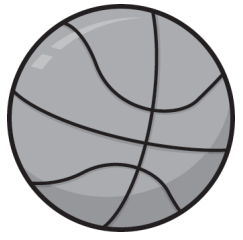




A BENEFIT WAS HELD for the Baxter family with proceeds from the United Methodist Thrift Shop and a community bake sale going toward medical expenses. Thrivent for Lutherans matched a portion of the funds raised.

Photo courtesy of Holly Keller

Home opener played Thursday in Sainty



By Betty Jean Winston

The seventh and eighth grade boys basketball teams held their home opener on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 10. Oakley was their opponent. Earlier in the week they had traveled to Quinter for the second straight game on the road. The season is moving along fast and at this point each team is carrying a 0-3 record with strong competition provided by Decatur Community/Oberlin, Quinter and Oakley.

Eighth grade
Quinter 49, St. Francis 10
 "I'm certainly looking forward to playing Oakley on Thursday, because I'm confident we can't play any worse than we did in Quinter," Coach Jeff Beims said. "Don't misunderstand, Quinter is very good, and I'm not sure we could have beat them on our best day."
 "When we have only three or four shots taken per quarter it really means two things: We turn the ball over way too much and we aren't going to outscore too any teams."
 "Something will have to change

soon, or this will be a long season."
 SF 02 03 02 03 10
 Q 19 19 07 04 49
 Scoring: Trent Raile 7, Matt Raile 3.
Oakley 49, St. Francis 39
 The St. Francis offensive output increased dramatically on Thursday when they accumulated 39 points. The Indians were in the lead 11-6 after the first quarter and the teams were tied after both the second (18/18) and third quarters (27/27). Unfortunately Oakley scored 22 points in the final period to take the win with 49 points.
 "This was the best performance from this team all year," Coach Beims said. "We were much better about taking care of the ball and scoring when we had the opportunity."
 "We still had trouble rebounding, and turnovers hurt us in the fourth quarter, but I'm much more optimistic that these guys can turn the season around."
 "We saw evidence of a group of guys who are starting to understand

the game."
 SF 11 07 09 12 39
 O 06 12 09 22 49
 Scoring: T. Raile 15, M. Raile 9, Drew Zwegardt 5, Terrence Lamb 4, Darris Keller 2, Alex Long 2, David Stephens 2.
Seventh grade
Quinter 41, St. Francis 11
 The final score of the Quinter/St. Francis game on Tuesday was Quinter 41, St. Francis 11. The Indians scored the most points in the second quarter when they pushed seven through the basket.
 "Quinter (as always) has a very good team," Coach Kent Kechter said. "They develop their skills by working on them year round. Most of our kids were playing in their second game of their life, while Quinter kids have most likely played 25 or many more. For us to complete better, we must spend more time developing our skills."
 "Quinter outexecuted us in every phase of the game. We tried, but their superior skills and knowledge made it very difficult for us to do anything."
 SF 02 07 02 00 11
 Q 16 08 11 06 41
 Scoring: Brendan Finley 5, Brett Lampe 4, Brooks Hobrock 2
Oakley 24, St. Francis 12
 St. Francis scored 12 points on Thursday against Oakley but still fell short of the 24 points that Oakley accumulated.
 "We played better against Oakley," Coach Kechter said. "Oakley has a decent team, but we are making daily improvements."
 "We ran our offenses much better and had quite a few good shots. We just did not shoot well enough to take advantage of our opportunities."
 "These guys are learning daily and getting better. We just need to keep working to develop our skills and understanding."
 SF 00 03 03 06 12
 O 06 04 06 08 24
 Scoring: Hobrock 5, Lampe 2, Finley 2, Garrett Figgins 2, Trevor Reed 1

Leadership training takes place in January

For five months, eight local residents took "21st Century Leadership Training" in various locations in western Kansas. That training and the opportunity to meet and work with others in similar communities had a strong, positive impact on those individuals.

Now that information will be passed on to the community in the form of Community Development training, which will include leadership. The goal of the training is that the techniques and principles presented will help bring about positive changes.

