

Council approves recycling plan

**By Sandy Barnhart** main topic on the agenda at the St. Francis missioners for their approval. City Council meeting held Jan. 18.

and paper goods. If the council approved of the city has managed to recycle 100 tons, viding a routine pick up for the items. He fill is full, the city then will need to find other Prolonging the life of the landfill was the the plan, than he would approach the com- giving the city the \$1,000 maximum rebate noted that, in talking with several of the ways to dispose of trash. Recycling as many

At the present time, the county offers an Councilman Roger Jensen presented to incentive of \$10 a ton rebate up to \$1,000 a ing cardboard and paper goods out of the the council a recycling plan that would help year for the recyclable items that the city dumpsters. This would be voluntary for the ing by the Kansas Department of Health and ment of Health and Environment.

from the county.

The plan would involve businesses sortprolong the landfill by recycling cardboard keeps out of the landfill. For the year 2004, businesses and would involve the city pro- Environment and, once the county's land-

businessmen, those businessesmen appeared to favor the idea.

items as possible now will not only prolong the life of the landfill but also allow a favor-Landfills have been in jeopardy of clos- able outlook on the city by Kansas Depart-

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# 125-150 to be at show

St. Francis is expected to be a busy place on Saturday when farmers and ranchers from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas come to the Tri-State Cow/Calf Symposium and Trade Show. The activities are to start at 8 a.m. and will run through 3 p.m. at the St. Francis Community High School.

Tye Faulkender, Cheyenne County Extension Director, said he has had tremendous response from those wanting to bring booths to the show.

"The cafeteria is going to be full," the director said.

He is expecting at least 125 to 150 people to attend the show. The registration deadline for the reduced rate was Tuesday but people can still attend and it will only cost \$10 more. Included in the registration fee will be trade show activities, a meal and the proceedings for the day.

"The cow/calf industry is at a very dynamic state and cattlemen are staying progressive minded," he said.

The schedule for the day involves a trade show with a large variety of interest.

Topics included are:

• Update on the National Animal ID Program by George Teagarden, Kansas Livestock Commissioner. • Turning Animal ID and Infor-

mation into Profit, Bill Mies, E-Merge Interactive.

 What Producers Need to Know About Foreign Animal Diseases, Dr. Hallie Hasel, State DVM,



# Not all seats are filled after filing deadline

### By Karen Krien

Bird City and St. Francis city coun- people getting write-in votes, the cils and Cheylin and St. Francis two people with the most votes will school boards was at noon on Tues- fill the vacancies. day. Unfortunately, there were no people filing for the two positions on ported those filing are: the Bird City City Council.

Clerk Terry Miller said that since positions) - Carla Lampe, Bud no one has filed, people whose Erskin, incumbents Natalie Knodel names are written in on the ballot at and Rodney Bracelin. Kay Shay has the general election will automati-

cally be the new city council mem-The filing deadline for seats on the bers. If there are more than two

Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, re-

St. Francis City Council (three See SEATS on Page 8

**Kansas Day** is Saturday

By Casey McCormick On Jan. 29, 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the United States of America. On this Jan. 29, the 76th Bird City Kansas Day will be held at the American Legion hall.

Since 1930, Bird City has been the location of a traditional day to honor the great state of Kansas. Another similar event is held on Friday, Jan. 28, in the Capitol of Topeka, hosted by the governor, Kathleen Sebelius.

But Bird City has been home to 76 straight Kansas Days.

The first celebration was organized as a "Kansas Day Picnic." The Mothers' Circle of the Methodist Church of Bird City brought together the original event. This was spearheaded by their president, Cynthia Annie (Maxson) Trickett. It was an all-day affair with 122

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## Hospital board memberisneeded

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• Rebuilding the Cowherd, Options for Replacements, Jack Whittier, Colorado State Univer-

• Selecting Genetics to Match Today's Market, Jim Gosey, University of Nebraska.

• Carcass Evaluation 101, Cynthia Dixson, Rawlins County Extension Agent.

• Technologies and Tools for Implementing Individual Animal Identification, Dr. Dale Blasi, Beef, Forage and Nutrition, K-State Research and Extension.

