



YOUTH PERFORM during the chuckwagon dinner that was held a couple weeks ago. **Top row: Kenan Reeh, Adam Orten, Jason Sis, Eddie Frisbie, Jesse Sis, and Shawn Pochop; front row: Ellie Pochop, MaryAnne Orten, Wil Orten, Dan Frisbie, and Allie Frisbie**

Club Clip

Catholic Youth Organization

The Catholic Youth Organization members from St. John's Catholic Church put on a Chuckwagon dinner Saturday night with smoked brisket and all of the fixins.

The dining room was decorated like an old general store. After dinner the guests were treated to the night's entertainment in the upstairs dance hall. The hall was decorated with a Chuckwagon scene complete with fire ring created on the stage.

Kenan Reeh played guitar and sang "Where The Sidewalk

Ends" by George Strait. Next was a line dance performed by Ellie Pochop, MaryAnne Orten and Allie Frisbie.

All of the members of the Catholic Youth Organization performed a square dance and two line dances. Guests were invited to join in on the fun!

"The evening was a good old-fashioned dinner with entertainment that brought back lots of memories for the guests," said Jolene Reeh, Catholic Youth Organization sponsor.

High utility costs soon to be solved

By Karen Krien
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It appears that the matter of the costs of utilities and other expenses at the St. Francis Emergency Building will soon be solved.

Mike Day, city attorney, had sent a letter to Kari Gilliland, county attorney, who passed it on to the commissioners. He asked that the chairman meet with Scott Schultz, St. Francis Mayor, and the three entities heads using the emergency building, Gary Rogers, Janelle Bowers and George Harper. They will review last year's operations and, after attempting to look to the future, make recommendations to what the county and city of St. Francis should pay.

This, he wrote, was the original plan when the agreement was discussed. He asked that the matter might be quickly and quietly resolved.

Commissioner Andy Beikman said he would attend the meeting representing the commissioners.

Following the Friday commissioners' meeting, it was learned that the recommended anti-freeze had not been used in the boiler so that was why the boiler wouldn't heat properly and ran continuously, causing the heating costs to be so high.

Ambulance bid accepted

The commissioners ran an ad for sealed bids to be submitted on a 1984 Ford disabled ambulance. Bids were requested to be at least \$300. When the bids were opened, Frank Sowers, Benkelman, had a bid for \$202; Brent Hostetler, Siebert, Colo., placed a bid for \$200; and Adam Peter, St. Francis, \$301.49. The

commissioners accepted Mr. Peter's bid.

Front door locks

At a previous meeting, the commissioners had agreed to install new locks on the top side doors on the south side of the courthouse. Rodney Ritchey, locksmith, had discovered that the area where the lock is installed was too narrow. The door is locked and unlocked on the bottom with the use of a screwdriver which is inconvenient but, the overall cost to change the locks to work with a key will be \$700. Terry Miller, clerk, said he was withdrawing his request for the locks.

Commissioner Andy Beikman said he will talk to Mr. Ritchey to see if something else can be worked out. He said if the door can be taken apart, he is offering to do the machine work.

Mr. Miller said that he didn't realize how much the doors would be used until they started unlocking them after the steps were completed. Many people use them, he said.

Firemen's pagers

George Harper, St. Francis Fire Chief, had talked to Mr. Beikman concerning replacing the pagers for the fire department. The department needs 18 pagers at a cost of \$455 each. The nylon cases are \$10 each and batteries are \$56. The total cost for the 18 radios would be \$8,433.

The money is generally taken out of the 911 fund which is generated with land-line and cell phone taxes but there wasn't enough money for all of them.

The commissioners looked at several different funds that money could be used to buy the

paggers but Clerk Miller said he would need to do some checking with the auditor as well as Mr. Harper to see exactly what could be done and what might be planned for one of the funds. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, reported that the county has 1,096 miles of county roads and 1,046 are maintained.

Mr. Flemming gave his report on work that had been done in the county. The commissioners asked about the graders and if he was thinking about purchasing a new one? He said that he always keeps his eyes open for a good deal but right now, he can get by. What the department needs, he said, is a different excavator.

The work the crew had done at Keller Pond north of St. Francis had made a difference, he said. They had excavated the pond's edges on both the east and west side, making it bigger as well as making it better for people to fish on the west side.

"I've heard a lot of positive comments," he said.

He told the commissioners that, in the near future, he will be elevating some of the county roads and will be working on the Rath bridge northwest of St. Francis in the near future. The crew has also been graveling roads.

He will be taking sealed bids on two Allis Chambers tractors.

Danny Schlittenhardt's report on mowing ditches, weed and prairie dog control was submitted for review.

Supervisor Flemming announced he has a candidate he would hire for the noxious weed

supervisor position, and another candidate to work in road and bridge as an equipment operator. Pending notification of all applicants, no names were mentioned.

In other business

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- Mary Morrow, register of deeds, was given permission to attend a meeting in March.

- The commissioners signed a letter of support for Wade Krien who is seeking to take instructor coordinator emergency medical technician training.

- Ernie Ketzner, chairman, signed the paper to allow Mila Bandel, county health nurse, to apply for grants.

- Shelley Christensen, maintenance supervisor, was given permission to purchase an industrial strength wet and dry vacuum for \$280. The regular price was \$858. She was also given permission to buy a floor buffing machine that is a buffer as well as a wax remover. That cost was \$1,156.

- Mrs. Gilliland had reviewed statutes and it was agreed that the county has an "Airport Board" instead of an "Airport Authority."

