

## Commissioner sworn in; mandate removed

By Amanda Moberly  
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A new Cheyenne County Commissioner was sworn in on January 11, when Brett Poling was sworn in and took Commissioner Terry Rieger's seat. Commissioner Rieger did not seek re-election following the end of his term. Also re-sworn in were several key elected officials. The commissioners also voted to rescind the Public Health Order, meaning masks are no longer mandated in the county.

After being sworn in herself, Magistrate Judge Paula Keller swore into office Register of Deeds Jeanne Dunn, County Clerk Scott Houtman, County Attorney Leslie Beims, and Commissioners Roger Faulkender and Brett Poling.

The county commissioners then met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 15, with Commissioners Willy Martinez and Brett Poling present, but Commissioner Faulkender not present.

The County Attorney said the county held their tax sale on Friday, Jan. 8. While the listing began with 14 properties, there were two properties sold on the morning of the tax sale. Eleven properties had been redeemed, and one dismissed by the court by the day of the sale, the attorney explained. The two properties sold brought in over \$9,000.

The fairgrounds was a good venue for the tax sale, Attorney Beims said. There was a lot of

space, and they were able to accommodate more people.

"It was a good turnout," Attorney Beims told the commissioners.

The commissioners reviewed the Public Health Order. Attorney Beims opened by saying the Public Health Order is being reviewed at each meeting. The commissioners must make a motion to rescind the order for it to no longer be in place. The team is recommending that the Public Health Order be rescinded at this time, but it is strongly recommended that residents still wear masks and take precautions.

County Health Nurse Mila Bandel said they are seeing sick Covid patients, but they have made it through the holiday spike. The clusters are getting under control, Bandel said, so at this point everyone needs to take precautions.

"We are still seeing Covid, but not like we were," Bandel said. At the time of the meeting, there were 15 active cases.

While it will not be mandated if the order is rescinded, it is still strongly recommended that people still wear masks when they cannot socially distance, Attorney Beims explained.

Commissioners Poling and Martinez both voted to rescind the Public Health Order, which means that masks will no longer be mandated in Cheyenne County.

Hospital Administrator Rance

Ramsey gave report to the commissioners. He said that the hospital has stayed busy, but the number of Covid patients is down.

The PCR Covid machine has come in. It is set up, and the lab staff has been trained. However, they cannot use it to test for Covid yet because their ultra-cold freezer has not arrived still. The reagents that the machine uses for the Covid test has to be stored in that freezer.

High Plains Mental Health has started seeing patients again. They are hoping to begin on-site (instead of Zoom) patient visits sometime in the coming months.

Commissioner Martinez asked if the Village has been vaccinated? Mrs. Bandel said that everyone who wanted to has received their first round.

"We are 95% done with Phase One," Bandel said. Then, once they are told they can, they will move forward with Phase Two. Not knowing how much vaccine the county will receive has made it more challenging, she told the commissioners. Phase Two will be a much larger group, Bandel said.

"As of right now, we have no idea when it will be showing up," Bandel said of the vaccines. They are not holding back vaccines for the second round because KDHE sends the second dose out, she said.

County Emergency Manager Ryan Murray came to give report.



BRETT POLING

First, he asked for the commissioner's approval to transfer some funds to cover expenses. He then said they are getting ready for the 2021 inspections for EMS.

Murray said he has visited with Hospital Administrator Ramsey about having the new physician, Dr. Bosen, appointed as the Medical Director for EMS. Currently, Dr. Licke is the County Health Officer and in that position. Administrator Ramsey is looking to get Dr. Bosen more involved, Murray explained. The commissioners agreed to appoint Dr. Bosen as Medical Director of EMS.

## Additional Covid death announced

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The Cheyenne County Health Department announced an additional Covid-19 death in the last week. This brings the total number of Cheyenne County residents who have died to 12.

The Covid update posted by the Cheyenne County Hospital/Health Department on Monday afternoon says that there are currently 13 active coronavirus cases in Cheyenne County. One person is currently hospitalized for Covid.

The additional Covid-19 death was first announced on the hospital's Friday report. There have been 12 Cheyenne County residents who have died due to Covid-19.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment shows Cheyenne County has had a total of 330 Covid-19 cases. This is an increase of nine cases from one week ago.

