



MAP SHOWS the remaining, alternate routes that residents can use while construction work continues on K-161.

Death notice

Adeline "Ad" Childers, 84, died Sunday, July 25 at her residence in Bird City. She was born June 17, 1920.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 p.m. Friday at the St. John Lutheran Church. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis. Mrs. Childers is survived by three daughters, Sherry Carmichael and Candy Glasco of Bird City and Cindy Leach of Wichita; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one sister, Viola Peck of Goodland.

Memorials may be made to the Ad Childers Memorial Fund.

50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cahoj, McDonald, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 1, with a mass and an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at the McDonald Legion Hall. Cards may reach them at Box 18, McDonald, KS 67745.

60th anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Clarence and Minnie Busse are hosting an open house in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary. The celebration will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Bird City Legion hall. A short program will begin at 4 p.m. The family asks that there be no gifts.

Those who cannot attend but would like to send cards, the address is HC 1, Box 61, Bird City, KS 67731.

Cancer survivors

Any cancer survivor wanting to ride on or walk with the Relay For Life float, contact Sherry Schultz at 332-2860.

Fair grandstand entertainment changes

Please note that the Antique Tractor Pull has been changed to Thursday night at 7 p.m. and the

Kids' Ranch Rodeo has been rescheduled for Friday night at 7 p.m.

Tumbleweed Round-up

The Third annual Tumbleweed Round-up will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 4 at the Cheyenne Theater in St. Francis. Check ad for additional information.

Haigler Bluegrass Breakdown

Haigler Bluegrass Breakdown is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 8 at Haigler Park in Haigler. Check ad for a schedule of events.

No-Weld Demolition Derby

No-Weld Demolition Derby will be presented during the Thomas County Free Fair in Colby on Thursday, Aug. 5. Check ad for additional information.

Returns to St. Francis

Chris Harris, who was injured in a motorcycle accident on June 2, and has been hospitalized in Denver, returning to St. Francis on Thursday. He will be continuing with therapy but is able to get around on crutches. Mr. Harris is happy to be home and felt that all the cards, calls and words of encouragement he received helped in his recovery.

ABC Preschool enrollment

ABC Preschool enrollment will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at the United Methodist Education Building. Check ad in this issue for additional details or contact Melissa Zwegardt at (785) 32-3458.

Tri-State Antique Auto Club

Tri-State Antique Auto Club will hold a short meeting in the Thresher School house at the Thresher Show grounds in Bird City at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 1

Old-Fashioned Country School Literary

The annual Old Fashioned Country School Literary will be

held at the Thresher School House in Bird City on Thursday evening, July 29 at 7 p.m.

Weather permitting the Literary will be held in front of the school house. Bring a poem, reading or a story to share and a chair.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Memorial Walk

The Compassionate Friends of Cheyenne County have planned a "memorial walk" at the courthouse park in St. Francis on Aug. 1. Participants are to meet at the park at 7:30 p.m. and the walk will start at 8. Everyone who has lost a child is urged to join the walk and ask that others walk with them.

The Cheyenne County chapter will join with dozens of Compassionate Friends chapters walking across the country in conjunction with the "Walk to Remember" held the final day of The Compassionate Friends national conference in Hollywood. Light refreshments will be available when the walk is finished.

Fair Parade

Aug. 7 is the day for the Cheyenne County Fair Parade down St. Francis' Main Street. The theme is "As Good As It Gets" and every individual, organization and business is encouraged to enter a float or some entry in the parade. Entry blanks can be picked up at First National Bank, Bankwest, the Chamber office and *The Saint Francis Herald* office.

Hospice Service

Hospice Services Inc., has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning, and other related topics. Hospice Service, Inc. is available to provide programs for groups and organiza-

tions. For more information, please call 800-315-5122.

Check your name label

Have you checked the name label on your paper? This label also shows the expiration date of your subscription. Note that if your subscription runs out completely it will take two weeks after you resubscribe before it will once again be delivered to your mail box. In order to not have a break in your service, renew by the expiration date.

