

Happy Thanksgiving



ST. FRANCIS FIRST GRADE PILGRIMS and Indians were busy celebrating Thanksgiving with the turkey (Ty Zwegardt) front. Pictured: back row (l to r) Peyton Beims, Travis Rogers, Kayla Reed, Sydney Sundstrom, Maggie Lambert, Kylie Sherlock, Hannah Stafford,

Jakob Church; second row: Kattie Jenik, Jason Owens, Emily Elfers, Carol Eve Harris, Breanna Charnoff, Journey Lee, Garrett Brunk, Blake Meyer; Jude Faulkender, A.J. Miller; front row: Philip White, Chris Hoard, Lane Hobrock and Justin Pacheco.

Sainty Christmas opening is Friday

By Karen Krien

There has been some snow and cold temperatures — setting the right mood for Christmas.

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce has planned an exciting schedule for the holiday season starting with the Christmas Opening to be held Friday.

Treasure Hunt numbers have been inserted in this week's issue of The Saint Francis Herald. Look for the green sheet of paper with a Treasure Hunt number written on it. There are 19 businesses listed on the page and each will have numbers posted in their windows or inside their business. The

Treasure Hunt will start at 4 p.m. and those matching their number will need to take it inside the business to claim their prize. Those not finding a matching number should save their number until Dec. 16 when new numbers will be posted all day. These are the only Treasure Hunt numbers which will be given out.

The senior citizens will be hosting a soup supper at the senior center at Washington and River streets. They will be serving chili soup, cheesy potato soup and homemade cinnamon rolls from 5 to 7 p.m.

The highlight of the evening is the Light Parade which will start at 6 p.m. coming down

St. Francis' Main Street. This year, there will be the People's Choice Award allowing those watching the parade to vote on their favorite entry. (Read more about the Light Parade elsewhere in this issue.)

Following the parade, Santa will be the special guest at Santa's Hut (the old city hall) to visit with children. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras and take those special shots or their child on Santa's lap.

The firemen's Elf Train will be giving rides (depending upon the weather). Businesses will be open to accommodate shoppers and help them fill their Christmas lists.

Other Christmas activities

Other Chamber activities throughout the season will include:

- The Alumni Games scheduled for Saturday starting at 5:30 p.m. when the Alumni Volleyball games will begin. Following will be the Alumni Basketball games. (See related article elsewhere in this issue.)
- The drawings for Chamber and Christmas On Us scrip money. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. Between the drawings, winners of the coloring contest and the Christmas Lighting Contest will be announced.
- Hot chili feed following the drawings

(free-will offerings will be welcomed). Santa will also be at the old city office building to hear those final wishes before Christmas.

• Stores will be open later to allow people to do their last-minute shopping. Remember to shop at home. These businesses have stocked their shelves for the holiday season and are depending on everyone to do as much shopping at home as they possibly can.

• The Chamber's Christmas Lighting Contest will be judged on Dec. 15 and the two winners will be announced during the drawings on Dec. 16. Winners will each receive \$50 in scrip money.

\$1,500 in scrip given Dec. 16 in Christmas drawing

By Karen Krien

The Christmas On Us giveaway has started. For the next three weeks, people will be instant winners of \$50 scrip if they have the ticket which matches one of the numbers found in the Christmas On Us pages of advertisements.

The person holding the first place ticket will find themselves with an extra \$1,000. The second place winner will have \$100.

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. Those coming to The Saint Francis Herald office may each receive one ticket per 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 Herald office to claim their \$50 in scrip and it is necessary to bring tickets in on or before Monday because if the scrip is not given away by Monday evening, that scrip money will be carried over to the next week when another number drawn to be placed in a Christmas On Us ad. 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:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Burr Liquor
- Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King
- Dusty Farmer
- Goodell Greenhouse and Floral
- Krien Pharmacy
- K-Store
- Owens True Value
- Parkhill Restaurant
- St. Francis Super's
- Schultz's
- St. Francis Equity
- Saint Francis Herald

The contest will end at noon on Dec. 16 and the grand prize drawing will be held that evening.

Light Parade set for 6 p.m. Friday

By Karen Krien

Last year was the first year for the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce's Parade of Lights and it was a "bright" success!

There were approximately 25 floats brightly lit with twinkling lights. Christmas music filled the air, muffling the sounds of the generators which pumped the juice to the floats.