County residents share a concern with the declining population and economics and this group would then like to expand in different areas of interest to improve the future of Cheyenne County.

Training is not an end in itself, but a means to help develop individuals' abilities to accomplish tasks for our community.

Therefore, the Cheyenne County Development Corporation (CCDC) is sponsoring this community development training for residents of Cheyenne County. The training begins in January, 2006, and consists of at least four segments: (1) Introduction, Gathering time, Timeline, Servant Leadership; (2) Learning Styles, Vision; (3) Steps to a Performing Community, Listening (4) Wisdom Cycle, Decision Making.

Vet meeting scheduled

American Legion Post 137 will host a meeting for all veterans and their families who wish to learn more about their earned VA benefits at 10:55 a.m. today (Thursday).

Veterans and their family members who have specific questions regarding VA benefits are urged to attend the meeting which will be held at the Senior Center, 322 W. Washington.

The meeting is part of the Legion's annual American Legion Veterans Affairs Tour when State and District Officers visit each of the over 330 American Legion Posts throughout Kansas.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas Opening Bird City Times ~ and ~ The Saint Francis Herald



DEADLINE for ads, news and pictures for the Nov. 24 issue are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18.

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met at the Senior Center on Nov. 7 with 21 members and seven guests present.

Dr. Mary Beth Miller presented an informative program about the new Medicare prescription drug plan.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Helen Burnham. The treasurer's report was given and the minutes read and approved. There was no old or new business.

Hostesses were Alice Lampe, Eilene Nolan and Wilma Lampe.

The December meeting will be at the Senior Center with Donna Northrup, Lucille Price and Nola Burrus as hostesses.

Ramblers

Ramblers Club met at the St. Francis Public Library meeting room on Wednesday, Nov. 9, with 12 members and one guest present.

Questions and answers concerning flu vaccine

The following questions and answers concerning the 2005 flu vaccine supply and distribution are taken from information recently released to hospitals by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and vaccine manufacturers have indicated there would be no shortage of vaccine in 2005.

- Why are some providers in Kansas experiencing delays in getting vaccine?
 A. The uneven distribution of vaccine throughout Kansas (and the U.S.) occurs for the following reasons:
 -Flu vaccine is delivered in batches; therefore, doses are shipped out as they are developed over the course of several weeks, as is done nearly every year. Shipments nationwide are expected to continue into December.
 -Manufacturers typically fill large orders first, which means doctors' offices and health departments may get their orders later than larger corporations, such as drug store or grocery chains, that placed vaccine orders.
 • Why can't Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the state of Kansas take steps ensure equal distribution of vaccine?
 A. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the state do not order vaccine for private providers; therefore, information regarding where supplies go is not available to the state.
 (Manufacturers do not release this information and are not required to release this information).
 • Will there be enough vaccine available this year to protect Kansans from influenza?
 A. Federal officials and flu vaccine manufacturers indicate supplies are sufficient this season and they are not expecting a shortage of vaccine. In fact, manufacturers expect to ship 60 million doses nationwide by the end of November and

more than 80 million by the end of December. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention anticipates more than 70 million doses of vaccine will be available to the public during the 2005 flu season. This is the amount that has been available in years without a shortage.

- When will high-risk (or vulnerable) individuals in Kansas who want a flu shot and have not had access to one in their community be able to get their flu shot?
 A. Additional doses of flu vaccine are expected to arrive in most

Kansas communities in November and December. Kansans who have been unable to get a flu shot are encouraged to continue to contact their local providers regarding vaccine supply arrivals.

- Won't it be too late to get a flu shot by the time the vaccine becomes available?
 A. No, flu season in Kansas typically starts after the holidays with peaks in January and February, so getting a flu shot by the end of the year should still provide protection against the flu.

