988

Getty's Pharmacy is getting a new face. The entire front of the store on East Washington is being completely remodeled and should be completed within the next few weeks.

### 45 years ago - 1958

The Cheyenne County Farm Bureau will observe its 40th anniversary in a meeting at the high school on Dec. 6.

Returning wrestler letter winners include Don Keller, Leonard Hilt, John Keller, Loyd Krien, Royce Cook, Larry Smull, Junior Bandel, Darol Carmichael, Marv Zwegardt, Stan Gienger, Glenn Isernhagen, Gaylen Schauer.

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*Worship Warms the Heart*

**First Christian Church**  
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster  
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
Church Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Wesleyan Church**  
Hwy 36 • 734-2727  
Pastor Scott Baker  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
332-2380, Pars. 332-3424  
502 W. Spencer  
Norman Morrow - Minister  
Bible Class 9 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Grace Assembly of God**  
332-2925, Pars. 332-2899  
208 E. 2nd  
Rev. Rob Meyer  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30  
Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.

**Salem Lutheran Church**  
332-3002  
Pastor Chris Farmer  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

**Peace Lutheran Church**  
202 N. College  
332-2928 Pars. 332-2308  
Pastor David Rossbach  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
332-2888 • 3rd & Adams  
Pastor Jim Martin  
Sabbath School 9:30  
Morning Worship 10:45

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
625 S. River • 332-2680  
Fr. Beryl Gibson  
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.  
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

**Living Water Fellowship Ministry**  
Pastors:  
Terry & Tiffany Glasco  
Downtown Bird City  
785-734-2363  
Sunday:  
Fellowship 9:30 a.m.  
Worship & Word 10 a.m.  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Last Sunday evening of Month:  
Healing Service 7:30 p.m.

**United Methodist Church**  
Church Office 332-2292,  
Church 332-2254,  
Pars. 332-3170  
512 S. Scott  
Pastor Nel Holmes  
Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
2nd & Scott • 332-3921  
J.W. Glidewell, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.,  
Wednesday prayer service, 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Clough Valley Baptist Church**  
12 m. west, 6 m. north of SF  
332-2506  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. CT  
Worship 10:00 a.m. CT

**St. Francis Community Church**  
332-3150 • 216 W. Washington  
Pastor: Richard Garcia  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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