

Nursing home celebrates 50th on Sunday

The St. Francis Good Samaritan Village will celebrate its 50th anniversary at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Village. People are asked to stop in, see the improvements from the pictures on the walls to the "park" area to the greenhouse which was just recently completed. While there, visit with the staff and residents and enjoy refreshments.

In 1952, a traveler from Arthur, N.D., stopped in St. Francis to ask about some property that had been surpluses by the United States Government's Bureau of Reclamation. The 12-acre tract was on the south side of U.S. 36 and had been used as a temporary headquarters for the Bureau's Army Corp of Engineers during the post World War II years.

This land contained several buildings and roads which attracted the traveler, Pastor August Hoeger for the mission he had begun in North Dakota. The mission's motto was to become, "To share God's love in word and deed by providing shelter and supportive services to older persons and others in need, believing that in Christ's love, everyone is someone."

Present administrator Paul Rainbolt researched and found the recorded history of the Village began with a deed to the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society in September 1952. The early history of the facility can best be described as remodeling and destruction of older housing units to make room for the main building. The last housing unit was removed in December 2001, which was the old "administrator's house."

Most of the other recorded history was in the minutes of staff meetings

in the last 30 years. In the Feb. 3, 1977, minutes, it stated that the Village would be getting cable television and, during that same meeting, the "Ten Commandments of How to Get Along with People" was handed out.

Over the years, the original east-west part served as the main building, then, the north-south facility was added which, besides residents' rooms, also had a laundry room. Later the activity hall, kitchen and dining room were added.

In recent years, independent apartments to the north of the main building have been added for area residents. In 1997, a doctor from Denver purchased land for Newell Eye Clinic but later sold it back to the Village which now houses the Good Samaritan Home Health Care, a Medicare-certified home health agency.

Administrators

Mike Fleming was the longest-staying administrator, coming in August 1978, and retiring in July 2001.

"Under his leadership, the Village accomplished many milestones," Administrator Rainbolt said.

With community involvement, he purchased a 15-passenger van, increased the independent living apartments, initiated the Home Health Agency, and fathered the idea of a greenhouse next to the building for the residents to enjoy.

"The most amazing thing that the Good Samaritan Village has done is to provide the needed services to countless families in the area during spells of illness and during the sunset years of many loved ones," Administrator

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Dress rehearsal comes together this week as the Cheylin "Brothers" put the finishing touches on their scenes. **Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** will be performed on Friday and Saturday evenings, with Saturday evening's dinner theatre as the final performance. Picture left to right: Alex Hengen, Kelly Ray Simmonds, Chase Krien, Jay Poore and Andy Smith.

Photo courtesy of Cheylin Yearbook

Cheylin girls make it to substate play

By Tami Carmichael, coach

Cheylin Lady Cougars along with Logan, Jennings, Northern Valley, Palco, Herndon and Golden Plains teams met on the floor for Regional action Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Golden Plains. Cheylin was seated third in their regional and played the sixth seated Herndon Beavers for their first game of the evening.

The girls came out strong and confident in themselves, which in turn helped them win over the Beavers 15-7, 15-4. In serving Amanda Banister and Joy Zumbahlen both had 10 points, which boosted the teams serving percentage to 95 percent for the match. Top hitters for the games were Jill Zumbahlen 10/10; Amanda Poore, 21/24; and Sara Moore 10/13 which helped out the teams hitting percentage immensely. Amanda Banister had 44/48 good sets, along with Hayley Young adding in 6/6 to boost the teams setting percentage to 93 percent. The team hustled and got right into their game which is a good thing because they know now that every win counts.

The second match of the evening for

the Lady Cougars found the girls playing the Golden Plains Bulldogs who were seated second in the regional. Logan was seated number one, which earned them a bye for the first go around. The first Regional game played was between Northern Valley and Palco with Northern Valley winning. Golden Plains was now in their second match as well, after winning earlier against Jennings (Western Kansas Liberty League) in Sharon Springs and won 15-10, 15-6. Yet earlier in the season Golden Plains beat the Cougars on their home court 15-5, 15-9 so anything could be expected from the next match.

