

Will you be Cheyenne County's biggest loser during contest?

Last year, 10 people participated in the Bird City Biggest Loser Challenge. Jan Busse, Bird City, won the title and grand prize of \$200 after losing over 20 pounds! This year, the challenge has expanded to include all of Cheyenne County.

The Cheyenne County Biggest Loser Challenge is modeled after the hit television show, The Biggest Loser, in which contestants fight through 12 to 16 weeks of daily grueling workouts.

The challengers will divide into teams and each team will work together toward the ultimate goal...losing the unwanted pounds by learning basic techniques to continue healthier living.

While the contestants in the

Cheyenne County Biggest Loser Challenge do not have to endure quite the same level of intensity as the television contestants, they will benefit from the comradely and accountability that comes with getting healthy with their peers.

"It's going to be even more fun to be working together as a team," said DeAnza Ambrosier, Cheyenne County Biggest Loser coordinator. "It adds an accountability factor that will give people like me the extra motivation they need."

In an effort to help motivate and reward teams for reaching weight-loss goals, Cheyenne County Biggest Loser will be offering prizes to the teams with the greatest percentage of loss at each weigh-in.

The prizes are an important part of recognizing the level of commitment and hard work the participants have shown - not only to their teammates but to themselves.

Three local business have generously offered to sponsor the contest through donations of services and prizes; Bird City Diner, Nancy Semler, Scentsy representative, and Portraits by Darci.

The challenge begins at Van Doren Park, Bird City this Friday and registration starts at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone interested in participating in the Cheyenne County Biggest Loser Challenge contact Ambrosier 785-734-7105 for more information.

U.S. Census count day is Thursday - are you counted?

All homes in Cheyenne County should have received the 2010 U.S. Census form, and people are asked to fill them out and mail the form back in the self stamped envelope by Count Day on Thursday, April 1.

The goal for St. Francis, Bird City and Cheyenne County is to raise the return percentage this census to the 85 to 90 percent range. Cheyenne County was about average across the state in the 2000 census returning 69 percent of the census forms.

Every 10 years - as required by the U.S. Constitution (Article 1, Section 2) - every American household receives a form to be filled out and returned to help count everyone in the city, county, state and nation.

The constitutional reason for counting everyone every 10 years is to determine the boundaries and number of Congressional representatives for each state. Kansas has four Congressmen, and it is important to get a good count to be sure the state keeps that number of representatives.

A "Be Counted" and questionnaire assistance site has been opened at the St. Francis Public Library at 121 N. Scott.

Pat Leibbrandt, librarian, said the Census worker will be at the library from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from noon to 2:30 p.m.

Cheyenne County Commissioner, Andy Beikman said he knows the census numbers are important for the county in looking to the future. He said having as high a census count as possible will help the county when applying for state and federal money.

Robert M. Groves, director of the U.S. Census Bureau, said

he has received questions about people who get their mail at a Post Office box, and have not received a form.

"The U.S. Census doesn't send census forms to Post Office boxes," he said, "so it's actually normal for people not to receive a form at their P.O. box. The census is all about counting people where they live and sleep, so we must tie each form to a physical location. Postal boxes are not tied to specific housing units, so we can't use them to send the forms to specific housing units."

Most of the Census forms in Cheyenne County were delivered to the homes by census workers. Those who have received and

mailed the forms back are helping to make the count as accurate as possible, Mr. Groves said.

He said if a resident feels like he/she is not being counted, they can visit a Be Counted site to get a form.

"In any case," he said, "we will visit these households in person starting May 1, to make absolutely sure they're counted."

The census representative for western Kansas, Lech A. Wisniewski, said census workers will knock on the doors of houses where forms have not been returned several times in an attempt to collect the information. He said the effort will begin in May and continue until July.

Programs offered to have healthy lawns

By Karen Krien

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Spring is here. The days are longer and warmer. The grass is greening up and early flowers have popped through the soil.

To help those gardeners and those who want to have a nice, healthy lawn with touches of creative color, the K-State Extension and Master Gardeners are presenting a series of programs.

Programs are geared toward several different areas of gardening, not only to benefit the yard but the community as well.

The programs will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening, starting April 6, at the St. Francis Equity meeting room.

