

Honored

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two sons Paul Anthony and John Thomas Delano a daughter Lisa Marie (Delano) and Brenda's two girls which he helped raise Tori Jean (Halpin) Gano and Danielle Halpin.

Noble Wayne Dorsch Sr. was born in 1921. He only attended one and one-half years at Bird City High School and had to drop out to help with the family farm. He was inducted into the Army in 1942 and married Barbara Queen while he was home on leave. They had two children Sondra Sue in 1944 and Noble Wayne Jr. in 1945.

Noble (Bob) Wayne Dorsch Jr. was born in 1945 to Noble and Barbara (Queen) Dorsch. He was nicknamed Bob by his sister Sondra Sue, he graduated in 1963 from St. Francis, inducted into the Air Force in 1964, and discharged in 1968. He married and had two children Kerry Marie and Michael Alan.

Norman George Dorsch is a brother to Noble Dorsch Sr. and Neal Dorsch, and a son to George Christian and Emma Dorsch. He was born in 1927, graduated from Bird City High School in 1945, and was drafted into the U.S. Army the same year. He was discharged in 1946 and married Mary Harrison in 1950. There children are Patricia, Traffas and John Dorsch. They still live in the original George Dorsch farm where he was born.

Keith Dorsch is a brother to Stan Dorsch and son of Alfred and Viola (Wolfe) Dorsch. He was inducted into the Air Force in 1945 and after his basic training in 1964 received an honorable discharge as his family called him home because of his father's serious health conditions.

Floyd Leland Frisbie was born in 1922 to Ed and Lura Frisbie, graduated in Rawlins County and was a junior in K-State when WW II was declared. He was enrolled in R.O.T.C. and came home to wait his call, and married his college sweetheart, Helen Pierpoint in 1943. They have two boys and two girls.

Glenn D. Glasco was born in 1924 to John and Fern (Miller) Glasco, and graduated from the Bird City High School in 1942 and inducted into the Army. He married Mildred (Millie) Jones in 1945 and discharged in 1946. They have two children Lynn and Connie Glasco.

Ted D. Glasco was born in 1972 to Lynn and Candy (Childers) Glasco, graduated in 1991 from Cheylin High School and attended Kansas State College where he majored in computer science and enrolled in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. Currently Capt. Glasco remains on active duty and is serving as Commander, Mission Systems Flight 305 Communications Squadron at McGuire AFB.

Darwin E. Higgins was born in 1929 to William and Ruby Higgins and married Helen Philps in 1949. He was inducted into the Army in 1952 and discharged in 1954. After his release he spent 6 years in the reserves. In 1988 he married Beverly Antholz Richardson.

Ned T. Johnson was in the Marines during Iwo Jima, he married Donna Witham in 1949. They have four children Chelley, Rosalie, Merilie, and Stuart Johnson.

Charlie (Chuck) Kribs served in the US Navy Marine Corps from

1956 -1968. He married Diane Kribs and they have three children: Scott, Leisha and Susan.

Melvin Ross Mast was born in 1923 to William H. and Carrie May McCann. Soon after graduating from Bird City High School, he volunteered for active duty in WWII. Melvin and Dorthy L. Bruce were married in 1942. He was inducted in the Army in 1943 and honorably discharged in 1945. They have three children: Michael A. Mast, Debra Jo (Mast) Moellenberg and Steven L. Mast.

Charles M. Merklin served in the Army during the Korean War. He married Barbara (Ogden) in 1973 and they have four children: Sonja, Belinda, Stacey and Steven.

Royce A. Rambat was born in 1947 to Harvey and Millie Kroeger Rambat. He graduated from Bird City High School in 1965, Goodland Vocational Technical School and entered the military service in 1967. He spent 7 years with the Army National Guards and was discharged in 1974. Royce married Jan Howland and they have two daughters and one son.

Paul Henry Roesener was born to John Frederick Gerhard and Emilia (Mothlan) Roesener in 1917. Paul joined the Army in 1941 and was stationed in France before they invaded Germany. Paul was discharged in 1945. He and Edna J. (James) Shrader were married in 1981. Edna was widowed with six children who he helped raise.

Hal Bruce Sager was born in 1947 to Robert W. and Dorothy J. (McDougal) Sager. He was drafted into the Army in 1967, served in Vietnam and returned in 1969 the day Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. He married Judith Crawford in 1979. They have two boys Chad and Michael Sager.

Wayne Keith Sanders was born in 1924 in Ransom, Kan., he graduated from high school and enlisted in the Navy in 1943. He married Bertha Nemechek in 1948 and they have four children: Greg, Victoria, Marcia and Pamela.

Demi Harold Shahan was born 1918 to Lessie (Bolyard) Harold. Shahan, graduated from Bird City Rural High School and volunteered for the Army when war broke out in WWII. He was discharged in 1945 and married Mary Weaver in 1946. They have a daughter Diane Jordan and a son Vernon Shahan.

