

# Bulletin Board

## Annual Chamber meeting

The annual St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8, at Riverside Recreation. Reservations should be made by Jan. 2 by calling Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, 785-332-2961.

## New Year's party

There will be a New Year's party for all those, young and old, at the St. Francis Senior Center starting at 6:30 p.m. Those wanting to bring the new year in with prayer can come for a short service at 6 p.m.

There will be soup with the trimmings. People are urged to bring a finger food or one of the Christmas goodies to share throughout the evening.

The evening will be spent playing games and visiting. People having a favorite game should bring it. At midnight, the evening will end with the singing of auld lang syne.

## York College choir

York College Concert Choir

Tour, York, Neb., will be coming to St. Francis to entertain at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the St. Francis Community High School.

## Open house

Roxie Neitzel and staff will hold an appreciation open house from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday at Netzel Insurance office, 208 W. Washington. Stop by for refreshments.

## Historical Society

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will hold an installation of officers at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

## Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse in St. Francis.

## Board of Education

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11.

## Cheyenne County Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet Tuesday, Jan. 2

at the Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College in St. Francis at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to join in praying, learning, and fellowship as we work together to provide "Life for All".

## Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 4, at the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

## City Council

The St. Francis City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the St. Francis Public Library.

## Basketball/junior high

The St. Francis Recreation Commission will be sponsoring a junior high school basketball program. Ron Zwegardt and Larry Finley will organize the program and hold practices every Monday night starting Jan. 8, the program will be held in the high school gym from 6:15 to 7 p.m. for all seventh and eighth grade boys.

## Skateboard park meeting

There will be a skateboard park planning meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, at Zero's in St. Francis. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Late publication

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will publish one day later during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The newspapers will go to the post offices on Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 instead of Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. The staff of The Herald and Times wish everyone a happy holiday.

## St. Francis Library Art Gallery

The St. Francis Public Library is featuring "Wishes for Christmas" by the Grade School Art Class at the Library Art Gallery during the month of December.

## Veterans' Affairs Representative

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. at the County Clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. The representative will be in St. Francis the first (Jan. 4) and third (Jan. 18) Thursdays of every month. 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.

## Bicycles still being collected

The Lions Club is still collecting bicycles to take to the Norton Correctional facility to be repaired. The bicycles made be taken to the Saint Francis Herald office for later pickup. Please bring to front door of Herald.

## Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

## Sainty Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous

Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-6542 for more information.

## 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.

# Executive officer inducted as chair of the Kansas board

By Karen Krien

Roger John, president and chief executive officer of Great Plains Health Alliance, was recently inducted as the 2007 chair of the Kansas Hospital Association Board of Directors.



John

Great Plains Health Alliance leases the Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis. The Alliance

also leases and/or manages 22 other hospitals in Kansas and two in Nebraska.

As the board chair, Mr. John will guide the Kansas Hospital Association's 19-member governing board that oversees the organization's strategic activities. Mr. John is the fourth Great Plains Health Alliance member to serve as president of the state association with Curtis Erickson serving in 1966, Jackie John (Mr. John's wife) in 1994 and Rita Burman in 2000.

Before becoming the leader of Great Plains Health Alliance, Mr.

John was the area director and director of education, quality assurance and management of the Alliance from 1984 to 1990. He has also been the assistant vice president, operation officer and loan officer at the Security State Bank, Scott City; area director of Great Plains Lutheran Hospitals, Phillipsburg; and business manager at Trego County Lemke Hospital, WaKeeney.

Mr. John graduated from Kansas State University, Manhattan, with a bachelor of science degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance in 1970. In 1981, he earned a masters in hospital administration from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

In 1980, he received an honorable discharge from the United States Army Reserve with the rank of Captain.

The Johns have three children. When he has time, he enjoys hunting, sailing, racquetball, handball and reading.

# Couple announces their plans to wed

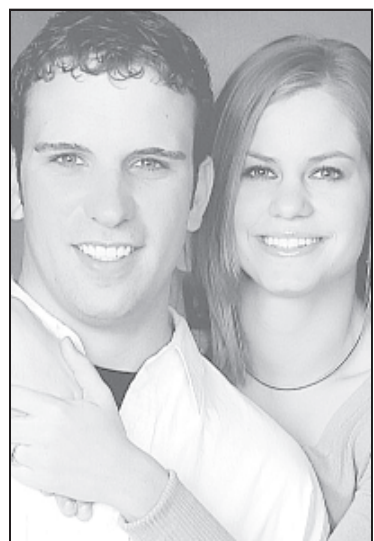
Jill Sowers and Tim Neitzel would like to announce their plans to wed on April 28. The ceremony will be held at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland.