With 330 total cases, and 774

total tested, the testing positivity rate in Cheyenne County is 42.6 percent.

The local Health Department released a press release regarding the Covid-19 vaccines in the county. Please read the announcement below this article.

People with Covid have a wide range of symptoms - ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms appear 2-14 days AFTER exposure to the virus.

Some symptoms include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

Please continue to: wash your hands, stay home when sick, social distance, and wear a mask.

For more information, contact the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381.

## Vaccine time frame explained

The Cheyenne County Health Department is still in Phase 1 of the COVID-19 Vaccination Phase implemented by Governor Laura Kelly. We expect that Phase 1 will last through the end of January - this Phase includes health care workers, long term care facilities, and workers critical to pandemic response continuity. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will determine the anticipated start dates for the remaining Phases 2-5 for distribution of vaccine by the local health department.

Before our local health department can move forward to the next phase, two critical aspects must happen: 1) vaccine must be available from the

federal government, and 2) the health department must receive instructions from KDHE to begin the next phase.

Once we have been approved to move to the next Phase, we will contact the individuals that have signed up for the COVID vaccine. There will be set COVID vaccine dates for the Point of Dispensing of the vaccine. Please note that the local health department has minimal time to distribute the vaccine to the community set forth by KDHE. If you have not signed up for the COVID vaccine and would like to obtain the two-shot series, please call the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381 to put your name on the vaccine list.

## Benkelman residents wake up to fire whistle on Friday

By Peter Salter  
Lincoln Journal Star

The second fire whistle put Janice Edwards on alert.

The administrator of Benkelman's Sarah Ann Hester Memorial Home already knew the wind was whipping up a fire northwest of town - her husband is a volunteer firefighter - but now she knew it was serious.

She was back in her office at about 1 a.m. Friday, readying her staff to evacuate the care home and its 18 residents.

Rick Haney was awake in the middle of the night, too. The superintendent of Dundy County-Stratton Schools was rousting and rallying his administrative team at 2 a.m., preparing plans for the district's response if the fire reached the edge of town.

By 3 a.m., they'd decided to cancel Friday's classes. "Anytime you have a lot of fields with tumbleweeds and grass and crops, it's not good," Haney said.

And Relgene Zimbelman was northwest of town, again pressed into service as chief of the Benkelman Volunteer Fire Department.

"This was our fourth fire in the last three days," he said. "My firemen are getting really, really tired."

But after his department called for mutual aid, he watched a dozen departments from three states pull up and get to work. At one point, 80 firefighters and 40 trucks were in the field, trying to stop the fire from reaching the edge of town.

It nearly blew right past them. "It traveled 6 miles in two hours," he said. "The smoke was so thick coming through Benkelman you couldn't hardly see anything."

A combination of tinder-dry conditions and high winds have kept firefighters busy in central and western Nebraska. A half-dozen fires have sparked in Custer County late this week, including a blaze 10 miles south of Arnold that burned nearly a square mile early Friday, according to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

In Webster County, three



JENNA BURRELL took this photo from her front porch in Benkelman just before evacuating early Friday.

Courtesy photo

homes were evacuated as firefighters continued to work a wildfire about 4 miles north of Guide Rock on Friday.

But the Benkelman fire in Dundy County posed the biggest threat. It was likely started two weeks ago, during a controlled burn about a half-dozen miles northwest of town, said Zimbelman. Thursday's high winds, with gusts estimated between 50-65 mph, stirred up the remaining embers after midnight and recharged the fire, which would leave a path 6 miles long and a half-mile wide.

By a little after 3 a.m., officials made the call to evacuate the town of nearly 1,000. Firefighters went door to door down the streets closest to the approaching fire, urging people to leave for shelters in nearby Haigler and Stratton.

"A lot of people didn't realize

it was the emergency that it was," Zimbelman said. "At 3 in the morning, a lot of people aren't too alert."

At the long-term care home, Edwards and her staff started waking their residents and loading vans for the 20-mile trip to the elementary school in Stratton.

They all spent the rest of the night in the gym, Edwards said, though nobody got much sleep. "We basically hunkered down until we got the all-clear."

