



**LAST SUPPER** was portrayed by men from St. Francis and Bird City. The first performance, shown above, was at the Good Samaritan Village on Sunday. The second performance was in St. Francis at the Methodist Church and, on Thursday, it was at the Methodist Church in Bird City.

Herald photo by Jeff Paulsen



**WIDE LOAD** — Two huge storage tanks were being transported down Highway 36 from Fort Worth, Texas to LP Gas in Fort Lupton, Colo.

Herald staff photo by Norma Martinez

## People urged to support program for children

People now have the opportunity to help support the Cheyenne County Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Currently, there are 19 matches. These are high schoolers (Bigs) matched with grade schoolers (Littles).

Jars with pictures of Bigs will be placed around Bird City and St. Francis. People may choose whose jar they want to put money in. All the money collected will go to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cheyenne County. A small prize will be given to the Little Brother

or Sister of the Big whose jar contains the most money.

This is your chance to help keep a positive program going, said Kim Queen, one of the coordinators. If you just want to make a donation to the organization, call Bridgette Antholz, 785-332-333.

Look for the jars in the following locations from April 9 to April 20: Western State Bank, First National Bank in St. Francis and Bird City, Bankwest of Kansas, St. Francis Community High School, Bella's Market, Hometown Market and the Cheylin schools.



## Officials see increase of rabies in Kansas

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is reminding people to have their animals vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian. With 13 animals testing positive for rabies in Kansas since Jan. 1, health officials are anticipating an increase in the number of rabid animals this year compared to last year.

The 13 rabid animals included four skunks, two bats, two horses, two cows, one cat, one coyote and one raccoon. None of the domestic animals were vaccinated against rabies.

Vaccines are available for dogs, cats, ferrets, horses, cattle and sheep.

People understand the importance of vaccinating dogs

and cats against rabies but often forget about vaccinating horses, said Dr. Ingrid Garrison, state public health veterinarian. "Although vaccination of all cattle and sheep is not practical, we encourage vaccination of valuable breeding stock and show animals."

Animals need to have periodic boosters to maintain proper protection. City also has an ordinance that requires proof of rabies vaccination for pets.

The risk for human exposure to rabies is real but preventable. Animal rabies is common in Kansas and skunks are the most likely to have the disease. However, skunks can pass the virus to other animals such as dogs, cats, cattle and horses.

Prevention of human rabies depends on vaccinating domestic animals, eliminating human exposures to stray and wild animals, and providing exposed people with prompt post-exposure rabies treatment.

Rules to prevent rabies include:

- Vaccinate your animals.
- If bitten by an animal, immediately seek medical attention and report the bite to the local public health department or animal control department.

• If your animal is bitten, contact a veterinarian or health department.

• If you wake up in a room with a bat, even if there is no evidence of a bite or scratch, see medical attention.

• Do not handle or feed wild animals.

• Do not try to nurse sick wild animals back to health. Call animal control.

• Teach children to never handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic.

### Deadlines !! Deadlines

We know how all of us hate deadlines — But in order for us to do our best and try to keep you happy, please note below The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times deadlines.

Articles and Ad are due Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's paper

The Saint Francis Herald  
Bird City Times



To whom it may concern:

Thank you for your attention to detail and noticing that one of our vehicles has an expired "30" day tag. We are fully aware of the situation but unfortunately at this point there is nothing we can do about it. We are waiting for the paper work to get finished in the state office. We have called every week to check on it and it is red flagged so they will get it to us as soon as possible. We have talked to the local officers and they are aware of the situation. Our vehicle is fully insured and paid for and is not driven out of this town. As soon as the paper work is in our hands we will have a proper tag assigned to it. Thank you again for your concern.

Mark, Julie and Aubrey Mills



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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Bird City, Kansas in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 111 E. 4th, P.O. Box 219, Bird City, Kansas 67731 until 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2012 for a project to evaluate, demolish, remove, and clean-up a two-story masonry and wood framed structure in downtown Bird City, Kansas. The proposals will be opened and read in public at 7:15 p.m., May 7, 2012 at City Hall, 111 E. 4th Bird City, Kansas 67731. A pre-bid conference (not mandatory) will be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 3, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

PROJECT: Evaluation, demolition, removal, clean up, and lot restoration of a two-story masonry and wood framed structure and additional foundation located at/near 118 W. 4th St., in downtown Bird City, Kansas, while preserving a party wall, as per project specifications available with the City of Bird City. This project is a public condemnation of a privately-owned structure.

Requests for Bid Documents (including the project specifications) and any questions regarding the project should be directed to Mayor Troy Burr, City of Bird City, at 785-332-0364. The City of Bird City may accept the lowest and best responsive bid, and reserves the right to reject part or all of any or all bids, to waive irregularities or informalities in any bid, to divide purchases among bidders to accomplish the best gross price, and to make the final decision as to acceptability of quality and price. Bids received after the specified time of closing will be unopened. Time is of the essence.

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