Golden Plains received the first serve and as the game played out with a score of 5-1 in Cheylin's favor, Banister stepped up and served 10 points straight to help the team earn a win and ending the first game 15-2. The girls were enthusiastic as they shared that enthusiasm with the crowd by winning their second game too with a 15-2 win.

The entire match had the team serving 39/40 giving them a serving percentage of 98 percent, which was

great! We had 100 percent setting percentage with Banister setting 46/46 and Young 9/9. On the net we had strong blocking with Moore with 3/3, Poore with 2/3, Young with 2/3, and Jill Zumbahlen with 1/1.

I commend all of the girls for the outstanding job they did whether it be serving, passing, setting, hitting, covering, digging or playing the net, I could not have asked them to do more. Their minds and hearts were set to win this match and prove that they were capable of reaching one of their goals and they did- they were now one of those advancing to sub-state play!

The Logan Trojans with a 21-3 record made it to the championship and were seated first at Regional. Cheylin coming off two successful wins entered the first game of the championship match with determination and confidence. Our team was energetic and ready to play, our confidence level was high, and everyone on the team knew that this was our opportunity.

Cheylin had the first serve and it was evident that the action on the court had Cheylin fans up and out of their seats.

The Lady Cougars took an earlier lead and won the game 15-7. Banister served in 8 points, Young had 4, Joy Zumbahlen with 2, and Poore added 1.

The second game Logan came out strong and the Lady Cougars played them a good game. Both teams passed the ball well and hustled on the court, which made for an intense game. Cheylin lost the second game to the Trojans 11-15.

We had mental mistakes that hurt us, everyone still worked together to make the most of the game.

Points scored the second game were: Young with 5, Moore with 3, and Poore, Jill Zumbahlen, and Joy Zumbahlen each adding in 1 for a total of 11 points scored.

The third game for Cheylin and Logan turned out to be the deciding factor as to who would become the Class 1-A Regional champions. Despite a disappointing loss for Cheylin, the final score says a lot. The Cougars lost 13-15 and although this was a hard one to accept everyone kept their spirits up knowing they made it this far and that they can

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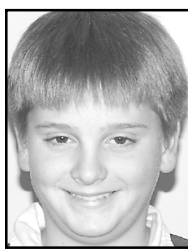
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Cheylin seventh graders wins first at competition

The Seventh Grade Academic team from Cheylin won first place at the Golden Plains Academic Competition on Monday, Nov. 4, by winning all five of their rounds. Team members Taylor Leibbrandt, Chris Basnett, Kaedra Dixon and Jessica Davis showed great enthusiasm at their third meet this year as they won each round against seventh graders from Brewster, Jennings, Oberlin and two different teams from Golden Plains.

Cheylin teams from both sixth and eighth grade made strong showings at the competition also. This is the first and only meet that sixth graders are invited to participate in, and Sydney Busse, Kelly Basnett, Megan Gilliland, Justin Miller, and Eric Holub

all showed that they are well on their way to being great competitors. The sixth graders won two of their five rounds. All of their losses were just by one question, one loss being decided in overtime.

The eighth grade team was short on numbers, but Sam Beeson, Natasha Gordon, and Paula Turner still won two of their five rounds. Sam Beeson earned an impressive 190 points for her team.

Students competing in Colby on Monday, Nov. 11, were Taylor Leibbrandt, Sam Hengen, Chris Basnett, Kaedra Dixon, Vanessa Antholz, Paula Turner and Lexi Weishapl. Upcoming competitions will be held in Oberlin, Atwood and Goodland after the New Year.

'Books are Fun' returns to the Bird City Library

Through "Books Are Fun", the Bird City Public Library will again be offering patrons an opportunity to buy selected books, videos, CDs, and other items at 30 percent to 60 percent off the publisher's price, and help the library earn books and videos.