• What's Ahead for Cow/Calf Producers: Cattle Outlook for 2005 and Beyond, Jim Minert, Livestock Marketing, K-State Extension and See SHOW on Page 8 DR. DAVID REED examined Jesslynn Houtman early Tuesday morning. Dr. Reed comes to the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis on Tuesday mornings. Jesslynn is the daughter of Scott and Sara Houtman. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Family doctor practices in St. Francis on Tuesdays

Dr. David Reed is seeing patients at the Cheyenne County Michelle moved to Wray and he Clinic, St. Francis and has been began working for the Wray comseeing them since June. He is li- munity District Hospital and censed in family practice and has Clinic. They currently live there a strong focus on obstetrics, pedi- with their four children, Chris, atrics and geriatrics.

In 1999, he and his wife, Danielle, Austin and Bailey.

Dr. Reed is available to see patients weekly in the Cheyenne County Clinic on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to noon. To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact the clinic at 785-332-2682.

#### By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will be talking to people interested in being on the hospital board when they meet on Monday morning. Interviews for the position will begin at 10. Those interested in serving on the board should call Terry Miller, county clerk, at 785-332-8800.

In the past few years, the hospital board members have been very active in overseeing the hospital and clinic additions and remodeling. There are still several other projects for the hospital which will be completed in the future.

over two years and received several

raises. My starting pay was 25 cents

Bob Van Allen has served on the board for four years and his term is expiring. He said he was willing to serve again but thought it might be good if someone else would take their turn on the board.

The board meets on the average of one time a month in the clinic basement in St. Francis. The members serving on the board at the present time besides Mr. Van Allen are Rueben Schultz, Swede Calnon, Traci Neitzel and Joy Alderegg.

Those interested but having questions may call one of the board members or talk to Clerk Miller.



ST. FRANCIS TELEPHONE OFFICE in 1930 was a Jacobs. Mrs. Jacobs tells about the telephone office in busy place. Pictured (l to r) are Elizabeth (Zimbelman) the article with this photo. Nolan, supervisor; Tillie (Peterson) Felzien and Clarice

Photo courtesy of Jorice Maag

Editor's note: Much of the followan hour — with no benefits!

Remembering how the phones

worked in 1930

The office, on Main Street, was ollections" of Clarice Jacobs, who a one-room business office and operating room.

> The switchboard consisted of about 120 drops and several pairs of plugs.

A drop was a small metal tab associated with a subscriber's number. When a subscriber turned the crank on his phone, a drop would fall. When the drop fell we would take one plug of a pair, plug in to the number of the dropped tab and answer by saying "Number Please." The subscriber would state the number he wanted, we would say "Thank you" and, using the second plug of that pair, would connect him with the desired number. When the phone call ended we 1,000 people. I worked there for released both plugs. It sometimes got very busy.

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## **Assistant begins** work in office

Rita Keeker has joined the Cheyenne County Health Department staff as the administrative assistant.

Originally from Boulder, Colo., she came to the department with a firm background in computers and medical insurance billing.

Some of her duties as the administrative assistant is the Health Start Home Visitor and working with the Healthy Start program.

In the Healthy Start Home Visitor program, she meets with families to listen and share in the experiences of being a parent. As a visitor — she gives referrals and gives parents the opportunity to chose from other services such as Women, Infant and Children nutritional program (WIC)

The Health Start program is designed to give children a healthy start in life and helps parents enjoying being parents. If they need assis-

tance, parents can contact the Health Department.

She answers the phone, makes appointment for those parents needing to bring children in for immunizations.

Earlier in January, she organized the car seat checkup event which helped parents better fit their vehicles with safe car seats.

Mrs. Keeker and her husband Don, have one child, Brandon.

"I enjoy activities with the family and I like working with my horses,' she said.

"I'm also happy to be a part of the County Health Department team and look forward to meeting people in the county."

"Rita is a valuable asset to the health department and the community," said Susan Roelfs, county health nurse. "She is very enthusiastic and excited and a pleasure to



RITA KEEKER is the new administrative assistant at the county health office.

#### work with ."

In the near future, the county health office will be moved to the cal campus," Nurse Roelfs said.

basement clinic in St. Francis "It will be sonice to be on the medi-

### PHONES

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We also had charge of pulling a lever above the board when a fire was reported. St. Francis had a volunteer fire department and we alerted them.