This year, the Christmas Committee is planning on more floats and entries.

"As soon as the parade was over, people were talking about what they were going to do for the 2004 parade," said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary.

Businesses, organizations, families and individuals may already have their entry planned but many won't be assembling the float before Thanksgiving Day.

"Unlike the fair parade where there are many decorations, crepe paper and lettering, the Light Parade is mostly lights and sometimes music," she said. "Lots of lights!"

The "Light Parade," starts at 6 p.m. coming down Main Street starting at the high school. The

twinkling lights

across Main Street and on the trees will light the way for the parade.

Entries should have lights; however, some will have themes, music, characters and figures. Whatever, each entry will add to the Christmas Light Parade.

There are two rules: 1) The only Santa in the parade is the Chamber's Santa; 2) do not throw candy or treats.

The committee is encouraging anyone planning to have a float or other entry to stop by either of the St. Francis banks, the Chamber office or The Saint Francis Herald office and fill out a form. Those entering at the last minute can also bring their form with them when they line up at 5:30 p.m. at the high school.

People's Choice Award

New this year will be the People's Choice Award. Anyone watching the parade should stop by Owens True Value, Schultz's, KMClothier or Stevens' Kansas Territorial and pick up a ballot. See PARADE on Page 7A



Alumni games are Saturday

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce has brought back the Alumni Games which will be played on Nov. 27 at the high school.

The women alumni will be participating in the volleyball games at 5:30. There will be four teams making up the bracket with the oldest player being a 1977 graduate and the youngest, a 2004 graduate.

There will be two men's basketball teams and game time is approximately 8 p.m. Graduates range from 1969 to 2004.

"We will have EMTs standing by," said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary.

The teams are drawn from those planning to play.

Players can register as late as the day of the games but there will not be a T-shirt for the player that night. However, it will be available later.

To enter, call the Chamber office or show up at the games on Saturday. There will be an admission charge for those planning to cheer their teams on to victory.

Country Pantry is furnishing concessions of barbecued beef, potato salad, cookie and drink in the cafeteria. There will also be candy, popcorn and pop.

Theater seats are ordered

By Karen Krien

The money has been raised and the theater seats are ordered!!

"It was great the way the money came in," said Bob Bixler, chairman of the Cheyenne Theater Committee.

About three-fourths of the money came from out of town and the rest came from within the county."

The money started coming in af-

ter Penny Raile, former resident, St. Francis Community High School Alumni and someone who fondly remembered St. Francis and the old theater, started a drive to raise money. She, along with Monica Raile Garcia, wrote and sent letters to St. Francis high school alumni and, within weeks after the first letters went out, the money was coming in.

Several weeks ago, the Theater Committee ordered 211 seats which cost \$30,000. The committee had started with a goal of getting new seats for the lower floor, leaving the balcony until a time when more money would be available but with the generous donations, they were able to have seats installed in both areas.

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Farmer/bus driver wins chili cookoff

By Karen Krien

A St. Francis man won the Bird City Community Club's Chili Cookoff held Oct. 31 in Bird City.

Ben Leibbrandt, farmer and school bus driver, was declared the winner at the cookoff. There were 11 people competing.

"I was surprised but also kind of excited about winning," Mr. Leibbrandt said.

He said he always liked cooking and when they grill outside he is always the chef.

His favorite meat to barbecue is pork chops.

Mr. Leibbrandt will be competing next year in the Community Club Chili Cookoff. Because he will de-

fending his title, he was reluctant to give out his recipe for his winning soup. However, he did say that it contained Leibbrandt pork and thinks that this ingredient probably makes the difference between a good bowl of chili and a great bowl of chili.

Mr. Leibbrandt and his wife Pat have been raising hogs for 37 years on their farm located northwest of St. Francis. Just recently, they have been selling their product to several organizations and restaurants and it was available at the Farmers' Market held in St. Francis during the summer months.

For more information about purchasing pork from the Leibbrandts, call them at 785-332-2732.



BIRD CITY COMMUNITY Club's Chili Cookoff deemed Ben Leibbrandt winner out of 11 contestants winner.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Woman celebrates 90th birthday

Saturday, Nov. 6, an open house party was held at the United Methodist Church, in honor of Erna Schlepp's 90th birthday. Hosts were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Presiding at the guest book was Britney Schlepp. Erna, being the first of her siblings to reach the age of 90, was honored by the presence of her younger brothers, Robert Zimbelman (age 86), Clarence Zimbelman (age 84), Raymond Zimbelman (age 82), and Calvin Zimbelman (age 80).