Alcoholic Anonymous/Al-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2078.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Bird City News

House guests of Betty Childers this past week were her daughters, Patty Lusk of San Antonio, Texas, and Kay Childers of Arvada, Colo.

They all enjoyed dinner at Big Ed's Wednesday night with Helen Howk and daughter, Merla Hoffman of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Millie Rambat was a Thursday dinner guest of Betty Childers and company, Kay Bankes and Patty Lusk.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

If you haven't noticed there is an election brewing. How couldn't anyone notice, with all the brightly colored signs along the highway and in neighborhood yards? But what does this really mean? Sure many people won't bother to vote in a primary election on August 3. Either it may be because they don't think an individual vote really matters, or they are generally apathetic to the election process, or maybe they just want to wait till the major election in November. For whatever reason there is no excuse not to vote. Our democratic system of government does have certain flaws

and is still a work in progress. It is not perfect, "...But it is the best form of government in the world." according to former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. In other words, if we as individuals do not participate in the democratic process then it will not survive. And there is no better choice available. But even more important are the countless American lives that have paid the ultimate price for the freedoms we enjoy each day. Brave soldiers have, and continue to, sacrificed their lives fighting for the special way of life we have, that is too often taken for granted. Get out and vote!

Changes at primary election explained

There will be a few major changes at this year's primary election.

Until this year, Kansas had closed primaries, meaning if you weren't a Democrat or a Republican, you didn't vote. Now the Democratic primary will be open to Democrats and unaffiliated voters. The Republicans were going to open their primary to unaffiliated voters, but a lawsuit blocked that.

Terry Miller, Cheyenne County election officer, said that what it all means is if the person is registered to vote as an unaffiliated voter, he or she may go to the polls on Aug. 3, and tell the election worker that they would like to vote the Democratic ballot and the worker will hand the voter a ballot.

If the unaffiliated voter would rather vote as a Republican, they can do that, too.

"The only difference is you, the voter, will have to fill out a 'Change of Party Affiliation' card stating for that day, at least, you will be a Republican," Officer Miller said. "You then will be handed a Republican ballot and can vote for the Republican candidates. You can fill out the exact same card the next day, or anytime thereafter, (at the clerk's office) and become unaffiliated again.

If there are any questions, either before the election or at the polls, those working will help unaffiliated voters.

"You can always call the clerk's office as well," Officer Miller said.

Biggest change

Officer Miller said probably the biggest change has been due to the "Help America Vote Act."

"This year, the voter must show a form of identification before they vote if they are a 'first time voter,'" Officer Miller said.

According to the Help America Vote Act, first time voters must provide identification to a county election official before receiving a ballot.

"You are considered a 'first time voter' if you have never voted in Cheyenne County.

"If this is you, be prepared to show one of these forms of identification: a) A current and valid driver's license or non-driver's identification card issued by the Kansas Division of Motor Vehicles; b) current utility bill; c) bank statement; d) paycheck; e) government check; f) other government document showing the name and current address of the voter."

The name and address on the above forms must match the voter's registration information. If the

voter doesn't bring identification to the poll and is a first-time voter, he/she will still be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

"You will then have until the canvass of votes, Friday, Aug. 6, to show identification. If you cannot provide the identification by that time, your vote will not count," Officer Miller said. "If you have questions about whether you'll need to show identification at the polls, call the clerk's office (785-332-8800).

Those knowing they will need to show identification when they vote can also come to the clerk's office anytime before voting and provide identification and they won't have to show identification at the polls.

"This would speed up the process to vote, so you're welcome to come by the office and show us who you are," Officer Miller said.

Provision ballot

This year, those issued a provision ballot will be able to check with the clerk's office to see if their vote was counted or rejected.

"Before, you never knew if your vote was rejected or accepted," Officer Miller said. "You will be told the reason if it is rejected"

A provisional ballot is any ballot that is cast that may have questions regarding the voter's status. For example, if the address doesn't match what is registered at the clerk's office, they would be allowed to vote, but the ballot would go in a special envelope. Another envelope would explain the details of the discrepancy and the board of county commissioners, along with the county election officer/clerk would count or reject the ballot, depending on the situation, at the canvass of votes.