The April 6 program deals

with Kansas healthy yards and communities. It is presented by Dana Belshe, horticulturist with the Sunflower District 6.

The Colorful Containers and More program will be held on April 13. It will be presented by Carol Topliff, Reva Bauman and Anita Coleman.

April 20 will find Jim Strine, Kansas State Forester, talking about trees for Northwest Kansas.

Beginning Your Vegetable Garden will be presented by Candace Douthitt, Master Gardener, on April 27.

Bonnie Zweygardt, Master Gardener, will be presenting a program on creating and maintaining wonderful water gardens.

For more information or question, call the extension office at 332-3171.

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Saturday supper guests of Phyllis and Kenny Wilkinson were Josh Johnson, Sammie Ufford, and Greg Wilkinson.

Bernita Beesley of Quinter, as weekend guest of Mike and Andy Sramek to celebrate Mike's birthday. On Monday she attended the funeral of Rosie Reuber and later was a visitor of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Last Friday, Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister visited Marie Holzwarth in the Cheyenne County Hospital. On Thursday evening Jerry and Betty Knapp, Joan Tongish, Eleanor Swihart, and Betty Lewis entertained with supper for Roland and Linda Lorimer.

Barbara Krantz was a Tuesday lunch guest of Betty Knapp to celebrate Barbara's birthday.

Cort and Megan Antholz were Sunday supper guests of Jerry and

Betty Knapp and enjoyed an evening of dominoes.

The children of Tunney Loker, Mila Howard, Mary, Les, and Brad Loker went together and held a Sunday dinner and birthday party for their dad's 85th birthday at the McDonald Legion. They provided the man meal and those attending each brought a side dish. About 75 family and friends attended the party and enjoyed the day.

Among the many who enjoyed the party were Ray and Marlene Johnson, Gail and Kay Miller, Karlyne Atchison, and Amelia Banister.

Gail and Kay Miller spent Monday in North Platte, Neb. with appointments.

On Monday, Joan Tongish, Doug and Mike and Clinton Hopkins went to Rushville, Neb. to attend the

funeral of Joan and Clinton's sister, Vonnie Sawyer, who died from double pneumonia.

April Events in McDonald Friday, April 2, Good Friday--Attend the church of your choice.

Saturday, April 3--Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m. in the yard of Ray Johnson. Free toy for each child participating in the hunt.

Sunday, April 4--Easter Sunday, Federated Church will have a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m., followed by a breakfast.

Monday, April 5--McDonald Senior Citizens potluck and meeting.

Wednesday, April 7--McDonald Area Development meeting at noon.

Wednesday, April 14--McDonald Garden Club Arbor Day tree planting at the Highway 36 Roadside Park at 1:30 p.m.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Rita Officer and Roland and Linda Lorimer were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of Diane Montgomery.

Joe and Charlene Kramer, and Leon and Nancy Brunton of Ozawie, spent Wednesday

through Saturday fishing in Eastern Texas, on the Sabine River near Carthage. They returned home Monday.

Lynn and Rita Officer returned home Thursday evening from Flower Mound, Texas.

For the Record

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Marilyn Henning, Lakewood, Colo.; David Zumbahlen, Bassett, Neb.; Kevin Pritch, Kearney, Neb.; R. Bilson, Smolan; Ed Kogel, Commerce City, Colo.; Dan and Dianna

Carson, Bird City; Gilbert Frisbie, McDonald; Dennis Howard, McDonald; Vada Burkhalter, Bird City; Lilly Ruth Edmonston, Bird City; Dave Hickert, Bird City; Harold Johnson, Bird City.

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

There is an immediate opening for a part-time admissions clerk at the hospital front office. Monday through Friday, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Responsibilities include:

- Check in and greet patients
- Channel calls and messages
- Compile patient information for distribution
- Receive payments and issue receipts

Successful applicants will be personable, computer literate, and energetic.

Please pickup an application at the front office or apply online at:

www.cheyennecountyhospital.com

Human Resources, 785/332-2104 Ext. 116
210 West First, St. Francis, KS 67756

HILT LAND AUCTION

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ANNUAL SPRING CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

Saturday, April 3rd, starting at 9:30 a.m. MDT

Location: Homestead Realty Auction Lot, East Hwy 24, Goodland, KS.

