

# Keep your taxes at work in Cheyenne County, not Topeka

The hospital has 70 percent Kansas income tax credits available from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing that can be used to keep your taxes at work in Cheyenne County instead of Topeka.

With the 70 percent tax credit and no other factors, a \$250 donation carries a cost of only \$75. People and businesses wishing to take greater advantage of the program with larger donations are welcome to do so. To take maximum advantage of the program, contact your tax preparer.

To participate:  
1. Make your donation to Cheyenne County Hospital prior to Dec. 31 (must be in excess of \$250 to take advantage of tax credits). Identify the

check as: Cheyenne County Hospital Emergency/Mechanical Update Project.

Or  
Decide how much you want to donate (must be in excess of \$250 to take advantage of tax credits) and complete a commitment letter. Meet your commitment prior to Dec. 31.

Early donations or commitment letters will help make sure the tax credits are reserved in the donor's name.

2. Complete the Tax Credit Application. This can be completed as soon as the total of the contribution is received. The hospital can complete this for you if you answer a few simple questions.

3. The donor will receive paperwork from the hospital confirming the tax credits for submission with the person's taxes. Be sure to submit the original paperwork with the taxes.

Please call Melissa Workman or Les Lacy at the Cheyenne County Hospital 785-332-2104 for questions or assistance.

The hospital will use this money to update the existing heating and cooling system in the hospital. This piece of the hospital project is one of several pieces cut from the original project for alternate funding.

"This is our window of opportunity for this funding mechanism," said Administrator Lacy. "We hope to make the best use of it."

## Future leaders needed to take class

Leadership Cheyenne County 2002-2003 sessions will be starting soon and more people are being sought to join with 76 other dedicated individuals who have gone through the program.

Leadership Cheyenne County is a progressive informational program designed to help in the development and future of Cheyenne County. Of those taking the sessions, several have gone on to become actively involved in many of the county boards and committees.

The program starts in late October and continues through November, December, January and ends with a trip to Topeka in February where the group

learns about the state leaders. There are six to eight scheduled sessions throughout this time frame (not including Topeka). The sessions will usually take an entire day with some being shorter than others. In the past, they have had an evening session or two in order to visit with the city councils or to go into a new business and learn the process of becoming a business owner.

Sessions have included participants going through the "colors program" so everyone will have an idea of what kind of personalities each has and goal setting and conflict management have been presented. In the past, the groups have visited with many businesses in

the county, toured the hospital, schools, sale barn, veterinary clinic, feed yards, Knodel Funeral Home, The Breaks and have designated an entire day to tour Bird City. They meet with local county officials, city officials and, in February, the state officials. Each year, something new is added to the sessions.

Many of the people completing the programs are amazed at what Cheyenne County has to offer and what the participants have to offer Cheyenne County.

**To join**  
The cost to participate in the year session is \$200. There are some who will find a sponsor and the group has people who volunteer every year to sponsor someone in this worthwhile program. One of the board members will be making contacts by phone in person within the next two to three weeks but there are people out there who would be excellent leadership candidates who may not be contacted. Those wishing to join Leadership Cheyenne County 2002-2003 or want more information should contact Kathy Biggs at 785-332-2682 or 785-332-3126 or Jan Busse at 785-734-2448.

The Leadership Cheyenne County Board includes Kary Zwegygart, Dale Weeks, Shawna Blanka, Mrs. Busse and Mrs. Biggs. Last year's class representatives are Leisha Hilt and Mary Ruth Burkett.

## Emergency medical technicians will be able to recertify in classes

Larry Gabel, emergency medical service director, met with the Cheyenne County Commissioners on Friday to discuss the re-certifying of the county's emergency medical technicians. After much discussion and the fact that Cheyenne County is in desperate need of certified technicians, the commissioners agreed to pay Beth Gabel to teach two classes.

Many of the Cheyenne County emergency medical technicians are in need of hours to re-certify by 2003.

Two years ago, the state officials agreed that technicians could re-certify every two years but they still needed to have at least 14 hours each year depending upon the level of technician. Now, there are several of the county technicians who need all 28 hours to re-certify. There were options including classes which

would require the technician to pay for the training out of their own pockets. However, Mrs. Gabel, a re-certification instructor, could also teach several weekend classes which would pretty much catch most of the technicians up to re-certification.

