

Bulletin Board

Commemoration of Sept. 11

At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Francis Grade School gym, there will be a program to commemorate September 11. The community will come together to honor the memory of what happened the day our world changed, honor those in our own community who represent the firefighters, emergency medical technicians and police that died, and sing and pray together as a community.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 16 in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

September Hospice Volunteer Inservice

The September Hospice Volunteer Inservice is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 30 at the St. Francis Equity meeting room. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and is a potluck. Amanda McKenzie, director of volunteers, will share the program "A Healing Presence." The community is welcome to attend.

Hospice Services, Inc., provides end-of-life care in Cheyenne County and northwest Kansas. The service has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning, and other related topics. Hospice Services,

Inc. is available to provide programs for groups and organizations. For more information, please contact 800-315-5122.

Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis Thursday, Sept. 19 at 9:30 a.m. CST at the Cheyenne County clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims.

Citizens Medical Center, Inc.

Citizens Medical Center, Inc. and Colby Community College Department of Nursing will co-sponsor a community program on Dementia and Alzheimer's disease to be held Thurs-

day, Sept. 26 at 7:00 p.m. The program will be held in Room 108 of the Colby Community College Student Union. As a community service, students from the Colby Community College Department of Nursing will be available to provide respite care for individuals who are affected by the disease while their caregivers and family members attend the presentation.

The speaker will be Cindy Miller, and Alzheimer's Aging Specialist from Kansas Department on Aging.

Hunter Education Classes

There will be a Hunter's Educational class held Sept. 16, 17, 18 & 21 at the National Guard on Sept. 16 and the 4-H building the 17, 18 and 21, in Goodland at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Mike Hopper 785-899-5199.

Beecher Island Days

The 103rd Annual Beecher Island Reunion will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 & 15 at the Beecher Island Battleground.

Prairie Museum, Colby

"Backyard Expeditions" second outing will be September 22, and will travel to neighboring Oakley and WaKeeney. The final excursion will be September 29. They will tour Highway 24 to Woodston to share history of Woodston and Stockton. Meet at the Prairie Museum of Art & History at 12:45 p.m. All expeditions leave promptly at 1 p.m. You are responsible for your own transportation.

Heartland Talent Search

Heartland is looking for talented singers, songwriters and musicians. Anyone interested in being included in the search will need to contact the Search Coordinator at 1-785-4685 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. CST.

Community-wide garage sale

The Bird City Public Library will be participating in the community wide yard sale. If you want to donate items for the library benefit, please leave them at Stan Dorsch's (site of garage sale or at the library.) Here's a chance to get rid of one or two items you no longer need and help out a good cause. The library money will be used towards the Libris Foundation Grant. The Libris Foundation provides children's books for the local library.

Alliance for mentally ill

The Northwest Kansas Alliance for the Mentally Ill support group will not be meeting until further notice. For further information, please call 785-734-2554.

Home Circle

The Home Circle Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Sept. 19 at the Country School House located on the Thresher grounds.

The guest speaker for the club will be Dorothy Mast, a historian, who will expound on the history of "the covered wagon trail." Each member will bring their own lunch in a dinner bucket and furnish their own drink. Join the journey. There will be no hostess.

For the Record

Sheriff's Report

- 6 VIN's
- 4 Summons delivered
- 1 Affidavit
- 1 Subpoena delivered
- 1 Speeding tickets issued
- 6 Warning for speeding
- 3 Cattle out calls

Sept. 1: Called to a Rural farm place at road D and road 16. Someone shot a metal building and windows with a shotgun. Anyone with information please Call 785-332-8880.

Sept. 2: Tried to locate person for Probation officer

Sept. 3: Assisted a motorist who ran out of gas on West Highway 36.

Sept. 4: Assisted with a disabled truck at US 36 and KS 27 intersection

Sept. 5: Assisted the St. Francis police with catching an MIP suspect

Sept. 5: Checked out vehicles and people on US 36 mile marker 25 who transmission was out of one of their vehicles.

Sept. 7: Investigated a broken window in a Ford Van in Bird City.

Sept. 7: Investigated a door broken off of a travel trailer in Bird City.

Sept. 8: A vehicle was taken south of Benkelman, in Kansas, then returned to owner. Under investigation.

Hospital

Admissions

Sept. 8: Violet Shahan, Bird City

Sept. 3: Dylan Lloyd, St. Francis

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Sept. 4: Martha L. Zweggardt, St. Francis

Sept. 4: Norma Berry, St. Francis

Sept. 4: Alice Barr, St. Francis

Sept. 6: Adeline Childers, Bird City

Sept. 6: Melva Penn, St. Francis

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Echoes on the South Wind *By Dorothy L. Mast*

Benjamin Bird with his wife, Amanda (Snail) Bird, and three girls, Lila, Fannie, and Ella had made the transition from plantation life in Kentucky to the bustling life of St. Joseph, Mo., where Benjamin was engaged in the mercantile business. Lila, Fannie and Ella (Nellie) all attended school in St. Joseph, Mo.

