

Safety course is offered

According to the law, people who are 27 years old or younger and want to hunt must carry a certification card along with their hunting license. Certification cards can be obtained only after the individual has completed a hunter education course and all hunters who were born on or after July 1, 1957, must complete the course.

There is only one course offered each year in St. Francis. That course, held through the Kansas Wildlife and Parks, and again sponsored by Gardner Graphics will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 9, 11 and 12 and at 9 a.m. on Aug. 13. The Saturday class will last much of the day. There is no charge for the class.

The classes are held at the Cheyenne County Wildlife, Inc. club house.

This year the class is being limited to 30 and those interested will need to pre-register by calling Chet Gardner at (785) 332-2373.

Those attending must be 11 years old or turn 11 by the last day of class. Younger ones will not be accepted. Others who have previously taken the class might want to renew their hunting knowledge and skills by taking the class. Instructors for the class are Chet Gardner, Tim Stimbert, Dick Rohweder and Bob Burr.

Lost certification

Have you lost your hunter education certificate?

Replacement certificates may be obtained by writing to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, R.R. 2, Box 54A, Pratt, KS 67124. Enclose your full name, date of birth and \$5.50.



CHEYENNE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION has purchased the office building from John and Elaine Kite in hopes of making services more readily available. Elaine Kite, back, enjoys showing Janet Jensen, board member, the building. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Corporation moves office to convenience of Main Street

Thanks to a generous offer from John and Elaine Kite, the Cheyenne County Development Corporation (CCDC) office is moving to 107 W. Washington in July. The motivation of the Development Board of Directors to purchase a Main Street location is to make services more readily available and visible to Cheyenne County residents. The board is excited to offer this opportunity.

The office (Kite Realty building) will continue being open mornings, and other times by chance or arrangement. Carol Redding continues as coordinator in the office; the phone numbers are the same — (785) 332-3508; (888) 735-2444.

Historical building

The building was originally built in Wano, probably between 1885-1887; it was moved to St. Francis in 1887. It may have been moved more than once before being settled in its present location, but it is one of the few surviving wood-frame structures on Main Street (Washington Street).

In 1995, The Kites hired Roger Jensen to restore the building to its historically correct Victorian architecture and design. Mr. and Mrs. Kite are community minded

and are pleased that the building is being used for economic development, with none of the extensive costs for the restoration being considered in the sale of the building. They set the price based on the tax value of \$15,580, then gifted \$5,080, making the sale price only \$10,500.

Mrs. Kite stated, "John and I always try to serve our community well. This is especially important in a small town where everything you do affects the lives of others and is a part of your daily living."

The Cheyenne County Development Corporation plans to continue the Kite's legacy of service to the community of Cheyenne County.

Everyone is invited to stop in and visit with Ms. Redding sometime at the new location.

Facts

- More than 20,000 men were killed, wounded, or missing in action in the battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862. This was the bloodiest one-day fight during the Civil War.
- Nevada was the first state to sanction the use of the gas chamber, and the first execution by lethal gas took place in February, 1924.
- New Orleans' first Mardi Gras celebration was held in February, 1826.

County Health Talk

By Susan Roelfs

County Health Nurse

DEAD BIRD REPORTING

Cheyenne County Health Department will closely monitor potential cases of West Nile Virus throughout the summer and report confirmed meningitis and encephalitis cases in humans as well as cases in birds and mosquitoes. Horse, birds and mosquitoes/mosquito pools will be tested across Kansas, as required, for confirmation of the virus.

If you discover a dead bird that fits the criteria for testing listed below, contact the West Nile Virus information line (1-877-228-2287) to receive important information. You will be asked to leave a name and contact number. You will receive a call back about where to take the bird.

If you find a dead bird that does not fit the criteria for testing or you choose not to submit it for testing, simple dispose of it in the garbage. Use gloves when handling the bird.

Criteria for birds accepted for testing is as follows:

- Crow, blue jay, magpie, or bird of prey (hawks, owls, eagles).
- Bird should not have been dead longer than 24 hours.
- Bird should be intact and placed in double plastic bag in freezer until submitted.

