

Spring Cleanup starts April 2; calling deadline is March 31

It's March and time to start thinking about cleaning up around the house, outbuildings and yard. St. Francis residents are fortunate to have a city council and crew who are anxious to help them by providing free Spring Cleanup where they will pick up big and small items and other things in between.

J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis City Superintendent, reported that the deadline for residents to call in items to be picked up is March 31 and items will need to be ready for the city crew to take them to the landfill no later than 8 a.m. on April 2.

"Citizens having items to be picked up may call the power plant

at 785-332-3031," said the supervisor. "Anyone calling after the March 31 deadline will have to wait until the fall cleanup."

Unless the call is made, the city crew is not authorized to pick up items even if they are beside the trash container. Items to be hauled away must be outside the home as the crew cannot enter homes to pick them up.

This year, the city is providing a yard waste collection site south of the Recycling Center by the roadside park. During the Spring Cleanup, the city will pick up yard waste for those who have no way to transport it to the collection site. Residents are asked to put yard

waste in bags, boxes or containers which may be emptied or put it on ground sheets. Again, be sure to call.

The city's pick up will also include tree branches but they must be kept separate from yard waste or they cannot be picked up.

"The city is no longer able to pick up chemicals, paint or any petroleum products so please do not set them out," Superintendent Landenberger said.

The county will hold a Household Hazardous Waste collection in the future and people are urged to take these items to the collection which is held at the landfill east of Wheeler.

Screening set for county kids

Cheylin School District will be offering preschool/pre-kindergarten screenings for all children from birth to school age on March 17 at the Methodist Church in Bird City. The screenings are free but appointments are needed and can be made by calling the Cheylin Elementary

School secretary at 1-785-734-2351.

The screening process assess hearing, vision, fine and gross motor skills, concepts and speech and language.

Parents are the primary and most influential teachers their children will

ever have. These screenings will help parents discover their child's developmental stage and how best to encourage their ever-changing skills. The screenings also help the school district plan and prepare for future students in order to try and offer the best educational experience.

The St. Francis School District offers screenings in the fall of the year while Cheylin offers them in the spring. Those unable to attend the fall screening or are need to the county are welcome to bring in their child to the Bird City screening.

Parents are encouraged to accompany their children through the screening process so that they and the staff can share observations and discuss the results of the screening. If there is an indication that further evaluation is needed, an assessment is available at no cost to the parents.

Screenings will take approximately 30 minutes for infants 0-6 months, one hour for those 6 months through 2 years; and 90 minutes for children 3 to 5 years old.

For more information, contact Judy Sager at the school number, 785-734-2351.

Society to present a two-act comedy show

The Cliff Dwellers Acting and Singing Society will present the multigenerational two-act comedy, *Over the River and Through the Woods* on March 12, 13 and 14 at Kitzmiller auditorium in Wray. As the title implies, the play is all about grandmother's house, with a couple of grandpa's and a grandson thrown in too. Similar to the television sitcom, *Everybody Loves Raymond* and the movie, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, the humor and charm of this play centers on unwavering but funny family members.

Over the River and Through the Woods is the story of a family. It starts with Nick, single Italian-American guy from New Jersey who has dinner every Sunday for 29 years with his beloved but annoying grandparents. What happens when Nick is offered a dream

job that will force him to move away? The humor begins as the grandparents scheme to keep their grandson close to home.

Grounded with real and genuine humor and easily identifiable characters, this play appeals to people of all ages.

As an extra-added attraction, a delicious Italian dinner will be served before the Sunday matinee. Advance reservations for the Sunday meal are preferred. Dinner tickets are available. Call 970-332-4710 for details on dinner tickets. Tickets for performances are available at the door or in advance from Leigh Floral and Gift (970) 332-5454 or Wray Print shop (970) 332-4220.

Check ad in this issue for additional information concerning the production and tickets.

Sign-up deadline is now

It is now time to sign up for Non-Insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program for most spring-planted crops. It is too late for the small grains, grass or alfalfa. But any other crops such as clover, dry beans, millet, mixed forage, popcorn, sorghum forage, turnips, etc. that are not insurable at a private agency must be applied for no later

than March 15, to be eligible for loss benefits.

Stop by the Farm Service Agency on West Highway 36 to have protection from major losses on your non-insurable crops.

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This is a full-time position with excellent benefits, including BC-BS medical insurance. Contact the office at 1101 West Highway 36 for a job application form and return it with a resume and credentials of certification by March 16, 2004 to the attention of:

Member Service Department
PO Box 360
Norton, KS 67654
(785) 877-3323



TIMOTHY TRUMBO works on a vehicle at Yost Ford-Mercury. Mr. Trumbo recently received the Quality Care Master Certificate.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Mechanic honored by Ford Company

By Casey McCormick

A local mechanic has been honored by the Ford Motor Company.

Timothy Trumbo, mechanic at Yost Ford-Mercury, was given the Quality Care Master certificate as senior master technician.

"He's the top of the line," said Bob Yost, owner and operator. "None better in the country."

Mr. Yost plans to display the award in his show room with the many other certificates Mr. Trumbo has received in over 13 years of service at Yost Ford.

Mr. Trumbo traveled to Denver for special training for the Quality Care Master certification. The award states that he is certified to do maintenance on engines, drive trains and chaises.

Last year Ford recognized Mr. Trumbo as well by sending him and his wife, Tema, on an all-expense paid cruise to the Bahamas and Florida Keys, with a stop at a resort island included.

Mr. Trumbo has lived in many parts of the western United States but has placed roots here in St. Francis. He and his wife have



Trumbo

three children: Elizabeth, Theresa and Teddy.

"We're mighty proud to have him here," Mr. Yost said.

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