



READING— Danae Magnani and Elizabeth Keltz keep busy by reading their books before class begins.
Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Good Samaritan Village begins ornament tradition

A new tradition is beginning at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.

"We would like you to share in the spirit of the season," said Robyn Raile, resource development director.

The Christmas season, a "Love" tree will be placed in the Village's lounge and individuals and organizations are being asked to sponsor decorations.

"At your request, the ornaments will carry the name of the person you wish to honor or remember," Mrs. Raile said. "To those being honored, an acknowledgment card will be sent to the honoree stating a gift has been given in their name."

The money raised will be used for the project, "It's Never 2 Late," a computer technology program which provides Village residents with a link to the community and outside world. Personal programming allows resi-

dents to communicate with children, grandchildren, friends and extended family, pursue personal interests, music and activities.

"In order to expand and enhance this wonderful technology, funding is needed," Mrs. Raile said. "Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for this program."

A holiday gathering will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5, to view the tree, visit the redecorated chapel and computer room and share the Christmas season with the staff and residents. Refreshments will be served and holiday entertainment provided.

Those wishing to give a gift, whether it is directly to the Village or in memory or to honor a resident or loved one should contact the Village at 785-332-2531 or mail to P.O. Box 1140, St. Francis, 67756, by Dec. 1. Gifts received after this date will have ornaments added to the tree as they

arrive. Ornaments purchased may be picked up from the Village the first week in January. Any ornament not claimed will be packed away and used the following year.

'Tis the season

'Tis the season of Christmas and all through our home, There is greenery and tinsel everywhere that you roam.

The stockings are hung in the lounge with great care,

In hopes that YOU will be visiting us there.

We're planning a party with treats and a song

To see our LOVE tree, hurry, it will not last long.

Share a hug, a smile, your blessings with all,

A gift of great worth you'll not find in a mall.

With joy and with gladness the season does bring,

Let us remember the season, "The birth of our King."

City clerk honored as graduate of academy held in Wichita

Laura Miller, Bird City city clerk, was honored as one of 17 graduates of the 2004 Municipal Clerks' Certification Institute and Master Academy, held in Wichita on Nov. 8-12.

Graduates were recognized for their professional achievement and service to local government at the graduation ceremony held Nov. 11. The certification program is sponsored by the Center for Urban Studies, Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, Wichita State University and the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas.

The Certification Institute provides 100 clock hours of instruction and is accredited by The In-

ternational Institutes of Municipal Clerks. Participants receive theoretical and practical instruction in the areas of public administration, leadership, interpersonal and technical skills.

This program aids municipal clerks and finance officers in

improving job performance and recognizes the professionalism of their office. Upon graduation, participants may be qualified as a "Certified Municipal Clerk" with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, a professional association of more than 10,000 members.



Years Ago

5 years ago - 1999

Anne Hickert, Crystal Mears and Brandi Moore were selected to play in the fourth annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball match.

A dinner and program was held by the employees of the Security State Bank to celebrate 70 years in business and to honor Edgar

Robertson who has been with the bank during the entire duration. On Friday, Nov. 1, 1929, the bank opened up for business in its present location. This building was originally built by the Bird City State Bank, which failed before the building was finalized.

The cast and crew of "Lil Abner" are busy preparing for

their performance. Rose Hengen is directing the musical. Reservations are being taken for the dinner which will be served before the musical.

The Catholic Youth Organization members of St. Joseph Catholic Church, served breakfast to a room full of hunters on opening day.

School Menu

November 29-December 2
Monday: breakfast: pizza, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: chicken fajitas, salad bar, vegetable, fruit, dessert, milk

Tuesday: breakfast: cinnamon raisin biscuits, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: crispsitos, chili and cheese, salad bar, fruit, dessert, milk

Wednesday: breakfast: long johns or donuts, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: hamburger steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, salad bar, fruit, dessert, milk

Thursday: breakfast: Polish sausage supreme, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: barbecue rib sandwich, lattice fries, salad bar, fruit, dessert, milk.

*Friends & Family are invited to a
Come and Go Wedding Reception
Honoring*

*Mr. and Mrs.
Joshua Sowers*

Sun., Nov. 28 ~ 2-5 p.m.
@ Bird City Senior Center

Welcome Family & Friends ~

**You're invited to a
Birthday Celebration for
BEVERLY HIGGINS**

Sat., Nov. 27 • 2-4 p.m.
McDonald Senior Center

Please, let your presence be your gift.



