



CONSTRUCTION going on at the Bird City Dairy east of Bird City. The cement plant was busy last week as they hurry to get it poured before winter sets in.

Times staff photo by Tim Burr.

## McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Karlyne Atchison attended Maynard Wright's funeral Saturday afternoon in Bird City and then she called on her aunt, Marie Holzwarth, in St. Francis.

Joan Tongish attended her great-granddaughter, Katelyn Cody's 10th birthday party Saturday in Goodland at Grandpa Doug Tongish's home.

Louise Akers of Limon, Colo., and Ann Good of Gunnison, Colo., were Thursday and Friday guests of Fred and Lavina Waters.

Roger and Claudia Foster of Grand Junction, Colo., were weekend guests of Betty Lewis.

Saturday afternoon guests of Marlene Johnson were George Vandegriffe and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cline, Tommy and Caitlyn.

The McDonald American Legion and Auxiliary are planning a fund raising after church dinner on Nov. 6 for building repair.

Nancy Pallozzi, Lakewood, Colo., was a Tuesday and Thursday overnight guest of Myra Miller and Iris McIntosh.

# Redistricting public meeting planned

By Kevin Bottrell

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A committee redrawing the Kansas political landscape will hold a public meeting for northwest Kansas on Thursday at Colby Community College.

The Kansas Legislature's Special Committee on Redistricting will meet with the public from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the college Cultural Arts Center.

The Legislature is required to go through the redistricting process after each census to make sure House and Senate districts are equal in population across the state.

The population in northwest Kansas has gone down over the past 10 years, while Kansas as a whole grew by 6 percent, mainly in urban areas. This likely means

western Kansas districts will pick up more territory, or one or more districts will be broken up and divided among the others.

The state Legislative Research Department has released adjusted population numbers for Kansas counties, along with information on how far above or below target population each district is.

"Ideal size" for a Senate district is 70,986 people. The 40th District, represented by Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell, comprises 18 counties in northwest Kansas with 62,105 people - about 88 percent of its ideal size, or 8,881 below the target.

Sen. Ostmeyer, a member of the redistricting committee, said in a June interview he would not like to see his district grow, but acknowledged he may have to absorb some territory. He speculated either Phillips County or Rush County could be added to bring the 40th up to ideal size.

Ideal size for a House district

is 22,716. The 121st District, held down by first-term Rep. Rick Billinger of Goodland, sits at 19,113, about 3,600 below the target. The district includes Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan and Graham counties.

Rep. Ward Cassidy's 120th District, which includes Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties, sits at 19,855, about 2,860 people under the norm.

Sen. Ostmeyer said Don Hineman's 118th District - which includes Wallace, Logan, Wichita, Gove, Lane, Trego and Rush counties and part of Ness - could be affected since its counties are sparsely populated and continued to lose people over the past 10 years.

Rep. Hineman said it's inevitable that western Kansas districts will get larger because almost all are short on population. His is almost 4,000 people under ideal size. One or more western Kansas

districts could be eliminated entirely, he said, and the seats given to eastern Kansas, where the population has been growing.

"It will be very difficult for the committee, or anyone for that matter, to draw a map that doesn't reduce the representation of western Kansas, but still keeps us within 5 percent of ideal," he said.

Rep. Hineman said he was concerned over the outcome of redistricting. He and his fellow western Kansas legislators talk about that concern with the committee, he said, but the committee has to follow the law to even out the districts.

"The real solution would be to get more people out here," he said, "but nobody's figured out how to do that."

The committee will come up with a redistricting proposal to submit to the Legislature in January. If approved, the new districts will take effect for the 2012 election.

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## Public Notice

### Board of education publishes resolution

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WHEREAS:

The Board of Education of Cheylin USD No. 103, Cheyenne/Rawlins County, State of Kansas, is authorized by K.S.A. 72-8801 as amended by 1988 HB 2882, to make an annual tax levy for a period of time not exceeding three years in an amount not to exceed six mills upon the assessed tangible taxable property in the district for the purpose specified in said law; and

WHEREAS:

Board of Education has determined to exercise the authority vested in it by said law;

NOW THEREFORE:

Be It Resolved That:

The above-named school board shall be authorized to make an annual tax levy for a period not to exceed three years in an amount not to exceed six mills upon the assessed taxable tangible property in such school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing and equipping of buildings necessary for school district purposes, including housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board, architectural expenses incidental thereto, the acquisition of building sites, the undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects, the acquisition of school buses and the acquisition of other equipment and for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 days after the last publication of this resolution. In the event a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for the purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the Board of Education of Cheylin USD 103.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Cheylin USD 103, Cheyenne/Rawlins County, Kansas, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

*Jane E. Young*  
Clerk of the Board of Education

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