

Child care center has been operating for one month

Heartland Child Care, Bird City, has been open for a month. "What a joy it has been to see so many children, who would normally not have contact with one another, interact together," said Stephanie Grippin, director of the child care. "It is such a pleasure to be able to have so many children in the community becoming part of our lives, and who knew we would have such an overwhelming response."

Megan Rippe, assistant to Mrs. Grippin, wants to get the word out about enrollment. "In a few weeks, school will start and the enrollment spots are quickly filling up. If you wish for your child to attend Heartland Child Care, please let us know as soon as possible so that we may hold your spot," said Mrs. Rippe. "Please contact us at 785-734-2509 to reserve your place for the upcoming school year."

Heartland Child Care opened in May with the help of numerous people, as they made donations of toys, time and effort and all the fundamental things needed to open the doors. The city crew posted signs warning drivers that there were children at play. "We would like to be able to have a full enrollment this year and will be looking forward to calls from parents," said Mrs. Grippin.

Fair building's roofing to be done in time for county fair

By Lezlie McCormick
The roofing on the livestock building, Jenkins Hall and the hog barn will be done in time for Cheyenne County Fair, Aug. 3-6. Krien Steel Buildings has been working to get all the old tin off and the new replaced on the roofs. Bids were taken by the fair board last month. Krien Steel turned in a bid higher than JM Construction in Wheeler, however Krien's bid also included the removal of the old roofing material. JM construction bid was only to put the new tin on.

on Friday morning. This deadline does not include beef which will still have until one-half hour after the show to turn in the forms. **Catch-it pig contest**
Director Faulkender said he had been contacted by someone about sponsoring a catch-it-pig contest. The question was if someone wanted to sponsor the contest could they do it on their own. The board members said it would be fine. They have enough to do during the fair and they would welcome someone willing to sponsor a project.

the benches and call them to see if they would be willing to pay for the repairs. **Advertising**
Casey McCormick, ad manager for *The Saint Francis Herald*, was present to discuss advertising. Mr. McCormick told the fair board members that last year he had saved them dollars in advertising and this year, he would save them more money by selling the ads in the fair book. Mr. McCormick didn't have the final figures in time for the meeting.

Wade Krien told the board that in the valley between Jenkins Hall and the livestock barn, the wood was rotted out and they had to purchase quite a bit of lumber to fix it properly. Mr. Krien said that he knew they had turned in a bid, but asked if the board would consider paying Krien for the extra materials?

Amusement Authority
Bill Erhman was present representing the Amusement Authority. Mr. Erhman was questioning whose responsibility it is to repair the benches used at the fairgrounds. The same benches are also used at the Stearman Fly-In and alumni gathering.

He talk to the board about running ads in area papers. President Bursch asked if Mr. McCormick would put the figures together in writing as he thought they had paid more last year than what they were quoted. Mr. McCormick said that it should have been the same and if they received a bill that was different than what was quoted, then they need to bring it in or call so that the newspaper staff can straighten it out.

The board decided to table the matter until the project was complete. They also asked for an itemized bill to be submitted.

Extension
Tye Faulkender, county Extension director, was present representing the Extension office. The board agreed to move the premium deadline for turning in the forms to 9 a.m.

In other business
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• There were two stoves that were offered to the fair board for the kitchen in one of the buildings.
• The board wrote a check for \$2,400 to Krien Steel for half the amount of the roofing project.

Librarian visits northwest Kansas

Cristie Brandau, the State Librarian from Topeka, conducted a tour of Northwest Kansas libraries on June 30, including the Bird City Library. Mrs. Brandau was recently appointed State Librarian by Governor Sebelius.

Mrs. Brandau previously served as the state librarian in Michigan. The state librarian is responsible for the state budget that is distributed to libraries throughout Kansas.

"This is the first time in the history of the Bird City Library the State Librarian has visited our facility," said Stan Dorsch, library board member. "We were truly honored to have her here."

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning
Jeff, Ginger, Erin, and Jackson Montgomery of San Angelo, Texas who have been visiting Lindon and Diane Montgomery returned home Wednesday.

4th of July weekend guests of Lavern and Bethel Goltl were Matt, Marty, Jack, and Sophie Goltl of Wichita, and their friends, Dale Goter, and Lori Linenbergen. They also visited with Paul Hayden in the wheat field.

Mrs. Brandau was accompanied by Leslie Bell, director of the Northwest Kansas Library System. They also visited libraries in Norton, Oberlin, St. Francis, Goodland, Colby, Oakley, WaKeeney and Quinter during their western Kansas tour.

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Dean and Joan Smith, Glenn and Millie Glasco and Roberta Linin hosted a "know your neighbor" block party Sunday evening at the Smith's backyard.

Marty, Jack, and Sophie Goltl went to Atwood on the 4th to visit with her family and returned to Wichita Saturday. Matt flew home on the 4th.