- The commissioners signed a resolution to support having a judge in each county. Mrs. Gilliland said the legislature is considering taking county judges away in an effort to save money. However, she said, it would be inconvenient as well as it would cost the county money.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Bird City News

Maude Elliott returned home on Feb. 23 after visiting family in Texas, Colorado, and Nevada. Previously, Maude spent two weeks over the Thanksgiving holiday with Bill and Judith Elliott in Amarillo, Texas. She also visited her grandsons and families in Dallas, Texas. Maude enjoyed meeting her new great grandson, Wade.

On Dec. 22, Maude accompanied Bob and Becky Babcock home to Castle Pines, Colo., to spend the Christmas and New Year holiday with the Colorado clan.

On Jan. 7, Maude accompanied by granddaughter, Brenda Lockard, flew to Reno, Nev. She spent the next five weeks with her

daughter Bev and families. During this time she celebrated her 96 birthday with family and friends.

On their return home from Australia and New Zealand, Bob and Becky returned through Reno and Maude drove with them to Colorado. After visiting a few days, Maude returned to Bird City.

On Feb. 19, Edna Roesener, her son and wife, Roy and Karen Shrader, attended the Cheylin High School Cougar basketball games in McDonald to watch her grandson, Grant Shrader, play against Golden Plains. The family also attended the Senior Class Parents Appreciation ceremony.

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek
80th birthday celebration

Joan Tongish celebrated her 80th birthday on Saturday with an open house at the McDonald Senior Center. Seventy friends and family members made it a very special day for her. Family members who came from a distance were Cheryl Beamgard, of Northville, Mich., who came on Wednesday and stayed until Sunday, Doug Tongish of Goodland, Mike and Diana Tongish of Atwood, Jeanette and Kenny Chisham, all of Lenora, Jerry and Cheryl Hopkins of Aurora, Colo., Marsha Lehman, Rushville, Neb.; Clinton Hopkins of Atwood, Jamie Witkeeyer, McKayla and Cody of NaKeene, Elmer Leitner of Denver and daughter, Mary Clark.

Death

Bob Binning, died on Monday. The Binning family has been members of the McDonald community for many years.

Pastor Mark and Marilyn Adams were Monday afternoon visitors of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison.

Phyllis Wingfield was a Friday visitor of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison.

Kay Miller was a Friday visitor of Sharon Farenburg in Benkelman. She also attended the 80th birthday party for Joan Tongish on Saturday.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the open house for Joan Tongish on Saturday and later visited Ray and Marlene Johnson.

Josh Johnson was a Saturday evening visitor of Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson drove to Burlington, Colo., on Tuesday to attend the funeral of Duane Smith.

The March 1 meeting and dinner for the McDonald Senior Citizens was canceled due to the snow and cold.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Rob and Dorothy Applegate, Lincoln, Neb.; Meta Dankenbring, Bird City; Dennis and Denise Denning, Wichita; Roberta and Dorothy Schmale, Garden City; Dave and Karah Maloley, Avon, Colo.; Dana Orten, Crescent, Iowa; Don Orten, Bird City; Anne Gossman, Scott City; Bonnie Burr, Bird City; Ted Burr, Bird City; Terry Burr, Wichita; Darl Donahey, Manhattan; Major Michael Lusk, San Antonio, Texas; Pat Cooksey, Houston, Texas; Patty Gerver, Bird City; David Nelsen, Bird City; Farm Credit of Western Kansas, Colby; Donna Vanderput, Bird City; Don Atkinson, Sewickley, Pa.; Don Antholz, Atwood; Dean Smith, Bird City.

Paul Roesener, McDonald; Frontier Ag, Bird City; Cossette Kimmel, Bird City; Claude Gleason, Bird City; Richard Bursch, Bird City; Clint Bursch, Bird City; Royce Bursch, Campo, Colo.; John Rambat, Ogallala, Neb.; Jon Robin Magley, Bird City; Cheyenne County Clerk, St. Francis; Steve Colantoni, Parsippany, N.J.; R. L. Parth, Bird City; Irene Kehbeck, Colby; Duane DaPron, Broken Arrow, Okla.; Glenn Glasco, Bird City; Lyle Fisher, Tonganoxie; Donita Claussen, South Haven; Jan and Jim Schamikaw, Bird City; Hal Sager, Bird City; Dan Sowers, Bird City; George Banister, McDonald; Betty Childers, Bird City.

Public Notices

Petition filed in court for the Orth Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

BETTY J. ORTH, Deceased

Case No. 09-PR-29

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 17, 2010, a petition was filed in this Court by Roger Orth, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Betty J. Orth," deceased, dated October 13, 2004, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 22, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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Notice published to control noxious weeds

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GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Bull Thistle is a County Option Noxious Weed declared noxious by the Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Cheyenne County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

- Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
- Filing criminal charges for non compliance. Conviction for non compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Cheyenne County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 109 S.W. 9th, Topeka, KS 66612.

Petition filed in court for the Wilkens Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
DUANE P. WILKENS, Deceased
Case No. 2010-PR-

NOTICE OF CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated February 10, 2010, has been filed in this court by Ashley Wilkens, as a surviving daughter and as the executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Duane P. Wilkens, deceased, praying for probate of the will, and for the appointment of Ashley Wilkens as Executor of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estate Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Personal Representative or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue. All creditors are notified to exhibit their demand against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

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Petition filed in court for the Hoyt Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM FRANCIS HOYT,
a/k/a FRANCIE HOYT.

CASE NO.08-P-17

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in this Court by Lenna Weisenhorn, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of William Francis Hoyt a/k/a Francie Hoyt, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorney's fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of William Francis Hoyt a/k/a Francie Hoyt, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 17, 2010, at 3:00 P.M. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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