In addition, we took calls for the two doctors in town if they were not at home. When they returned, they would call in to us and we would report who had called and who needed them. The doctors did not charge the operators for their services.

One doctor gave us a Christmas present each year for taking his calls when he was out. I still have the pink glass vase which Dr. Peck gave me one Christmas. It was filled with rose

**Continued from Page 1** The council review the recycling

contract with Bird City. Bird City

started bringing their recycling

items to St. Francis in July of 2004.

The city pays St. Francis \$135.60 a

month. Councilman Jensen, along

with Mayor Scott Schultz, plan to

attend the next Bird City City Coun-

cil meeting to discuss the contract.

Residents in St. Francis are

charge \$1 a month per meter for the

recycling program. St. Francis cur-

Superintendent report

The council approved to accept

the chemical bid from Bartlett Grain

for the amount of \$4,109.95. St.

rently has 1,000 meters.

### Sells stocks

About 1929, the United Telephone Company asked employees to sell shares of stock in the company. Prizes were to be given for the amount of stock sold. The price per share of stock was about \$25 as I recall. Employees could purchase stock by having the amount withheld from their paychecks.

Idon'tremember how many shares I sold but my prize was an electric toaster. The toaster was called a "Tip and Turn." It wasn't automatic. You brown on one side and then toast the other side. It worked very well. The

contract for the new administrative

pay request to Interstate Irrigation,

Yuma, Colo., in the amount of

\$50,751. Thaniel Monaco, Miller

and Associates of McCook, updated

the council on the progress the sewer

ponds. He noted that the completion

• The council approved for city

clerk Mary Lampe to send letters

asking for bids for insurance for the

city to the five insurance agency in

town. Currently, Neitzel Insurance

Agency carries the policy for the

Utilities (KMU) were approved.

Alda, was using it. I gave it to her when we moved to California. **Country lines** 

We served a number of country lines which had about 10 subscribers on each line. Our office was the toll center so we put through calls for nearby towns.

There was a lot of personal service in such a small town. Everyone knew each other. It was really a friendly place and I have many pleasant memories of that time.

Country lines were a great source had to turn the toast when it was of news. When a call was placed on or to a country line, each of the subscribers would hear the phone jingle. last time I saw it, my eldest sister, Each home on the line had a different combination of rings (for example, two longs and a short). Many people were tempted to lift the receiver quietly and listen to a neighbor's conversation. There was no privacy on a 10party line!

I can recall an occasion when my • The council approved the fourth husband-to-be was working on a nearby farm which was on a 10-party line. He and I came up with a plan to avoid being listened to by eavesdroppers. When I was working at the switchboard, I would plug in the line of the telephone at the farm where he was working. He would take the receiver off the hook at the same agreedupon time. In that way we had the line all to ourselves, and since we were about to elope we thought it was a good way to avoid the local gossips!

After St. Francis When Mrs. Jacobs and her husband • Membership dues in the amount Joe moved from St. Francis, she con-Francis Equity submitted a bid in the of \$1,081 for Kansas Municipal tinued her career as an operator.

At that time the company she was working for was California Water and Telephone. As time passed it grew

and grew and was bought by General Telephone which later merged with Bell Atlantic and the combination became known as Verizon.

Before the 10 freeway was built, all traffic to Palm Springs and the desert area had to drive through Redlands. Calif., where the Jacobs lived. Redlands was also a convenient place for those driving from the Los Angeles area to stop for refreshments. Some stopped at Phil's or Pinky's, which were well-known cocktail lounges of the 1940s and 1950s. A number of the travelers were celebrities. Mrs. Jacobs' favorite was Bob Hope, whose call she connected from Pinky's pay phone to his family in Palm Springs. While he was waiting for the call to be put through, she could hear him happily humming and whistling to himself.

On one occasion, she had a call from a University of Redlands student to President Truman. The student wanted advice on how he should write a speech. The president was very friendly, took his call and gave the advice he was asked for.

Mrs. Jacobs finished her career as a telephone operator working nights for about three years. The hours were 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. It was a totally different life, of course, but she said she was paid more for the inconvenience.

"I retired in 1969 before many of today's operators were born!" she concluded.