Mrs. Brandau said she was impressed with the Bird City facility and remarked that she now has a better understanding of the small-town libraries and patrons in western Kansas and the many miles residents travel between towns.

Club Clip

Beardsley Beaver News
The Beardsley Beavers 4-H Club held their annual 4-H Tour at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 10.

Sunday afternoon guests of Lavern and Bethel Goltl were Charles and Val Coleman of Bird City. Evening guests were Carl and Sandra Antholz.

She said the support of the library by the Bird City community is a very positive asset for the small library. Mrs. Brandau was surprised that the library has a high-speed internet connection. She saw, first-hand, the high use the computers receive.

Club Clip

Following the meeting, swimming was enjoyed from seven to nine.

On Monday, July 4th, Joe and Charlene Kramer traveled to Colby to make the acquaintance of their new grandson, Rhett Walker Shay.

Passed and approved by the Governing Body on the 25 day of July, 2005.



Good Samaritan Home Health Advisory Board Member

Helen C. Peter
Helen C. Peter, St. Francis, is a member of the Good Samaritan Home Health Advisory Board. Mrs. Peter is a long-time member of the county having lived here for 92 years. A widow and retired, Mrs. Peter likes living in St. Francis and says it is a wonderful retirement area — many friendly people. In return, she enjoys helping her neighbors and friends whenever she can.



Good Samaritan Village AND HOME HEALTH CARE
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SWIMMING LESSONS—Many Cheylin kids showed up at the pool to take swimming lessons Wednesday.
Times staff photo by DeAnza Church

Club Clips

McDonald Area Development

A new director, Chris Sramek, has set up a new web site, and they already have had 1,000 inquiries about free land. All inquiries have been responded to. He asked if McDonald Area Development wants to set up a web site. Possibility of designer would be Michelle Reeh or John Ship. The Rawlins County Economic Development meets the 3rd of each month if anyone wants to visit.

Alex Thomas and parents told of the progress of the plans for the cemetery directory. The cost will be \$5,300. The Lions will host a fund raiser dinner if McDonald

Area Development will help. The July Ice Cream Social will be held at 7 p.m. on July 17. McDonald Area Development will pay for ads for the new businesses, the McDonald Grocery and Frosty Mug.

Mr. Montgomery gave an update on the Rawlins County Economic Development which is funded by the city of Atwood and tax money.

It was suggested to keep in touch with the Parks and Recreation meeting each year, for update, projects in McDonald. Lois Morelock will write letters to the commissioners and keep in touch with Don Marshall.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Aug. 3.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 305

AN ORDINANCE ATTESTING TO AN INCREASE IN TAX REVENUES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2006 FOR THE CITY OF BIRD CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Bird City must continue to provide services to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this community; and
WHEREAS, the cost of providing essential services to the citizens of this city continues to increase.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Bird City.

Section One. In accordance with state law, the City of Bird City has scheduled a public hearing and has prepared the proposed budget necessary to fund city services from January 1, 2006 until December 31, 2006.

Section Two. After careful public deliberations, the governing body has determined that in order to maintain the public services that are essential for the citizens of this city, it will be necessary to budget property tax revenues in an amount exceeding the levy in the 2005 budget.

Section Three. This ordinance shall take effect after publication once in the official city newspaper.

Passed and approved by the Governing Body on the 25 day of July, 2005.

ATTEST: /s/ *Shary A. Hozacka*
City Clerk

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
The governing body of CITY OF BIRD CITY will meet on the 25 day of July, 2005 at 7:00 A.M. at the Bird City hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at the City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2006 Expenditures and Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2006 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2004		2005		Proposed Budget 2006		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Current Year Est of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate *
General	168,603	27.237	196,956	27.633	201,056	71,344	32.407
LIBRARY	5,650	2.334	6,250	2.683	6,500	5,861	2.564
Special Highway	8,000		20,000		20,000		
WATER & SEWER	150,404		194,000		206,700		
SPECIAL PARK & RECREA	5,113		2,200		2,500		
SOLID WASTE	6,156		6,700		10,000		
EGGERS TRUST							
PARK TRUST			2,400		1,200		
EQUIPMENT FUND							
SEWER & WASTEWATER							
Totals	344,527	29.571	428,506	29.696	447,956	77,205	34.971
Not Expenditure	324,527		408,506		427,956		
Total Tax Payable	60,000		60,000		60,000		
Valuation	2,310,262		2,315,742		2,207,714		

Outstanding Indebtedness:
January 1, 2003: G.O. Bonds, Revenue Bonds, Other, Lease Purchase Principal, Total. 2004: G.O. Bonds, Revenue Bonds, Other, Lease Purchase Principal, Total. 2005: G.O. Bonds, Revenue Bonds, Other, Lease Purchase Principal, Total. *Tax rates are expressed in mills.