Erna enjoyed greeting, visiting and reminiscing with her many guests throughout the afternoon. Erna and her guests also enjoyed musical presentations by her great-granddaughter Britney Schlepp playing the guitar, her great-niece Alaina LaPanse playing the violin, and her great-nephew Christopher LaPanse playing the piano.

Guests signing the guest book from St. Francis included the following: Robert and Edna Zimbelman, Raymond and Dorine Zimbelman, Arrilla Zimbelman, Mark and Sue Zimbelman, Scott and Nancy Schultz, Hulda Raile, Robert and Alma Walter, Dr. Mary Beth Miller, Alvin and Marie Holzwarth, Helen Lampe, Mary Lee Frewen, Fleda Raile, Joan Wellman, Erva Gene DeAragon, Anita Miller, Tobe Zwegyardt, Merita Freeman, Carol Forsythe, Ilene Raile, Thad Douthit, Dick and Bonnie Cram, Nina Raile, Coleen Applegate, Tim and Robin Burr, Dorothy Schield, Helen Peter, Violet Cranmer, Tom and Marvel Gleason, Deb Lindsten, Gladys Cook, Mavern Gienger, Margaret Holzwarth, Dorothy Orth, Lucille Price, Alma Zimbelman, Leon and Darlene Merklin, Eloise Holliday, Wanda Gienger, Gertie Zwegyardt, Neva DeGood, Marcia Rueb, Ethel Whitten, Bessie Burr, Hertha Kelly, Thelma Raile, Jessie Schield, Gerri Lampe, Clay Zimbelman, Sylvia Raile, Donna Stevens, Ron and Marsha Zimbelman, Gus and Martha Zwegyardt, Lydia Hilt, Willard Peter, Carolyn Culwell, Mildred Barnhart, Rueben and Valjean Schultz, Marvin and Donna Zimbelman, Betty Jean Winston, Donna Northrup, Donna

Zwegyardt, Grace Zwegyardt, Gilbert and Shirley Ochsner, Connie and Carl Williams, Pauline Hixon, Fred and Dorothy Gemaehlich, Janet Jensen, Barbara Ewing, Janice Krien, Ernie and Marlene Lebfrom, Bonnie Stebbins, Mayetta McCall and Morita Truman.

Other out-of-town guests from Kansas were Clarence and Marie Schultze, and Justin, Kayla, Britney, Christian and Bryna Schlepp of Hays, Louie Gipe, Gerald and Phyllis Wright, Meta Dankenbring and Sandy Magley of Bird City, Brenda Moss, and Eldon and Dorothy Palmer of Goodland, and Melvin and Louise Schlepp of Kanorado.

Out-of-town guests from Colorado included Clarence and Ruth Zimbelman of Longmont, Ray, Margie, Christopher, and Alaina LaPanse of Superior, Emma Lubbers of Greeley, Calvin and Dorothy Zimbelman, and Jay and Carol Zimbelman of Burlington, Larry and Sharon Blanchard, Salida, Art and Verla Inness and Jack and Sheila Davis of Denver, and Terry, Wendy, Aaron, Jordan and Dalton Davis of Highlands Ranch.

— Bowling News —

Ladies Nite Out 11/11

Team standings: Jersey Maids 27-20, Wright Carpet 27-21, Mels Gal's 27-21, BW Alley Cats 25-22, Dundy Ag 25-23, Stockmen's Strikers 23-25, Cheyenne Bowl 20-28, M&M's 17-31

High game (scratch): Nancy Vernon 196, Boots Peterson 193, Marsha Kechter 193

High series (scratch): Vernon 533, Kechter 522, Peterson 460

Ladies Nite Out 11/18

Team standings: Mels Gal's 30-22, Jersey Maids 28-23, BW Alley Cats 28-23, Wright Carpet 28-24, Stockmen's Strikers 27-25, Dundy Ag 25-27, Cheyenne Bowl 21-31, M&M's 20-32.

High game (scratch): Marsha Kechter 184, Ilene O'Leary 181, Boots Peterson 181

High series (scratch): Vicky Harford 504, Jeanne Dunn 491, Kechter 484.

