

County theater fund drive growing because of donors

By Karen Krien

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The fund drive to help purchase digital equipment for the Cheyenne Theater is moving along. The long Thanksgiving weekend was very good for the theater, said Robert Grace, Theater Committee member.

He reported that fund is about halfway to the committee's goal of \$25,000.

"This is great news, because it reinforces the Theater Board's belief that the community truly supports the Cheyenne Theater,"

he said. "With well over 100 donors, and more arriving every day, it is clear that there is widespread support for the project."

Check <http://cheyennetheater.com/donors/> for the list of donors.

"It's an amazing turnabout, and it is all made possible by the generous contributions from people who care about Cheyenne County and the Cheyenne Theater," Mr. Grace said.

Digital cinema is the newest technology for movie theaters.

The movie is on a hard drive which means the cost of shipping the 70-pound film and canisters will be reduced dramatically, there will be no labor of threading, splicing and mounting the film and the picture quality will be superb.

The total cost of the equipment is projected to be around \$75,000. The city of St. Francis, which basically funds the theater, is also budgeting money each year.

The board is presently in the process of sending out technical information in order to get a second bid on the digital conversion project. A year ago, he said, the high cost of digital made it seem like a nearly impossible goal to the Theater Board, and now it looks likely that we will soon be able to upgrade the theater.

Technicolor, Inc., one of the largest movie film production companies in the world, has announced it is closing its North Hollywood film plant, citing the conversion to digital cinema as the reason. In the future, it may be impossible to get movies on film.

It is clear that digital cinema is the future of the movie business, Mr. Grace said.

For more information go to <http://realfilmcareer.com/?p=4871>

To donate, send checks to the St. Francis City office, P.O. Box, 517, St. Francis, 67756.



MICKEY MCGINNESS looks on as Susan Jensen wraps up his dog's wounds and gives him a shot. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Lynn and Rita Officer, and Rita's mother, Betty Dewey traveled to Tulsa, Okla., Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with Michael and Erin Officer and children and Mark and Leslie Officer and family.

Brandon and Amanda Winter were Thursday through Saturday guests of George and Kathy Banister.

George and Kathy Banister and family had Thanksgiving dinner with Amelia Banister, Karlyne Atchison, and uncle, Donnie Banister and Kent and Joan Banister in McDonald.

David Banister left for college Sunday evening.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children were Thanksgiving guests of Jim and Shelly Brungardt of Hays.

Marvin and Kristina Springer and Braxton were weekend guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children.

Tom and Kelly Dewey celebrated Tru's third birthday Saturday evening with family and friends.

Bethel Goldt traveled to Cimarron with Doug and Karen Flemming to spend Thanksgiving with Mike and Amy Waters and children.

Bethel Goldt participated in the Community Thanksgiving Service at St. John Lutheran Church Tuesday evening.

Diane Montgomery spent Thanksgiving in Oklahoma City with Brad and Misty Montgomery and family.

Merinda Crayton and children were Thanksgiving and weekend guests of Jerry, Sandy, Robert and John Binning.

John Binning returned to college Sunday afternoon.

Joe and Charlene Kramer, Dennis and Elda Kramer and girls, and Ryan and Diane Shay and family spent Thanksgiving in Ozawkie with Brunton and Kramer families.

Leon and Roger Brunton, and Bill Kramer of Ozawkie, and Les and Lori Brunton of West Yellowstone, Montana were Sunday and Monday guests of

Joe and Charlene Kramer to take in a little pheasant hunting.

Josh and Sammie Johnson hosted Thanksgiving Day dinner. Guests were Jake and Katie Ufford of Vernal, Utah, Walt, Bonnie, and Monty Biggs, Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson, Bob and Helen Johnson, Ron Johnson, and Rod and Lisa Johnson.

Kathy Banister took her Brewster Scholars Bowl team to Goodland Monday.

David Banister came home for Thanksgiving break Saturday.

Alex Hengen was a Sunday dinner guest of the George Banister family.

Dan and Margie Hubbard traveled to Elmwood, Neb., last Sunday to meet their new grandson, Daniel Deroy Hubbard, son of Roy and Jnel Hubbard, who was born Nov. 9, 2010.

Dan and Margie Hubbard, Lynn and Rita Officer, and Garrett and Donna Binning and girls were some of the South of McDonald residents that attended the Federated Church Thanksgiving dinner Sunday.

Sunday evening guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer to celebrate Elda's birthday were Ryan and Diane Shay and children, and Dennis and Elda Kramer and girls.

Bethel Goldt helped with the Mission Festival at St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City Sunday.

Rita Officer attended the Cheylin Musical, Guys and Dolls, and supper Saturday evening in Bird City.

