



GETTING READY FOR SANTA — Dara Carmichael and Janet Jensen are busy decorating Santa's Hut. Santa's first appearance will be Friday night, Nov. 25 and also again on Dec. 15. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Christmas season opens in St. Francis on Nov. 25

By Karen Krien

The opening of the Christmas season is just a little over a week away on Nov. 25.

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a holiday season full of the old fashioned Christmas spirit. The big Christmas opening on the day after Thanksgiving, features the "Light Parade," which will start at 6 p.m. coming down Main Street from the high school. Businesses, organizations, families and individuals are already planning but many won't be assembling the float before Thanksgiving Day.

Since it is a "Light Parade," the object is to have lots of lights.... some floats have themes, some have music and some just have lights. The Main Street lights will be turned off so the floats will be the main attraction.

People's Choice Award

New this year will be the People's Choice Award. Anyone watching the parade should stop by Owens True Value, Schultz's, KM Clothier or Stevens' Kansas Territorial and pick up a ballot. Following the

parade, take the ballot with the choice of the first place float number listed on the ballot. The winner of the Light Parade will be announced at the Alumni Games held at the high school on Nov. 27.

The winner will be awarded a "traveling plaque" which will have their name engraved on a plate and displayed. Next year, the plaque will return to the Chamber and will be awarded to the 2005 winner.

Treasure Hunt

The Chamber Christmas Committee has brought back the annual Treasure Hunt and numbers will be distributed in the Nov. 25 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald*. Numbers will be posted on the windows and doors of the participating businesses.

Don't throw the Treasure Hunt numbers away because, if the number has not been claimed, it could be the winning number on Dec. 16 when new numbers and the unclaimed numbers from Nov. 26 Treasure Hunt.

Santa

On Nov. 28, Santa will be at his hut located in the building west of

Don Love's office on Main Street. There will be room for parents to take pictures.

Soup supper

The senior citizens will be hosting a soup supper at the senior center at Washington and River streets.

More holiday activities

Other Chamber activities throughout the season will include:

- The highlight of the season will be the drawings of the Chamber and Christmas On Us scrip money. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. Between the drawings, winners of the different will be announced.

Following the drawings, people will be able to enjoy a cup of hot chili (free-will offerings will be welcomed).

Stores will be open later to allow people to fill their Christmas lists. Remember to shop at home. These businesses have stocked their shelves for the holiday season and are depending on everyone to do as much shopping at home as they possibly can.

Look for more information about the Chamber Christmas activities in future issues of *The Saint Francis Herald*.

Country Christmas Songfest

Country Christmas Songfest will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at Salem Lutheran Church. Check a/story for additional information.

Community

Thanksgiving Service

The Saint Francis Ministerial Association will be holding a Community Thanksgiving Service at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20, at the First Christian Church. The service will be a time where the community can gather together to sing hymns as well as hear brief Thanksgiving thoughts by the different pastors in the community.

Haigler free-will supper/benefit auction

There will be a free-will supper/benefit auction beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Haigler Legion Hall to raise money for equipment to extract victims from vehicle accidents. Check ad and story for additional information.

Early deadline

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and Christmas opening, *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* will have an early deadline for the Nov. 24 issue. All ads, news and pictures for this issue are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18.

Check out both papers this year for the Chamber's Treasure Hunt numbers which will be inserted. There will also be businesses advertising their Christmas bargains and specials.

Library

Thanksgiving closures

The St. Francis Public Library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, Friday, Nov. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Windsong Chorus of Sweet Adelines

The Windsong Chorus of Sweet Adelines International present The Best of Windsong on Nov. 20. There will be a guest appearance by the high school choir. Check story for additional information.

Medieval Merriment

A Madrigal is being planned with festivities beginning at 7 p.m. on

Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Nov. 8	78	35	
Nov. 9	52	34	
Nov. 10	69	34	
Nov. 11	81	34	T
Nov. 12	66	26	.02
Nov. 13	49	27	
Nov. 14	59	26	.40

Nov. 22 in the high school cafeteria. The music will be performed by the high school Advanced Music, vocal and band students. Additional information in story.

Association to Benefit Cheyenne County

The Association to Benefit Cheyenne County meets every third Thursday of the month at the Diamond R.

Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The next meeting of the Cheyenne County Hospital Board will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22, in the basement meeting room at the clinic in St. Francis.

"Magic, Myths, and Minerals"

Presented by the Smithsonian Institution traveling Exhibition Service, "Magic, Myths, and Minerals: Chinese Jades from the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery" will premiere on Nov. 18 at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan. The exhibition includes 37 small jade sculptures dating from ancient times through the Qing Dynasty.

