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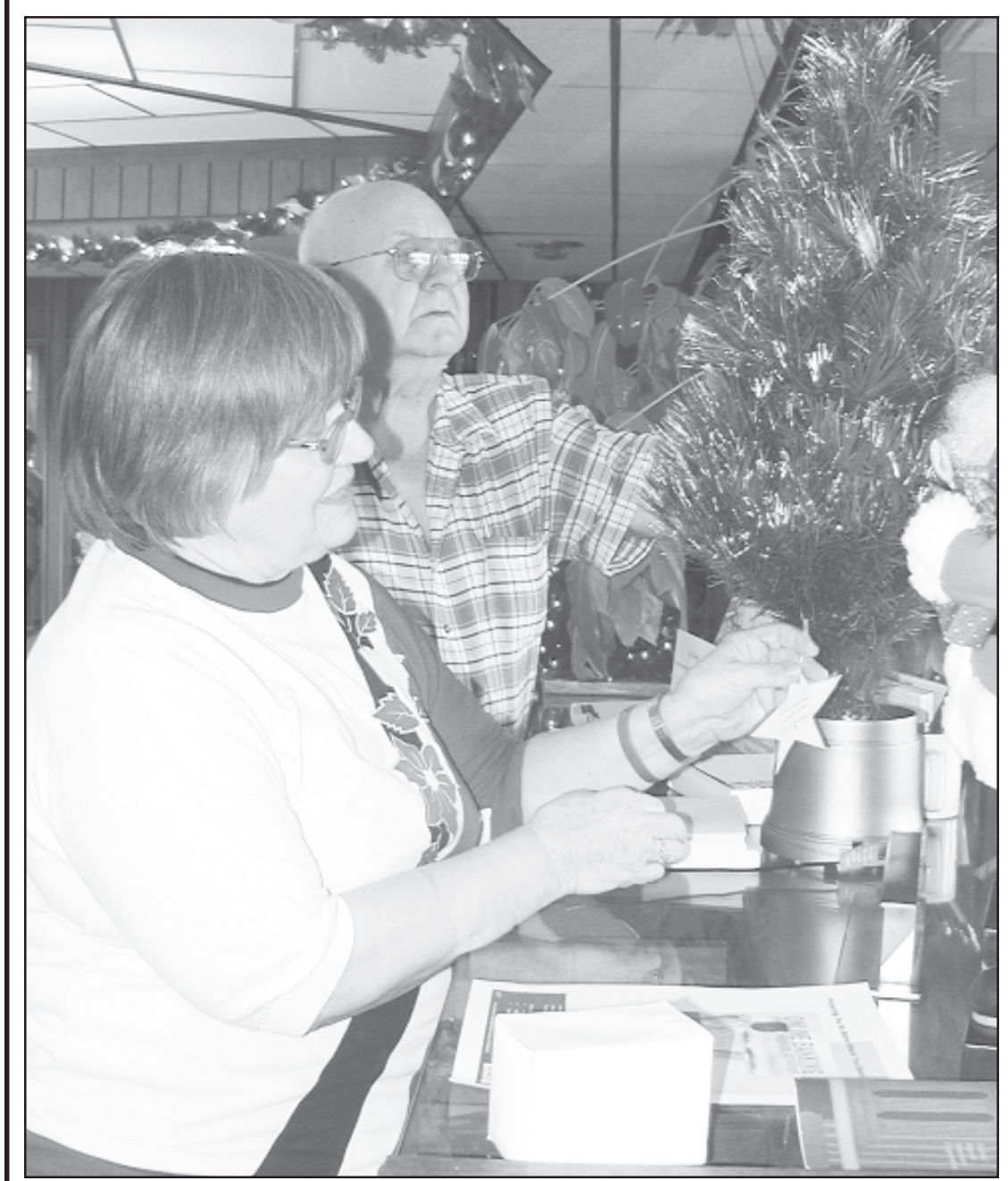
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**THREE HOSPICE TREES**, located at the Cheyenne County Hospital, Bankwest and First National, have been decorated with stars. People can donate money and put a name on a star. The yellow star thanks an individual for "continuing to shine in our lives." The white star is in remembrance of a loved one. Money raised will go to Hospice.  
*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Video available online

