## **Bulletin Board**

### **Holiday Hours**

The Bird City Times and St. Francis Herald offices will be closing at noon on Tuesday Dec. 24 and will be closed all day Wednesday, Dec. 25. The ad and copy deadline will be Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. The papers will be delivered to the boxes on Dec. 24 and on the routes

#### **Blood drive**

The St. Francis community blood drive, scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 12, at Peace Lutheran Church, was cancelled. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give at the next community blood drive on Feb. 13, 2014.

Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or vis-

#### iting redcrossblood.org. **County Taxes due**

The first half of Cheyenne County property taxes are due Dec. 20 without penalty. Please be sure to bring your bar code slip(s) to pay your taxes at the Treasurers

### **Open House**

Neitzel Insurance Service in St. Francis will hold it's annual New Year's eve open house on Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 1-5 p.m. Join us for a taco bar at our office. 51

### Captain Hook's

Captain Hook's, Wheeler, will be open Christmas Day from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Santa Day

Santa Day, sponsored by the the Community Club, will be held at the Bird City Legion Hall on Dec.21. Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served with a free will donation. 50

### Wesleyan Church

The Wesleyan Church in Bird City will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6 p.m. For more information, call Pastor Dan Carson, 785-626-2076.

#### Courthouse closed

The Cheyenne County Courthouse will close for the Christmas holiday at noon on Tuesday and will be closed through Thursday. Open again on Friday.

### **Catholic Church services**

Schedule of services for the Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in St. Francis: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Vigil), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24; Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) 10:30 a.m.; The Hold Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, 10:30 a.m. Sun-

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day, Dec. 29; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 10:30 entrances for the elementary and a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 1.

olic Church: The Nativity of the Lord, 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24; The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, 8:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 29; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31.

### Cheylin technology fundraiser

Alumni persons, spouses and friends who are graduates of Bird City, Cheylin or McDonald High School, come on out to support, ing place is the Immanuel United or join the Community members Methodist Church, 116 E. Fourth, and development team of Century II's first annual Cheylin tipoff fund call 785-734-2739. raiser for the Schools Technology 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 28. Contact experienced the loss of a loved Kelly Leach, kellyleach@hotmail. com, the Facebook event Cheylin Tipoff, or phone 785-821-4967. 50

### **Home Circle Club**

noon on Dec. 19 at noon at the Methodist Church. President Carol Peters will be the hostess. 50

### Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veteran Administration claims work on Wednesday, Dec. 19. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is 785-462-3572.50

### **Catholic Advent CD presentation**

The Stewards of Hope committee for St. Joseph and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic parishes invite you to join us this Advent for a series of CD presentations to enrich the season. The last session, "Behold This Child," will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City. It is an one-hour session. 48

### Jr. Hoops basketball camp

Cheylin Recreation Commission Jr. Hoops Basketball Camp and League play to be held Saturday and Sunday on Jan. 18,19, 25,26 and Feb. 1,2. To sign up or get more information call Tina 734-7141.

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### Thanks for your cooperation. **Grief Support Group**

The Grief Support Group will continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. Meet-Bird City. For more information,

The group gives confidential improvements. It will be held at support in a safe place of mutual the McDonald gym, starting at help and comfort to all who have

**Food Pantry** from 9 - 11 am at the west entrance of the county courthouse in

St. Francis. The food pantry relies 100 percent on donations to provide this service. Cash donations to provide assistance can be made by contacting Candi Douthit at 785-332-0068. In-kind donations of non-expired, nonperishable food items can be made through many of the local churches in the county or by contacting Carol Sloper at 785-829-3679.

### **Emergency number**

The phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/ Methodist Education Building on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact 785-342-0028.

### Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shel-If your family is struggling to ter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week make ends meet, and you are a service to victims of domestic vio-The annual Christmas potluck resident of Cheyenne County you lence and sexual assault. Weekly and gift exchange will be held at are eligible to pick up a box of support groups are available for food from the food pantry once per women and children within the month. Distributions are made on northwest Kansas area. For inforthe third Saturday of each month mation or in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

# -Thank you-

The countless outpourings of love and support for our families from our entire community of friends have reminded us of how blessed we are to have had Randy in our lives. From the emergency responders, the Raichart family, Bradley Fries, the hospital personnel, and all who came with food, cards, and love, to everyone who helped with the funeral and Randy's celebration of life, there aren't enough words to adequately thank you. We know we aren't alone in our grieving, as Randy touched so many lives. Sharing your memories and "stories about Randy" has been so comforting for us.



God bless you all. Sally Hudson, Emily, Eleanor, Dustin, and Sara

**Bird City American Legion Hall** Tuesday, December 31 8:30 pm - 1:00 am

### BYOB

Non-Alcoholic Drinks and Snacks will be Provided; Additional are Appreciated!!

### (All ages welcome; No under age drinking)

Cat 5 DJ Service (Kelly Simmonds) will be our evening DJ A wide variety of music will be played ...



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### South of McDonald

### **By Sandy Binning**

South of McDonald, Country

Lines by Sandy Binning Tayten and Tru Dewey preformed with their Creative Movements Gymnastics class Thursday at the Rawlins County Junior

High Basketball games. Tayten Dewey performed with her Winter dance recital group in

McDonald News

### By Sandy Binning

Jerry and Betty Knapp traveled to Oakley Saturday to watch their granddaughter, Katie Purvis play basketball.

Saturday evening, Jerry and Betty Knapp attended "Ring Christmas" in Colby at Trinity Lutheran Church, where Brenda Knapp performed with Trinity's JuBellation handbell choir.

Dwight and Matt Brown of Wray were Saturday evening guests of Ratha Lea Loker.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children enjoyed the 3rd Sunday Brunch at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood.

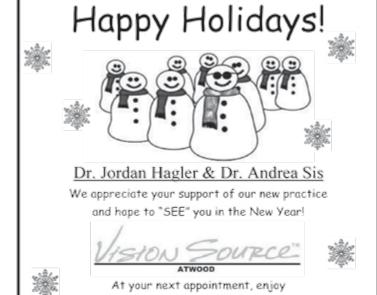
Ryan and Diane Shay and children of St. Francis, and Dennis and Elda Kramer and girls were Sunday evening guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer to celebrate Christmas.

### School Menu

Dec. 23 - Dec. 27 No School Merry Christmas!

### **Honor Roll**

New and renewed Times Robert Jones. subscriptions: Bella Vista, Ark.; Bud Frisbie, Bird City; Craig Antholz, Bird City; Lynn Query, Bird City.



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On behalf of the Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinics & Health Departments

> Merry Christmas Happy New Year's

We look forward to serving your healthcare needs in the upcoming 2014 New Year.

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