That came a little after 7. The fire was reaching through the northwest edges of Benkelman when the 13 departments finally got it under control. Nobody had been hurt, and no homes or business were burned. But the fire did take a storage shed and plenty of fence posts on its way to town, the fire chief said.

There were no students at the junior-senior high school, but

Haney and his staff opened the cafeteria and its refrigerators to the firefighters, serving dozens of them breakfast after their long night.

That's what this community does best, the superintendent said. It helps each other. "Anytime you have what we would classify as something of a need, or a good, old-fashioned barn-raising, it's an opportunity for people to pull together."

The school was planning to serve them lunch, too.

But it likely would be a smaller crowd. By midmorning Friday, just the Benkelman fire crew remained in the field, dousing hot spots.

"We sent everyone else home because of this wind," Zimbelman said. "Everybody's in that critical area, and we wanted to get everyone home in case they have a fire, too."

## School board votes to keep president

By Amanda Moberly  
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The Saint Francis Board of Education met on Thursday, Jan. 7. The board voted to keep Cale Rieger President, and Troy Hilt Vice President. They also heard from Superintendent Mark Penka, and accepted the resignation of Marian Ochsner.

The meeting was called to order by President Rieger, with everyone present except Troy Hilt. After the agenda was approved, the election of officers was held. The board nominated and voted Cale Rieger for President and Troy Hilt as Vice President.

District Clerk Traci Neitzel was out of the office with Covid-19, so financials were not available for review. They will be available at the February board meeting. There were no audiences.

Committee appointments were then considered. After a brief discussion, the following board members were appointed: Cale Rieger and Chris Hingst were selected to serve on the Meet-and-Confer Committee; Superintendent Penka, Principal David Morrow, Danielle McAtee, and Troy Hilt were selected to serve on the Scholarship Committee; and Superintendent Penka, Principal Morrow, Shawna Blanka, and J. W. Milliken were selected

to serve on the Hiring Committee.

Superintendent Penka reported that he has received a letter of resignation from Marian Ochsner, effective at the end of the school year. Mrs. Ochsner has been with the St. Francis school district for 10 years.

The school board approved two year contracts for Principals David Morrow and Darla Raile.

Superintendent Penka then gave a Covid-19 update. He said that vaccines for staff will be available later in January or in February. School personnel are now able to sign up through the County Health Department to receive the vaccine.

The Superintendent gave a report that the high school science and chemistry room remodel is scheduled for this summer.

Superintendent Penka then reported to the board that there is one out of district student who requesting admission. The board agreed to accept her.

The Superintendent gave a report on funding from the State next school year. The district will also be receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund dollars (through the CARES Act) for Covid-19 related expenses. These

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# Bulletin Board

**Cheyenne County Conservation District's annual meeting**

The Cheyenne County Conservation District's 71st annual meeting will take place on Monday, Feb. 1 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the annual meeting will take place at the USDA Service Center's parking lot in St. Francis with a "come-and-go" style of meeting. All Cheyenne County residents are urged to pick up a voting ballot Jan. 19 through Feb. 1 at the south entrance of the USDA Service Center. Qualified voters that bring a completed ballot will receive a

homemade cinnamon roll, free of charge for returning their ballot. Supervisors up for re-election are Roger Orth and Chris Hingst.

**Home Circle Club**

Vice President Avis Hazuka will be hostess for our Jan. 21 meeting. It will be at the Immanuel Methodist Church at 2 p.m. If you are unable to attend, please contact Avis.

**Kansas Day Celebration in Bird City**

Due to the pandemic and other health issues, there will be no Kansas Day Celebration in Bird City this year.

**St. Francis City Council**

The next Saint Francis City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in city hall. All meetings are open to the public.

**Bird City City Council**

The next Bird City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. in the city hall. All meetings are open to the public.

**Cheyenne County Commissioners**

The next Cheyenne County Commissioners meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 29 at 8:00 a.m. in the Cheyenne County Courthouse. All meetings are open to the public.

