



**THE SENIOR CENTER was being enjoyed by many on Monday. There were several tables of card playing, a puzzle being worked, and a lot of visiting. Those present celebrating their birthdays were Ralph Chumley, Edwin Meyer, Maude Elliott, Carol Black, Keith Dorsch, Gene Young and Otto Lillich.**

*Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek*

## Local organization applies for grant

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Caring Outreach "Lifeline" group is applying for a grant to purchase equipment. Glenn Glasco, Bird City, said that the local Lifeline group was recently notified that some of the Lifeline units were outdated and would need to be replaced but there were no funds for the replacements. Lifeline is a small device that older people wear, either around their neck, on their wrist or clipped to their clothing. With this device, people are able to live in their homes much longer because if they have any problems, all they need to do is press the device, which is connected to the person's phone line, and trained personnel will receive the help call. This trained person will try to make voice contact with the person wearing the Lifeline unit and if that fails, they contact one of the "responders," who is generally a neighbor or family member living nearby.

By wearing a Lifeline unit, family members feel more secure that their loved one will be helped immediately if needed. However, if

the units are not updated, there will be fewer units for members of the county. At the present time, the county has 34 units which rent for \$30 a month. Of that amount, the Lifeline Systems responders charge \$14.40, leaving only \$15.60 for the group to operate on and certainly no extra money to replace or update units which cost \$700 to \$800 each.

Donations are certainly accepted but few people know the situation that the Lifeline group is in.

The county's Lifeline, a non-profit organization, was started in 1987 by Mr. Glasco, Pastor Dan Waters, Bird City Methodist Minister; and Jim Harelson, St. Francis Methodist Minister. At that time, there was the United Methodist Ministry Fund in Hutchinson and the group was going to apply but then both pastors moved so the idea was dropped for a while.

However, in 1988, the group made the definite move to apply and they received a 50-50 matching grant with \$9,500 being received but the group had to raise the other \$9,500 which they did from donations and contributions.

For several years, there was a base unit at the Cheyenne County Hospital but it came to the point that it needed replacing. Since they could not afford to replace the base unit, they went with the Lifeline Systems which now monitors the Lifeline units.

Those interested or needing a Lifeline unit or have a family member who needs a unit should contact one of the members who include: Mr. Glasco, president; Bonnie Busby, first vice presi-

dent; Jessie Schield, second vice president; Millie Glasco, secretary/treasurer; Paul Rainbolt, program manager and installer of units; Johanna Mason, assistant program manager; Pastor Doug Mason, Marge Hickert, Les Lacy and Mike Day.

The Lifeline group welcomes anyone who would be interested in donating to Lifeline or organizations which are looking for a good cause to help that would be interested in helping the group.

## Weather

Starting this week, the weather forecast will be provided by Decision Weather. This forecast has been seen other newspapers and

"The Times is happy to provide this service to our readers," said Karen Krien, publisher.

### Bird City Times Forecast Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
31/12	31/12	38/18	39/20	52/27	48/18	34/18

Normal High	42	Sunrise	8:02 to 7:59am
Normal Low	15	Sunset	5:41 to 5:48pm

Temperatures will become noticeably colder Thursday through Saturday as cold air plunges southward from Canada. As the cold air makes its initial push southward on Thursday, snow will be possible across the region. Accumulations will add some much needed moisture to the water supply. By the weekend, temperatures will be moving back into the 50s for daytime highs. Sunshine should be abundant along with the mild temperatures, allowing snow to melt off and soak into the ground. This topsy-turvy weather pattern will continue through the end of the month.

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## Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, in the basement of the clinic across from the hospital.

### Notice

St. Joseph Catholic Church of Bird City and the Cheyenne County Kansans for Life chapter will sponsor a spaghetti dinner from 11:30 to 1:30 on Sunday, Jan. 26. Check ad for details.

### 4-H junior leaders news

Cheyenne County 4-H junior leaders are selling pizzas to be delivered in time for Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 26. Check classified ad for number to call.

### Agronomy meetings

Brian Olson, Multi-County Extension Agronomist, has announced the following meetings and registrations dates. Register by calling Brian Olson or Sally Patten at (785) 462-6281.

