

# Pink flamingos are in flight again

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They are back! The pink flamingos can be seen in St. Francis yards reminding people that the Cancer Relay For Life will be happening in August.

The flamingos are put in yards by the Cheyenne County Hospital Life Savers as a way of bringing in money for their Relay team. Birds are placed during the night and are removed the next day by 8 p.m.

The pink birds stay where they are put and do not take flight unless (or until) the resident or busi-

ness donates \$10.

Susie Walz, one of the coordinators, said the person can donate \$15 to have them placed in a different yard. If \$20 is donated, the birds will be put in the yard of their choice and they will never return.

Donations can be left at the hospital with Kris Blair or Susanne Todd. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. For more information, call Mrs. Walz at 785-332-8507 and leave a message or call the hospital, 785-332-2104



AMY HILT checks out the flock flamingos that landed on the courthouse lawn.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Public Notice

# Intent to request release of funds

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**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
Date of Publication: June 21, 2007  
Expires: July 7, 2007

Name of Grantee: City of Bird City

Address: PO Box 219 - 111 E 4th St, Bird City, KS 67731-0219  
Grantee's Telephone Number: (785) 734-2616

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Bird City, Kansas.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after July 7, 2007, the City of Bird City will submit a request to the State of Kansas for the release of Federal funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

**Project Number:** CDBG No. 07-PF-704

**Project Name:** City of Bird City - Wastewater Treatment Facility

**Project Type:** Construction of new non-discharging wastewater lagoon facility; Improvements will include replacing the existing trickling filter mechanical wastewater treatment facility with a newly constructed full retention (non-discharging) lagoon facility, and the relocation of forcemain to connect the new lagoon system  
**Project Location:** SEQ CHAPTER 17 Part 1 The project will be located in part of the North Half (N1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section One (1), Township Four (4) South, Range Thirty-eight (38), West of the 6 P.M., in Cheyenne County.

**Estimated HUD/CDBG Funds:** \$400,000

**Estimated Total Project Cost:** \$818,925 (\$400,000 CDBG; \$418,925 KDHE)

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Bird City has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental

Review Record (ERR) on file at City Hall, 111 E 4th St, Bird City, Kansas 67731 and may be examined or copied weekday's 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Bird City, PO Box 219, Bird City, KS 67731-0219. All comments received by July 7, 2007 will be considered by the City of Bird City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Bird City certifies to the State of Kansas that Troy Burr, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State of Kansas's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Bird City to use HUD/CDBG program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Kansas will accept objections to its release of funds and the grantee certifications for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the grantee; (b) the grantee has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State of Kansas; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections to the release of funds must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Kansas Department of Commerce, CDBG Program, 1000 S.W. Jackson Street, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66612. Potential objectors should contact Commerce to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Troy Burr, Mayor  
City of Bird City, PO Box 219, 111 E 4th, Bird City, KS 67731-0219

# Corporation hires a new coordinator

David Butler, St. Francis, recently took over the job of Cheyenne County Development Corporation coordinator, replacing Carol Redding, who resigned. Mr. Butler is not only the director but also pastor of the St. Francis Community Church.

The Development Corporation strives to help support existing businesses as well as bringing in new businesses.

His goal is to "market Cheyenne County and it's two communities, Bird City and St. Francis.

He is meeting with the leaders of both cities and has met with the county commissioners. He is asking what the organization has done well and what they want to see out of the organization in the future.

"I want to strengthen relationships between the Corporation and other entities and organizations in the county," he said.

"Working together gives us (the county) a wonderful opportunity to accomplish things we wouldn't be able to do otherwise."

The Corporation has a board comprised of volunteers. Pastor Butler plan on work with the Cheyenne Initiative Association group, which was formed in the last year and also has the goal of promoting the county.

"Whatever works for the county is my goal," he said. "I feel that we should always be working ahead."

Pastor Butler will be trying to get grants for the county and plans to advertise the county in the Front Range/Denver area. He said many people are looking for smaller communities to raise families or get out of the hustle and bustle of the big cities, yet be close enough to enjoy some of the things the city has to offer.

However, he said that advertising in the Denver Post and other such publications is extremely expensive and, to be effective, there needs to be more than one ad and it needs to be large enough to catch the attention of readers.

### Promote/help existing businesses

He wants to see the organization as promoting existing businesses,



DAVID BUTLER, Cheyenne County Development coordinator, works on a project.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

some of which are struggling.

These businesses are already established, he said. They are as important as bringing in more businesses.

### Comes with experience

Pastor Butler comes with much experience in his new job, having worked with AT&T as a global division district sales manager. He was recruited to another communication company where he worked

his team up to the number one team in the company. He was then asked by the owner of Sparks Communication to run his business which linked the school districts and all Chili's and Macaroni Grill restaurants.

Pastor Butler said he likes a challenge and if someone says he can't do something, he will work hard to prove them wrong.

He went back to college and back to work with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce where he raised funds and support for the the organization.

Pastor Butler and his wife Jackie moved to St. Francis in 2006. They have quickly become involved with the community, where Mrs. Butler is an aide at ABC Preschool and their children Jonathan and Jacob have finished up the school year and ready to begin the ball season.

Anyone wanting to get involved with county development should contact Pastor Butler, (785) 332-4345. The office, located at 107 W. Washington, is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

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# Information wanted about old table cloth

Donna Stevens recently purchased a small table cloth along with other linens at an auction. When she unfolded the cloth, it was embroidered with the names of "Good Will Club - 1948" members.

Names embroidered on the cloth are: Blanch Kanel, Rose Walters, Lucile Kanel, Pearl DeGood, I.L.W., Dora Neitzel, Maude Stothard, Fern Mace and Inez Keller.

Mrs. Stevens thought maybe the club might have been in the Wheeler area but wasn't sure. She has asked a number of people about the club but no one seems to know about it.

She has the cloth at Donna's Gift Palace for those who would like to see it. She would also appreciate more information about the club and its members.

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