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**Quincy Art Gallery**

Quincy Gallery welcomes oil painter Brandy Edgren, Holdrege, Nebraska, as the first of their 2021 exhibits. Her work will be featured through February. Opening will be Thursday, Jan. 14 at 10:30 a.m. 109 N. Quincy, St. Francis.

**Cheyenne County Museum**

New Museum of Cheyenne County Hours: Fridays and Saturdays 10-2 until December 1, and by appointment (785-332-4631 or 785-332-4950). Current Family featured: Gorthy/Edmonds.

**Automated Weather Station has new number**

The Cheyenne County AWOS (Automated Weather Station) has

a new phone number: 785-772-1411.

**Bird City Public Library**

The Bird City Library is open regular hours from 2-5:30 p.m.

**Cheyenne Theater hours**

Welcome back Moviegoers!! The Cheyenne Theater has resumed summer showtimes. Thursday through Sunday at 7:30 p.m., and the Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m. Please be patient as we implement new procedures with seating and how guests enter the theater to comply with guidelines.

**St. Francis Library**

The St. Francis Public Library is open regular hours from 10:30 a.m. To 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and open until 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

**Day-by-Day**

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**Cancer support**

There is a county wide cancer support group on the first Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran church in Bird City. Call Mindy (Kissman) Bell, LSCSW at 970-201-6886 for more information.

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**Emergency number**

The phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

**Cheyenne County Website**

Cheyenne County website is:

cncoks.us (type in your browser's address line.)

**Narcotics Anonymous**

Narcotics Anonymous meetings • Monday (closed) and Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. at 405 S Lorraine. Information 785-772-1481.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. 405 S Lorraine. Information 785-332-4867.

**Northwest Kansas Family Shelter**

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24/7 day-a-week service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups for women and children in northwest Kansas area. 1-800-794-4624 (toll-free).

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## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip
Jan. 12	57	27	
Jan. 13	62	33	
Jan. 14	41	27	
Jan. 15	40	20	Trace
Jan. 16	50	25	
Jan. 17	46	30	
Jan. 18	47	18	

## Dispatch

### 71 Calls for Service from Jan. 11 - 17

**3 Bird City EMS**

2 Ambulance Run  
1 Fire

1 Threat

5 VIN Inspection  
1 Welfare Check

**3 Bird City Fire Dept.**

2 Agency Assist  
1 Fire

**14 Dispatch**

2 911 Hang Up  
4 Animal Call  
1 Attempt To Contact  
2 911 Accidental Dial  
2 Concerned Citizen  
3 Test Call

**38 Cn Co Sheriff's Office**

4 Traffic Stop  
1 Agency Assist  
1 Animal Call  
7 Civil Process  
2 Concerned Citizen

**2 Emergency Management**

2 Agency Assist

**4 St. Francis EMS**

3 Ambulance Run  
1 Agency Assist

**7 St. Francis Fire Dept.**

2 Agency Assist  
5 Controlled Burn

## Club Clips

**Ramblers**

Ramblers met at the Cheyenne County Museum January 13.

Penny Raile was introduced as the guest speaker. Penny spoke about what they are doing at the Museum to preserve the history that can be found there. She is currently working on School records from the country schools as well as the history of Boardman's Toggery. The volunteer staff at the museum are putting beginning to store information on digital equipment. There are continuing to need people to help transcribed very old handwritten documents. So if you have some time and love to type, volunteer. We appreciated Penny's enthusi-

asm for helping to discover and maintain Cheyenne County History. If you haven't been to the Museum, schedule a tour! They will be glad to share the facility with you and your family or out of town guests.

A short meeting was called to order by President Sondra Bracelin. Roll Call was answered by "Your Favorite Antique." Donna Zimbelman provided delicious cookies and coffee for us after the meeting.

Our next meeting will be at the Quincy Gallery on Feb. 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Come join us for a delightful tour of the Gallery and the Exhibit.

## Outback

Jim was a little taken aback when I called him an "ailurophile." Come to think of it, my boss is one too.

Don't worry. My marriage (and my job) is in no danger. It means they are cat lovers. They both would admit I speak the truth. It is pronounced aye-loo-re-file.

This is just one of the new words I received as the "Word of the Day" on my email. Don't recall signing up for it, but have been enjoying it. They aren't exactly words you can interject into

everyday conversation, but some are fun to have at the ready.