Junior high boys travel to Atwood

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis traveled to Atwood on Thursday, Nov. 18, for junior high boys basketball action. The two teams split the games with Rawlins County winning the eighth grade game and St. Francis the seventh grade game.

Seventh grade St. Francis 40, Rawlins County 22

By pouring 40 points through the hoop on Thursday, the St. Francis seventh grade boys basketball team came home with a 40-22 win over Rawlins County. It was their second win of the season.

Matt Raile with 22 points and Trent Raile with 10 scored in double figures. Also scoring were Drew Zwegyardt, Alex Long and Darris Keller.

"Rawlins County gave us a great game for three quarters," Coach Kent Kechter said. "We were leading 21-20 at the end of three. We made a switch in our defense from zone press/zone to man-to-man. This seemed to cause confusion for the Rawlins County team and we dominated them in the fourth quarter. We caused several turnovers which led to several layups for us."

St. Francis outscored Rawlins county 19 to 2 in the fourth to pull away for the win.

"Trent Raile did a great job of defending their good guard (Wolters) during the fourth quarter," Coach Kechter said. "The other team members also played well defensively. I was very pleased with our performance defensively as we had not used man defense more than a few plays throughout the season. We have worked to learn the basics of man defense for several weeks and now it is beginning to pay off."

"We have several tough opponents in the near future, but these guys are

showing steady improvement. We do our best to be ready."

SF 07 09 05 19 40
RC 05 06 09 02 22

Scoring: M. Raile 22, T. Raile 10, Zwegyardt 4, Long 2, Keller 2

Eighth grade Rawlins County 48, St. Francis 35

St. Francis scored in double figures in the first and fourth quarters but found baskets hard to come by in the second and third. Rawlins County consistently scored with their largest output (20 points) in the first quarter.

"I thought we played pretty well against a good shooting team," Coach Jeff Beims said. "They were on fire in the first quarter, but we hung with them for a while."

"We shouldn't feel too bad about this defeat, as I think we improved in a lot of areas. We won the battle on the boards convincingly, and kept our turnovers down. We played good defense on a high scoring team."

"So when the smoke cleared, we were hung with another loss. Oddly though, losses sometimes have their own rewards."

Six players contributed to the scoring with Ethan Zwegyardt and Brennan Van Allen each having nine.

SF 10 06 00 19 35
RC 20 11 09 08 48

Scoring: Zwegyardt 9, Van Allen 9, Sam Sowers 6, Trevor Hilt 4, Jesse Pacheco 4, Trent Kinen 3

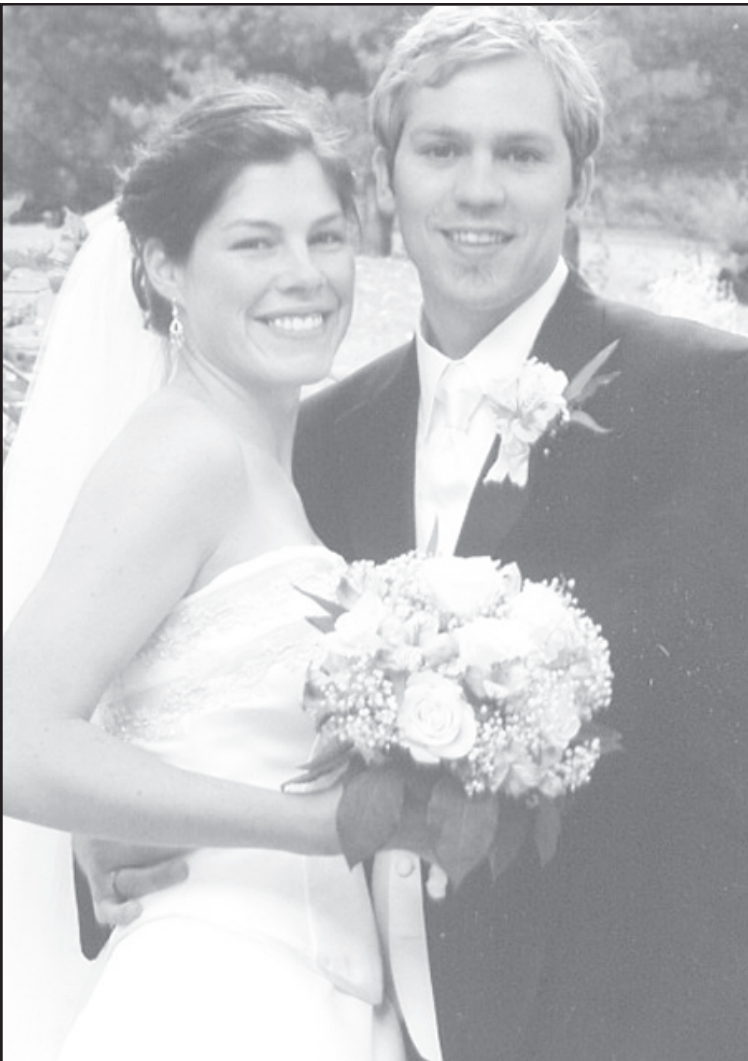
The team has a 1-3 record.

