



DAWSON ROSE checks out some of the books on sale at the PTA Book Fair on Friday. It was part of the Craft Fair sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Turn in items for soldiers

Shopping for a Christmas gift for our military overseas is fast coming to a close.

"We have one more week before it will be taken to the distribution center," said Hulda Dorsch, coordinator. "We have some very nice food items collected but it is not even close to what we had last year nor is the cash gift for postage adding up very fast."

"We know that many of you have been busy in harvest with this nice fall weather. However don't forget the men and women that make it possible for us to live in a free country and doing without most of the comforts of home that they make possible for us to have."

Please consider giving a gift or a gift of cash to bring joy to our men and women who are serving in the military overseas.

The items collected will be boxed and mailed out to them in the next week.

Some items that are needed: Heat and eat meals - Chef-Boy-Ar-Dee, Dinty Moore meals, Ragu

Express Pasta - No pork items, easy Mac-N-Cheese.

Powdered drink mix (pre-sweetened Kool Aid, lemonade, iced tea.)

Canned snack food. Puzzle books, crossword puzzle books, paperback books.

Snack crackers, tuna and chicken salad mixes, jerky.

Dried fruit, small cans of fruit with pop top lids, snack size puddings.

Gum, Tootsie Rolls, jelly beans, hard candy, licorice, nuts, granola bars.

White tube socks, batteries (AA and AAA).

Seasonings - Onion and garlic salt, cayenne pepper, Italian seasoning, salsa.

Coffee (small instant containers or singles).

Breakfast cereal (Raisin Bran, Corn Pops, Lucky Charms, Frosted Flakes individual small boxes), Pop Tarts.

Powdered laundry soap (Soap is packaged into 20 ounce soda and water bottles).

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream (male/female) disposable razors, deodorant, shampoo (trial sizes work best), chapstick, sunscreen

Packing items - Zip Lock bags - quart or gallon size

Large paper bowls (not styrofoam) to go with pudding. Plastic spoons and forks

We divide packages of socks and put two pairs per quart-size bag.

All the powdered drink mixes need to go in plastic bags. The soldiers re-use these bags for a variety of things.

Since these are to be holiday boxes, some holiday decorations such as garlands would be nice including Christmas lights (50 or less lights per strand), lightweight Holiday decorations and short extension cords.

For more information, contact Mrs. Dorsch, chairman, Bird City American Legion, 785-734-2792 or Christy Wurm, 4-H charirman, St. Francis, 785-332-2650.

By Karen Krien
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Last week, a group of young men and women were seen in Cheyenne County along U.S. 36 picking up roadside trash.

There were six of them - all part of the Pick Up America program. Greg Katski, public relations director, said the program was started by Jeff Chen and Davey Rogner two years ago.

Mr. Chen was a student at the University of Maryland. He worked as a summer intern in Yosemite National Park and was amazed at the amount of trash people were leaving in the park.

He went back to Maryland and talked to his friend, Davey, and the two of them started the "Pick Up America" program. Mr. Rogner had already founded two environmental student groups on campus and shortly after graduating, was awarded the Green College Park Award by the city of College Park, Md.

To make the program work, volunteers were needed as well as money to fund the expenses of the trip. They wrote and received grants. They purchased a school bus and outfitted it with beds, a sink and a rest room.

However, they would need gas, food and money for incidentals such as breakdowns of the bus. The cash would come from selling items they collected to recyclers. They also accept donations from people along the way.

They have found that there are a lot of nice people and this year, they have only had to stay in the bus one night. In Atwood, they stayed with the pastor of the Lutheran church. In St. Francis, they spent several days with Elmer and Dorothy Kellner.

Along the way, they are educating people on how to keep as much waste out of the landfills as possible. They encourage "zero waste." Our ancestors used everything, said Mr. Katski. It can be done again.

"In an interconnected world, there is no 'away' in 'throw away,'" Mr. Rogner said. "So much of what we send to the dump could be composted, reused or recycled. There is a severe inefficiency in our society."

Mr. Katski said the two items they pick up the most are plastic bottles and aluminum cans, especially beer cans. He said as they passed through Rawlins County, they picked up more beer cans than in any other county. However, overall, the state of Kansas has been one of the cleanest states.

In March 2010, a group of volunteers was formed with the goal to pick up roadside trash from Maryland to San Francisco, Calif. They figured it would take about 32 months but would need to be done in warmer weather. The trek was divided into three years.

The first year, they traveled from Maryland to Ohio and disbanded for the winter. This year, the volunteers met in Ripley, Ohio, on March 21 and plan to be in Denver by the middle of November. Mr. Katski said they were on schedule even with the snow on Tuesday, Nov. 1. It's hard to pick up trash, he said, when we can't see it.

