

# Bulletin Board

## Bird City Cardinals Alumni

The Bird City Cardinals Alumni officers will meet at the Bluebird Cafe Saturday morning March 22. The theme for this year's banquet is "Stepping Back in Time." The banquet will be held in the Elementary School Lunch Room on May 24 at 6:30. Honor classes are 1933-43-53-63 and 73.

## Death notice

August J. Schield, Goodland, died Monday, March 17. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 19 at Emmanuel Lutheran church in Goodland. Compete obituary will be printed next week.

## Relay for Life planning meeting

There will be a Relay for Life planning meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26 at 202 W. Washington, St. Francis. Everyone is welcome and asked to join the meeting.

## Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with B 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.

## Farm Credit annual meeting

The board of directors of Farm Credit of Western Kansas announce that the annual stockholders meeting will be Thurs-

day, March 20 at the Comfort Inn Convention Center in Colby. Registration is at 6 p.m. central time with the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a prime rib beef dinner following. A board of directors will be voted on plus a report of activities of the association over the past year.

## Will Rogers: A Reel Retrospective

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan is proud to present Will Rogers: A Reel Retrospective scheduled to open on April 4 and run through May 24. Seventy-two (72) framed original posters and lobby cards from the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore, Okla., will make up the presentation.

## United States Navy Concert Band

Western Plains Arts Association is proud to sponsor the United States Navy Band at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25 in the Colby Community Building. This special performance in Colby is part of the Navy Band's national tour.

The concert is free but tickets are required for admission to the performance. They are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Pat Ziegelmeier, WPA Executive Director, Colby Community College, 1255 South Range, Colby, KS 67701.

## Advanced voting

Registered voters will be able to vote in advance for the April 1 election for Cheylin Board of Educa-

tion, Bird City Councilmen, St. Francis Board of Education, St. Francis City Council and St. Francis Mayor candidates. The voting booth was set up in the clerk's room in the courthouse on Wednesday and voters will be able to vote there until noon on March 31.

## Hospice Service

Hospice Services Inc., has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning, and other related topics. Hospice Service, Inc. is available to provide programs for groups and organizations. For more information, please 800-315-5122.

## Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon

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

The Cheyenne County Helping Hands Coalition can help. Call the SRS office at (785) 332-2021.



BUFFALO were unloaded March 7 at the Kip and Patsy Rethke farm.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Herd to double next month

On March 7, a herd of 85 Plains buffalo arrived at the farm of Kip and Patsy Rethke north of St. Francis on the old Henry Holzwarth place. There was a lot of dust in the air but when it settled, the buffalo, which were transported in two semi-trailers from Buffalo, S.D., found their new home in a steel-pole pen over looking the pasture which they will soon move to.

The Rethke's son Bill along with his 6-year-old son Colton of Tulsa, Okla., are the owners. Bill's friend Scott Morgan, came along to see and help with the

fencing when the buffalo were unloaded. Another son Randy, brought in a load of hay. And, they will probably all be back sometime next month to see the babies when all 85 buffalo begin calving. The Rethkes owned around 15 buffalo in 1996 when they were living in Colorado. They enjoyed them but Bill especially liked them.

"This (raising buffalo) is something I always wanted to do," said Bill, who makes his living installing swimming pools.

Before he is done, he plans to have a couple hundred head, selling

off some of the heifers and feeding out the steers. The buffalo cows will be bred back in August.

Those steers fed out will be sold for the meat. Buffalo meat is supposed to be more healthy than beef because it is leaner and has less cholesterol. However, buffalo eat the same feed as cattle but can survive on a lot less food. When it is dry, they will eat weeds and grasses that cattle will not eat.

Kip said the buffalo are considered 10 percent labor and 90 percent management which requires some grassland and minimal care. Before, when they raised the buffalo, they were able to contain them with electric fences and expect to do the same this time. The Rethkes have about 300 acres of pasture and wheat stubble for the buffalo and some will be kept in dry lot.

Patsy said the buffalo are fun to watch and are actually playful about sundown. In Colorado, people would often park at the edge of the road to watch the buffalo.

Buffalo, if they don't know the person, can be dangerous.... Some can be made into pets and some are even rode. They are also used in rodeo in trick riding.

## For the Record

### Sheriff's Department

- 5 Vehicle inspections made.
- 6 Summons delivered.
- 1 Subpoenas delivered.
- 5 Warnings for speeding
- March 10: Someone kicked the door in on the scale house at Highway 27 and Road E owned by Walden Farms.

March 11: Larry Schultz had a stock tank shot south of St. Francis.

March 12: Aaron L. Irwin of Haigler, Neb., driving a 1985 Ford pickup, lost control and rolled on Road 3 south of Road Y. Over \$500 damage and minor injuries.

March 13: Transported prisoner from Russell County jail to Sherman County Bastille.

March 14: Took medicine to Sherman County Bastille for a prisoner.

March 16: Checked out person and vehicle at St. Francis Cemetery.

March 16: Checked out abandon vehicle on west Highway 36.

March 17: Transported prisoner to court then to the Russell County jail.

March 17: Investigated mailbox hit northwest of St. Francis.

March 17: Investigated fuel tank that was shot at Road E and Road 12

belonging to Jon Waters.

### Correction

Last week, the results of the parents' race in the Pinewood Derby was incorrect. Instead of Rob Schiltz being the winner, it was Pat Lamb. Mr. Schiltz took second; Hoagie Carmichael, third; and Nicole Meyer, fourth.

