

Business now carries hardware items

By Casey McCormick

Bird City residents are saddled with the problem of dealing with the every day task of building upkeep. Whether it is at home or work, when something needs to be repaired a long drive is in store for the needed item.

But Frontier Equity Exchange is providing a solution for local hardware needs. Many products for lawn and building maintenance are now stocked at the business.

"If something breaks down at the house, we'll have what it takes to fix it," said manager Dale Hazuka. Not that Frontier Equity Exchange is

going to out do Home Depot but they do stock a variety of items.

If the job requires a plumbing, electrical or other service there is a good chance Frontier Equity Exchange will have the part that is needed. They are providing many lawn care products, such as blue, buffalo and fescue grass seed. Also automotive, farm and livestock supplies are available.

And if the item is not in stock it may be possible to order it from a supplier. "We invite you to come in and give us ideas for what you need," said Mr. Hazuka, "If it is with in reason I'll try to get it."



FRONTIER EQUITY EXCHANGE has added a new line to their inventory. Jeff Richmeier, employee, has been busy stocking the variety of hardware items. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Tax-aid help available



It's income tax time again and AARP volunteers are helping taxpayers with middle and low incomes to file their tax returns.

In St. Francis, there are four people helping taxpayers and they will be at the St. Francis Library from 2 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays; and at the senior center from 2 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays. Those to call for an appointment are: Annette Erskin, 785-332-2304; Kari Meyer, 785-332-3988; Rowland Roelfs, 785-332-2490 or Wayne Keeker, 785-332-3428.

Last year, AARP Tax-Aide celebrated 35 years of service and another record breaking year. Final count showed that nearly 32,000 volunteers assisted over 1.85 million taxpayers with their tax returns. More than 400,000 Federal tax returns were filed electronically, a 52-percent increase over the previous year. E-filing sites grew from 2,456 to 3,048 across the country.

AARP Tax-Aide started in 1968 when four volunteers helped older taxpayers complete their tax returns. Since 1980, the program has operated under a cooperative agreement with the Internal Revenue Service as part of its Tax Counseling for the Elderly program.



Murray

Birthday open house planned

An open house honoring Eva Murray on her 95th birthday is being held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Bird City Senior Center. Greetings may reach her at P.O. Box 334, Bird city, KS 67731. No gifts please.



Outdoors with Chuck

Twice this year, I have seen hunters go down with health problems, one fatally. Hunters love to hunt and sometimes forget that that they aren't as young as they used to be. Going into the field requires a lot more exertion than some folks realize. It pays to work on physical

conditioning to prepare for every season. Take off a few pounds (or more), do a lot of walking, preferably carrying weight equal to your gear, and wear good boots. You will enjoy each day in the field more and come home safely.

From "Hunters" Chuck Kribs

"Hemorrhoids? Here's what my doctor recommended."

When I first heard about Hemcure - the painless non-surgical hemorrhoid cure - I was skeptical.

So I asked my family doctor about it. He said Hemcure was a treatment method performed by M.D.'s that would solve my hemorrhoid problem, instead of just treating the symptoms.

I decided to go ahead with it, and you know what? Hemcure really worked, without disrupting my schedule. And my insurance covered it. If you have hemorrhoids, don't suffer. Do yourself a favor and call to find out more.



Dr. John D. Ferris, M.D.
Burlington, Colorado - 1-800-593-0009
Mon., Feb. 9 & Wed., Feb. 11

Bulletin Board

American Legion Auxiliary

The Bird City American Legion Auxiliary will have their regular meeting on Friday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall on Bressler Avenue.

Lifeline

Lifeline - Help is just a push of the button away. Contact Glenn Glasco in Bird City at 734-2643 or Jessie Schield in St. Francis at 332-2294

Kansas Senior Day

AARP is having a Kansas Senior Day at the State House in Topeka on Feb. 18. If you care to go contact Barb Finley, ErvaGene De' Aragon, Wilma Lampe or Annette Erskin. Let them know by Feb. 6. AARP is making a bus available at no charge. The bus will leave from Hays at 6:30 a.m. on the 18th. AARP will pay expenses and a nights lodging. For more information contact Barb at 332-8991 or at the Village 332-

2531 or one of the other women named above.

Older Kansans Day

Older Kansans' Day sponsored by the Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association will be Friday, Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Topeka at the Capitol with lunch at the Assumption Catholic Church.

Older Kansans' Day gives senior advocates an opportunity to visit with their legislators. Advocates wishing to schedule a visit with legislators should contact the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging in Hays at (785) 628-8205 or 1-800-432-7422.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimers Support Group will hold their February meeting on Monday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Public Library.