In an effort to raise awareness and the conservation of playa lakes, the Playa Lakes Joint Venture has produced a new video about these important wetlands. "The Playas: Reflections of Life on the Plains" illustrates the values of playas to wildlife, water, and people; threats to the wetlands; and how people are working to conserve them. The video features footage of playas captured by hot air balloon, as well as interviews with playa specialists, biologists, landowners, and community leaders throughout the six-state playa lakes region.

Playa lakes are shallow, seasonal wetlands and are the primary source of recharge for the Ogallala Aquifer. These wetlands also support millions of birds and other wildlife species. There are more than 11,000 playas in Kansas making them the most abundant wetland type in the state.

The video is now available online at: [www.myoutdoortv.com/show/playalakes/index.html](http://www.myoutdoortv.com/show/playalakes/index.html) If you would like a copy of the video in DVD or VHS format please request a copy from Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Landowner Incentive Program Biologist Chris Berens at [cberens@kaws.org](mailto:cberens@kaws.org) or 785-462-3367.

For more information on playa lake conservation practices please visit your local Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or Farm Service Agency office or give Mr. Berens a call.

## Public Notices

# Ordinance published for agreement with the Kansas Department of health and environment

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ORDINANCE NO. 311  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BIRD CITY, KANSAS AND THE STATE OF KANSAS, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A LOAN FROM THE KANSAS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT; ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOAN; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOAN AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the Federal Water Quality Act of 1987 (the "Federal Act") established revolving fund program for public wastewater treatment systems to assist in financing the costs of infrastructure needed to achieve or maintain compliance with the Federal Act and to protect the public health and authorized Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to administer a revolving loan program operated by the individual states; and

WHEREAS, to fund the state revolving fund program, the EPA will make annual capitalization grants to the states, on the condition that each state provide a state match for such state's revolving fund; and

WHEREAS, by passage of the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Act, K.S.A. 65-3321 through 65-3329, inclusive (the "Loan Act"), the State of Kansas ("the State") has established the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (the "Revolving Fund") for purposes of the Federal Act; and

WHEREAS, under the Loan Act, the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment ("KDHE") is given the responsibility for administration and management of the Revolving Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Development Finance Authority (the "Authority") and KDHE have entered into a Pledge Agreement (the "Pledge Agreement") and KDHE pursuant to which KDHE agrees to enter into Loan Agreements with Municipalities for public wastewater treatment projects (the "Projects") and to pledge the Loan Repayments (as defined in the Pledge Agreement) received pursuant to such Loan Agreements to the authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized under K.S.A. 74-8905(a) and the Loan Act to issue revenue bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of providing funds to implement the State's requirements under the

Federal Act and to loan the same, together with available funds from the EPA capitalization grants, to Municipalities within the State for the payment of Project Costs (as said terms are defined in the Loan Act); and

WHEREAS, Bird City, Kansas (the "Municipality") is a municipality as said term is defined in the Loan Act which operates a wastewater collection and treatment system (the "System"); and

WHEREAS, the system is a public Wastewater Treatment Works, as said term is defined in the loan act; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has, pursuant to the Loan Act, submitted an application to KDHE to obtain a loan from the Revolving Fund to finance the costs of improvements to its System consisting of the following:

This project involves construction of a non-discharging domestic wastewater lagoon facility to replace an existing failing Imhoff tank and trickling filter wastewater treatment plant. The force main from the existing pump station will be extended to the site of the new lagoon system and a two cell earthen lagoon system with rip-rap embankment protection will be constructed. The existing trickling filter plant will be demolished (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has taken all steps necessary and has complied with the provisions of the Loan Act and the provision of K.A.R. 28-16-110 to 28-16-138 (the "Regulations") applicable thereto necessary to qualify for the loan; and