In the 1860's the dark clouds of possible war between the north and the south loomed threateningly, over the land. Benjamin with his knowledge of plantation life and the slave issue would have been faced with difficult decisions.

He must have asked himself just where his loyalties really belonged. A decision to leave his wife with small children and a few slaves to operate the mercantile business to support themselves, especially since at that period of time women were expected to remain in the home and care for the children and leave the business world to the men, would have been very difficult.

However, family records tell us that during the Civil War, Benjamin Bird was a member of the Union Intelli-

gence Service and at some point arrested and sent to the Andersonville Confederate Prison in Georgia. Family records were not found of a personal account of Benjamin's confinement in prison or his eventual release. However, the Encyclopedia Americana, Volume one, page 662, gives us a brief look at the Andersonville prison history.

"A Confederate stockade for Union enlisted men located at Andersonville, Ga., was established in Nov. of 1863 and in use from Feb. 1864, during which time it had a total of 49,485 prisoners, the largest number at one time being 33,006. It was originally built to accommodate 10,000 men. It had an inadequate hospital and was without barracks, being an open enclosure of 27 acres with 15 to 20 foot walls of pine logs.

Overcrowding, disease, impure water, unsanitary conditions and exposure added to the shortage of food and medicine, resulted in an appalling death rate totaling more than 13,700 in the thirteen months the prison was in use.

Conditions were investigated by a

medical commission appointed by the Confederate War Department in the late spring of 1864 and the removal of the greater number of the prisoners was recommended. By October, all but about 4,000 had been transferred to prisons at Florence, S.C., and Millen, Ga., where better conditions were maintained. The Andersonville prison superintendent, a Swiss Captain, Henry Werz, was charged with cruelty and mismanagement, was tried by a United State's Military court and was hanged. The cemetery where the prison dead was buried comprising 27 acres and 13,706 graves is now a National cemetery. The prison site, with adjoining land bringing it now to 84 acres has been made into a National Park.

As the story continues into the life of Benjamin Bird and his connection to the town of Bird City, Kan., we begin to respect the courage and endurance of those early pioneers.

Next month-The lure of the West.



LUNCH SPECIALS

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- Wed. - Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
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William Neal Burr
Aug. 12, 1931 to Aug. 29, 2002
 William Neal Burr was born Aug. 12, 1931 to Frank and Jessie (Cram) Burr on the family farm north of Bird City, Kan. He died Aug. 29, 2002 at the age of 71. He went to the country school near his home until the fourth grade and he then attended town school and graduated with the class of 1949.

On June 17, 1951 he married Darlene Joyce Amack in St. Francis at the Christian Church. To this union was born two children, Belinda Jean and Richard Craig.

On Nov. 26, 1951 he joined the Air Force and was stationed in Texas and New Mexico. After two years he returned to take over the farm. He started farming when he was 16, first working for other farmers and then he took over his father's farm and lived there until Oct. 16, 1995, when they moved to Bird City. He loved to work with cattle and work the ground for planting. He worked some on the farm until his death.

Survivors include wife, Darlene, son, Richard, daughter, Belinda and son-in-law Michael Boyson., grandchildren; Michael Boyson, Trisha and husband Gary Taylor, Nicholas and wife Heather Boyson, Marci and husband Jason Finley. Four great grandchildren; McKayla, McKenzie, Keigan Taylor and Jayden Boyson. One sister, Lois Combs of Larned, Kan. Three sister-in-laws and their husbands, Betty and Lyle Lukas, Phyllis and Ray Reade, Shirley and Ike Gorman. Nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Jessie, one sister Melba and husband Ben Herrman and brother-in-law Lee Combs. Mother and father-in-law Chester and Vivian Amack.

Services were held at United Methodist Church in Bird City with Pastor Doug Mason officiating on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery with Military honors by the Bird City American Legion Post 352.

Club Clips

Bird City Community Club
 The first meeting of the fall for the Bird City Community Club took place on Monday, Sept. 9, at the LeBow Manor. There were 13 members present. In the near future the Community Club will host a social event to welcome newcomers to Bird City.

There were plans and discussions made regarding informative programs for the meetings as well as service projects that as a group, they will undertake for the next year.

The next meeting will be the LeBow Manor at 7 p.m. on Oct. 14.

McDonald Senior Citizens
 President Betty Lewis welcomed 43 guests to the September 2 Senior Citizens meeting in McDonald. The September birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Emma Threlkel read a poem and asked the meal blessing. A bountiful meal was enjoyed with visiting and Bingo following. Bernice Bandel was the winner of the blackout prize. Each guest left with a pretty refrigerator decoration made by Phyllis Wingfield. A short business meeting was held. The secretary's and treasurer's report were approved. The following committees were appointed for the October 7 meeting: poem, Phyllis Wingfield; prayer, Owen Wingfield; Bingo, Vance Lewis; prizes, Joan Tongish; kitchen, Eleanor Swihart, Ruby Tracy, Hazel Hartman and Karlyne Atchison.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hour & 47 min.

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- Improve access to quality health care.
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