Third anniversary celebration

KM Clothier is holding a third anniversary celebration on Thurs-

day, Friday and Saturday with not only discounts but also if a woman wears red into the store on Friday, KM Clothier will make a donation to the American Heart Association.

Alumni meeting set

A St. Francis Community High School alumni reunion organizational meeting has been planned for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Equity meeting room, 123 N. River Street, St. Francis. Alumni are encouraged to attend and help with the plans.

AARP

AARP will have their Feb. 12 meeting at 2 p.m. at the senior citizen center in St. Francis. Roll call will be "Presidential Homes or Summer Homes."

Annette Erskin will be the hostess.

Cheyenne County Historical Society

The Cheyenne County Historical

Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Cheyenne County Museum.

Spring Crop meeting

Neitzel Insurance Service is sponsoring a Spring Crop meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Equity meeting room.

Estate Planning Seminar

The Cheyenne County Farm Bureau is hosting an Estate Planning Seminar, given by Larry Schlapp, estate planning specialist. He will present educational seminars on estate planning, retirement planning, annuities and long-term care issued.

The seminar will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16, at Koinonia Coffee House at 216 W. Washington Street, St. Francis. It is free to all Farm Bureau members. RSVP by Feb. 13 by calling (785) 332-3312 or e-mailing holzwarth@kfbs.com

Cheyenne County Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet (tonight) Thursday.

Area Chamber of Commerce
The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon Friday, Feb. 6 at Parkhill Restaurant.

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Alcoholic Anonymous/Al-Anon

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

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.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

How about that Super Bowl XXXVIII halftime show? What an amazing display of cultural diversity! What an amazing display of talent! What an amazing display period!

As if the gifted Jackson family could not shock America anymore. And at least Kid Rock managed not to let his American flag poncho touch the ground after his patriotic performance.

What a show! I think the network, the Columbia Broadcasting System, and MTV actually

thought they were providing the vast majority of viewers with what they really wanted to see.

Now I'm not going to say that I think I'm "middle of the road" or that my tastes reflect what the average television consumer finds appealing. I'm not quite sure what they could put on the tube, other than the game, that would keep me entertained.

But seeing young "artists" desecrate the flag of my country and expose themselves is not it. Get a clue CBS.

South of McDonald By Sandy Binning

Emery Cahoj was a weekend guest of his parents, Henry and Eldean Cahoj.

Friday evening and supper guests of Lynn and Rita Officer were John and Linda Allacher.

Saturday evening and supper guests of Lynn and Rita Officer were Jim and Louis Morelock and Albert and Annie Antholz.

Sunday potluck dinner guests of

Lynn and Rita Officer were Roland and Linda Lorimor and Jerry and Betty Knapp.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Cheylin basketball games Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Sandy, Donna and Porsha Binning were Tuesday afternoon callers on Lavern and Bethel Golt.

Lavern and Bethel Golt visited Bethel's cousin, Loraine Fenner and her sister Barbara Rieb in Goodland Friday evening.

McDonald Library

The McDonald Library has the following new books: *Remember When* by Nora Roberts; *Forever* by Jude Deveraux; *Forever and Always* by John Grisham; *16 Lighthouse Road* by Debbie Macomber; *Split Second* by David Baldacci; *The Most Wanted* by Jacquelyn Mitchard; *Shotgun Bride* by Linda Larl Miller; *Key of Light* by Nora Roberts; *Safe Harbour* by Danielle Steel; *Blow Fly* by Patricia Cornwell; *Key of Knowledge* by Nora Roberts; *The Christmas Child* by Max Lucado.

Bringing Elizabeth Home by Ed and Lois Smart; *Balance of Power* by Richard North Patterson; *The Teeth of the Tiger* by Tom Clancy; *Shepherds Abiding* by Jon Karon; *The Light of the Stars* by Belva Plain; *Key of Valor* by Nora Roberts; *The Time That Was* by Ruth Kelly Hayden.

The Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie Bunall by Misty Bunall; *Living Faith* by Jimmy Carter; *Four of a Kind* by Erma Bombeck; *The Touch* by Colleen McCullough; *The Conspiracy Club* by Jonathon Kellerman.

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The Cheyenne County Hospital is accepting

BIDS for the SIDEWALKS and PARKING AREA on the west side of the new addition.

Bids must be submitted by Fri., Feb. 13, 2004. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Bill Wilger at 785-332-2104.