The items will be on display from Nov. 18, until Dec. 2. Patrons can look at the selections, indicate on the order form items they wish to purchase and leave the money with the librarian. Then on Dec. 2, the items ordered and paid for will be left at the library for pick-up by patrons.

As in the past the selection will vary, but will include items for every age group, from babies to adults. Cookbooks, reference, devotional and storybooks, do-it-yourself and craft books are just a few of the types of

books that will be available, as well as CDs, bookends, picture frames, videos, and stationery.

Along with providing patrons an opportunity to purchase new, high quality items at a reduced price, the library will receive a free book or video for every ten items that are ordered. So come see the wide variety of books and gifts, save money, and help the library all at the same time.

The library is open from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Volunteers man the library on Monday afternoons and Friday afternoons and early evenings so patrons may want to call and make sure the library is open. "Books Are Fun" will be there Nov. 18-Dec. 2.



LOWERING THE FLAGS around town were veterans Norm Dorsch and Charles Coleman.

Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

'Christmas On Us' to give \$2,000 in prizes

By Karen Krien

There will be some people who will have a little jollier Christmas season when their number is called during the grand prize giveaway slated for Dec. 15. And, there will also be those who will take home \$50 in scrip if their number is printed in one of the ads on pages 1, 2 or 3B of next week's paper or one of the following three week's papers.

The person holding the first place ticket will find themselves with an extra \$1,000. The second place winner will have \$500 and the third place is \$100. For the next four weeks, two people will be instant winners of \$50 scrip if they have the ticket which matches one of the two numbers found in the Christmas On Us pages of advertisements.

A ticket will be given for each \$10 purchased in participating businesses. However, it is not necessary to make a purchase to claim a ticket. Each week, those coming to *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* offices may each receive one ticket a week.

Each week, participating merchants

will be advertising sales and specials in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages so while people are looking for matching numbers, be sure to take a good look at the specials.

Those finding matching numbers will need to bring them into *The St. Francis Herald* office to claim their \$50 in scrip. Winners will need to bring them in on or before Monday because if the scrip is not given away by then, that scrip will be carried over to the next week and another number drawn. A total of \$400 in scrip will be given away during the holiday season and can be spent in one of the following participating businesses:

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- Burr Liquor
- Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King
- Cheyenne Pharmacy Plus
- Decision Weather
- Downtown Repair
- Goodell Greenhouse
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- Parkhill Restaurant

