

Birthday calendars are on sale

The St. Francis Lions Club members will once again be knocking on doors and making phone calls to people who might want their birthdays, in-memory dates and anniversaries on the Lions birthday calendar. The cost is minimal and a calendar can also be purchased.

"If a Lion doesn't call and you would like to have your name on the calendar, call Dorothy Kellner, 785-332-2950 or Clarence Illiff, 785-332-8958," said Elmer Kellner, Lions member. "Check the ad in this week's Herald for more information."

When people are asked to purchase a calendar or help with any project the club does such as collecting eye glasses, hearing aids, cell phones, ink cartridges, wheelchairs, bicycles and Goodwill, some needy person somewhere will be helped.

"Our motto is to serve," Milton Lampe, Lion member, said.

The St. Francis Lions Club is active, meeting once a month at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Windmill Restaurant. State and International dues are \$60 a year.

The local club gives to the band foundation, Leader Dog, Speciality Dog, scholarships, Boy Scouts, Food Pantry and several other causes and meets a number of needs in the community.

The club also gives to the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) which is concerned with sight first. (More than 5 million cataract surgeries have given the gift of sight and improved eye care services for millions more in developing parts of the world.) The foundation has provided 70 million treatments for river blindness which is expanding at a tremendous rate.

Lions International president, Dr. Ashok Mehta said Lions Clubs International received the prestigious Trachoma Gold Medal 2006 which was presented at the World Ophthalmology Congress in Brazil. As a result of the foundation's partnership with



LIONS COLLECT BIKES — Carl Williams and Bill Erhman brought bicycles to *The Saint Francis Herald* until they are taken to the prison to be fixed. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

World Health Organization to combat childhood blindness, 30 pediatric eye care centers have been established, thus ensuring that blindness will be prevented in a countless number of children.

Lions Club International Foundation made \$4.6 million available to the Hurricane Katrina disaster and \$14.5 million to Lions in India, Sir Lanka, Indonesia and Thailand for long-term construction. Presently more than 1,300 homes are being built in these four countries. Grants of \$850,000 were given to the Pakistan Relief and plans to build 100 homes for the needy are underway.

The foundation is expanding the online Lions Learning Centers to teach and train delegation, meeting management, public relations and effective teams.

Extension to sponsor youth fishing clinic

The lazy, hazy days of summer have arrived, just in time for a fishing clinic on Thursday, June 22, at the Bellamy Ranch fishing area south of Goodland.

The clinic is open to all youth ages seven to 12. If they have fishing equipment, they are urged to bring it but, for those who have none but want to join in the fun, there will be some extra poles.

The fishermen will be leaving from the front of the Cheyenne County Courthouse in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. The trip to Bellamy Ranch will take around an hour. Lunch will



be served at noon.

Those wishing to go should sign up by calling the extension office before June 19. The number to call is 785-332-3171.

The fishing clinic is sponsored by the Kansas State University Research and Extension, Cheyenne County.



SELLING CALENDERS — Nina Raile is purchasing her Lions Club calendar for 2007 from Neil McCumber. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

Man pleads guilty to amended count

A Bird City man plead guilty to a misdemeanor and ends up paying a \$1,000 fine and court costs after leading officers on a high speed chase and holding officers at bay at his home south of Bird City in August.

Vertie Bolyard, 70, Bird City, was in Cheyenne County District Court on May 11 where a plea agreement was reached between the defendant and the Cheyenne County Attorney, Justin Barrett.

Bolyard had been charged with two counts of criminal threat, severity level 9 person felonies; one count aggravated assault, severity level 7 person felony; and one count of fleeing or attempting to elude the police, a severity level 9 person felony. The criminal threat and assault charges stemmed from incidents to the Cheyenne County Sheriff with Bolyard's estranged wife Rose, who lives in Bird City.

The two counts of criminal threat and aggravated assault against Bolyard were dismissed when the victims' situations made it difficult to proceed. The plea agreement said the charges were dropped with prejudice. The count of fleeing or attempting to elude police officers was dropped from a felony to a Class B non-person misdemeanor.

Under the agreement Bolyard pled guilty to the amended count and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and court costs of \$117.

Bolyard led county law officers on a high-speed chase on country roads south of Bird City on Aug. 8. Troy Gardner, Cheyenne County

Sheriff, said Bolyard took off after being told during a traffic stop that he was under arrest for a domestic violence situation with his wife Rose.

He was reported to have been going at least 80 miles per hour on dirt roads while he was being followed by police officers. He stopped at his home nine miles south of Bird City.

For the next seven hours, the officers tried to contact him by phone. They staked out near his home and Bolyard was reported going in and out of his house and sitting on his lawn mower.

About 24 officers of the Kansas Highway Patrol Special Response Team made contact with Bolyard, and he turned himself in and was taken to the Sherman County Bastille.

Once the team members arrived a team of four to six were dropped behind a tree line on the north side of the property about 4 p.m. Mountain Time. They moved into position to be able to see the house and surrounding buildings.

An hour later a second group of Special Response Team members were taken to the house followed by Cheyenne County Sheriff, State Patrol Officers and Sherman County Sheriff and Undersheriff.

The officers could see Bolyard outside of his house, and he went out by a shed to the west of the house. About 30 minutes after the second team and officers went down Country Road 28, it was reported the team had arrested Bolyard near the tree line.

Deadline for filing is Monday, June 12

The seat of commissioner in the Bird City area is the only Cheyenne County position up for election in the Aug. 1 primary election. The last day for filing for the position of District 1 Cheyenne County Commissioner will be Monday, June 12.

As of Monday, Terry Miller, county election officer, reported that Gary Brubaker, Bird City, had filed for that position. He said several other people had picked up filing forms but had not returned them.

Jane Brubaker presently fills this position but, after three terms, has decided not to run again. Her term will be up at the end of December.

Other offices which will be listed on the primary ballot include:

United States Senate, United States Representative 1st District, Governor/Lieutenant Governor,

Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Insurance, State Representative 120th District, State Board of Education 5th District, County Commissioner 1st District, Township Clerks for Benkelman, Bird City, Calhoun, Cleveland Run, Jaqua, Orlando, Wano I and Wano II.

Officers will be elected in each political party which has qualified for the primary election.

Fun Facts

- Actor Tommy Lee Jones and vice-president Al Gore were freshman roommates at Harvard.
- The fingerprints of Koala bears are virtually indistinguishable from those of humans, so much so that they could be confused at a crime scene.

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 The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be at the Post Offices on Thursday afternoon, July 6 and delivered to the routes Friday, July 7.

For more information contact Casey McCormick at:
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