Last week, the phone number published for the Hometown Market should have been 785-734-2050.

## South of McDonald By Sandy Binning

Lee and Pam Vyzourek visited Joe Vyzourek in Colby Sunday morning.

Friday evening, Aaron and Lacy Sramek and children were guests of Lee and Pam Vyzourek. They celebrated Lacy's birthday.

Leonard Vyzourek was a brief Sunday afternoon caller of Lee and Pam Vyzourek.

Lindon and Diane Montgomery took Ginger and Erin Montgomery to the plane in Colorado Springs Sunday morning.

George and Kathy Banister and

children attended the reception for Ron and Cherry Bell's 40th wedding anniversary Sunday at the Senior Center in McDonald.

On Saturday evening, March 8, the March birthdays were celebrated at a Big Ed's in Bird City with supper and cake. Those celebrating were Josh Johnson, Kenneth Wilkinson and Walt Biggs. Helping them celebrate were Phyllis Wilkinson, Bonnie Biggs, Bonnie's sister Kay Runzel, Monty Biggs, and Rod and Lisa Johnson.

# McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

## Bells celebrate 40th anniversary

Ron and Cherry Bell were honored on Sunday when a large number of relatives and friends gathered at the McDonald Senior Center to help in the celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. Relatives from a distance who helped make the day special were great aunt Dessa Sheldon and her daughter, Sue Seigel, of Branson, Colo., Charlie and Lori Bell of Avon, Colo., and Jim and Deb Bell and Daniel and Kristen of Lewisburg.

of Marlene Johnson gathered at the Frosty Mug on Friday to have lunch together and to wish Marlene many more happy birthdays. Her beautiful cards were passed around and enjoyed by all. The tables were decorated by Betty Knapp, who also had baked the birthday cake, and presented Marlene with a St. Patrick's bear while giving a short program. Marlene said this was the first bear she ever had for her birthday.

Ray and Marlene Johnson were guests of Ted and Dixie Bethell in McCook on Sunday to celebrate Marlene's birthday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bethell and

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Bethell and families.

Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister drove to St. Francis where they visited Viola Jones and Alvin and Marie Holzwarth.

Cheryl Wilkinson returned home on Saturday evening from Hays following major surgery at the Hays Medical Center.

Deadre and Madeline Osborne of Overland Park are spending the week with their grandparents A.B. and Judy Fisher.

Lori and Dennis Driskill and Derek Driskill and family of Wichita were Tuesday and Wednesday guests of Gail and Kay Miller. The Driskills were enroute to Colorado for a ski trip. On their return they were weekend guests of the Millers again. On Saturday they were joined by Randy and Sue Miller and Justin for a supper at the Frosty Mug.

Laddie and Vera Kacirek entertained on Sunday evening with a St. Patrick's Day supper. Guests were Norman and Tessa Davis and R.J. and Susie Sabatka.

Visitors of Tunney and Leila Loker this past week were Brenda Loker, Ray and Marlene Johnson and Les and Tish Loker.

Tunney Loker was a Monday visitor of Marion Hallagin.

Richard and Claire Baughman of New Jersey arrived on Sunday and were overnight guests of Eleanor Swihart. They came to take Eleanor's sister, June Waldvogal, back to her home in Illinois.

## Club Clip

### McDonald Garden Club

Members of the McDonald Garden Club of the North District met on Wednesday, March 12 at the Midwest Energy Building in Atwood. Hostesses were Joan Harper and Margaret Rhodes.

Joan Tongish opened the meeting and Vivian Curry had prayer and read a poem. Reports were given. The main item of business was the upcoming trip to Manhattan on May 8. Kansas State University has invited all Kansas Associated Garden Club members to a luncheon, tour of the Kansas State University Gardens and a program. Transportation is to be arranged. The Arbor Day program for the April meeting was discussed. The meeting will be at the home of Vera Kacirek with the planting of a tree there.

Marlene Johnson presented an interesting program on "Sparkling Daffodils." She told us of the many varieties of daffodils, jonquils and adacissus, and showed color pictures of several varieties. Joan Harper displayed a beautiful arrangement

entitled "Dancing Daffodils" with buds bursting into bloom, representing the coming of spring and Easter.

## Card Shower

The family of Agnes Burk is requesting a card shower to help her celebrate her birthday. Address greetings to Agnes Burk, P.O. Box 134, Bird City, KS 67731.

## Quotes

"Courage is what preserves our liberty, safety, life, and our homes and parents, our country and children. Courage comprises all things." —Plautus

"The only kind of courage that matters is the kind that gets you from one moment to the next." —Mignon McLaughlin

"If you think it's going to rain, it will." —Clint Eastwood

**VOTE**  
**Loren White** ✓  
**City Council**  
**Write-In Candidate**

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Showing  
March 21, 22, 23

**Shanghai Knights**  
Action/Adventure and Comedy

Rated: PG-13 for action violence and sexual  
Starring: Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson, Aidan Gillen,  
Fan Man-Fong, Tom Fisher

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

Children: \$2 Senior Citizens/High School: \$3 Adults: \$4

## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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# Kids Making A Connection Coalition

Sponsoring a Pizza/Critic Night for  
Eighth Grade Students & Parents of  
Bird City & St. Francis

at the  
St. Francis High School Cafeteria

Bird City - Mon., March 24  
St. Francis - Thurs., March 27

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