Callers will be given directions to their local Kansas State University Extension agent for drop-off of the specimen. K-State Extension agents will then slip the specimens to a designated testing lab. Individual test results will not be revealed.

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Pizza Hut Accepting Credit Cards

Tax credit program passes for hospital

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Hospital is one of 26 nonprofit organizations in the state to participate in the State Income Tax Credit program.

The hospital will be using the \$180,000 raised to renovate the ambulance entrance at the rear of the hospital. The new entrance will improve safety and clinical performance.

The new ambulance entrance project had been planned for when the new addition to the hospital was built but the architect's estimate was higher than expected so the project was tabled.

The Kansas Department of Commerce awarded \$4.13 million in Community Service Tax Credits. The future Kansas income tax credits are used as a major fundraising tool for community organizations engaged in services for children and families, health care or crime prevention. Businesses and individuals that engage contribute to the awarded organization are able to receive a 70-percent tax credit in rural areas, or a 50 percent tax credit in urban areas.

Two years ago, the hospital applied for and received permission to raise \$300,000 in tax credits to replace the heating and cooling system in the hospital.

Shawna Blanka, administrative assistant, reported taxpayers have already committed \$105,300 and only \$74,700 remains to be raised. The hospital has 18 months to achieve this goal.

Often people wonder just how much of the tax money sent to Topeka ever gets back to Cheyenne County. With a Kansas income tax credit, it lets people steer their tax dollars back to the county.

"This (tax credit dollars) is a way for people who want to donate to the hospital to maximize their contribution while minimizing their cost," Les Lacy, hospital administrator, said.

To qualify for and take advantage of this tax credit, taxpayers but file taxes in Kansas. When they make a qualified donation to the hospital's Emergency Entrance and Mechanical Project, they will get 70 percent of that donation back as a Kansas income tax credit.

"This means that 70 percent of your donation is used to pay the Kansas income tax you owe. It's money you would have had to send to Topeka," the administrator said.

Individuals who file Kansas income tax and do not do itemization will find that the final cost of their contribution is 30 cents on the dollar contributed. Individuals who are able to itemize deductions will generally have a lower cost related to this program.

Using state tax credits

When the taxpayer files their federal income tax, their entire donation is deductible. Since everyone's tax circumstances are different, Administrator Lacy advises people to talk to their tax preparer about the impact of this deduction on the remainder of the cost.

Many of the people giving already know the process but there are other people who have not been involved in the tax credit program. The minimum contribution that can be made is \$250.

While larger donations are welcome, Administrator Lacy uses the example of a \$1,000 donation:

Donation - \$1,000.
A 70 percent tax credit - \$700 (These are taxes made even without making a donation.)

Cost - \$300 (This \$300 had an impact of \$1,000 on the hospital because the taxpayer steered his/her taxes back home.)

Federal income tax benefit - For a taxpayer that does not itemize deductions on their Federal Income tax return, there is no additional benefit on the federal income tax return. However, if the taxpayer is able to itemize their deductions, then their tax savings would relate to their specific circumstances.

Some people have a greater advantage, (even making money, others may have little or no advantage. Again, visit with the tax preparer.)

"The bottom line is your maximum cost at 30 percent of your total donation. Your actual cost could be much less than this if you itemize your deductions for federal income tax," Administrator Lacy said.

For more information or to participate in the state income tax credit program, contact Mrs. Blanka or Administrator Lacy at 785-332-2104.

State Laws

Here are a few state laws that were put on the books from years gone by....most of which have never been rescinded. So be careful out there!

- In Atlanta Georgia, it is forbidden to dress a mannequin without first pulling down the window blinds. It is also illegal to tie a giraffe to a telephone pole or street lamp.
- In Washington state, all lollipops are banned.
- An unmarried woman may not parachute on Sunday in Florida.
- In Kansas, it is against the law to catch fish with your bare hands.
- In Milwaukee, residents must keep pet elephants on a leash while walking them on public streets.
- And finally, don't forget that you can be fined up to \$500 in Chico California for detonating a nuclear device within the city limits!

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Thurs., Aug. 11 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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