

# Bulletin Board

### Hospitalized

Don Cress will be in Kearney, Neb. at the Good Samaritan Hospital Cancer Treatment Center starting Feb. 24 for up to six weeks. His address will be: Donald Cress, Hipsley House, Good Samaritan Hospital, 31st and Central, Kearney, NE 68847.

### Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The next regular meeting of the board has been set for at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the basement of the hospital. However, the meeting

place could be the basement of the clinic, depending upon how remodeling is coming along in that facility.

### Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with A should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

### Taxaide

People Helping People Income Tax Assistance volunteers will as-

sist you in preparing and filing your tax return. They will be at the St. Francis Public Library from 2 to 5 on Wednesdays and at the St. Francis Senior Citizens Center from 2 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays. For appointments call Annette Erskin at 332-2304; Rowland Roelfs at 332-3490 or Wayne Keeker at 332-3428.

### Hospice Service

Hospice Services Inc., has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning, and other related topics. Hospice Ser-

vice, Inc. is available to provide programs for groups and organizations. For more information, please 800-315-5122.

### 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 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.

# Obituaries

### Billy Bruce Cole

July 29, 1920 - Feb. 2003

Billy Bruce Cole was born July 29, 1920, to Mertie Marie Arehart and Bruce Cole. Bill's schooling was limited to the eighth grade at the Green Ridge and Long View country schools. It was the 'Dirty 30s' so he helped his dad with the farm work. His jobs included hauling water in barrels to raise watermelons to sell for extra money. He helped his dad with whatever he could do.

There were two chicken houses full of chickens, so you know who got that job! Bill said "I always start itching when you talk about a chicken house." Milking cows went along with the jobs in the 30s as farming wasn't that great!

If Bill was missing he'd be found in the small shop, seeing if he could find out why a Model T or Model A wouldn't run. It might be his family's or the neighbor's. Harold Winston once told, "We'd get Bill if we couldn't get one to run." Bill liked to overhaul the old John Deere D tractors. He was a good mechanic and electrician. 'What made the old motors tick' just came natural to him.

Bill married Helen Holzwarth and to this union two children, Allen and Sharon, were born. The family was baptized in the Methodist Church in St. Francis in about 1944.

The 1950s and 60s were more hard years and Bill had numerous

jobs including working for Gene Siegfried at the sand and gravel pit. He became a good welder and drove an 18-wheeler hauling frozen foods across country for a year or so.

Bill then came home and drove for Shay Trucking and for the St. Francis and Bird City Co-ops, hauling gas and propane. Bill also farmed and one of his helpers in earlier years was John Stermer.

In 1886, Levi and Sarah Cole homesteaded the farm which Bill was farming. He always loved to farm and in recent years, his good friend Bob Burr assisted him.

Another of Bill's loves was 'old time' western music and he played with various bands.

Bill was a member of the Methodist Church, Odd Fellows Lodge and the Moose Lodge of Goodland.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his sister Margaret.

Surviving him are his son Allen and wife, Stephanie, along with granddaughters Devon, Kelly and her husband, Don Thais, and great-grandchildren Braxton and Brock; daughter Sharon and her husband, Curtis Siebenthal of Morrison, Colo., and granddaughters Debbie of London, England, and Jay Allyn of Arvada, Colo., along with great-granddaughter Dusty; his grandson Michael Siebenthal of Denver; a special friend Barbara McComas; brother-in-law Delmer Raile of Denver; sister Carol Connnett an husband LeRoy, nieces and neph-

ews, cousins and a host of friends and neighbors.

Honorary pallbearers were Bob Burr, Bud Houtman, Gene Siegfried, Doug Austin, Charley Holliday, Brad Waters and Brice Buffington.

Pallbearers were Gary Leach, Marvin Confer, Marlin Zimbelman, Larry Carmichael, Dan Siegfried and Jon Waters.

The funeral service was held on Feb. 11 at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis, with Norman Morrow officiating. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

### Gerald L. Nothdurft

Oct. 20, 1930 - Feb. 12, 2003

Gerald L. Nothdurft, 72, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City, Kan. He was born Oct. 20, 1930, in Cheyenne County, the son of John Henry and Elsie C. Gellerman Nothdurft.

A resident of Garden City since 1987, moving from Burlington, Colo., he had been a truck driver, a farm laborer and a mill operator for Finney County Feeders.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Garden City and was a U.S. Army veteran during the Korean Conflict.

On June 5, 1960, he married Georgia L. Hoffman at Goodland.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley D. Nothdurft, Garden City, and Sherry D. Nothdurft, Garden City.

The funeral service was at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17 at Price and Sons Funeral Home in Garden City with Reverend Donald Carter officiating.

Interment was in Valley View Cemetery in Garden City with Military Graveside Honors being presented by the Fort Riley Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorials may be given to the First Christian Church or to the Beef Empire Days Rodeo Committee both in care of the Price and Sons Funeral Home, 620 N. Main, Garden City.

## Bird City News

Bob and Becky Babcock, Castle Pines, Colo., were brief visitors of Maude Elliott. They came Wednesday evening, celebrated Becky's birthday on Thursday and left the next afternoon for Oklahoma City to visit Jack and Kim Robard and family.

Paul and Edna Roesener were guests for supper Feb. 7 in honor of Roy Shrader's birthday.