Dean Everett Smith was born in 1928 to Olin and Ethel (White) Smith, enrolled in the Navy in 1946 after graduating from high school discharged in 1947 and married Joan Craft in 1949. They have five children: DeeAnn, David, Ned, Scott and Eric.

Wallace Lee Underwood was born in 1925 to Irvin and Dorothy McTaggart. He graduated from Bird City High School and was drafted into the Navy in 1945. He was discharged in 1946 and was in the reserves for 4 years. Underwood married LaVon Bowers in 1953. They have three children: Tamara Zimelman, Kim Underwood and Jerry McCaslin.

Terry Weinstein, son of Nancy Weinstein in St Francis, served in the Army and married Diana Bressler in 1979. They have two daughters Cassie and Jennifer, and their son Nicholas Weinstein was in the Navy. His submarine had stopped in San Diego Calif. to take a break and he was killed in an accident just before his 21st birthday in 2002.

Support is shown for nursing home

By Karen Krien

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Between 320 to 350 county residents attended the Wednesday meeting to show their support for rebuilding the Good Samaritan Village nursing home and to find out some of the details. Unfortunately, the cause of the fire had not been determined and insurance adjusters and fire marshals had not met so few facts were actually known.

The middle section of the nursing home facility caught fire on Oct. 19. It was a warm fall day and 49 residents were quickly moved out of the facility with not one being injured. The residents were moved to area nursing homes including a number of the Good Samaritan Society-leased homes.

Kevin Berens, member of the Village advisory board, headed the meeting. Representing the Good Samaritan Society were Randy Fitzgerald, Good Samaritan Society director of operations, and

Jona Freel, customer experience consultant.

Mr. Fitzgerald said he had been coming to St. Francis as the Society's representative since 1992. He commended the Village staff for their quick response as well as the firemen and community.

He had few answers for many of the questions. Again, it was impossible to tell what was going to take place until the cause of the fire was determined and then what the insurance companies would do. However, as he talked, it appeared that the Society might not be interested in putting a great deal of money into the facility. The population of Cheyenne County has been falling for years. The Society has 240 nursing home facilities and around a 100 much like that in St. Francis.

He did mention Sharon Springs, which has a nursing home owned by the county but leased by the Society. The commissioners

worked until they had enough support to build a new facility. They got the vote to float a bond for \$3.5 million in February and the new facility has still not been started. Mr. Fitzgerald indicated that it could take 1.5 years to 2 years to get the facility up and running.

The west wing of the home was not burned but there is considerable smoke damage. The kitchen, dining room and lounge also had smoke damage. It appeared that these could possibly be cleaned up and opened to give some patient care but there was the matter of getting the food to the patients or the patients to the dining room as the burned wing was used to take patients to eat. This area has been partitioned off.

There was even the brief mention of opening the kitchen/dining area as a restaurant with the name "Granny's kitchen." This would give jobs to the nursing home cooks as well as providing income for the Society.

Mr. Fitzgerald said the staff would receive two additional weeks of pay and benefits ending on Nov. 13. Some of the staff had been working in area Society nursing homes and were still receiving benefits.

Many people were wanting the facility to be rebuilt to include assisted care and possibly an Alzheimer's wing. Mr. Fitzgerald indicated that the Society would probably not go in that direction.

It is possible that the Society might deed the land and facilities to the county or cities. There is a much better chance of getting grants and loans in these areas where there are none or few for privately-owned businesses.

The issue is to provide quality care in a quality facility. People, he said, may need to come up with creative ideas and make a "jewel on the prairie."

Several of those present were recognized with questions and/or comments. Washington resident Bill Smull, whose mother, Beryl, has been in the St. Francis facility for years, said he and his wife, who is a registered nurse, talked about moving Mrs. Smull to Washington but they recognized that she would not get the care out there that she has gotten in the St. Francis Village.

We have a facility here that no one else has, he said, and that is "we care!" We need to attract people from other areas to come to Cheyenne County for this kind of a facility and care.

Letter to the Editor

Ode to the history of Bird City and the Cardinals

There is a time in every project where things come together at the right time and at the right place. An analogy of this is in baseball, when the ball hits the 'sweet spot' on the bat and the ball "gooooooes" further than it would if it hits the bat in any other place. I know this probably isn't the greatest analogy, but I think it conveys the importance of things coming together at the right time in the right place.

The importance of doing something extra ordinary, or 'hitting the sweet spot' so to speak, and making an extra effort to preserve the history of Bird City is now - before this history is lost.

The city has a great core of history buffs and a collection of historic artifacts (steam engine show), others and documented history that needs to be saved before it is lost forever. For the sake of argument, let's say that the goal of having a museum building in Bird City, that documents the city's history, is a good idea and would be a great addition to the city.

But, the question, has to be asked... "Is the history of Bird City and Bird City Rural High School worth saving?"