- Water Quality Meeting: Norton, Jan. 29: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., 4-H Building; Jan. 30: Grainfield, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., 4-H Building, no registration required.
- Drought Management in Dryland Cropping Systems: Colby, Jan. 30: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Comfort Inn, registration by Jan. 27: WaKeeney, Jan. 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Midwest Cooperative Building, register by Jan. 27

With the current dry conditions, agronomy clientele will have a chance to listen and learn about the best way to manage crops in our dry environment.

### Meth meeting

A methamphetamine awareness meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 23 in the cafeteria at the St. Francis Community High School. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting which is sponsored by the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Department, Cheyenne County Farm Bureau and Cheyenne County Health Department. For more information, contact the sheriff's office at 785-332-8880.

### Water Authority

The Kansas Water Authority will conduct its quarterly meeting in Topeka on Wednesday, Jan. 22 and Thursday, Jan. 23.

An agenda and other details of the meeting are available from the Kansas Water Office at (785) 296-3185.

### Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon date change

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2168 or 332-2078.

### 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.

### Need a Helping Hand

Cheyenne County Helping Hands Coalition is a group of volunteers serving in varied capacities in the community whose main objective is to match the needs of residents within the county with available resources and services (be they medical, psychological, physical, social, economic, and/or emotional) to where they become self-sustaining to individuals. The coalition meets once a month identifying and reviewing individual and family needs. Confidentiality in all cases is honored. Please call the SRS office at (785) 332-2021.

### Hypnotist to perform

Hypnotist Michael Johns will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Morgan Theater in The Gateway on Saturday, Jan. 25. His high energy and unique blend of comedy and showmanship make this the show that will leave the audience laughing about for weeks.

For details, call Mary, (785) 475-3329 or Ella, (785) 475-3557.

## For the Record

### Sheriff's Department

1 Summons delivered.  
3 Subpoenas delivered.  
1 Garnishment made  
3 Speding tickets issued  
8 Warning for speeding.  
Jan. 5: Kim Johnson of St. Francis was driving a 1983 Chevy pickup when she lost control and rolled it on Road 18 north of Cheyenne County Feedyard. No injuries and over \$500 damage. Tickets were issued for failure to report an accident and failure to display a current tag.

Jan. 7: Thomas Sponsol of Edson was driving a 1977 Pontiac that caught on fire on Road 31 south of Bird City. The car was a total loss and no injuries.

Jan. 7: 911 call, nothing found.  
Jan. 11: Transported one adult and two children from Sherman County line to Wray, Colo.

Jan. 12: Cattle out call on Road 25 southwest of Bird City.

Jan. 13: Troy Torrence of St. Francis was driving a 1985 Toyota pickup when he lost control and went into the left ditch on Road 0, east of St. Francis. Troy was transported to Cheyenne County Hospital and the vehicle had over \$500 damage.

## Club Clip

### McDonald Garden Club

The McDonald Garden Club of the North District started the new year with a meeting on Jan. 8 at the home of Marlene Johnson. Joan Tongish called the meeting to order, and Vivian Curry read a prayer by Edgar Guest for the new year. Fourteen members answered roll call with "For This I Give Thanks." Reports were accepted. Thank you's were read from Jim and Ruby Tracy, Eleanor Swihart and Trudy Voorhies for the Christmas cookies.

Vera Kacirek, retiring president, conducted an Installation Ceremony installing the following officers: Joan Tongish, president; Margie Hubbard, vice president; Kay Miller, secretary and Marlene Johnson, treasurer. Each officer

was given a carnation signifying the duty of her office.

A letter was read from Alta Keating stating she would be available to present the program for the North District meeting in October. It was voted to ask her to do the program. It was also voted to submit a Publicity Pressbook to the state.

Margie Hubbard passed out the new 2003 yearbooks and she was thanked for all her work.

The lesson was a video "Always in Season", showing the many uses for dried material in arrangements. Everyone enjoyed Marlene's artistic design "Time From the Past" using all dried material. Joan Tongish, co-hostess, served a delicious lunch. The February meeting will be a Valentine's Luncheon at the home of Vera Kacirek.



**SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hour & 46 min.**  
Showing Jan. 17, 18 & 19 **Maid In Manhattan**  
*Comedy/Romance*  
Rated: PG -13 for some language/sexual references  
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out of the

hospital

basement. The

Clinic Phone

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