

Bulletin Board

Get well cards requested

Bill Leach, Bird City, is recovering but would appreciate cards sent to him at Semper Care Hospital, 825 Pikes Peak, Suite 500, Room 529, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Support Our Servicemen

Operation SOS (Support Our Servicemen) collection boxes for items to fill care packages are located at St. Francis Super's, P & L Ideal Meat Market, both St. Francis, and Hometown Market, Bird City. Boxes in St. Francis will be picked up at noon on Thursday, October 14 and the Bird City location will be available till 5 p.m. on October 14.

Storytime at the Library

Storytime is going on at the Bird City Library on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Pre-kindergarten children, 3 to 5 years-of-age, are invited to join the Storytime group for stories, crafts and games. For more information call 734-2203 (Bird City Library) or 734-2453 (Darci Kehlbeck).

Cheyenne County Commissioners

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

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet on Thursday, Oct. 21.

Plant sitting

The Good Samaritan Village is

offering plant sitting in their greenhouse during the cold winter months. There is a limit of two plants per household.

Debate broadcast

Smoky Hills Public Television will broadcast several Kansas House and Senate debates during the next few weeks. The race in Senate District 40 between Rep. Ralph Ostmeyer (R) of Grinnell, and Tim Peterson (D) of Monument, will be shown at 3 p.m. on Oct. 24.

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. on 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.

Cheyenne County Democrat Meeting

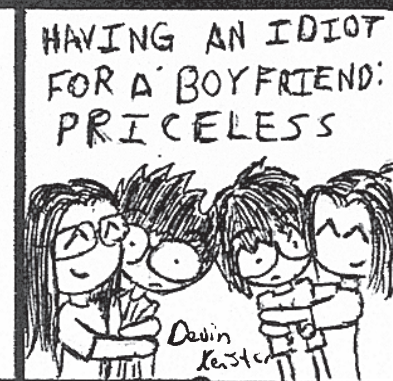
The Cheyenne County Democrats will meet at 6:30, Oct. 21 in Bird City at the Blue Bird Cafe. Jeff Brimes will be the guest speaker. If you have any questions please contact 332-2040.

Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Central Time at the County Clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Thursday, October 21, 2004. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. That phone number is 785/462-3572.

Western Prairie RC&D Annual Meeting

The Western Prairie Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. CT at the Gateway in Oberlin. The public is invited to attend. The business meeting will be held following the meal. Deadline for registration is October 7. For more information contact Western Prairie RC&C at 785-462-2604.



Blood drive to be held Thursday in Saint Francis

A blood drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday at the St. Francis Grade School, 307 E. Webster.

A recent increase in traumas and surgeries at hospitals in the Kansas and northern Oklahoma region have affected the O-negative supply at the American Red Cross Central Plains Region, said Diane Elder, chief operating officer.

At least 130 blood donors are needed at the St. Francis Community American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday.

"O-negative can be transfused to a patient with any blood type in an emergency," Ms. Elder said. "Right now, we have 10 pints of O-negative blood on our shelf, and we like to have at least 100 pints."

A single trauma victim may need

up to 50 pints of blood. With the increase in traumas and surgeries in the area and the low supply of O-negative blood on the shelf, the Red Cross is in desperate need of O-negative blood donations.

About 50 percent of the population has Type O blood, but the number of people who can receive Type O is far greater than 50 percent. O-negative can be transfused to a patient with any blood type in an emergency, and O-positive can be transfused to any positive blood type.

"It is vital we have blood and platelets on the shelf, ready for any emergency," Ms. Elder said. "Ten pints of O-negative does not leave us as prepared as we would like to be for urgent medical situations. We have an urgent need for O-negative donors and platelet donors, but we are also in need of all other blood types. Our O-positive supply is 30 percent below optimal levels."

About 500 blood donors and 30 platelet donors are needed every day

for the Red Cross Central Plains Region, which serves 106 hospitals in Kansas and northern Oklahoma.

"We often relate blood and platelet needs to traumas - which do require a lot of blood and blood products - but we want to encourage people to understand there are many, many needs for blood and blood products every day," she said. "Heart surgeries, joint-replacement surgeries, cancer and leukemia treatments and many other medical procedures depend on the availability of blood and blood products."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Most medications do not prevent people from giving blood. Drinking plenty of water and eating regular meals prior to donating blood is recommended.

For an appointment, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543). Walk-in blood donors also welcome.

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Public meeting about hospital

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, the McDonald Garden Club will hold an informational meeting concerning the Rawlins County Hospital. Bob Garretson, administrator of the hospital, will show slides and share information about the hospital. Margie Hubbard will also speak on the need to maintain the hospital.