The future bride is the daughter of Rue and Marilyn Sowers of Goodland. She is the granddaughter of Pat Nelson of Colby and the late Robert Nelson and Lon Sowers of Gem and the late Marie Sowers.

The future groom is the son of Karen Neitzel of St. Francis and the late William (Bill) Neitzel. He is the grandson of Glen Neitzel of St. Francis and the late Alice Neitzel, and the late Grace and Frank Krause.

Jill is a 2001 graduate of Goodland High School and currently a student at the University of Kansas. She is planning to graduate in May with a doctorate of pharmacy.

Tim is a 2001 graduate of St.



Neitzel — Sowers

Francis Community High School. He graduated in 2005 from Kansas State University with a bachelor of science in agriculture and is currently employed as a manager for Hormel Foods in Fremont, Neb.



## BOB'S POPCORN

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

- '04 F250 Crew Cab 4x4 - \$22,500
- '00 Oldsmobile Silhouette - \$6,400
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- '05 F250 SC 4x4 XLT - \$29,500
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**Wed., Jan. 31**  
Cheyenne County Hospital - P.M.  
210 W. 1st • 332-2104

**Thurs., Feb. 1**  
Atwood (a.m.) • 626-3211  
Colby (p.m.)  
CSMC, 175 S. Range 462-332  
CMC, 100 E. College Dr. 462-7511

**Fri., Feb. 2**  
Atwood - All Day

## Menu

**Monday 1/1**  
No school

**Tuesday 1/2**  
No school

**Wednesday 1/3**  
Breakfast: muffins, juice, cereal  
assortment, milk  
Lunch: barbecued beef on a bun, onion petals, corn nuggets, applesauce, milk

**Thursday 1/4**  
Breakfast: breakfast casserole, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk  
Lunch: chicken stir fry, oriental vegetables, seasoned rice, sliced pineapple, fortune cookie, milk

**Friday 1/5**  
Breakfast: French toast sticks, maple syrup, juice, cereal assortment, milk  
Lunch: Italian dunkers, cheesy breadsticks, tossed salad, peaches, ice cream sandwiches, milk  
• Salad bar is offered at noon daily in the junior/senior high school

**Check your renewal dates**  
— Current Rates —

**The Saint Francis Herald**  
Area - \$33 KS - \$38  
Out-of-State - \$42

**Bird City Times**  
KS - \$30  
Out-of-State - \$34

## American Profile

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**CARL WILLIAMS is busy picking up items at the Hilltop General Store shopping spree. He picked up \$161 in 2 minutes.**  
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Home health care agency is awarded

**Home Health Agency**  
On Dec. 7, the St. Francis Good Samaritan Home Health Care Agency received word that the agency has been included in the 2006 HomeCare Elite.

The 2006 HomeCare Elite is the inaugural compilation of the most successful home care providers in the United States.

This ground-breaking review names the top 25 percent of those agencies whose performance measures in quality, improvement and financial performance are the best. This is the first in a series of HomeCare Elite reports, lists, articles and features that will examine different views of the data, including regional analysis, and the underlying components of agency success.

"We applaud the success of all the providers named to the 2006 HomeCare Elite," said Bill Bassett, senior director of Market Strategy at OCS, an organization that helps

oversee home health programs. "Being noted as one of the top performers in the nation in this very competitive environment shows an agency is dedicated to quality and performance."

"We are excited to be included in this Elite group and believe that we have some of the best, most caring agency staff that you can find anywhere," said Vicki Reuber, agency director.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Dec. 19	36	20	
Dec. 20	31	24	1.14
Dec. 21	26	08	.35
Dec. 22	32	08	T
Dec. 23	34	11	
Dec. 24	39	09	
Dec. 25	35	11	
Dec. 26	45	21	

There was 4 inches of snow on the 20th, 3 inches of snow on the 21st, and a trace on the 22nd.

**SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.** 1 hour, 40 min.

**Dec. 29, 30 & 31 The Nativity Story**

Starring: Keisha Castle-Hughes, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Oscar Isaac, Ciaran Hinds, Shaun Toub

Drama & Politics/Religion  
Rating: PG for some violent content.

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

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

Join Us for Our

## OPEN HOUSE

Friday, December 29 ~ 1-5 p.m.

In appreciation of your business, please join us for refreshments

### NEITZEL INSURANCE SERVICE

208 W. Washington ~ St. Francis ~ 785-332-2111

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

# NOTICE

Due to the number of flu and cold cases within our community we are closing the hospital to ALL non-immediate family members.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

— Cheyenne County Hospital Administration