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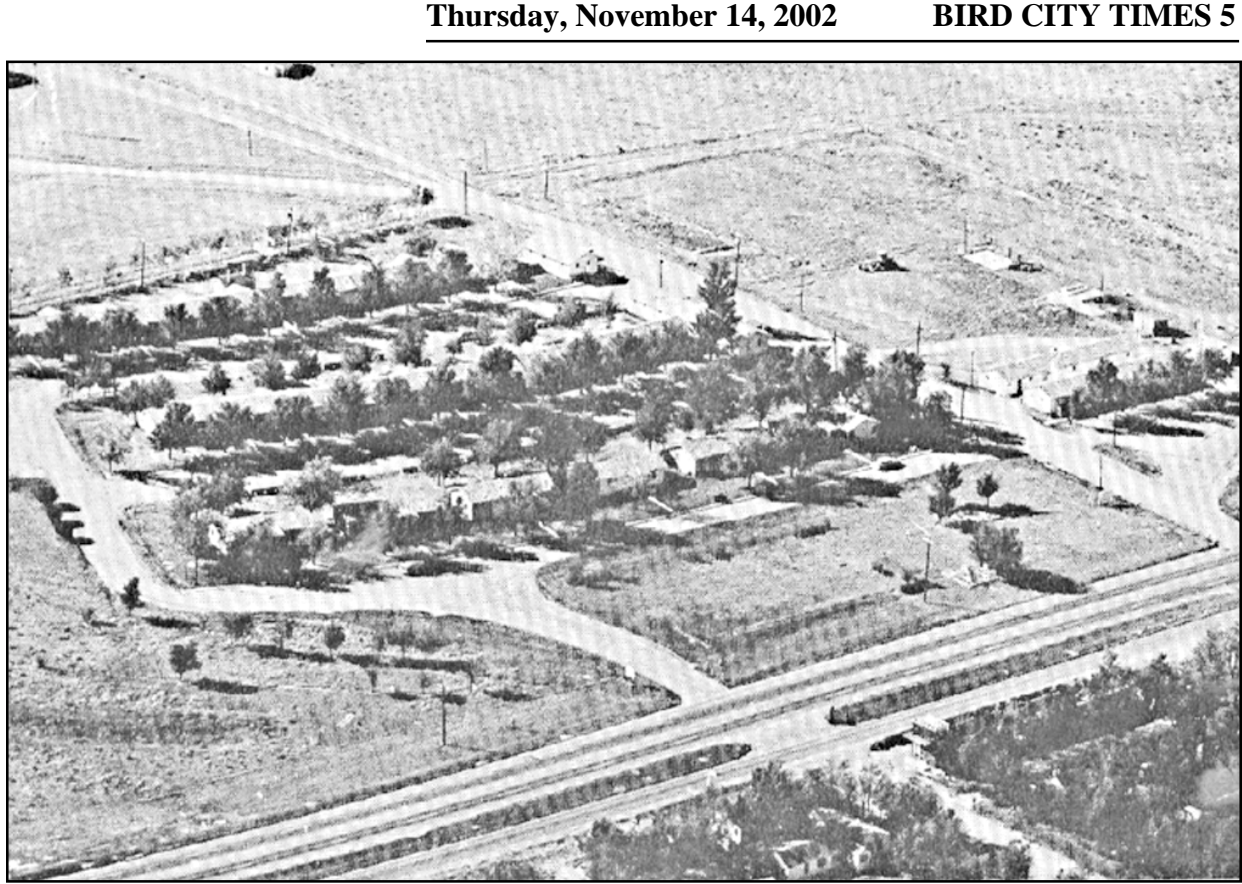
Early deadline next week for *Herald* and *Times*

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and Christmas opening, *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* will have an early deadline for the

Nov. 25 issue. All ads, news and pictures for this issue are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22.



Aerial photo of the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village today



Aerial photo of the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village in the 1950's

Celebration

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Rainbolt said. "It has transformed the idea that end-life times are depressing and often lonely for the elderly," the administrator said. "In the last several years, there have been numerous events and celebrations taken place at the Village, which have put these old notions to rest."

In 2000, the Village's Activities

Department organized a "Senior Prom" with all the trimmings. The ladies had their hair done and wore evening gowns. The men were in suits and escorted many of the ladies in the limousine for a ride around town.

Birthdays, holidays, special events and even travel have been a part of the Village's ever expanding realm of

events and fun.

"The trip to the Denver exhibit of "Oceans of Fun" also ranks high in the memories of our residents as we constantly strive to make 'life worth the living,'" he said.

Village is a caring place

"The announcement of a 50th anniversary brings to mind many thoughts of loving and sharing, dedication to

others, serving others by providing for their needs and how a simple mission of providing a place for this type of service becomes an institution known for its culture of caring."

It is 50 years of providing a place for the employment of a large segment of the local population.

"It is not just a pay check but has been characterized as a place of personal

mission work, not unlike that which calls others to a foreign land.

"We, in St. Francis, have been blessed with employees from various backgrounds and training. Each has learned to reach beyond their education to experience the warmth of serving others. That dedication goes far beyond the eight hours per day to the willingness to meet the need, no

matter what the need may be or when it may call or even how long it may take to cover a shift for another who is ill.

"This staff has not come to secure a job — they have invested themselves into the lives of these residents and their fellow staff members to the level not often seen in today's times," Administrator Rainbolt concluded.

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play with the best. Regardless of the outcome, Cheylin had the opportunity to advance to substate play in Ransom.

