

High Plains No-Till event planned for Burlington

The High Plains No Till Conference will be in Burlington at the Burlington Community Center, Feb. 2-3. The conference will feature a trade show with over 50 vendors, educational breakout sessions and feature keynote speaker Murray Wise, chief executive officer and founder of Westchester Group, Inc.

Breakout sessions cover a variety of timely topics for both the tenure and beginning no-till or minimum-till farmer. Many sessions offer continuing education units for certified crop advisors in Colorado and credits for commercial and private applicators in both Colorado and Kansas.

Presenters from the breakouts range from university personnel of Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska, to local producers, to experts in the agri-business industry.

Breakout topics include: Wheat Pest and Insect Review, Drought Tolerant Corn, Herbicide Resistant Ryegrass, Conservation Reserve Program Conservation,

Planter Issues...Sunflower Seed Spacing Accuracy, Cultural Practices of Sodusting, The Mechanics of Strip Till-Avoiding Common Errors, Stripper Headers and Residue Management, Succession Planning, The Two Sides of Sorghum, Groundwater District/Republican, Getting to Know Triumph Seed Company, No Till 101, Water Issues in the South Platte, Republican and Arkansas Basin, Sunflower Herbicide Update, Farm Policy-Grain Marketing, Water Technology Tools, Climate Policy, Soybean Panel, Canola Production in the East Central Great Plains, Limited Irrigation, Strip-Till for Milo, Get The Most Out of Your No-Till Acre, Technology in Modern Agriculture, Wind Energy Development, and Irrigation Water Management at Season Boundaries. Complete descriptions of the topics can be found on the website, www.highplainsnotill.com

Keynote speaker, Mr. Wise, will offer conference attendees the opportunity of seeing firsthand how efficient American agriculture has become in the last 200 years. His focus will be China and he will give a look at savings rates and calorie intake as well as grain stocks and grain oil seed usage. Registration forms are also available on the website.

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FOUNDING FATHERS OF BIRD CITY have meeting to discuss how to plat the town. Pictured (l to r) are Ashlee Orth, Jon Hoard, McKayla Taylor, Ian Schmid and Shakotah Blanka.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Kansas Day is this Friday

Kansas Day will be observed in Bird City at the American Legion Hall on Friday. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and at noon there will be a potluck meal followed by a special program.

Join a team of young "Detectives" as they board a magic time machine and travel back to the 1880s in a quest to learn more about local history. The young detectives are students from St. Francis junior high under the direction of Marti Schlittenhardt. Dorthy Mast and Rosemary Powell invested many hours of research documenting the facts that unfold in this "History Detective" documentary. Don't miss this unique presentation.

Cheyenne County has celebrated Kansas Day since 1930, when the Mother's Circle of the Bird City Methodist Church organized the first celebration, a "Kansas Day Picnic," which turned out to be an all-day affair. Down through the years, Kansas Day has been celebrated in Bird City with skits, dances, poems and songs.

Not many communities in Kansas observe Kansas Day, so come

on out to Bird City this year and celebrate the birthday of our state.

During the celebration there will be a table with information about the Bird City 125-year event in June. At the table will be commemorative pins, an opportunity to reserve one of the limited edition belt buckles, as well as see the commemorative rifle, and the quilt top that is yet to be finished,

given out to winners on June 12. For more information on the belt buckles, contact Lynn and Candy Glasco at 785-734-2797.

Also at the table will be various memorabilia from Bird City 50th, 75th, and 100th year celebrations for viewing. Stop by the table and purchase the fun Shaving permit and Brother of the Brush permit.

Last week to donate gifts to baby shower

The month of January is coming to an end and people wanting to donate baby items or money for the Knights of Columbus pro-life baby shower need to have them to Mike Antholz, St. Francis, or Dennis Wright, Bird City, by the end of the month. Items can also be left at the Catholic churches in either city.

The Knights are again sponsoring the baby shower with items collected to be donated to the Mary Elizabeth Home for Unwed Mothers in Hays.

Among the things needed are diapers, bottles, clothing for infants, infant bathing supplies, blankets and any other items needed to raise an infant. They

can also use office supplies.

A cash donation may also be made if the person does not have anything to donate. If purchasing items, please leave the price tag on for the report that is needed to send to the state at the end of the month.

Members of the Knights of Columbus feel that the Mary Elizabeth Home does an excellent job in helping unwed mothers by teaching them how to take care of an infant from before birth through 1-2 years of age. Most of them are young teenage mothers who have no where to go and everything the home does is through donations.

Hughes - Rohweder

Couple plans wedding

Megan Hughes and Devin Rohweder are planning a May 29 wedding in Hays.