Cowboy singers, poets to perform on Aug. 4

By Karen Krien

Phil Crawford is once again organizing the St. Francis' Tumbleweed Round-Up, the third annual, which will feature cowboy and cowgirl poets and musicians along with "just plain story tellers." The production will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and at 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the Cheyenne Theater on Main Street, St. Francis. As usual, Mr. Crawford has a number of people lined up to entertain the audience and the admission is free. Mr. Crawford told about, as a child, he wasn't able to afford to go to the fair so he has organized this show so anyone who wants to can come and enjoy the music and other entertainment and it won't cost a cent! Some of the entertainers are

Leonard Hopper, guitarist and singer from Gem; Heartland Harmony comprised of Tema Trumbo, Talley Morrow and Natalie Knodel; Gary Cooper, Ernie Ketzner, Don Love, Helene Landenberger, Highway 389 Blue Grass band; Fred and Marsha Magley and Mr. Crawford.

Mr. Crawford said there are others who have talked about coming but haven't let him know for sure.

"There may be others there for either or both performances," Mr. Crawford said. "Whatever, we will have good, homespun entertainment and it is free."

People are welcome to come for all or part of the performances.

"We have a "swinging door policy" where people can come and go at their leisure," Mr. Crawford said.

McDonald Library News

The McDonald Public Library has the following new books: *Emma's Secret* by Barbara Taylor Bradford; *Crown Jewel* by Fern Michaels; *The Last Jewel* by John Grisham; *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier; *The Zero Game* by Brad Meltzer; *I've Never Been An Old Man* by Don Larsen; *Ranson* by Danielle Steel; *3rd Degree* by James Patterson; *Dance With Me* by Luanne Rice; *Capital Crimes* by Stuart Woods; *Nighttime Is My Time* by Mary Higgins Clark; "A" Is For *Alibi* by Sue Grafton; *Glorious Appearing* by Tim La Haye and Jerry B. Jenkins; *Charming Grace* by Deborah Smith; *Riding Lessons* by Sara Gruen; *Just One Look* by Harlon Coben; *The Summer I Dared* by Barbara Delinsky; *A Lov-*

ing Scoundrel by Johanna Lindsey; *The Shop On Bloom Street* by Debbie Macomber; *Second Chance* by Danielle Steel; *Bright Eyes* by Catherine Anderson; *Blow Out* by Catherine Coulter.

Student News

Garden City Community College

Garden City Community College has released honor rolls for the spring 2004 semester. Among the full time students recognized is freshman Jason Ribeau.

Ribeau received honorable mention honors for maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.199.

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July 30, 31 Aug. 1
Anchorman
Comedy
Starring: Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate, Steve Carell, Kevin Corrigan, Chuck D
Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
Children 11 & under: \$2 12-18 yr.: \$3 Senior Citizens: \$3 Adults: \$4

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Physician & Professional Service Directory
AUGUST
Aug. 3 - Dr. Rubinowitz - Oncology
Aug. 9 - Osteoporosis
Aug. 11 - Dr. Reeves - Podiatrist
Aug. 12 - Dr. Warren - Cardiologist
Aug. 17 - Mammo
Aug. 17 - Dr. Newman - Urology
Aug. 18 - Dr. Frankum - Surgeon
Aug. 19 - Dr. Warren - Cardiologist
Aug. 25 - Dr. Uyemura - Ophthalmologist
Aug. 31 - Dr. Rubinowitz - Oncology
CT's Each Friday
Ultrasounds Each Wednesday
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DON'T FORGET
the Cheyenne County Hospital's 4th Annual "Swing Fore Your Health" Golf tournament on Sept. 12 with tee-off starting at noon. For more information or to sign up a team, contact Sandi, Sara, Shara or Heidi at the hospital.