Sunday Paul and Edna Roesener were guests at Irene Kehlbeck's home. Other guests were Arlie and Nadine Roesener of Springfield, Mo., Walt Roesener, Kathleen and family of Loveland, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch returned home Friday after a two week visit in Mesa, Ariz., where they visited with their son Bob and family. They were overnight guests of Hulda's cousin Esther Schortz and husband Tom in Phoenix, had lunch one day with Hulda's classmate Virginia Clore and also with Jean Sipes who meet them for lunch in Glendale.

### Bird City Times Forecast Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

Day	Normal High	Normal Low	Sunrise	Sunset
Wed 55/26	47	20	7:32 to 7:23am	6:25 to 6:32pm
Thu 45/33	The weather is going to be wetter, just as promised. There is a chance of showers on Thursday. Friday and Saturday will be quiet as a significant storm system passes to our south.			
Fri 45/23	Another storm system draws cold air down from the north for Sunday. Rain and snow showers are expected Monday and Tuesday. Thursday's cloud cover will cool temperatures a little. Temperatures recover on Saturday, but then the temperature slips off again Sunday through Tuesday.			
Sat 55/33	Thursday's rain will be relatively light, with somewhat heavier amounts expected for Monday and Tuesday. The moist weather pattern will continue for a couple of weeks.			
Sun 42/23				
Mon 34/28				
Tue 35/28				

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## The City of Bird City is soliciting bids for CEMENT WORK

at the corner of Bird Avenue and 3rd Street.

Bids will be opened at the **March 3, 2003** Council meeting. Contact the Bird City Superintendent at 734-2433 or the Bird City Clerk's office 734-2616 for any further information. *The City of Bird City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.*

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**Happy Birthday KAREN!!!**



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**Cheylin Booster Club**  
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**JOSHUA KELTZ, one of the winners of the coloring contest, was recognized at the Conservation dinner.**

*Times staff photo by Casey McCormick*

## Awards dinner held Thursday in Bird City

By Casey McCormick

The Cheyenne County Conservation District held their 53rd annual meeting and awards dinner Thursday at the American Legion Hall in Bird City. The hall was full with adults and children who enjoyed a dinner provided by Bankwest and First National Bank.

Randy Rueb, chairman of the Conservation District, led the meeting with reports given by Lynn Query, Spencer Schlepp and Herman Anholtz on the many activities which happened in 2002. The Tree Committee announced that they had distributed 9,233 conifers and bareroots last year.

Dozens of area kids participated in a coloring contest and all were recognized with certificates and coloring sets.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Kansas Bankers Awards. This year's Bankers' Award went to George and Deborah Ballinger while Grace Zweygardt took home the Windbreak Award.

Randy Rueb and Roger Orth were elected as supervisors for the next three years. The meeting closed with door prizes and floral center pieces were handed.

Jeanne Dunn, district manager, commended the work and ideas of the children, noting that the quality of work submitted made it very difficult for the judges to choose winners.

Coloring contest winners were:  
Kindergarten: Nikki Callies, first; Kyla Bandel, second; Valerie Wurm,

third; Mary Ann Orten and Echo Jones, honorable mention.

First grade: Shayna Johnson, first; Shayla Hubbard, second; Randee Grover, third; Steven Pearce, Jon Meyer and Ty Carmichael, honorable mention.

Second grade: Krissy Harris, first; Joshua Keltz, second; Clarice Neitzel, third; Stephanie Busse, Adam Orten and Katie Lambert, honorable mention.

Students third through sixth grade entered the recycling and/or anti-littering drawing contest and the work of the first place winners will be submitted to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment calendar contest and if their drawing is chosen to be on the 2004 calendar, they will receive a \$50 savings bond.

Winners in the recycling and/or anti-littering drawing contest were:

Third grade: Forrest Burr, first; Roberto Ponce, second; Tilyn Bell, third; Isaac Schiltz, Logan Whitmore, Jeremiah White, honorable mention.

Fourth grade: Aly Marin, first; Brett Lampe, second; Mikaela Grace, third; Caleb Keltz, Logan Whitmore, Mitchel Jensen, honorable mention.

Fifth grade: Naomi Reeh, first; Kaycee Williams, second; Ana Ponce, third; Amber Small, Freddy Pacheco, Dale Harley Northrup, honorable mention.

Sixth grade: Samuel Sowers, first; Scott Ford, second; Matt Whitmore, third; Taryn Richard, Elizabeth Gienger, Garrett Zweygardt, honorable mention.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hour & 31 min.

Showing **National Security**  
Feb. 21, 22, 23 **Comedy and Action/Adventure**  
Rated: PG-13 for violence, language and some sensuality.  
Starring: Martin Lawrence, Steve Zahn, Bill Duke, Colm Feore, Eric Roberts

**Cheyenne Theater** St. Francis, KS  
785-332-2747  
Children: \$2 Senior Citizens/High School: \$3 Adults: \$4

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

**\* GOAL \***  
To raise a total of \$300,000 in donations by 12/31/2003 by using **KANSAS INCOME TAX CREDITS** to reduce the cost of donating.

**\* PROGRESS \***  
As of 2/3/2003, we have raised \$160,000 in cash and commitments toward this project.

*We encourage you to visit with your tax preparer to see if you can benefit by using this project to steer your Kansas Income Tax Dollar to Cheyenne County.*

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