A couple of words I might use ambit, scope, extent or bounds of something, and fulsome, complimentary or flattering to an excessive degree, generous, abundant. This next one I knew: schwag; products given away for promotional purposes.

I enjoy getting schwag at all the farm and home shows. Or picking up schwag (free calendars and pens) at the bank. Baseball caps from implement dealers are schwag.

### January 25 - 29

#### High School

**Monday**

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice.

Lunch: Chicken strips, brown rice, vegetable blend, wheat bread and jelly, apple wedges, caramel.

**Tuesday**

Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage links, cereal, fruit juice.

Lunch: Chili and cheese nachos, tortilla chips, fresh veggie tray, blueberry muffin, sliced peaches.

**Wednesday**

Breakfast: Frosted scone, yogurt, cereal, fruit juice.

Lunch: Pig in a blanket, green beans, oven fries, fresh grapes, ice cream bar.

**Thursday**

Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, cereal, fruit juice.

Lunch: Shredded been on bun, buttered corn, potato chips, dill pickle spear, mandarin oranges.

**Friday**

Breakfast: Breakfast taco, cereal, fruit juice.

Lunch: Corn dogs, seasoned peas, tater tots, lime pear jello, cookie.

#### Grade School

**Monday**

Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, orange juice, apple, milk.

Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce and tomatoes, french fries, strawberries, milk.

**Tuesday**

Breakfast: Warm chocolate chip muffin, yogurt cup, pears, orange juice, milk.

Lunch: Taco salad with corn chips, salad mix, fiesta beans, pineapple, mini long john, milk.

**Wednesday**

Breakfast: Mini maple waffles, peaches, grape juice, milk.

Lunch: BBQ beef sandwich, tater tots, corn, pears, milk.

**Thursday**

Breakfast: Warm banana bread slice, oranges, apple juice, milk.

Lunch: Pizza choice, green beans, applesauce, milk.

**Friday**

Breakfast: Warm donuts, pineapple, grape juice, milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburger soup, veggie patch, apple or orange, corn bread, milk.



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# Legislative News

## 2021 Session Begins

By Adam Smith

Kansas House of Representatives  
120th District

Last weekend, I packed up my things and headed to Topeka for my fifth year of serving as your representative in our state Capitol. As I left home after the traditional “super-big” hugs from the kids and an extra-long hug and kiss from my wife, and I couldn’t help but reflect on what a wonderful community God has blessed me to serve. My family and I have received a multitude of support, well-wishes, and appreciation from all across northwest Kansas. We could not do this without all of you!

My journey to the Capitol this year has been unlike any other. The pandemic that shut the legislative session down very abruptly last year is still in our midst, and numerous precautions have been implemented in the statehouse to maximize safety. Our committee rooms have been completely rearranged to space legislators, staff, and audience a minimum of 6 feet apart. The committee rooms in the Capitol aren’t very large to begin with, and this distancing has resulted in rooms that used to hold hundreds of people now seat only a few dozen. Because of that, all rooms have been equipped with interactive audio and visual

systems that allow even more livestreaming of the daily proceedings.

Even the time-honored chamber of the House of Representatives has been drastically changed, seating legislators in both the east and west audience galleries to accommodate safe distancing. Touchless temperature check stations are installed throughout the Capitol, staff are confined to their offices unless leave is absolutely necessary, masks are being worn prevalently, and much more. It is a very unusual environment.

Another big difference for me this year was my committee assignments. I was humbly honored to be selected as the chairman of the Taxation committee. This is one of the largest committees in the Capitol and a tremendous responsibility. I’m not sure if I earned it or if the Speaker of the House just couldn’t resist the opportunity for someone named Adam Smith to lead the tax committee. (If you are puzzled, research “Wealth of Nations”...)

Regardless, I am determined to serve in this new position to the absolute best of my ability to help craft fair modifications to our state’s tax policy. In addition to tax, I am also serving on the Health and Human Services committee that is tackling ongoing

COVID testing issues and problems with vaccine distribution, and also a new Water committee formed to look into formulating a sustainable water plan for the future. Lastly, I have been appointed to the committee on redistricting that will soon be drawing new political districts across the state of Kansas following the 2020 U.S. Census.