Joe and Charlene Kramer attended the Oakley - St Francis Junior High basketball game in Oakley Thursday to watch their grandson, Riley Shay play.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the baptism of Toby Prideaux, son of Tyrel and Heather Prideaux at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Sunday.

Kathy Banister was a Saturday overnight guest of Debbie Banister in Topeka and on her return trip home Sunday, she stopped in Salina for a visit with David Banister.

Club Clip

McDonald Area Development

The McDonald Area Development met on Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the Legion hall with eight members present. Reports were given. The Halloween Soup Supper was discussed. It was reported that they had a good crowd, and that they had been very generous with donations. This is great, as this money helps with the Christmas Bingo. There were a lot of children to break the pinata. This year it was different. Instead of using a stock to break the pinata, they just had to pull strings. So it didn't take very long before the candy spilled on the floor.

Christmas Bingo was discussed. McDonald Area Development has a lot of prizes already, and will set them up on the Thursday before the Christmas Bingo Day. Anyone wishing to donate bingo prizes can leave them with Kay Miller.

The Christmas Bingo and Santa Day will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18, in connection with the Lions Club Pancake Day.

McDonald Area Development will have another meeting before the Christmas Day and will finalize their plans.

Second chance at life for dog

By Norma Martinez

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DeAnza Ambrosier was at her desk in the Bird City clerk's office in July 2009, when she received a call on an abandoned dog. The person calling had seen the dog just south of town for several days, just sitting there as if waiting for its owners to return. The caller had been taking food to it, but thought some one should do something about it.

DeAnza Ambrosier rescued a dog within minutes before the sheriff's office humanely euthanized it. Just days later, Mrs. Ambrosier discovered the dog was about to have puppies, and weeks later realized she not only saved one life, but nine lives.

During the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt one of these puppies was shown in the paper and the puppies were up for adoption. Mickey McGinness of Brighton, Colo., took one of the puppies home as his companion. Two are still living in the Bird City

area. The mother, named Gracie, and the puppy in the 2009 article were both given to a Bird City resident who later gave them to a family in Denver.

This Thanksgiving, Mickey and his parents, Michael and Raydel, were in Bird City visiting Mike's grandparents, Ray and Norma Martinez. Emily was running around enjoying the freedoms allowed in the country, and ran into some loose barbed wire cutting three of his legs very badly. Being a holiday the veterinarians were not available to stitch and treat Emily's wounds. Mike's grandfather called his neighbor, Susan Jensen, who has horses thinking she might have some penicillin and she would know how to bandage the legs.

Susan has six horses and spends her summer's barrel racing with two of them. She is very experienced in bandaging animals' legs. After calling her father who has many years of experience in treating animals

with penicillin for his advice, she then checked on the internet as to how much penicillin to give.

By Sunday Emily was running as if nothing happened to her, but ready to go home. She did stay closer to the house as if to say she learned a lesson and was thankful to have a second chance on living a long life. Her master Mickey was very thankful Susan Jensen was here to save his faithful friend from the feat of bleeding to death, or infection.

Cheyenne Theater needs your help to move into the future! Seeking donations for Digital Cinema.



Visit www.cheyennetheater.com for more information

Children write Santa a letter for Christmas

Christmas seen through the eyes of a child is often priceless.

This year, as in year's past, the special Christmas and New Year's sections will be published before the holidays. The sections will feature letters for Santa, answers of questions asked of school children, memories and recipes.

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times staffs welcome participation from children to adults. All items must be received by Dec. 10, in order to be published in the special section.

Send letters, special memories, articles and recipes to The Herald at Box 1050, St. Francis,

67756, fax 785-332-3001, e-mail to karen.k@nwkansan.com or betty.w@nwkansan.com titling the subject as "Christmas For The Paper."

It's not too late!!!
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\$8 per person for all you can bowl!
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 St. Francis 785-332-2211

Employment Opportunity at Cheyenne County Hospital

Nursing Assistant

Full-time dayshift position available; twelve-hour shifts. CNA training preferred; not required. Successful applicants will possess a positive attitude, strong communication skills and basic computer knowledge. Holiday and weekend rotation is required.

Cheyenne County Hospital is an equal opportunity employer. Contact Tenille at 785-332-2104 for additional details.

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times Will be CLOSED

Friday, Dec. 24 & Friday, Dec. 31
 Advocate Deadline for Dec. 29 will be noon, Thursday, Dec. 23

The staff at the St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Fifth Street Apartments in Bird City, Kansas, have 2-bedroom duplex apartments for rent. We are offering free cable television for one year to new tenants. Applicants must income qualify for this property. For more information and an application you may contact N.W. Kansas Housing, Inc. at 785-421-2151 or pick up an application at Century II in Bird City.