As we look at the individuals who have already unselfishly stepped forward and given of their time to save the history of both Bird City and Bird City Rural High School, we would have to look at John and Hollis DaPrin who were responsible for rescuing the artifacts and pictorial history of Bird City Rural High School. John and Hollis single handedly saved this history. We would also look to Dorthy Mast, as a student of history, who along with others in the community have accumulated the history of Bird City which needs archiving and a place for display. If it were not for the commitment of these individuals

to save and preserve this history, it would have been lost forever. These individuals, residents of Bird City, have cast their ballot... and they have voted (yes), this history is worth making the effort to save.

The question then has to be asked...Do we, the citizens of Bird City and alumni of Bird City Rural High School, who have lived, worked and gone to school here, have a vested interest in this history? Again the answer is "yes," because this is our history and it is a part of who we are today.

The citizens, organizations and clubs of Bird City, and we who call Bird City our home town, will have to decide if the history of the city of Bird City and Bird City Rural High School is worth saving.

The support of the city, its clubs, organizations, businesses and community at large, is needed, if this history is to be preserved. This project is about history, the history of Bird City, through the good and hard times. It is about the citizens, businesses, churches, schools and Bird City Rural High School, the "Cardinal." It would be a shame if the accumulated history of the city, businesses, churches, people and schools were lost to the passing of time, fading memories and apathy.

Your tax-deductible donation for this project can be made to the 501(c), Bird City Century II Development Foundation, 107 West Bressler, PO Box 593, Bird City, KS 67731. Designate the donation to the Bird City Rural High School/Bird City Historic Preservation Fund.

Well this really wasn't an "ode" in the traditional sense of the word and I know it doesn't rhyme, but my dictionary also gives "ode" another definition as follows: A suffix meaning a way or path."

R. Kent Voorhies
Bird City

Girls invited to play

Teryn Carmichael and Whitney Churchwell, members of the Cheylin Lady Cougars and Mikaela Grace, Jodie Hilt and Alyson Marin, members of the St. Francis Lady Indians have been invited to participate in the Colby Community College fourth annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Match. The players were placed on one of four teams.

Grace is playing on team two, Carmichael and Hilt on team three and Churchwell and Marin on team four.

The All-Star games featuring senior volleyball players will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21, in the Colby Community building. For more information, contact Carey Jones, head volleyball coach at (785) 460-5473.

The complete schedule shows: 2 p.m. Team 2 vs Team 4; 3 p.m. Team 1 vs Team 3; 4:30 p.m. losers of match one and match two, team introductions/medal ceremony prior; 6 p.m. winners of match one and match two; (championship match) team introductions/medal ceremony prior.

The names of ladies honored include:

Team 1: Jade Herl, Goodland; Traci Knipp, Palco; Ashleigh Peterson, Rawlins County; Bailey Pfortmiller, Natoma; Kylee Pywell, Plainville; Taylor Rathgeber, Wheatland/Grinnell; Rachelle Scott, Decatur Community; Whitney St. Clair, Smith Center; Anna Taylor, Colby; Sam Vorhees, Phillipsburg. Coaches are Terra Keeten and Mitzi Weinman.

Team 2: Ashley Archer,



Carmichael Churchwell

Goodland; Audrey Basgall, Rawlins County; Melissa Blair, Phillipsburg; Mikaela Grace, St. Francis; Lexie Hardeik, Hill City; Tera Raymond, Colby; Trinity Reuber, Rawlins County; Sara Timmons, Smith Center; Emily Torson, Dighton; Dani Winters, Plainville. Coaches are Alan Stein and Linda Nighswonger.

Team 3: Teryn Carmichael, Cheylin; Jill Dennis, Oakley; Jordyn Doty, Rawlins County; Jodie Hilt, St. Francis; Sammy Krueger, Thunder Ridge; Angee LaToush, Healy; Jacy Moss, Golden Plains; Kylie Rietcheck, Colby; Melissa Ritter, Golden Plains; Jennifer Rome, Goodland; LaKaya Steele, Wallace County. Coaches are Barb Bedore, Julie Dautel and Denise White.

Team 4: Nicole Armbrister, Palco; Monteece Barth, Natoma; Samantha Bobek, Plainville; Samantha Carroll, Rawlins County; Whitney Churchwell, Cheylin; Taylor Hixon, Plainville; Alyson Marin, St. Francis; Alysia Schwarz, Wheatland/Grinnell; Brooke Seib, Ness City; Kelsey Voss, Colby; Taylor Weinland, Wallace County. Lesley Wagoner is the coach.

— PUBLIC NOTICE —

The Bird City Housing Authority has developed its PHA Plan for Fiscal Year 2012 in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at the Authority's Office located at LeBow Manor, 209 N. Rich Ave., Bird City, KS 67731. The Authority's hours of operation are Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. In addition a public hearing will be held on January 4, 2011 at the Authority's Community Room at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited.

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