The exhibit will run through Jan. 29. The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 to noon and 1 to 4 and on Saturday from 9 to noon and 1 to 5. Sundays and holidays are from 1-5 with the museum closes on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

Foster care meetings

Resource parents are quality adults who provide temporary care for children through foster care. The Saint Francis Academy welcomes you to learn more at free area information meetings. Area meeting will be held at 7

p.m. on Tuesdays November 14, November 22 and November 29 in Colby at the Saint Francis Colby Office at 180 W. 5th Street. If you can't attend but would like to learn more, please call toll free 1-966-999-1599 or visit www.st-francis.org

St. Francis Library Art Gallery

Handmade Christmas stockings by Betty Confer are on display in the Art Gallery at the St. Francis Public Library. The 11 items will be on featured through the month of November.

Alcoholic Anonymous /Al-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-3590.

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.

Correction

In the article on Page 3B of this issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*, it stated that Dennis Merklin had given the BB rifles to the new 4-H Shooting Program but he has since said that it was the former Jaycee organization members who have the guns. "I only knew where they were stored," Mr. Merklin said.

County Health Talk

Diabetes Awareness Facts

By Susan Roelfs

On 2005, an estimated 20.8 million people in the United States, approximately 7 percent of the population, have diabetes; however, only 14.6 million of these persons have had the disease diagnosed.

Did you know persons with diabetes have a risk for premature death approximately twice that of people of similar ages without diabetes?

In 2002, diabetes was the sixth

leading cause of death in the United States, with associated direct and indirect costs totaling an estimated \$132 billion.

Health programs support education regarding diabetes to improve and monitor care and promote early detection of diabetes and complications of the disease. The normal blood glucose range is 80-120.

For more information contact your physician and/or the Cheyenne County Health Department.

School Menu

Monday 21

Breakfast: breakfast hot pocket, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: chili and cheese nachos, garlic toast, tossed salad, pink applesauce, milk

Tuesday 22

Breakfast: French toast sticks, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, whole wheat rolls, corn,

cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, milk

Wednesday 23

Breakfast: hot cereal, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: hoagie sandwiches, chips, carrots and celery, M&M cookie, oranges, milk

Thursday/Friday

No school, Thanksgiving Vacation
• Salad bar is offered at noon daily in the junior/senior high school

Wedding Registry

Ashley Feikert and Justin Wright

Wedding • Nov. 26
They have selected
Oneida Interlude,
Noritake Renwick Platinum China,
Noritake Palias Platinum Crystal

Stuart's Jewelry
Free Wrap & Delivery
Gift Certificates Available
785-332-2333
111 E. Washington • St. Francis

James E. Reeves, DPM
Podiatrist/Foot Specialist
Reconstructive Surgery
Foot & Ankle Injuries
For appointments call:
Rawlins County Health Center
785-626-3211
Wed., Nov. 30
Cheyenne County Hospital - P.M.
210 W. 1st • 332-2104
Thurs., Dec. 1
Atwood (a.m.) • 626-3211
Colby (p.m.)
CSMC, 175 S. Range
462-332
CMC, 100 E. College Dr.
462-7511
Fri., Dec. 2
Atwood - All Day

BOB'S POPCORN

STOP IN ON WEDNESDAY'S FOR THE BEST POPCORN IN TOWN!

Worth a Second Look ...
and don't forget to pickup a bag of Bob's Popcorn.

Special of the Week
1995 Dodge Ram 2500 Club Cab 4x4 68K \$9,475.00

YOST Ford Mercury Bob ~ Jeff
800-524-9678~E. Hwy. 36~St. Francis www.yosford.com

'01 F150 XLT V8 At - \$8,775
'98 Ranger SCab 4x4 XLT - \$9,400
'02 Ranger Reg. Cab - \$8,400
'02 Windstar LX - \$5,900
'05 Taurus SE - \$13,900
'95 F150 V8 At XLT - \$7,250
'97 F350 4x4 7.3 5M - \$4,995
'01 F250 SC 4x4 7.3 6M - Clean

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hours 10 min.

November 18, 19 & 20

The Legend of Zorro
Action/Adventure, Comedy/Romance
Rated: PG for sequences of violence/peril and action, language and a couple of suggestive moments.

Starring: Antonio Banderas, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Rufus Sewell, Nick Chinlund, Julio Oscar Mechoso

Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747
Children 11 & under: \$2 12-18 yr.: \$3 Senior Citizens: \$3 Adults: \$4

65th Wedding Anniversary

A card shower is being held for **Wade and Eleanor Hardwick** in observance of their 65th anniversary on Nov. 26, 2005.

Cards will reach them at this address:
203 S. Scott, P.O. Box 56
St. Francis, KS 67756-0056

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS
785-332-2104

FALL/HOLIDAY WREATHS & SWAGS

will be available at the Silent Auction during the week of **Nov. 14-18**. Bidding will end at **Noon on Nov. 18th**. These are displayed at the Cheyenne County Hospital, Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis and the Hometown Market in Bird City. There will be pictures of all wreaths available at all locations.

Proceeds will go to decorate the Bird City Clinic.

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See American Profile magazine in this week's issue of **The Saint Francis Herald**
(available in local area only)

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The Saint Francis Herald
Area - \$30 KS - \$34
Out-of-State - \$37

Bird City Times
KS - \$27
Out-of-State - \$30