**Ambulance rates increase**  
The director and Janelle Bowers, bookkeeper, presented the commissioners with \$1,021 in ambulance write offs which the commissioners approved.

The discussion turned to the cost of ambulance runs and operating expenses. The commissioners agreed that, if the cost was raised, it still needed to be at a level where those not having insurance could still afford the service. It was finally decided to raise the ambulance run rates 20 percent. The increase will begin Sept. 1.

## Genealogy Korner

By Marilyn Hol.zwarth

We received an interesting request this last week, from the family of Mary Minerva (Brown) Bailey Eakes Spaun. Mary was the widow of Ben Bailey who died in 1896. Mary and her two sons came to Cheyenne County in 1902 from Missouri, and shortly after that married John Eakes. They filed for divorce in 1910, after an unhappy marriage. She married Josephus Spaun in 1913, and lived the rest of her life in Cheyenne County.

Mary and Ben Bailey had two sons, Henry Neil and Thomas Bailey. Tho-

mas Bailey married Ella Simmons and moved back to Missouri. Henry Neil Bailey stayed here in St. Francis where he fathered a child. The family would now like to learn more about this cousin, perhaps you know about him? He was born around 1925, 1926, or maybe 1927. He was considered part of the family, and he attended the funeral of his grandmother because his cousin remembered seeing him there in 1933. If you can help this family, please let me know, they will appreciate it. And you will help two families get back together.



LANDSCAPING IS UNDERWAY at the new city hall building on East Main Street. Troy Porter and his crew will be adding small trees and shrubs to enhance the historical building.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Curb and gutter to be replaced at new city hall building

Progress can be seen at the new city hall on St. Francis Main Street as Troy Porter and his crew continue to do the cement work which will be enhanced by the landscaping. Mr. Porter reported that the landscaping should start sometime this week with each of the cement planters containing a small ornamental tree and shrubs. Next to the building will be a variety of grasses.

On Monday, the crew was running

more cement for the approach drive and later, the council will have the rest of the area to the west of the building asphalted.

At the Sept. 3 city council meeting, councilman Roger Jensen said that Mr. Porter had approached him concerning the condition of the curb and gutter. He said that while pouring the concrete for the sidewalk it would be cheaper and with a lot less hassle, to go ahead and replace the curb and gutters, which are

not in good shape. The cost will be approximately \$1,700, which would probably be double if the city was to do the job later. The council approved to replace the curb and gutter.

Councilman Jensen also noted that after the heavy rains, some of the windows in the new city hall building were leaking. He was looking into the situation and had contacted Dependable Glass of Goodland to also come over.

## Internet tech service to be available in Bird City and Saint Francis

Tom Betz, Internet service director and troubleshooting technician for the [nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com), will be in Bird City on Thursday, Sept. 19, and St. Francis on Wednesday, Sept. 18, to assist people with their Internet service. [nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com) is expanding its technical support services by coming to each of the communities on a rotating basis.

Mr. Betz was in McDonald two weeks ago and enjoyed putting a face to some of the people he has helped over the last few years. McDonald was chosen as the first tech stop as the number of customers is dwindling and, if more customers do not sign up within the next month, the Internet service from [nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com) in that community will probably be dropped.

Mr. Betz will be in Bird City in the morning from 10 a.m. to noon. He will be at The Blue Bird Cafe to meet and visit with people. That afternoon he will be at The St. Francis Herald office to visit with customers having internet problems or just having questions about internet service.

He is welcoming people to stop by so he can meet them and, while they are at the office, they might enjoy a some iced tea and cookies. He is also willing to make house calls while in town.

[nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com) has been providing Internet service in Bird City and St. Francis for about four years, and is one of the few available in the area

who have local contacts and personal technical support.

While in St. Francis and Bird City, Mr. Betz will have signup sheets and welcomes anyone wanting to try [nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com). The price of internet service in St. Francis is \$19.95 per month or can be obtained at the special rate of \$99.75 for six months or \$179 for one year. In Bird City, the

price for one month is \$24.95 or \$99.80 for five months or \$198 for one year (\$16.50 per month).

To make an appointment with Mr. Betz (which is not necessary), call the Times office at 785-734-2621 or the Herald office at 785-332-3162.

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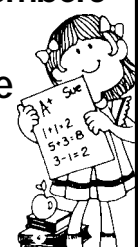
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