TRACTORS, TRUCKS, COMBINES, TRAILERS: 1997 NH 9682, 20.8 x 42, 12sp manual, 4 remotes, performance monitor, new battery, recent full service, field ready. Only 5071 hrs; JD 8650 tractor, duals, bare back, 9184 hrs.; Ford TW 30 tractor, W/ GB loader, grapple fork, duals, quick hitch; IH 915 Combine, gas; IH 24' header W/pu reel; JD 760A paddle scraper; JD 510C backhoe, cab; 2001 Bob Cat 453 skid loader W/36" bucket; 1986 Cat. 5500lb forklift, rough terrain, propane; 1030 Case, diesel, W/DuAll loader; 1948 SE Case tractor, gas; IH-Hydro 70 tractor W/cab & Loader; Ford 3550 5000lb rough terrain forklift W/KD kit; Clark 5000lb fork lift pneumatic tires; MF 2500 all terrain forklift; Satoh FWA diesel tractor W/loader; Ford 1920 diesel tractor W/7108 loader; Ford 445A - 4x4 diesel tractor W/loader ; IH W-6 tractor, gas, runs good; 1944 Farmall H, overhauled, good tires; MM-U tractor, gas, hand clutch W/cable scoop; 2005 IH 4300 W/Circle D Flatbed, 466 motor, 6sp, nice; 1996 Freightliner, 12.7 Detroit, only 660,000 miles; 1982 Freightliner, cab over, 350 Cummins, 9sp.; 1991 Freightliner, N-14 Cummins, 9sp trans, runs good; 1999 GMC 7500 cab & chassis, single axle, 6sp Allison auto, 3126 Cat motor; 1981 Chevy C-70 bulk fuel truck, 1500 gal tanks, pump; 1982 Ford F-600 dump truck, 10' bed; 1986 Ford LTL 9000, 400 Cummins, 13sp; 1976 Ford LN 8000, 3208 Cat, 5&2 trans; 1992 Freightliner, N14 Cummins, 290,000 on in-frame OH; IH cabover diesel W/24' silage box; KW T-600, long wheel base, M11 Cummins; 1989 Freightliner, long wheel base, N14 Cummins; 2000 Freightliner FL60 W/26" steel flatbed, lift gate; 1996 Ford F series diesel, auto, W/backhoe attachment, large air compressor, only 36,000 actual miles, nice; 1800 IHC W/18' box & hoist, gas; Ford F350 dually bucket truck; 1953 GMC truck, 14' box, needs clutch; 1942 Ford service truck W/winch; 1989 Transcraft 42' drop deck trailer, air ride; 1997 Merritt hopper bottom grain trailer; 1969-38' Tempte hopper bottom trailer, RO tarp; 53' Dry box trailer, for storage, no title; 1981 Fountain 48' drop deck sprayer trailer; Belly dump gravel trailer, double doors; Jantz 5 wheel combine trailer, 8' to 12' adjustment; 1986 - 32' Escott steel end dump trailer; 30' steel end dump trailer; 1990 Travelall 28' GN trailer, 3-7K torsion axles; Newer 6' Circle D flat bed trailer; Tandem axle 5th wheel trailer W/3000 gal water tank. **EQUIPMENT:** 2004 Knight Verti-Maxx 5073 mixer, twin augers, digital scales; FK 5x6 sweep, new blades; Richardson 5x5 Sweep W/ pickers, newer blades; JD 7300 - 8 row planter, liquid fert. Insecticide boxes, all updates, field ready; Buffalo 8 row cultivator, always in side; JD 1060 - 48" field cultivator W/tine harrows; FK 48' rod weeder; Krause 24' chisel; FK 4 x 6 sweep W/pickers; Farmhand Powerbox manure spreader; 8 row tool bar; M & W 15' batwing mower; DMI 4200 Fert. Applicator, Liquid & NH3; 2 JD stock choppers; KMC 8 row rolling cultivator ; 3 pt fork lift attachment; 720 gal. polly tank, water only; 2 new single axle trailers, 5 1/2 x 11 & 5 x 9 ; 36' round bale trailer; 48' Expandable