— Occasion —

Birthday Club Luncheon

Park Hill was the scene of the November Birthday Club luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 18.

Attending were Rose Mary Bierig, Sharon Penton, Lois Leydig, Arlene Walz, DeEtta Knorr, Deloris Knorr, Betty Jean Winston and guest Lee Busby.



Anna and Nathan Snyder

Couple united in evening wedding

An evening outdoor wedding on the Johnson family farm in La Crescent, Minn., was the setting for the marriage of Anna Christine Johnson and Nathan Evan Snyder in a double-ring ceremony on Aug. 28, 2004.

Parents of the couple are Paul and Sueanna Johnson, La Crescent and Joe and Christie Snyder, St. John,

Kan., Chuck and Shirley (Carmichael) Allen, Hideaway Lake, Texas, are grandparents of the groom. Patty and Willie Klie, St. Francis, are great-aunt and great-uncle of the groom.

Matron of honor was Jessie Johnson, sister of the bride, La Crescent. The bridesmaid was Kristin Bennett.

Best man was Luke Snyder, Emporia, brother of the groom. Groomsman was Ted Johnson, brother of the bride, La Crescent.

After a September honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, the couple is at home in Claryville, N.Y. Both Anna and Nathan are program directors for the Frost Valley YMCA, Frost Valley, N.Y.

PARADE

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Following the parade, take the ballot with the choice of the first place float number listed on the ballot. The winner of the Light Parade will be announced at the Alumni Games held at the high school on Nov. 27.

The winner will be awarded a "traveling plaque" on which their name will be engraved and displayed throughout the year. Next year, the plaque will return to the Chamber and will be awarded to the 2005 winner.

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Mr. Bixler said there will be less seating than before because these seats are larger and will be more comfortable. There will also be more space between the rows.

The committee is unsure as to when the seats will arrive as once the company receives the order, they are then manufactured — It could be several months. The company will also install the seats but shortly before the seats arrive, volunteers will be needed to remove the old seats.

"We are going to try to work out a schedule where the seats are removed and the new seats installed without missing the showing of a movie," Mr. Bixler said.

"We are asking that anyone knowing of someone needing seats will call Deb Harper (committee member). We would like to have a home for them to go to before we take them out."

Balcony is open

The balcony has recently been opened but people are asked to please act respectfully while sitting in the area. Mr. Bixler noted that the manager and assistant manager will be monitoring the area during movies.

Comparison of 2003 and 2004 levies and valuations:				
State County	2003 Valuation	2003 Levy	2004 Valuation	2004 Levy
				Difference
	\$35,951,970	1.500	\$38,575,739	1.500
	\$35,951,970		\$38,575,739	
General		25.060		19.680
Road & Bridge		12.669		11.408
Bridge Building		0.062		2.143
Noxious Weed		0.349		0.591
Hospital		6.347		5.511
Bond & Interest		7.457		7.221
Total		51.944		46.554

2003 Valuations(Dollars)		2004 Valuation	
Bird City	2,310,262	29,571	2,315,742
St. Francis	6,377,206	28.821	6,492,296
USD 103	17,921,548	33.322	18,015,571
USD 297	24,435,602	34.152	26,978,281
Cemetery Dist 1	12,118,743	0.815	12,183,841
Cemetery Dist 2	23,833,227	0.998	26,391,898
Rural Fire 1	26,277,394	1.484	28,771,214
Rural Fire 3	987,108	1.592	996,487
NWKS Library	27,264,502	0.965	29,767,701