The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the McDonald Senior Center. All who are interested in the hospital should plan to attend the meeting, and get all the accurate facts.

Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison visited in St. Francis on Tuesday with Alvin and Marie

Holzwarth and Viola Jones. They found out that Irene Kehlbeck was being transferred to Hays to the hospital.

Les and Tish Loker, J.B. Loker and Dennis and Lila Howard were Friday evening visitors of Tunney and Leila Loker.

Vance and Betty Lewis were Friday visitors in the Rawlins County Hospital.

Last Monday Joan Tongish and Vivian Curry brought dinner and visited with Laddie and Vera Kacirek. The Kasey Sabatka family were evening visitors.

Vera Kacirek returned home from the Rawlins County Hospital on Friday evening. Visitors since her return have been R.J. and Susie Sabatka, LaVina Waters, Kenny and

Phyllis Wilkinson, Cheryl Wilkinson and Bud and Helen Frisbie.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were in McCook on Wednesday and took Jamie Harris and Shalyn out for lunch.

Laddie Kacirek was a Sunday morning visitor of Bud and Helen Frisbie.

Kenny Wilkinson was a Monday afternoon visitor of Bud and Helen Frisbie.

Dixie Bethall of McCook was a Sunday visitor of Ray and Marlene Johnson and of Connie Sabatka. She was a dinner guest of the Johnsons.

Jamie Harris and Shalyn of McCook and Cheryl Wilkinson spent the weekend in Manhattan where they met Aric Harris of the National Guard. All were house guests of Chanda Sabatka and Rachel Wilson.

On Tuesday Jennifer Sabatka brought lunch and visited with Laddie and Vera Kacirek. Susie Sabatka brought Sunday dinner and spent the day with her parents.

Jerry and Betty Knapp spent a few days last week enjoying the sights of the Black Hills.

nity Supper and talent show Saturday evening.

Henry and Eldean Cahoj attended the McDonald Fun Day activities Saturday.

Lynn and Rita Officer attended the open house honoring Myrtle Hazuka on her 90th birthday Saturday afternoon at the McDonald Senior Center.

Dan and Alex Thomas were Sunday guests of Lynn and Rita Officer.

Bethel Goltl visited Irene Kehlbeck in the swing bed unit of the St. Francis hospital Friday noon.

Joe and Charlene Kramer were in Ozawkie Thursday through Sunday visiting family and attending Joe's 45th high school class reunion in Oskaloosa Saturday.

Club Clip

McDonald Area Development

McDonald Area Development met on Oct. 6 with 14 members present.

Bud Mosier reported that he had checked on trees and prices at a greenhouse for planting in the tree farm. Several varieties of trees were discussed and tabled until later.

Ray Johnson reported that a second coat of paint in the park is needed on the west shelter house. The date of Oct. 12 was set for painting, weather permitting.

A report was given on the Fall Festival. Although the crowd was smaller than in the past, it was thought that everyone had a good time.

New business: The Halloween Fun Night was set for Sunday, Oct. 31. There will be soup, sandwiches and cake. There will be a pinata for the children. Starting time for supper is 5:30.

Jan Curtin won the door prize for the meeting.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

The other night was one of those wonderful, early Autumn evenings when the sounds played a sort of symphony.

The wind was light and on and off. It was enough to rustle the leaves on the trees outside the window and carry the lonely moans of corralled cattle who were upwind from me.

Crickets took turns chirping and

humming low from the ground. The comings and goings of 18 wheelers could be heard getting louder and then softer, moving from either east or west and traveling on.

And then further off the sad and eerie howl of the coyote cut the night air. The only thing better would have been lying under the stars and listening to the early Autumn symphony.

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Thank You
* Laura Schneider
* Christa Brown
* Shirley Pittman
* Galina Tsernikel
for the delicious meals!

Go-Getters 4-H Club
HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
Sat., Oct. 30 • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Lunch will be Served
Booth Space Available
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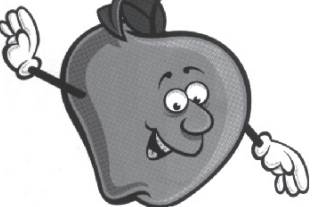


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School Menu

October 18-21
Monday: breakfast: sausage biscuits, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: hot dog or chili dog, salad bar, fruit, dessert, milk
Tuesday: breakfast: pancake on a stick, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: pizza Stromboli, potato wedges salad bar, fruit, milk
Wednesday: breakfast: donut or long john, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad bar, fruit, rolls, milk.
Thursday: breakfast: sausage cheese scones, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: hamburger sandwich, smile potatoes, salad bar, fruit, dessert, milk.



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