Parents of the couple are David and Erin Hughes of Beloit and Dick and Michele Rohweder of St. Francis.

Megan is a 2005 graduate of Beloit High School and a 2009 graduate of Fort Hays State University. She is currently seeking a master of science degree in biology from the university.

Devin is a 2005 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and also a 2009 graduate of Fort Hays State University. He is currently working for the Hays school district as a computer technician.

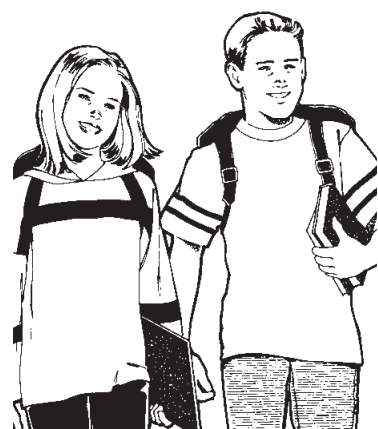
Winter library hours are in effect to March

In December, the St. Francis Public Library Board decided to close the library doors on Saturdays in an effort to save money.

Pat Leibbrandt, librarian, said there is low usage on Saturdays. There are a lot of different activities happening on Saturdays and there just are not many people coming in.

December, January and February are the coldest months of the year and by closing on Saturdays during these months, it will save on utility costs, as well as salaries.

"This is a trial run to see how much we save," said Mrs. Leibbrandt. The board will look at the matter next November.



Winter hours for the library are Mondays through Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Starting March first, the library will be open on Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Church makes plans for Saturday movies

Jan. 30 marks the beginning of "Movie Night" at the St. Francis Community Church. Starting at 6:30 p.m. on the last Saturday of every month, a movie will be shown.

This Saturday, the popular and completely clean movie "Up" will be shown. There will be popcorn and lemonade free of charge.

Up Never mind that "Up" is an animated "kids' movie." This is the philosophical stuff of Pixar's Up.

Carl Fredricksen had just such a dream. He and his beloved wife, Ellie, planned one day to visit Paradise Falls, a mysterious locale in South America filled with cliffs and waterfalls and adventure. When they were children, Carl promised they would go there, cementing the deal with a somber crosscut motion over his heart. Throughout their marriage, the promise of Paradise danced in front of them.

But life kept intruding. They'd raid their Paradise Falls fund for flat tires, for home repairs, for all manner of everyday hiccups. Their hair turned gray, then white, and when Carl finally bought their tickets to Paradise,

Ellie was too sick to go. Then ... she was gone, leaving Carl with a houseful of memories, a heart full of grief and two plane tickets he'll never use.

See how Carl keeps his promise and what he finds in the end.



In Loving Memory of Kevin Allen Brown
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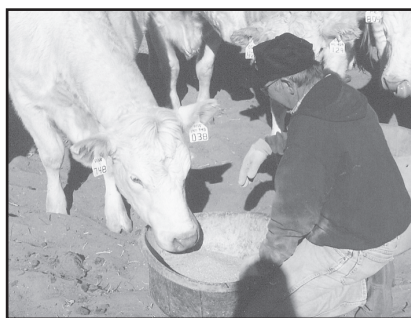
Dearly missed by your family and friends.

Mom, Dad, April and Ryan



In Loving Memory of Dale D. Raile
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Your memory will last forever so we will never say good-bye.



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Club Clip

AARP

AARP had their first meeting of the year on Jan. 14 at the senior center. The meeting was brought to order by President Clarence Iliff.

The speaker was Kim Zwegardt, who gave an interesting presentation on her fused glass. It was enjoyed very much.

Hostess Ilene Raile served decorated refreshments.

Gas saving Tips:

- Keep your car properly tuned to improve gas mileage by an average of 4 percent.
- Keep tires properly inflated and improve gas mileage by 3 percent.
- Replace dirty or clogged air filters and improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent.
- Replace dirty spark plugs, which can reduce mileage by two miles per gallon.
- Change oil regularly and gain another mile per gallon.
- Observe the speed limit. Gas mileage decreases rapidly above 60 mph.



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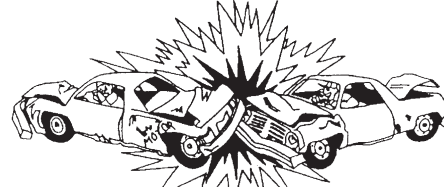
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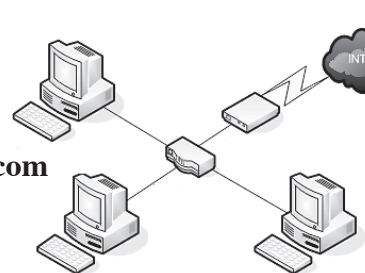
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