Mr. Katski said he was not one of the group there in 2010. However, he was a student at the Uni-



PLASTIC BOTTLES and aluminum cans are among the most picked up trash along the roadsides. Greg Katski, member of the Pick Up America program, is picking up trash west of St. Francis on U.S. 36.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

versity of Maryland and a friend of Mr. Rogner. He shared his interest in recycling.

Mr. Katski graduated from the university with a journalism degree so, along with picking up trash, he has taken on the job of public relations, writing the press releases for the program. Katski said he was also interested in learning more about America and this was a good way to do that.

The six volunteers this year besides Rogner, Katski and Chen are Lily Berman, Kelly Donoghue and Mark Sanchez. As they walk, other volunteers join them - some for a few days, others for a week

or more. As of Oct. 31, they had picked up 143,000 pounds in 1,700 miles. They had talked to over 5,000 students and been featured in over 150 local, regional and international news outlets.

They plan to reorganize in Denver next year. Since this a volunteer program, there could be changes in those joining the group but Rogner and Chen plan to be there to see the project to the end.

Those wanting to know more about Pick up America can go to their website, www.pickupamerica.org.

Student involved in college activities

St. Francis high school graduate, Andrea Holzwarth, is a senior at Wichita State University. She is working on her bachelor's degree in communication with an emphasis in integrated marketing while also obtaining a minor in marketing.

Andrea is currently the president of the Lambda Pi Eta chapter at the university and is also the vice president of marketing for Alpha Phi Sorority. Lambda Pi Eta is the official communication

studies honor society of the National Communication Association. It helps find and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies, while stimulating interest in the field, promoting professional development among communication majors and providing an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas in the field of communication.

Andrea is the daughter of Lisa and Rick Gibson, St. Francis, and the late Steve Holzwarth.

Free Parking Free Admission

McCook Farm & Ranch Expo

Corporate Sponsors:

UNL Speakers:
November 16th
Commodity Price Outlook,
Price Cost & Feed Cost Calculator
By: Robert Tigner, Brian Strauch

November 17th
Nutrient Management
By: Tim Shaver

Wed., November 16, 2011 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thurs., November 17, 2011 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Red Willow County Fairgrounds in McCook, NE

Please Join Us For A FREE Producers Breakfast! Wed., Nov. 16th 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds Great Food and Friendly Faces!

Scott Daily Horse Training Both Days!

Working Ranch Horse Sale Wed. at 6 p.m. Sponsored by: Tags

In conjunction with the Working Ranch Horse Sale, we will also be hosting an FFA Benefactor Auction.

Special Features:
Rodeo Athletes Attending the Expo this year!
Professional Bull Fighter, Quint Hunt
PRCA World Champion Steer Wrestler, Dean Gorsuch
3 Time PRCA World Champion Bareback Rider, Will Louch

KURTZER'S... WALKER'S MOWERS
Park & Drive Demonstrations outside the Kiplinger Arena both days. This is a great opportunity for producers to try out the zero turning system of a Walker mower. Obstacle course will be set up.

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2011 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KS USED TO FUND THE 2012 BUDGETS			
Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk			
Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$ 37,737,683			
(Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation)			
Comparison of 2010 and 2011 levies and valuations:			
	2011	2011	2012
	Valuation	Levy	Valuation
State	\$35,788,169	1.500	\$37,737,683
County			1.500
General	52,055	54.667	2,612
Road & Bridge	22,966	21.121	-1,846
Bridge Building	1,323	0.363	-0,760
Noxious Weed	6,714	0.789	-0,005
Hospital	5,461	11.660	6,199
Total	82,519	88,720	6,201
2009			
Bird City	2,325,752	52.141	
St. Francis	6,482,270	42.485	
USD 103	9,155,663	53.002	
USD 103 Rec	9,155,663	5.007	
USD 297	26,632,506	39.628	
USD 297 Rec	26,632,506	1.000	
Cemetery Dist 1	9,630,560	1.000	
Cemetery Dist 2	26,157,609	1.025	
Rural Fire 1	26,403,581	0.875	
Rural Fire 3	576,566	1.288	
NWKS Library	26,980,147	1.073	
Sunflower Ext. Dist. 6	35,788,169	1.065	
Bird City	2,395,583	52.970	0.829
St. Francis	6,735,989	41.687	-0,790
USD 103	9,293,470	52.997	0.000
USD 103 Rec	9,293,470	1.000	0.493
USD 297	28,444,213	40.054	0.426
USD 297 Rec	28,444,213	1.000	0.000
Cemetery Dist 1	9,771,691	1.556	0.556
Cemetery Dist 2	27,965,992	0.832	-0.193
Rural Fire 1	28,039,028	1.110	0.236
Rural Fire 3	577,083	0.447	-0.841
NWKS Library	28,616,111	1.130	0.057
Sunflower Ext. Dist. 6	37,737,683	2.160	1.095
Levies of Taxing Units			
State Levies		City of Bird City	
K.S.A.	Levy	K.S.A.	Levy
KS Ed. Bldg.	76-6011 1.000	General	79-1953 49.421
State Institutions	76-6004 0.500	Library	79-5032 3.549
Total	1.500	Total	52.970
County Levies		City of St. Francis	
K.S.A.	Levy	K.S.A.	Levy
General	79-1946 54.667	General	79-5032 37.730
Road & Bridge	68-8101 21.121	Library	79-5032 3.957
Bridge Building	68-1135 0.563	Total	41.687
Noxious Weed	2-1318 0.709		
Hospital	12-183 11.660		
Total	88.720		
USD 103	K.S.A.	Levy	USD 297
Supp. General	72-6435 27.007	72-6435 16.054	72-6435 16.054
General	72-6431 20.000	General	72-6431 20.000
Capital Outlay	72-8901 6.990	Capital Outlay	72-8901 6.990
Total	52.997	Total	40.054
Recreation	12-1927 1.000	Recreation	12-1927 1.000
Total	53.997	Total	41.054
Cemetery		NWKS Library	
K.S.A.	Levy	K.S.A.	Levy
Cemeter District 1	80-832 1.856	General	75-2561 0.978
Cemeter District 2	80-832 0.832	Employee Benefits	12-16102 0.182
Total		Total	1.130
Rural Fire		Sunflower Ext. Dist. 6	
K.S.A.	Levy	K.S.A.	Levy
CN County RF 1	19-3610 1.288	General	2-623 2.160
RA County RF 3	19-3610 1.073		