The first week of session has been fraught with technical difficulties as we work our way through the bugs and glitches and operator-errors of the new livestreaming technology. We typically spend most of the first week with informational briefings about the current state of various affairs, but we do have several big issues to address expeditiously in case we would be forced to alter the session due to quarantine.

One of those is the Kansas Emergency Management Act (KEMA). This pandemic has shown that the permanent statutory authority originally designed for natural disasters needs modifications to accommodate long-term statewide emergencies. The law passed in a special legislative session in early June enacted some temporary restrictions on the governor’s authority and placed certain checks and balances through legislative oversight into KEMA. However,

knowing that we needed to take a good look at the implications, we set an expiration date for those modifications to allow more time to study what needed to be permanently set in statute, which provisions could be improved and kept, and which items could be allowed to expire. We will have something to the Governor soon to meet the January 26th deadline.

Another priority is a constitutional amendment to allow Kansans to vote on clarifying language regarding the constitutional right to an abortion as currently interpreted by the Kansas Supreme Court. While the resolution draft has not been passed out of committee yet, it is anticipated to read that our state constitution does not secure an inherent right to an abortion and, to the extent allowed in the United States constitution, the state legislature may enact laws regulating abortion. This resolution must pass both House and Senate by a 2/3rds vote to be placed on the ballot.

There are numerous other bills working their way through the process, but I look for those to be the most significant early legislation passed.

Once again, thank you for the honor of representing you in our Capitol and the opportunity to be an advocate for northwest Kansas!

## SCHOOL

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funds will need to be used by September of 2023.

Superintendent Penka presented policy updates sent out by the Kansas State Department of Edu-

cation. The policies were adopted by the school board.

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on Feb. 11, 2021, at 7:00 a.m.



## Kurtis K. Frevert

Kurtis “Kurt” K. Frevert was born 11 January 1941 in Great Bend Kansas to Victor Wilbur Frevert (1910-1994) and Ardelia nee Wamhoff Frevert (1911-1987). He died on 10 Dec 2020 (age 79) in Dumfries, Virginia.

Kurt grew up in his parents’ hometown, Holyrood, Kansas, surrounded by grandparents and great grandparents until age 5. He attended the church that his paternal and maternal great-grandparents founded in 1870—St. Peter Lutheran Church.\* In 1946 he and his parents moved to Bird City, Kansas, after his father and his uncle Alvin Wamhoff bought a hardware store and named it the F & W Hardware Store. He lived above the hardware store until his parents built a brick home when he was 15 years old. He was confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. Kurt graduated from Bird City High School in 1959 where he lettered in football, basketball, and track. He marched in the B.C.H.S. band dressed in his football pads while playing clarinet during the half times of home games. Kurt worked in the F&W Hardware Store and, in the summers, he lived and worked on the M. B. farm outside Bird City. He loved telling how he and his high school buddies bought an old hearse and turned it into the town’s “hotrod.” After high school, Kurt enrolled in Wartburg Lutheran College in Waverly Iowa. He graduated from Wartburg in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Mathematics and Economics. He played tackle on the Wartburg Knights’ football team. In his junior year, he transferred to Kansas State University in Manhattan Kansas to study electrical engineering. Kurt served as an officer in his fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon. He met his future wife in January 1964 in Kansas City Missouri.

Kurt was drafted in 1965 and attended Basic Training in Ft. Polk Louisiana. There, he was selected for the U.S. Army’s Signal Corps and trained at Ft. Monmouth NJ and in San Francisco CA. He was sent to Vietnam in January 1967 to repair encryption equipment on military posts in Vietnam and Laos. For a man who was uncomfortable with heights and flying, he was proud of all the times he was flown in open Huey helicopters to remote combat bases to restore urgently needed decoding equipment.

Kurt married Anita Lucille Eagle (1944- ) on December 27, 1966, at the North Cross Methodist Church in Kansas City North, Missouri. They spent their wedding night at the historic Muehlebach Hotel in Kansas City Missouri where they returned several times during their 53-year marriage.

