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THERE ARE MORE AND MORE deer spotted in the county. This herd of deer in a field near Bird City were interested in what the person taking the photo was doing.

Motorists warned to watch for wildlife

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This is the time of the year the Kansas Highway Patrol, and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks are raising awareness towards motorists colliding with a deer. It is the "rut," or mating season and the time they are moving to different locations due to the harvest and leaves falling from the trees and shrubs leaving less protection for them. The time change also leaves a longer period of dusk when they move the most.

With the dry summers and lack of crops to feed on, this time of the year is also when these herds are more apt to venture into farmers

Watching these deer, as they grow during the summer months is entertainment for some of the rural residents; but the deer populations have increased in some areas and the larger herds have become a problem and can do a great deal

cially prevalent to newly planted deer can learn to jump over them. seedlings and established trees. Dick Bursch, said electric fencing Nipping or browsing the trees can worked for him last year, but this cause multiple stemmed trees, and year did not deter them. browsing can reduce the growth rate. Bucks like to rub their antlers cent polyethylene cylinders can on the trees and that can kill the be effectively used on deciduous

After looking into various factors, using the problems of dam- used but needs to be 4-5 feet high age as their primary factors, the to protect trees from the deer. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks have set deer permit created using heavy screening quotas for each deer management and metal fence posts or zip tyunit. They also hold the legal ing them to posts, but can be exframework for harvest. Since the pensive if you have several trees. public holds the attitudes about These cages need to be removed hunting, it is up to the landowners after growth or the tree will beto control hunter access, and the come girdled and die from growkey to regulating local deer herds. ing into the cage. As for controlling the herd's ability to destroy landowner's plants, trees and shrubs there are several trees tend to keep the deer away. different methods available.

most effect method is fencing pellents can be; human hair, bars the tree off. Fencing is expen- of soap, mothballs, commercial of damage. This damage is espe- sive and if not properly done the sprays or hot sauce. For effec-

Tree tubes made out of translutrees, but not shrubs or evergreen seedlings. Plastic meshing can be

Establishing "cages" can be

Repellents used to place unpleasant odors or tastes around the These methods are far less expen-The method advertised as the sive than the cages or tubes. Re-



LAST WEEK those deer were beautiful to watch. Ray Martinez was ready to shoot them if it was hunting season for destroying his tree. Times staff photos by Norma Martinez

tiveness repeated applications are vices they move back to the area. needed. When the deer are hungry enough they will avoid the taste or found hanging plastic bags from they get all tangled or shredded odor of the repellants.

"People think it is crazy but I tree limbs works," said Diane you have to change them, but it Scare devices such as strobe Stasser. The bags must be placed lights, dogs, and loud noises can where the wind will blow them, be used. "Firing gun shots over and when they move back and their heads works for awhile," Mr. forth they cause a rustling sound. any of her trees, plants, or shrubs Bursch said. Once they discover The sound, she said, drives them since she has started doing this. they will not get hurt by these de- away. People are always asking

me, "What's all that stuff hanging in your trees?" she said. "Once

In Kansas it blows enough that she has not had a problem with

Christmas promotion begins

tion has begun and with it is the excitement that builds each week as people accumulate tickets, hoping they have the lucky number to win \$1,000 in scrip.

There are eight St. Francis businesses participating in the Christmas On Us promotion: Bier's Hometown Store, Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts, Uptown Market, Owens True Value, Republican Valley Auto Parts, Schultz's Limited, The Saint Francis Herald and the United Methodist Thrift Store.

The Christmas On Us promoticket. However, it is not necessary to make a purchase in The Herald office as once a week, people can be Monday and the numbers will come in and get a free ticket.

Each week, in the B section of The Herald and Times, numbers The big drawing for \$1,000 and will be listed. The numbers without

a "*" will receive \$50 in scrip. Some numbers will have an ' and these numbers mean the lucky person will receive a gift in one of the businesses. When matching the * numbers, cards will be drawn at The Herald office and the winner and a photographer from The Her-With every \$10 spent in these ald will go to the business where

The first drawing for tickets will appear in the Nov. 24 issue. There will be a drawing for four weeks. \$100 scrip, along with any leftover \$50 and gift prizes will be held on Monday, Dec. 17. The winners of the Christmas Coloring Contest and the Christmas Lighting Contest will be announced and prizes will be

Everyone is urged to collect their tickets and mark Dec. 17 on their calendar. Plan to attend and win!



REECE LEONARD is exercising a Freedom Service Dog.

Youth council group travels to Colorado for mission project

On Oct. 6, the Immanuel United Methodist Youth Council of Bird City traveled to Englewood, Colo., for a mission project with Freedom Service Dogs. The nine youth and adult sponsors from Bird City cleaned kennels and exercised the

and Jordan Janicke, Reese Leonard, Cheyenne Hewitt, Dominique Johnston, Laurie Leonard, Pastor

tors Jill and Drew Paugh.

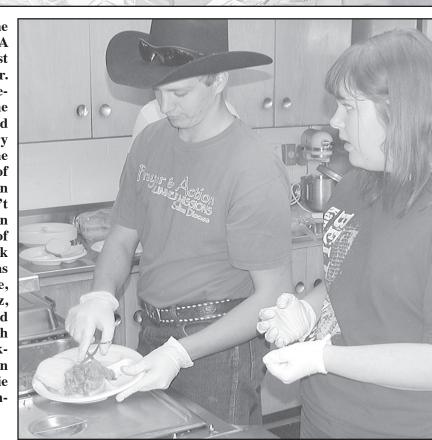
The highly intelligent dogs enhance the lives of people with dropped keys or a pen, open a door, disabilities. The dogs are custom turn on a light, get the remote contrained for individual client needs. All their dogs are rescued from shelters in the Colorado Front Range.

Custom training expense is an emergency, pull clients up from Those on the trip included Walker \$20,000-\$25,000 per dog but clients a reclining position, assist in pulling are not charged for the service. The dogs are donated to disabled people throughout the community to help Tom Bailey and church youth direc- promote independence in their dif-

The dogs are trained to pick up trol, provide balance to assist with transfer to and from a wheelchair, locating and acquiring the phone in wheelchairs, provide balance walking or going up and down stairs and detect medical emergencies.



Every year, the Cheylin **FFA** holds a hog roast money maker. The school cafeteria was full. The students served 155 people. Gary Brubaker was the lucky recipient of the prize but, even those who didn't win said it was an excellent meal of barbecued pork and beans and was lots of fun. Above, (l to r) Josh Keltz, Allie Frisbie and Keenan Reeh were selling tickets; right, Shawn **Pochop and Jessie** Smith were dishing up food.



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