

Bulletin Board

Advocate deadline

The deadline for the Country Advocate for the week of March 20 will be noon on Thursday, March 16. Additional details in ad.

St. Francis Chamber of Commerce meeting

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon today (Thursday) at the Dairy King dining room. All members should be present including those on the following committees: the Easter Egg Hunt, Ladies Salad Luncheon, Car Show or Stearman Fly-In, please be present.

Cheyenne County Historical Society

The Historical Society will hold their regular monthly meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Museum. You are encouraged to bring a friend and come for the fellowship. Those attending will be touring the Museum and seeing the remodeling that was done with the money donated by Ray and Vergie Rogers.

Pre-kindergarten enrollment

Pre-kindergarten enrollment is from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22. Please bring with you to pre-enroll the following information - State Birth Certificate (not hospital - must be state), Social Security Card, and Immunization Record.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Teri Richard at the grade school office (332-8143).

Health Lab Test Fair

Cheyenne County Health Department is sponsoring a Health Lab Test Fair on Monday, March 20. Check hospital ad for additional information.

First National Bank hours

First National Bank will close at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15. Check ad for details.

Personal Property Assessment

The last day for Personal Property Assessment is March 15. Check ad for additional information.

Nine County Memory Walk

The Alzheimer's Associations Nine-County Memory Walk to raise funds is being planned for Saturday, April 1. Registration begins at 1 p.m., the opening ceremony will be at 1:25 p.m. and the walk begins at 1:30. Residents of nine northwest Kansas counties, including Cheyenne County, will join the fight against Alzheimer's disease at the event which also raises public awareness and funds for local services for people with the disease, their families, and caregivers.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Public Library.

Association to Benefit Cheyenne County

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

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, in the commissioners' room at the courthouse. The commissioners will be reviewing the five-year plan for the road and bridge department.

Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, in the basement meeting room at the clinic in St. Francis.

Corrections

In the Equity merger article, it was written that Dale Rath had said the three new grain tubes at the Equity would be paid off in three years. That statement was incorrect. The telephone number for Cheyenne Lumber in St. Francis was incorrectly printed in *The Herald* and *Times*. The correct number is 785-332-2676.

Weather

Date	High	L
Feb. 28	78	32
March 1	65	23
March 2	58	25
March 3	61	31
March 4	76	30
March 5	64	25
March 6	68	27

Annual preschool and pre-kindergarten screening

Cheylin School District, in conjunction with Early Childhood Services Staff, will be sponsoring Hearing, Vision, Language and Developmental Screening for all children from birth to school age on Wednesday, March 15. Though children entering kindergarten next fall must participate, parents are encouraged to bring all children not already in school.

St. Francis offers screenings in the fall but if you were unable to attend the fall screening or are new to the county you are welcome to bring your child to the Bird City site which will be the Methodist Church.

The screenings are free of charge but appointments are needed and can be made by calling Cheylin elementary School at 734-2351.

Head Start

Your local Head Start is now taking applications for the 2006-07 school year. children born between Aug. 1, 2001 and July 31, 2003, may be eligible. For more information, contact your local Head Start Center at 9785)332-3110 or stop by the Cheyenne County Head Start classroom.

Relay for Life

American Cancer Relay for Life organizers will be holding a team captain meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the St. Francis Equity meeting room.

Anyone wanting to organize a team should plan to come to the meeting or call Deb Lindsten at 785-332-2022."

The Cheyenne County Relay for Life will be held on Aug. 19 and 20 at Sawhill Park in St. Francis.

Library display

The crafts by Tammy Grice and Mary Lou Douthit will be on display at the St. Francis Public Library throughout the month of March.

Pop can tabs collection

Dale Northrup, Valerie Wurm and Lakyn Pettijohn of Lawn Ridge 4-H Club are placing jars at various businesses to collect pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. They would appreciate residents contributing to this cause. Check article in this issue of the Herald for additional information.

Mothers of Young Children Play and Support Group

The March presentation at the Mothers of Young Children Play and Support Group is "Children and Their Teeth" by Amber Faulkender. The meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Tuesday at the Peace Lutheran Church.

Babysitting and refreshments provided.

AARP

AARP will meet at 2 p.m. on today (Thursday) at the St. Francis Senior Center.

Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, at 9:30 a.m. central time on Thursday, March 16, will be at the county clerk's office in St. Francis to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. 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.