In 1969, Kurt was invited to join

the new “Bioengineering” graduate degree program within the College of Electrical Engineering at the University of Missouri in Columbia. He presented his research findings at several academic and professional conferences. He graduated with a Master’s of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1971.

On 15 September 1971, Kurt and Anita welcomed their first child, Kurtis Victor, born in Columbia Missouri. On 4 November 1972, they welcomed their second son Kevin Kyle born in Kansas City Missouri.

In 1973 he moved his family to Huntsville AL where he helped engineer the Hubble Telescope at Northrop Aerospace, Inc.—the telescope that is still searching the skies today. In 1974 the family moved close to the Johnson Space Center in Houston TX where Kurt was Chief Engineer, Program Manager, and Executive at Singer Link Flight Simulation, Inc. Kurt was responsible for the hardware and software of Link’s multiple motion-based simulators used to train astronauts to fly the Space Shuttle. He enjoyed troubleshooting the coding which drove the Shuttle’s multiple, interfacing computers and earning the gratitude of astronauts such as John Young, Bob Crippen, Richard Truly, and Joe Engle. Kurt and his family were members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Nassau Bay TX.

Kurt semi-retired in 1997 to oversee the design and construction of a home overlooking Beaver Lake in Northwest Arkansas. He served as an engineering consultant to several companies including Baldwin Electronics and Beta-Rubicon in Fayetteville Arkansas. He was a member and trustee of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Rogers Arkansas. Kurt enjoyed cutting up and splitting deadfall hardwood trees on the 20 acres of their Beaver Lake home. He enjoyed fishing and driving his boat for waterskiing grandchildren or driving the jetski as they tubed behind him. In 2019, Kurt and Anita sold their lake home and property on Beaver Lake and moved to Northern Virginia to be close to three of their seven grandchildren. They purchased a home in the Four Seasons 55+ Community in Dumfries Virginia in May 2020.

Kurt will be buried beside his parents, his grandparents, and all of his great-grandparents in the St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery in Holyrood, KS, later this spring.

Those wishing to give a gift in his honor may send it to the St. Peter Lutheran Church, 209 S. County Road, Holyrood, KS 67450. Please indicate that your gift is In Memory of Kurt Frevert.



By Penny Raile

## Remembering Our Past

### New York Letter Home

Letter from Esther Johnson, July 1926

A stack of well-preserved St. Francis Heralds from 1926 were donated to the museum from the Bressler Estate. On top of the stack was the July 22, 1926 issue with a letter reprinted on the front page from Esther Johnson, 22-year-old daughter of Bro

or Emil and Mary Johnson of the Swedish community in Cheyenne County. Esther talks in her letter about leaving Goodland, Kansas, by train and traveling to New York City where she took a job at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in the biochemical laboratories. Today, this trip and job placement may not seem unique, but in 1926, this adventure received front-page coverage.

Esther’s father was from Sweden where he attended college before emigrating to America in 1889. He met and married Mary Charlotte Lundin whose family, also from Sweden, had emigrated in 1885. Both were active in the community and the church. Alvin died in 1940 and Mary in 1963. Both are buried at the Battle Creek Cemetery in Cheyenne County.

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Here is the published letter from Esther, July 7, 1926

Dear Folks:

Last night I was too tired to write but went to bed real early. Riding on a train and bumming around certainly gets one all tired out, we were so glad to get to New York. I enjoyed the trip over here very much except the trip through Missouri, on the way to Chicago. It was so hot and

dusty and everything seemed so dry. The part of Illinois that we crossed is pretty – and they must have had nots of rain as everything was so green. The further east we came the less numerous were the wheat fields. Both Inez and I missed them.

Michigan is the one state that I liked the best of all we went thru. The people with which we stayed with in Holland took as all around in their car, down to Lake Macatawa, and we saw acres and acres of nothing but woods. The part we went thru is the fruit raising parts especially where orchards of grapes were numerous. Holland is some town. Everyone goes to church there.

