

Bulletin Board

Christmas program

The United Methodist Church Children's Christmas program will be presenting the Story of Christmas at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Following the program, there will be a time of sharing, fellowship and Christmas tea in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

Worldwide Candle Lighting

The Cheyenne County Chapter of Compassionate Friends will celebrate the eighth annual Worldwide Candle Lighting at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. This is part of a 24-hour remembrance of all children who have died. Bring a picture and a candle.

No Alzheimer's Support meeting

There will be no Alzheimer's Support Group in December. The next meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 10.

Open house planned

Cookies, coffee and punch will be served at St. Francis Tire and Service on Dec. 15, 16 and 17. Check ad in this issue for details.

Northwest Kansas Area 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. 14, at the Holiday Inn, Cody Room B, in Hays.

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

Cheyenne County Historical Society

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will meet at the Cheyenne County Museum, located on US 36, St. Francis, on Tuesday, Dec. 14. The board will meet at 4 p.m., the general meeting will be at 5 p.m.

Little Kids Wrestling

The first practice for Little Kids Wrestling will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Grades kindergarten through third will meet from 6:15 to 7 p.m., while wrestlers in the fourth through sixth grades will practice from 7 to 8 p.m.

There will be a club meeting held at 7 p.m. For more information contact Clay Keller at 332-3108 or Shawna Blanka at 332-2875.

Occasion

85th birthday celebrated

Friends and neighbors gathered at the Bernard Roelfs' home Friday, Dec. 3, to help him celebrate his 85th birthday a day late, with homemade ice cream and cake.

Those present for the occasion besides the honored guest were Ethyle Roelfs, Pastor John Bartlett, ErvaGene DeAragon, Elmer and Dorothy Kellner, John and Natalie Knodel, Fred and Marsha Magley, Sparky and Eilene Nolan and Dave Roberson.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Nov. 30	40	0	
Dec. 1	37	7	
Dec. 2	37	14	
Dec. 3	44	10	
Dec. 4	49	12	T
Dec. 5	37	15	
Dec. 6	50	20	



Doric Chapter Christmas Party

Doric Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Christmas Party will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 at the lodge hall. Bring finger foods and white elephants for game prizes.

MAC Attack

The 14th annual MAC Attack youth basketball tournament will be held in McCook the weekend of Jan. 22 and 23. The tournament is for grades fourth through eighth. You may pick up entry forms at McCook Sports Shoppe or online at www.geocities.com/macattackbb. For more information contact Greg Larson (308) 345-5185.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. central time at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Thursday, Dec. 16. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Public Meeting

The Cheyenne County Airport Authority welcomes members of the public to a meeting about Airport Improvements on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Check ad for time and place.

Christmas Open Houses

Christmas Open Houses will be held at Businesses in Bird City on Wednesday, Dec. 15

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13.

Board of Education

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13.

AARP

Dec. 13 is the day of the AARP potluck to be held at the Manor at 11:45. Meat, potatoes, gravy, stuffing and drinks will be provided. Don Love will lead the sing-along.

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Alcoholic Anonymous/Al-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 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.

Help the PTA

The St. Francis Elementary School PTA members are again collecting Box Tops for Education and this year they are also collecting St. Francis Super's grocery receipts. Please bring or send them to the elementary school.



CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER and like every other business, the St. Francis Post Office is feeling the holiday rush with heavy mail and parcels. Monday brought PTF Clerk, Vickie Windell, handling twice the amount of packages.

Herald staff photo by Sandy Barnhart

Second youth novel is published

Ward Cassidy, St. Francis, has had his second youth novel *A Deer Hunt With Dad* published. This novel is about deer hunting and Christmas vacation — just in time for the holidays.

School Menu

Monday 12/13

Breakfast: apple cinnamon pretzel, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, diner rolls, orange, milk

Tuesday 12/14

Breakfast: pancakes with maple syrup, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: chicken stir-fry, Oriental vegetables, seasoned rice, sliced pineapple, fortune cookie, milk

Wednesday 12/15

Breakfast: breakfast taco, salsa, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: barbecued beef on a bun, French fries, corn, Rice Krispie treat, pears, milk

Thursday 12/16

Breakfast: fruit turnovers, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: Italian dunkers, cheesy breadsticks, tossed salad, peaches, ice cram bar, milk

Friday 12/17

Breakfast: cheesy scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: chicken patty on a bun, macaroni salad, peas, cookie, strawberries and bananas, milk

•Salad bar is offered at noon daily in the junior/senior high school

"All of the people who have read my first two novels tell me they like the second one more than the first," Mr. Cassidy said. "They think there is more adventure in this one."

The first novel, *A Quail Hunt With Dad*, has been very successful and he has been contacted by other companies with different offers. *A Quail Hunt With Dad*, introduced a group of characters that will be found throughout the nine novel series Mr. Cassidy is writing. He uses family names and friends for many of the characters and said it just seems easier to write when he put names he knows into the story.

In the St. Francis school's reading program, there is always a group of young men who have a tough time finding books they want to read. Since writing stories has been his hobby, he decided to write a series of stories that he felt would be geared to young men who really didn't like to read.

"Many of these youngsters love the outdoors and sports, and they would read if they could find a book featuring those activities," Mr. Cassidy said.

"I also wanted to incorporate family life and outdoor safety in the stories."

In *A Deer Hunt With Dad*, Michael and his family travel to the Oklahoma ranch where his friend, Charlie Little Bear, guides him to his first deer. There is excitement and adventure. Michael also renews his friendship with Jenny and even

settles the score (from *A Quail Hunt With Dad*) with Luke.

"The third novel in the series is almost complete and depending on what else happens, my marketer feels that he is making enough to get it printed," Mr. Cassidy said. "The first of April is the date we are shooting for."

Mr. Cassidy said his current marketing manager is still not as professional as a major publisher, but he is managing to get a lot of copies to major publications and to bookstores.

The first story on quail hunting sparked enough interest that he has one publisher who has presented an offer to pick up the rest of the series.

"Unfortunately, they publish 15 novels a year and will not start mine until 2009," he said.

Another company has proposed making the first four stories into one book and selling it for \$20.

"That really is not what I had in mind," he said. "I want to have short novels at a cheap price which young men interested in the outdoors would want to read."

He said the whole process of dealing with the publishing industry has been an educational experience and, unfortunately, it all deals with making a profit.

"I keep hoping someone will pick up the series sooner and keep the price where it is affordable," he said. "I really just want to write material that youngsters want to



read — stories with family values, handling some of the adversity that young people face and to enjoy adventure of the outdoors."

Copies of *A Deer Hunt With Dad* and *A Deer Hunt With Dad* can be purchased at Krien Pharmacy in St. Francis. Mr. Cassidy noted that earlier books had several errors that were corrected as bookstores will not carry books with obvious errors.

"I was surprised at how many people want me to sign their copy and I really appreciate their support," he said.

He is hoping to set up a signing time at the pharmacy over the Christmas holidays. He said he will also be happy to sign whenever someone requests.



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