Lady Cougars end their season at Substate

Despite the disappointing lose at Substate against the Grinnell Warriors, the Lady Cougars have had a great season and come a long way improving their win/loss record. During the week of Oct. 26 the Cheylin volleyball team knew that they had the opportunity to play volleyball while many teams had seen their season end at Regional play-offs. Cheylin after many years had finally worked their way back to the substate playoffs and despite the outcome at Ransom everyone was very

supportive of the girls and their accomplishments this year.

It was hard losing to the Warriors again, but the girls played a good game and the best thing about all of this is we were successful despite our loss at Substate. The scores of the substate matches were 8-15, 11-15.

The girls played well against Grinnell and held their own. We did well putting points on the board and playing for each point we earned. In the first game Banister and Poore each had 3 points from the serving line, along with Moore adding 2 for a final score of 8. There was more action during the second game as Cheylin served up 11 points. Both Young and Joy Zumbahlen each had 4 points, and

Moore, Poore, and Jill Zumbahlen all helped out with 1 each. Banister with 51/51 and Hayley Young with 8/8 both did well setting the ball to their teammates. Joy Zumbahlen had 14/14 good hits giving her a hitting percentage of 100, Moore had 19/21, and Poore pounded in 17/20.

Stats show the girls played well, it

was a good game, maybe not our best but it was certainly not one that would send us home with our tail between our legs. In most competitive sports games there has to be a loser or therefore it would not be considered a game. Losing is not always fun as many of these girls will attest, but its what a person or team does to win that makes winning worth-

while and more deserving. The Cheylin Volleyball team worked hard this year and ended their season with a 15-17.

The coaches would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of the parents who traveled great distances making it to every game, and Sylvia Hubbard and Carol Bell, who kept the books throughout the season. The

community also gave their support and encouragement. Special things were also done for us as we traveled to League, Regionals, and Substate, and last but not least, we wish to mention "Uncle Jim", Rose Hengen, Dennis Hengen, Randy Miller, and all of the band members who made the trip to Ransom with us. It was great!

Christmas

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- Pizza Hut
- Tim E. Poling, D.D.S.
- Saintry Super Foods
- Schultz's
- St. Francis Equity
- St. Francis Herald

- Stevens' Kansas Territorial
- Tri-State Lumber and Tubing
- Video Kingdom

The contest will end on Dec. 14 and the grand prize drawing will be held Dec. 15.

In observance of the 17th annual Project Red Ribbon, Kansas Highway Patrol personnel will tie red ribbons to agency-owned vehicles. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) started the "Tie One On For Safety" campaign in 1986 to heighten public awareness of drinking and driving during the holidays. Starting Nov. 15, the patrol will use the ribbons to show the agency's zero tolerance toward impaired driving and to remind other motorists of the danger impaired drivers present through the holiday season.

Colonel Don Brownlee, superintendent of the patrol, said "Through this

Mothers Against Drunk Driving program, the patrol can show drivers our dedication to stopping Driving Under the Influence (DUIs) and the importance of driving sober. The red ribbons also memorialize those killed on our roadways in senseless Driving Under the Influence tragedies."

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving statistics, there were 3,611 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Kansas last year that resulted in 96 fatalities and 2,508 injuries. Approximately one-third of those individuals killed and one-half of those injured were not the drinking driver. Around

20,000 people are arrested every year in Kansas for impaired driving.

Colonel Brownlee urges all motorists to demonstrate their stand against impaired driving by joining Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the patrol in tying red ribbons on their vehicles. he added, "We hope that when members of the public make the effort to tie a ribbon to their antennas, they will pledge to drive safely this fall and winter. Ribbons should act as reminders to designate drivers, limit drinking, or call a cab."

Ribbons are available free of charge at state, county, and local law enforce-

ment agencies, Mothers Against Drunk Driving chapters and the Kansas Mothers Against Drunk Driving state office. Call 1-800-228-6233 or 785-271-7525 for more information.

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