## Linemen travel to help victims of ice storm

Dave Tiemeyer and Ryan Culwell from the Bird City area were among 14 Prairie Land Electric lineman who traveled to Pratt to help with ice storm damage. Besides the 14 linemen, Prairie Land sent two digger trucks, two big bucket trucks and three small bucket trucks to help Ninnescah Electric in Pratt to rebuild line and restore electric service to their customers after a major ice storm that hit that area.

Tiemeyer and Culwell joined them on are ever in a situation like this, other Jan. 7. The Prairie Land Electric crews would be here to help them.

Greg Cooper, Marshall Hespe, crewsworked 16 hours a day rebuilding line, and restoring service. When the crews returned home Jan. 11, every residential consumer had power.

> In a thank you note received from Carla A. Bickel, general manager of Ninnescah, she said, "it was a very welcome sight to see all of your guys and trucks pull into our yard. We knew then that we had a chance to get a handle on all of our outages."

Prairie Land Electric is willing to Cooper and Hespe left on Jan. 5 and help, because they know that if they

## Audience will trek through history

tory," will enact "Whose Land/Our Land/My Land" at 2 p.m. Jan. 30, at the Gateway in Oberlin. Admission the Kansas Territory; to an indepenis by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door.

"Whose Land/Our Land/My Land" is an educational trek through time, exploring the historical progression of relationships with the land from 1804 to 1890. Using authentic clothing and props, Ms. Thierer portrays characters based on

Joyce Thierer, of "Ride Into His- real women, from the Earth Lodge people who used the land for growing and hunting; to homesteaders in dent rancher. Her presentation ties together agricultural history, women's history and the history of Kansas and the West.

This program is presented in part by Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



amount of \$4,257.69. Police report

Chief of Police Troy Gardner reported that Dave Warren had been hired as police officer for the city. Mr. Warren will begin Jan. 24.

### Other Business

In other business:

• The council approved to hire Troy Gardner as part-time police houses both the county and city fire chief administrator effective Jan. trucks. 10. Attorney Day will draw up a

• The council reviewed and approved the Water Emergency Plan. • The council asked that Clerk Lampe check into the utility costs for the emergency building for the council to review at the next meeting. The county, in past years, has paid \$200 a month. The building

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served for the last four years and did not file for a second term.

Bird City City Council (two positions) and mayor - No one has filed for city council. Larry Henry has filed for mayor. Those currently serving on the city council are Larry Henry and Wendy Richmeier; and Dave Hickert is the mayor.

St. Francis Board of Education (three positions) - District 1, position 4, Bruce Feikert; District 3, position 6, Pete Raile. Kelly Gienger and Stephen Douthit have filed for District 2, position 5, which is presently being filled by Gene Dodd. Mr. Feikert and Mr. Raile are incumbents.

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people having signed the registry. It began at 10 a.m., a potluck luncheon was held in the Methodist church basement and a program was performed in the afternoon.

In 1971, with the need of accommodating larger crowds, the event was moved to the American Legion hall where it remains every Jan. 29.

One of the more memorable Kansas Days was in 1983 when Senator Robert Dole came to Bird City for the day

This year's theme is "Kansas Dancin'" and the day will be filled with music, dance and a lot of other entertainment.

The American Legion Hall will open a 9 a.m. for table display setup and registration will begin at 10 a.m. 667, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Cheylin Board of Education (four positions)-District2, position6, Rod Young; District 1, position 3, Hal Antholz; and District 1, position 1, George Louderbaugh and Robert Bell; and Member at Large: Canda Orten and Jan Busse. Mr. Young and Mr. Antholz are incumbents.

Terry Miller, county election officer, reported that there will be no primary election as there are only two or less running for each of the school positions. The three candidates having the most votes for the St. Francis City Council will fill those positions. It should be noted, that after a can-

didate has filed for an office, he cannot withdraw his name after the last date provided by law for filing for

such candidacy. The general election will be held on April 5.

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Research.

sium will be another informative and useful tool that can be utilized," he said. "We look forward to bringing this highly informational event to the cattlemen of the area."

For further details, call Dr. Sandy Johnson, Area Extension Specialist, Livestock at 785-462-6281; Tye Faulkender, Cheyenne County Extension Director, 785-332-3171; or your local Extension office.

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