James E. Reeves, DPM

Podiatrist/Foot Specialist
Reconstructive Surgery
Foot & Ankle Injuries
For appointments call:
Rawlins County Health Center
785-626-3211

Wed., April 12
Cheyenne County Hospital - P.M.
210 W. 1st • 332-2104

Thurs., April 13
Atwood (a.m.) • 626-3211
Colby (p.m.)
CSMC, 175 S. Range
462-332
CMC, 100 E. College Dr.
462-7511

Fri., April 14
Atwood - All Day



SEN. RALPH OSTMEYER, right, along with Rep. John Faber met with 10 people on Saturday to discuss Legislative issues.

Those also pictured at the meeting were Robert Van Allen, left, and Rod Young.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Legislators talk about school finance

By Karen Krien

State school finance was the most talked about subject when legislators met in St. Francis early Saturday morning. There were 10 people attending.

Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, Rep. John Faber and Attorney General Phil Kline all talked about education and how small schools were going to survive on less money. Rep. Faber said that the House was proposing an increase of \$660 million over the next three years and Sen. Ostmeyer said the Senate was reviewing it. Much of the money will be funneled into "High At-Risk" programs. Base State Aid Per Pupil, Special Education funding and At-Risk Weighting will also increase.

Over three years, the measure would provide \$480 million in new state money to districts and would require districts to match that with \$180 million of local money.

Sen. Ostmeyer said that he doesn't think the plan will satisfy the courts.

"It is putting a ton of money in urban at-risk and the formula won't help us much," he said.

The legislators stressed that the proposed \$660 million increase would not be raised by increasing taxes. After all, this is an election year. However, in the larger counties such as Johnson County, they are collecting the limit in local op-

tion budget funds. Small northwest counties such as Cheyenne County are very conservative, realizing the financial situation of residents after a number of years drought.

Rod Young, Cheylin School Board member, asked if boards and administrators could get dollar amounts that schools will be getting a little earlier as it makes budgeting difficult. Rep. Faber said no, would never happen. Sen. Ostmeyer said he didn't see anything happening with finance results before the end of April.

They talked about financing school education with gambling.

David Zumbahlen, Cheylin Superintendent/Principal, said he thought gambling was the worst thing that has happened in the state. He would rather see a sales tax increase.

Sen. Ostmeyer said that gambling is a false hope and didn't think it was a good way to finance schools.

Rob Schiltz, assistant superintendent at the St. Francis Schools, asked how the lottery money was spent? Rep. Faber said only 10 percent is spent on schools and then it has to get over \$50 million. About half of that amount goes into social services.

Other subjects discussed were eminent domain, consolidation, concealed weapons, wind energy

Attorney General Kline talked

appointed and are there for life. The governor now appoints these judges. He thinks that a change needs to be made in the method of selection.

The men were on their way to Atwood following their meeting in St. Francis.

School Menu

Monday 20

Breakfast: pancake and sausage on a stick, maple syrup, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: chicken club sandwich, bacon, lettuce, tomato, potato sticks, apple crisp with whipped topping, milk

Tuesday 21

Breakfast: fruit turnover, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: chili and cheese nachos, garlic toast tossed salad, mandarin orange Jello, milk

Wednesday 22

Breakfast: ham, egg and cheese breakfast bar, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: chicken and noodles,

mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, cantaloupe, milk

Thursday 23

Breakfast: Belgian waffles, strawberries, whipped topping, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: sausage, pepperoni or cheese pizza, corn, banana, snickerdoodle, milk

Friday 24

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

Lunch: macaroni and cheese or ravioli with meat sauce, vegetable blend, bread sticks, pink applesauce, milk

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

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hour 25 min.

March 10, 11 & 12

The Pink Panther

Action/Adventure, Comedy, Thriller and Crime/Gangster

Starring: Kevin Kline, Steve Martin, Jean Reno, Emily Mortimer, Beyoncé Knowles

Rated: PG for occasional crude and suggestive humor and language.

Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 11 & under: \$2 12-18 yr.: \$3 Senior Citizens: \$3 Adults: \$4

Bridal Shower for Sharissa Stevens

Saturday, March 18 ~ 2 p.m.
United Methodist Church
St. Francis

Wedding: April 18

Bring your favorite recipe!



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

CHEYENNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. is Sponsoring a HEALTH LAB TEST FAIR

Monday, March 20th 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• CHEM-27 PANEL with TSH - \$20 (No food or drink after midnight for Chem-27 Panel)

• PSA (Prostate Test) - \$20

Payment is due at the time of the test. No insurance will be billed. Contact 785-332-2381 for more information

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Out-of-State - \$37

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

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