Levies of Taxing Units			
State Levies	K.S.A.	Levy	City of Bird City K.S.A
KS Ed. Bldg.	76-6b01	1.000	General 79-1953
State Institutions	76-6b04	0.500	Library 79-5032
Total		1.500	Total 29.696

County Levies		K.S.A.	Levy
General	79-1946		19.680
Road & Bridge	68-5,101		11.408
Bridge Building	68-1135		2.143
Noxious Weed	2-1318		0.591
Bond & Interest	19-15,116		5.511
Hospital	12-183		7.221
Total			46.554

USD 103		K.S.A.	Levy
Supp. General	72-6435		9.350
General	72-6431		20.000
Recreation	12-1927		1.500
Capital Outlay	72-8801		4.000
Total			34.850

Cemetery		K.S.A.	Levy
Cemetery District 1	80-932		0.811
Cemetery District 2	80-932		0.885

Rural Fire		K.S.A.	Levy
CN County RF 1	19-3610		1.393

USD 297		K.S.A.	Levy
Supp. General	72-6435		9.297
General	72-6431		20.000
Recreation	12-1927		1.000
Capital Outlay	72-8801		4.000
Total			34.297

NWKS Library		K.S.A.	Levy
General	12-1230		0.900
Employee Benefits	12-16,102		0.030
Total			0.930

001 City of Bird City	
Valuation \$2,315,742	
State	Rural Fire 1
County	46.554
City	29.696
USD 103	34.850
Cemetery 1	0.811
Total	111.911

017 Calhoun Township	
Valuation \$336,819	
State	1.500
County	46.554
USD 103	34.850
Cemetery 1	0.811
Rural Fire 1	1.393
Library	0.930
Total	86.038

033 Wano Township	
Valuation \$214,437	
State	1.500
County	46.554
USD 103	34.850
Cemetery 1	0.811
Rural Fire 1	1.393
Library	0.930
Total	86.038

049 Orlando Township	
Valuation \$253,097	
State	1.500
County	46.554
USD 297	34.297
Cemetery 1	0.811
Rural Fire 1	1.393
Library	0.930
Total	85.485

USD 103 Valuation	
Cheyenne County	\$10,804,607
Rawlins County	6,044,136
Total USD 103	\$16,848,743

USD 297 Valuation	
	\$24,737,850

002 City of St. Francis	
Valuation \$6,492,296	
State	1.500
County	46.554
City	28.508
USD 297	34.297
Cemetery 2	0.885
Total	111.744

018 Calhoun Township	
Valuation \$773,025	
State	1.500
County	46.554
USD 297	34.297
Cemetery 2	0.885
Rural Fire 1	1.393
Library	0.930
Total	85.559

034 Wano Township	
Valuation \$191,745	
State	1.500
County	46.554
USD 297	34.297
Cemetery 1	0.811
Rural Fire 1	1.393
Library	0.930
Total	85.485

050 Orlando Township	
Valuation \$193,241	
State	1.500
County	46.554
USD 103	34.850
Cemetery 1	0.811
Rural Fire 1	1.393
Library	0.930
Total	86.038

General Fund	
	\$11,597,458
	6,418,113
Total USD 103	\$16,848,743

Other Funds	
	\$26,978,281

008 Bird City Township	
Valuation \$7,540,732	
State	1.500
County	46.554
USD 103	34.850
Cemetery 1	0.811
Rural Fire 1	1.393
Library	0.930
Total	86.038

019 Calhoun Township	
Valuation \$141,541	
State	1.500
County	46.554
USD 297	34.297
Cemetery 1	0.811
Rural Fire 1	1.393
Library	0.930
Total	85.485

036 Wano Township	
Valuation \$14,811,846	
State	1.500
County	46.554
USD 297	34.297
Cemetery 2	0.885
Rural Fire 1	1.393
Library	0.930
Total	85.559

056 Benkelman Township	
Valuation \$1,494,156	
State	1.500
County	46.554
USD 297	34.297
Cemetery 2	0.885
Rural Fire 1	1.393
Library	0.930
Total	85.559

062 Jaqua Township	
Valuation \$843,630	
State	1.500
County	46.554
USD 297	34.297
Cemetery 2	0.885
Rural Fire 1	1.393
Library	0.930
Total	85.559

State of Kansas County of Cheyenne, SS:

I, Terry Miller, County Clerk of Cheyenne County, Hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct statement of all levies for 2005.

Terry Miller
Cheyenne County Clerk