hay trailer; 6 Round bale mover, pto W/pu attachment; Shafer 14' tandem disc; 50' x 6" auger W/motor; Miller 32' rod weeder; 8" Hutchinson auger W/swing out hopper; 8" x 51' Mayrath auger; McCormick Sickle mower; 2 JD 16-10 disc drills; Wick sprayer. **MISC ITEMS:** 51 Jts 8" irrigation pipe, 20" gates; 63 Jts 6" pvc irrig. pipe, 20" gates; 4 pipe trailers; Coats 2020 tire machine; IHC DT 436 engine core, good; Several tail water pumps; 40+ newer truck & trailer tires of all sizes; Miller portable welder; Belly mount saddle tanks; Band saw; 60 new 20' continuous fencing panels; Walker riding mower, 60" deck; Turf Blazer 727 diesel mower, 72" deck; 1982 Honda 50cc mophead; 1976 Kim 16' bp stock trailer; Portable round pen; Rolls of fencing; Sheep feeders; Good 20.8 x 38 tires; JD markers; PTO Hyd pump; Several Alfalfa valves; Hyd drill fill auger; GM pu bed liner; Yamaha 3 wheeler. **VEHICLES:** 1955 Packard Clipper Deluxe, 4 dr.; 1975 Ford 900 fire truck, everything works, 15,720 miles; 2005 Chevy 2500 Duramax diesel, standard cab, 115,000 miles, nice; 1996 Ford school bus, 5.9 Cummins, Allison auto; 1995 IH school bus, T444E diesel, Allison auto; 1982 F-600 - 10' dump truck; 1991 Ford Explorer, 4x4, 90,000 miles; 1992 Ford F-150 XLT, 4x4, auto, only 114,000 miles; 1963 Ford F-150 4x4 pickup; 2000 Chevy 1500, 4x4 pu, auto; 1996 Ford F-150 4x4, 5sp; 1996 Chevy 4x4, ext. cab; 1999 Jimmy, 4x4; 2006 Chevy 2500 HD 4x2, 73000 miles; 2004 Dodge Intrepid; 1998 Dodge 3/4 ton diesel, flatbed; 2004 Ford Crown Vic, 4 dr, 109,000 miles; 1990 Ford F150 W/ service box, 6cyl, 5 sp, 106K miles; 1986 Ford F350 dually, 4x4, 6.9 diesel, standard trans; 1990 Ford F150, 302 V8, auto; 1980 Chevy 1/2 ton pu, 4x4; Ford ranger pu, does not run. **ITEMS TO BE SOLD AT ABSOLUTE AUCTION:** 2007 Lincoln MKX, excellent condition, 80,000 miles; 2000-35"- Rexhall Airbus motor home, 12,700 miles, loaded, double slides 6.5KW gen. ; 2005 Harley-Davidson Road King motorcycle, 18,300 miles; 2001 V-Star 650 motorcycle, 3500 miles; White Cabover truck.; 53' Dry box trailer, on axles; 48' Reefer trailer, on axles; 2-90cc 4 wheelers, new; 2007 Kymco scooter; 2005 Genuine Stella pink scooter W/side car; New 50cc TCB scooter ; 2-2007 Scooters; 2 snow cats, both run good.; 1984 Case W24B loader W/bucket & forks; 2007 Super Z mower, 60" deck, only 127 hrs; 1988 Ford 1 don dump truck W/snow blade; Ford F-250 4x4 W/snow blade; 8' Boss snow blade ; 1961 Wrecker truck.; Dirt mover, pulled behind snow cats; Antique 1964 Chrysler Imperial; Antique VW Golf car; 1998 Astro van.; 1981 Mercedes diesel car; 3 Arctic Cat snowmobiles; 2 Polaris snowmobiles; 1 Ski-Doo kids snowmobile; 2 snowmobile stands; Drag racing car (for details on this car go to www.goodlandhomestead.com); Interchangeable rear end for race cars; Onan diesel generator; Snap On tool box full of Snap On tools; Snap On sand blaster; Craftsman tool box; 8-24' 3/8" chains; 8 boomers; Matt Tracks for 4 wheelers; 427 Chevy motor

2 RINGS RUNNING PART OF THE DAY

Lots more consignments prior to auction. Watch the web site for daily updates along with pictures. www.goodlandhomestead.com. For more information or to consign contact Terry Richardson, Broker/Auctioneer at 785-899-2328, 800-974-2426, or cell 785-899-8094

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