Hunting Tips

- Never shoot at sound or a flash of color.
 - Wear appropriate clothing to alert others to your presence. Make sure your children do too.
 - Never think you will never make a mistake - and never think an accident will never happen to you or your children.
 - Always be willing to come home without any game at all.
- These tips and much more can be found on the Internet at www.saferchild.org.
- Have a fun time hunting and be safe

School Schedule

Thursday: basketball, junior high boys, Atwood, here, 4:30 p.m.
 Monday: basketball, junior high boys, Hoxie, there, 4 p.m.
 Wednesday: dismiss school at 1:30
 Thursday/Friday: Thanksgiving vacation



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2005 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS USED TO FUND THE 2006 BUDGETS

Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk
 Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$40,501,431
 (Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation)

Comparison of 2004 and 2005 levies and valuations:				001 City of Bird City			002 City of St. Francis			008 Bird City Township			010 Bird City Township		
2004		2005		2005			2005			2005			2005		
Valuation	Levy	Valuation	Levy	Valuation	Levy	Difference	Valuation	Levy	Valuation	Levy	Valuation	Levy	Valuation	Levy	
\$38,575,739	1.500	\$40,501,431	1.500	\$40,501,431	1.500	\$0.000	\$2,330,316	1.500	\$6,565,963	1.500	\$7,396,919	1.500	\$968,023	1.500	
\$38,575,739	19.680	\$40,501,431	26.245	6.565	2,330,316	33.132	3,436	50.128	33.132	50.128	50.128	50.128	50.128	50.128	
	28.508		28.508		28,753	0.245	50.128	35.862	34.520	34.520	34.520	34.520	34.520	34.520	
	34.850		34.850		35,862	1.012	35.862	35.862	34.520	34.520	34.520	34.520	34.520	34.520	
	34.297		34.297		0.822	0.011	0.822	0.817	0.817	0.817	0.817	0.817	0.817	0.817	
	0.885		0.885		1.172	-0.068	1.172	1.172	1.172	1.172	1.172	1.172	1.172	1.172	
	1.393		1.393		0.881	-0.221	0.881	0.881	0.881	0.881	0.881	0.881	0.881	0.881	
	1.526		1.526		0.058	-0.036	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.058	
	0.930		0.930		31,605,152	0.881	-0.049	90.365	89.018	89.018	89.018	89.018	89.018	89.018	
					50.128	3.574		121.444	115.718	90.365	90.365	90.365	90.365	90.365	

Levies of Taxing Units			
State Levies	K.S.A.	Levy	City of Bird City
KS Ed. Bldg.	79-6b01	1.000	General 79-1953 30.702
State Institutions	76-6b04	0.500	Library 79-5032 2.430
Total		1.500	Total 33.132
County Levies	K.S.A.	Levy	City of St. Francis
General	79-1946	26.245	General 79-5032 24.999
Road & Bridge	68-5,101	11.293	Library 79-5032 3.754
Bridge Building	68-1135	0.840	Total 28.753
Noxious Weed	2-1318	0.556	
Bond & Interest	19-15,116	5.625	
Hospital	12-183	5.569	
Total		50.128	
USD 103	K.S.A.	Levy	USD 297
Supp. General	72-6435	10.362	General 72-6435 9.520
General	72-6431	20.000	General 72-6431 20.000
Recreation	12-1927	1.500	Recreation 12-1927 1.000
Capital Outlay	72-8801	4.000	Capital Outlay 72-8801 4.000
Total		35.862	Total 34.520
Camery	K.S.A.	Levy	NWKS Library
Camery District 1	80-932	0.822	General 12-1230 0.824
Camery District 2	80-932	0.817	Employee Benefits 12-16,102 0.057
			Total 0.881
Rural Fire	K.S.A.	Levy	
CN County RF 1	19-3610	1.172	
RA County RF 3	19-3610	1.490	

USD 103 Valuation	General Fund	Other Funds
Cheyenne County	\$10,665,787	\$11,462,294
Rawlins County	6,190,440	6,558,357
Total USD 103	\$16,856,227	\$18,020,651
USD 297 Valuation	\$26,799,979	\$29,039,137

State of Kansas County of Cheyenne, SS:
I, Terry Miller, County Clerk of Cheyenne County, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct statement of all legal levies for 2005 tax year and 2006 budget year shown by records in my office.

Terry Miller
Cheyenne County Clerk