

Wellness center holds barn raising

The "Community Barn Raising" for the new Cheylin Wellness Center will be held Friday and Saturday.

This is a community project and your chance to become a part of local history, said Rod Klepper, Bird City.

If you want to help, bring a hammer and/or a cordless drill, he said. If you want to watch, bring your lawn chair and show everyone that the McDonald and Bird City communities have a "getter-done attitude!"

Schedule

Friday

8 a.m.-Early birds get things

ready.

9 a.m.-Construction begins.

Noon-Community potluck (Everyone welcome).

Bring a dish, help feed the workers and enjoy the fellowship.

1 p.m.-Back to work.

6 p.m.-Call it a day.

Saturday

8 a.m.-Early birds begin.

Noon-Free community cookout - Everyone invited. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chicken and brats sandwiches with drinks provided. If you want to bring a side dish, that's OK.-If not, come anyway!

3:30 p.m.-Surprise treat!

6 p.m.-Wrap it up!

Share your shoes around the world

Did you know that Americans have over 1.5 billion pairs of shoes lying idle in their closets?

Stephanie Busse is asking the people of Bird City to keep these shoes out of the landfills by donating them to Soles4Souls. With over 3 million children around the world without shoes Stephanie would like to have the communities help in collecting these still usable shoes.

She has placed collection boxes at the Hometown Market, Cheylin Elementary and High Schools and the library. This shoe drive will run from today (March 15) through April 12.

Soles4Souls, a not-for-profit organization, facilitates the delivery of shoes, which are used to aid the

hurting worldwide. Sole4Souls has distributed shoes to people in need in over 127 countries on five continents, including the U.S., Honduras, Guatemala, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Swaziland, Uganda, Iraq, Peru, Thailand and Nepal.

It's so easy for anyone to help give hope by simply giving a pair of shoes, Stephanie said. The shoes do not have to be new.

Stephanie hopes that the community will clean out their closets and make this shoe drive a success by changing the world, one pair at a time. Those having questions or need for Stephanie to pick up their donations can call her at 785-734-2448.

Sainty pharmacy celebrates ten years in the community

By Karen Krien

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Krien Pharmacy, St. Francis, is celebrating 10 years in business. During the month of March, a 10 percent discount will be given on all merchandise in the store except for prescriptions.

Dr. Kody Krien and his wife, Penny, bought the pharmacy from Scott Wiley and took over on March 2, 2001.

Since then, one of the biggest changes Dr. Krien has made in the store is the recent addition of ScriptPro, a robot that fills the prescription with the exception of putting the cap on. At that point, there is a picture on the computer screen showing the description of the pill, he checks to make sure that is what is in the bottle and puts the cap on.

It insures safety for the patient, he said. If there is an error, the robot company, which is based out of Kansas City, notifies him immediately.

Dr. Krien worked with ScriptPro while he was with the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb., and was impressed with it then. He said that in the last 12 years, no changes had been made to the system and it was reliable.

"I like technology that makes sense and works," he said. "This does both."

While the robot fills the prescriptions, Dr. Krien has a few minutes to talk to the customer about concerns they might have, answer questions, take their blood pressure or even give an immunization shot.

Offering immunization shots for flu, pneumonia, tetanus and shingles is another change. They were carrying handicap equipment, but Medicare changed the guidelines on reimbursement and he found that they were overwhelmed with the amount of paperwork and often still didn't get



KODY KRIEN, pharmacist at Krien Pharmacy, takes a prescription off the ScriptPro robot.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

the reimbursement. That is when they decided to offer immunizations.

I think it is an important service to the community, he said. And, the insurance company can be billed through the pharmacy.

The business still carries some handicap equipment and can order equipment when it's needed.

In the last 10 years, the Kriens have upgraded the computer systems and have images of all prescription drugs.

When they took over, there were more gift items than today. We have replaced these items with more health items, he said.

A year ago, they put in "The Flower Shop," which, he said, has been well received by the community.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP FAIR — Destany Clemans and Gregor Burr check out Heath Churchwell's display.

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KRIS BURNS, food bank facilitator unpacks food from the Kansas Food Bank.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Bank supplies food to families

The Bird City Food Bank located in the Methodist Church is in its second year of operation and well received by members of the community.

Kris Burns the facilitator, reports distribution to approximately 25 families twice a month. The pantry shelves are neatly stocked with a large assortment of food items, along with a limited number of frozen items in the freezer.

Food items are purchased from the Kansas Food Bank and deliv-

ered every second Tuesday of the month. Other items are purchased from Hometown Market.

The funds for purchasing the items are provided through the Helen Brubaker Trust Funds left to the Methodist Church to help families in need. Records are kept as required by the Kansas Food Bank, but these records are strictly confidential.

Early in the morning every second Tuesday morning, 10 to 15 Cheylin High School students

meet the truck from the Kansas Food Bank and help unload 3,000 pounds of canned food and items for restocking the shelves.

Ms. Burns says she is grateful for the help from Carol Partch who, she says, is her "right hand man," and Barb Merklin and Isabelle Headrick, who work as volunteers. It would be hard to operate the Food Bank without the help of volunteers. Stop by and check it out next Tuesday, or contact Kris Burns or Carol Partch.