Cal Turner Cindy Turner

Christmas program scheduled

Cal and Cindy Turner of C.C. Turner Music Ministries welcomes you to join them for a special holiday event. "Let There Be Peace on Earth" is a Christmas program packed full of music and fun for the entire family.

Join them on Sunday, Nov. 28, for free coffee, cookies and holiday entertainment at the Sandhiller Restaurant in Wray. The program begins at 4 p.m (mountain time). Admission is free! What a great way to begin celebrating the holiday season!

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Larry Fikan, Atwood; Marylin Jensen, Lubbock, Texas; Gilbert Antholz, McDonald; Sally Hudson, Benkelman, Neb.; Gilbert Frisbie, McDonald; Rob and Dorothy Applegate, Lincoln, Neb.; Keith Dankenbring, St. Francis; Meta Dankenbring, Bird City; Dennis and Denise Denning, Wichita; Rob Jensen, Bird City; Edna May Lanam, Garden City; Dave and Karah Maloley, APO; Dana Orten, Crescent, Iowa; Don and Canda Orten Bird City; Daryl and DeArde Strouts, Manhattan; Mary E. Brown, Mesa, Ariz.; Neva Loomis, Goodland; Gene Mears, McDonald; Jennifer Brantley, Wamego.



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2004 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS USED TO FUND THE 2005 BUDGETS
Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk
Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$38,575,739
(Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation)

Comparison of 2003 and 2004 levies and valuations:					
	2003		2004		Difference
	Valuation	Levy	Valuation	Levy	
State	\$35,951,970	1.500	\$38,575,739	1.500	
County	\$35,951,970		\$38,575,739		
General		25.060		19.680	-5.380
Road & Bridge		12.669		11.408	-1.261
Bridge Building		0.062		2.143	2.081
Noxious Weed		0.349		0.591	0.242
Hospital		6.347		5.511	-0.836
Bond & Interest		7.457		7.221	-0.236
Total		51.944		46.554	-5.390

2003 Valuations(Dollars)		2004 Valuation		Levy	
Bird City	2,310,262	2,315,742	29.696	0.125	0.125
St. Francis	6,377,206	6,492,296	28.508	2.143	-0.313
USD 103	17,921,548	18,015,571	34.850	1.528	-1.528
USD 297	24,435,602	26,978,281	34.297	0.145	-0.145
Cemetery Dist 1	12,118,743	12,183,841	0.811	-0.004	-0.004
Cemetery Dist 2	23,833,227	26,391,898	0.885	-0.113	-0.113
Rural Fire 1	26,277,394	28,771,214	1.393	-0.091	-0.091
Rural Fire 3	987,108	996,487	1.526	-0.066	-0.066
NWKS Library	27,264,502	29,767,701	0.930	-0.035	-0.035

Levies of Taxing Units			
State Levies	K.S.A.	Levy	City of Bird City K.S.A. Levy
KS Ed. Bldg.	76-6b01	1.000	General 79-1953 27.633
State Institutions	76-6b04	0.500	Library 79-5032 2.063
Total		1.500	Total 29.696

City of St. Francis K.S.A. Levy			
General	K.S.A.	Levy	Total
General	79-5032	24.714	24.714
Library	79-5032	3.794	3.794
Total		28.508	28.508

City of Bird City K.S.A. Levy			
Supp. General	K.S.A.	Levy	Total
Supp. General	72-6435	9.297	9.297
General	72-6431	20.000	20.000
Recreation	12-1927	1.000	1.000
Capital Outlay	72-8801	4.000	4.000
Total		34.297	34.297

NWKS Library K.S.A. Levy			
General	K.S.A.	Levy	Total
General	12-1230	0.900	0.900
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	0.030	0.030
Total		0.930	0.930

USD 103 Valuation		
	General Fund	Other Funds
Cheyenne County	\$10,804,607	\$11,597,458
Rawlins County	6,044,136	6,418,113
Total USD 103	\$16,848,743	\$18,015,571

USD 297 Valuation		
	General Fund	Other Funds
	\$24,737,850	\$26,978,281

State of Kansas County of Cheyenne, SS:	
I, Terry Miller, County Clerk of Cheyenne County, Hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct statement of all levies for 2005.	

Terry Miller
Cheyenne County Clerk