WHEREAS, KDHE has informed the Municipality that it has been approved for a loan in amount of not to exceed Four Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Five dollars (\$474,925) (the "Loan") in order to finance the Project; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Municipality hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and desirable to accept the Loan and to enter into a loan agreement and certain other documents relating thereto, and to take certain actions required in order to implement the Loan Agreement.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BIRD CITY, KANSAS:

Section 1. Authorization of Loan Agreement. The Municipality is hereby authorized to accept the Loan and to enter into a certain Loan Agreement, with an effective date of October 25, 2006, with the State of Kansas acting by and through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (the "Loan Agreement") to finance the Project Costs (as defined in the Loan Agreement). The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Loan Agreement in substantially the form presented to the governing body this date, with such changes or modifications thereto as may be approved by the Mayor and the City Attorney, the Mayor's execution of

the Loan Agreement being conclusive evidence of such approval.

Section 2. Establishment of Dedicated Source of Revenue for Repayment of Loan. Pursuant to the Loan Act, the Municipality hereby establishes a dedicated source of revenue for repayment of the Loan. In accordance therewith, the Municipality shall impose and collect such rates, fees and charges for the use and services furnished by or through the System, including all improvements and additions thereto hereafter constructed or acquired by the Municipality as will provide System Revenues or levy ad valorem taxes without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real or personal, within the territorial limits of the Municipality to produce amounts which are sufficient to (a) pay the cost of the operation and maintenance of the System, (b) pay the principal of and interest on the Loan as and when the same become due, and (c) pay all other amounts due at any time under the Loan Agreement; provided, however, no lien or other security interest is granted by the Municipality to KDHE on the System Revenues under this Agreement. In the event that the System Revenues are insufficient to meet the obligations under the Loan and the Loan Agreement, the Municipality shall levy ad valorem taxes without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real or personal, within the territorial limits of the Municipality to produce the amounts necessary for the prompt payment of the obligations under the Loan and

Loan Agreement.

In accordance with the Loan Act, the obligations under the Loan and the Loan Agreement shall not be included within any limitation on the bonded indebtedness of the Municipality.

Section 3. Further Authority. The Mayor, Clerk and other City officials are hereby further authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and take such actions as they may deem necessary or advisable in order to carry out and perform the purposes of the Ordinance, and to make alterations, changes or additions in the foregoing agreements, statements, instruments and other documents herein approved, authorized and confirmed which they may approve, and the execution or taking of such action shall be conclusive evidence of such necessity or advisability.

Section 4. Governing Law. The Ordinance and the Loan Agreement shall be governed exclusively by and construed in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Kansas.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the governing body of the city and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED by the governing body of the City on **November 6, 2006** and APPROVED by the Mayor.

SEAL  
/s/ Troy Burr  
Mayor Troy Burr  
ATTEST  
/s/ Jana Diers  
Jana Diers, City Clerk

## Groundwater hearing to be held on Jan. 11

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1030, the board of directors of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 will conduct on January 11, 2007, beginning at 11:30 a.m., in the groundwater management district offices, 1175 S. Range, Colby, Kansas, a public hearing to hear testimony regarding revisions to the 2007 operating budget. Said revisions consist of incorporating all 2006 unexpended funds into the previously approved 2007 operating budget. Copies of the proposed revised 2007 budget will be made available at the hearing site.

Attest: Dave Mann, GMD 4 Secretary

## Corporation to hold their annual meeting

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**Annual membership meeting rescheduled for December 11**  
The Cheyenne County Development Corporation (CCDC) will hold its rescheduled Annual Meeting on Monday, December 18, 2006, at noon at the library at 121 N. Scott, St. Francis. All Cheyenne County residents who are registered voters are members of the Corporation, and are invited to attend.