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2010 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE CO, KS USED TO FUND THE 2011 BUDGETS		2011 BUDGETS	
Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk			
Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$35,788,169			
(Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation)			
Comparison of 2009 and 2010 levies and valuations:			
	2009 Valuation	2009 Levy	Difference
State	\$44,824,318	1.500	
County	\$44,824,318	1.500	
General	26,783	52.053	25,272
Road & Bridge	17,568	22.966	5,398
Bridge Building	1,055	1.323	0.268
Noxious Weed	0.248	0.714	0.466
Hospital	5.203	5.461	0.258
Total	60.857	82.519	31.662
2010 Valuation Levy Difference			
Bird City	2,289,985	52.955	-0.814
St. Francis	6,532,217	41.751	0.734
USD 103	9,184,912	42.333	10.670
USD 103 Rec	9,184,912	1.500	-0.993
USD 297	35,639,406	35.026	4.602
USD 297 Rec	35,639,406	1.000	0.000
Cemetery Dist 1	9,642,752	1.025	0.001
Cemetery Dist 2	28,151,668	0.875	0.222
Rural Fire 1	35,384,679	0.879	0.400
Rural Fire 2	617,437	0.636	0.437
NWKS Library	36,002,116	1.148	-0.083
Sunflower Ext. Dist. 6	44,824,318	2.271	0.130
Total	130,286	143.178	130.286
Levies of Taxing Units			
State	K.S.A.	Levy	
78-601	78-1953	48.485	
State Institutions	78-604	3.656	
Total	1.500	52.141	
City of Bird City			
General	K.S.A.	Levy	
79-1946	79-5032	36.461	
Road & Bridge	68-5, 101	22.966	
Bridge Building	68-1135	1.323	
Noxious Weed	2-1318	0.714	
Hospital	12-183	5.461	
Total	62.519	82.519	
City of St. Francis			
General	K.S.A.	Levy	
79-5032	79-5032	4.004	
Total	4.004	42.485	
City of St. Francis			
General	K.S.A.	Levy	
79-5032	79-5032	4.004	
Total	4.004	42.485	
049 Oriando Township			
Valuation	\$189,318		
State	1.500		
County	82.519		
USD 103	53.003		
Recreation 103	0.507		
Cemetery 1	1.025		
Rural Fire 1	1.288		
NWKS Library	1.065		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.271		
Total	143.178		
050 Oriando Township			
Valuation	\$132,188		
State	1.500		
County	82.519		
USD 297	39.628		
Recreation 297	1.000		
Cemetery 2	1.025		
Rural Fire 1	1.288		
NWKS Library	1.065		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.271		
Total	143.178		
056 Benkelman Township			
Valuation	\$1,791,309		
State	1.500		
County	82.519		
USD 297	39.628		
Recreation 297	1.000		
Cemetery 2	1.025		
Rural Fire 1	1.288		
NWKS Library	1.065		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.271		
Total	130.146		
062 Jaqua Township			
Valuation	\$88,779		
State	1.500		
County	82.519		
USD 297	39.628		
Recreation 297	1.000		
Cemetery 2	1.025		
Rural Fire 1	1.288		
NWKS Library	1.065		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.271		
Total	130.146		
063 Wano Township			
Valuation	\$129,982		
State	1.500		
County	82.519		
USD 103	53.003		
Recreation 103	0.507		
Cemetery 1	1.025		
Rural Fire 1	1.288		
NWKS Library	1.065		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.271		
Total	143.178		
034 Wano Township			
Valuation	\$157,883		
State	1.500		
County	82.519		
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Cemetery 2	1.025		
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NWKS Library	1.065		
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Total	130.286		
036 Wano Township			
Valuation	\$15,000,287		
State	1.500		
County	82.519		
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Recreation 297	1.000		
Cemetery 2	1.025		
Rural Fire 1	1.288		
NWKS Library	1.065		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.271		
Total	130.146		
048 Oriando Township			
Valuation	\$377,914		
State	1.500		
County	82.519		
USD 297	39.628		
Recreation 297	1.000		
Cemetery 2	1.025		
Rural Fire 1	1.288		
NWKS Library	1.065		
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Total	130.146		
USD 103 Valuation			
Cheyenne County	\$8,356,289	\$9,156,663	
Rawlins County	\$5,046,952	\$5,420,771	
Total USD 103	\$13,403,241	\$14,577,434	
USD 297 Valuation			
Cheyenne County	\$24,373,573	\$26,632,506	
State of Kansas County of Cheyenne, KS:			
I, Terry Miller, County Clerk of Cheyenne County, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct statement of all levies for 2010			
Terry Miller Cheyenne County Clerk			

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