2011 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS USED TO FUND THE 2012 BUDGET			
Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk			
Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$37,737,683			
(Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation)			
001 City of Bird City			
Valuation	\$2,395,583		
State	1.500		
County	88.720		
City	41.687		
USD 103	52.997		
USD 297	40.054		
Recreation 103	1.000		
Cemetery 2	1.556		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.160		
Total	200.903		
002 City of St. Francis			
Valuation	\$6,735,989		
State	1.500		
County	88.720		
City	41.687		
USD 297	40.054		
Recreation 297	1.000		
Cemetery 1	1.556		
Rural Fire 1	1.110		
NWKS Library	1.130		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.160		
Total	175.953		
008 Bird City Township			
Valuation	\$5,763,613		
State	1.500		
County	88.720		
USD 103	52.997		
Recreation 103	1.000		
Cemetery 1	1.556		
Rural Fire 1	1.110		
NWKS Library	1.130		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.160		
Total	150.173		
010 Bird City Township			
Valuation	\$577,083		
State	1.500		
County	88.720		
USD 103	52.997		
Recreation 103	1.000		
Cemetery 1	1.556		
Rural Fire 1	1.110		
NWKS Library	1.130		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.160		
Total	149.510		
017 Calhoun Township			
Valuation	\$297,656		
State	1.500		
County	88.720		
USD 103	52.997		
Recreation 103	1.000		
Cemetery 1	1.556		
Rural Fire 1	1.110		
NWKS Library	1.130		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.160		
Total	150.173		
018 Calhoun Township			
Valuation	\$546,672		
State	1.500		
County	88.720		
USD 297	40.054		
Recreation 297	1.000		
Cemetery 2	0.832		
Rural Fire 1	1.110		
NWKS Library	1.130		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.160		
Total	136.506		
019 Calhoun Township			
Valuation	\$131,650		
State	1.500		
County	88.720		
USD 297	40.054		
Recreation 297	1.000		
Cemetery 1	1.556		
Rural Fire 1	1.110		
NWKS Library	1.130		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.160		
Total	137.230		
027 Cleveland Run TWP			
Valuation	\$875,076		
State	1.500		
County	88.720		
USD 297	40.054		
Recreation 297	1.000		
Cemetery 2	0.832		
Rural Fire 1	1.110		
NWKS Library	1.130		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.160		
Total	136.506		
034 Wano Township			
Valuation	\$156,030		
State	1.500		
County	88.720		
USD 297	40.054		
Recreation 297	1.000		
Cemetery 1	1.556		
Rural Fire 1	1.110		
NWKS Library	1.130		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.160		
Total	137.230		
036 Wano Township			
Valuation	\$16,249,459		
State	1.500		
County	88.720		
USD 297	40.054		
Recreation 297	1.000		
Cemetery 2	0.832		
Rural Fire 1	1.110		
NWKS Library	1.130		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2.160		
Total	136.506		
048 Orlando Township			
Valuation	\$190,541		
State	1.500		
County	88.720		
USD 103	52.997		
Recreation 103	1.000		