We went in the morning and had to sit on the front seat and there one of the ushers told us that there were not nearly as many as usual. As it was, they brot (sic) out a lot of folding chairs. The preacher was not very good, but he was not their regular preacher. These people objected very much to us traveling on Sunday but when we convinced them that we had to, they took us in their car to Grand Rapids. Changed cars at Detroit and took the Michigan Central and traveled thru Canada until we came to

Niagara Falls. Somewhere in Canada the engine on our train went dead and we were stranded for about two hours out in the country waiting for an engine. At Niagara we saw the Falls for about three hours. The time here was entirely too short and there was also a mob of people there. They certainly are wonderful and everyone should see them.

The trip from Buffalo, N.Y. we made mostly at night, but we got up and 5 o’clock in the morning to watch the scenery along the Hudson River. The New York Central tracks follow right along the banks of the Hudson. We only had Pullmans two nights and had a hard time getting any those two nights. Lots of people traveling. The fare from Goodland to N.Y. was around \$69.00 and Pullman fare \$3.00. We only ate on the diner once and that was breakfast. Going the Northern route costs about \$4.00 more but it was very cool and nice and by staying with Inez’s aunt and friends we saved more than that by not having to get Pullmans. Did not get to see Alvin’s in Chicago, could not call him without knowing the name of the people with whom he was staying and it was so rainy and bad all the time we were there so did not get around very much.

At present, I am staying at one of the Y.W. houses, but can have this room only till Saturday, so I cannot give you a permanent address as yet. All of the Y. houses seem to be filled. Saturday afternoon another girl whom I knew at Kansas University now working in the American Museum here is coming to meet me and we are going around to look. She stays out at Riverside, Conn., but it quite expensive coming that far and I would rather stay closer.

The Metropolitan was easy to find and the bio-chemical laboratories on the 16th floor. They are located in the annex just across the street from the main building. They are certainly large affairs and when you wander around in

them you think you are in a little city. In one part of the building there is a jewelry store and a co-operative store, supposed to be very cheap, and etc.

This first day’s work was not hard. There are about 12 technicians in the lab and most of these spent the afternoon reading magazines, etc. The hours are from 9 to 12 in the morning, one hour for lunch, which by the way is free and served cafeteria style right in the building. What we had today was exceptionally good. Then in the afternoon work from one to four thirty. During the months of July and August we get Saturday afternoons off. Not very long working hours. The laboratory is very nice there being an electric fan for each table. The subways are still on a strike and street cars and the elevated are certainly crowded. I walked today as from here to Metropolitan is about 16 blocks and a person needs more exercise.

About all I have done has been to move up my watch. Here the time is four hours faster than in St. Francis, as N.Y. is running by the daylight-saving time which is one hour faster than eastern time, so I go to work before you get up at home. Thus far N.Y. has been cool and nice and I think that I will like it fine.

Guess that you had better wait and not write until you get another address. Seems funny not to get any mail. Cannot think of anything else to write this time.

Love, Esther

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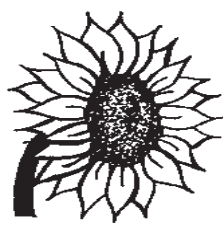
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## Senator Moran stands on principle, yet again

A tip of our Stetson to Sen. Jerry Moran, who proved once again earlier this month that he'll stand on principle when he thinks he's right, no matter how unpopular that might be with party leaders or some voters.

The senior senator from Kansas announced well before things got crazy in Washington that he saw no way to support the movement among supporters of President Donald Trump to have the Congress vote on a challenge to electoral votes submitted by a few close states, and in effect, reverse the results of the election.

"The Constitution clearly limits the role of Congress with respect to presidential elections to the counting of electoral votes that have been certified by the states," Sen. Moran said.

"Consistent with the principles of federalism and a limited national government, (the states) possess the sole authority to determine and submit their electors. To vote to reject these state-certified electoral votes would be to act outside the bounds of the Constitution."

That, the senator said, he would not do.

He probably did not win any friends by his decision, but anyone who has watched Jerry Moran operate over the years knows he won't be pushed to do what he thinks is wrong.

While still in the House, he bucked President George W. Bush on his major domestic initia-

tive, the "No Child Left Behind" bill. That got him in big trouble with the House Republican leadership. Never mind that "No Child Left Untested" turned out to be a costly boondoggle, and the largest-ever federal incursion into state and local control of schools.

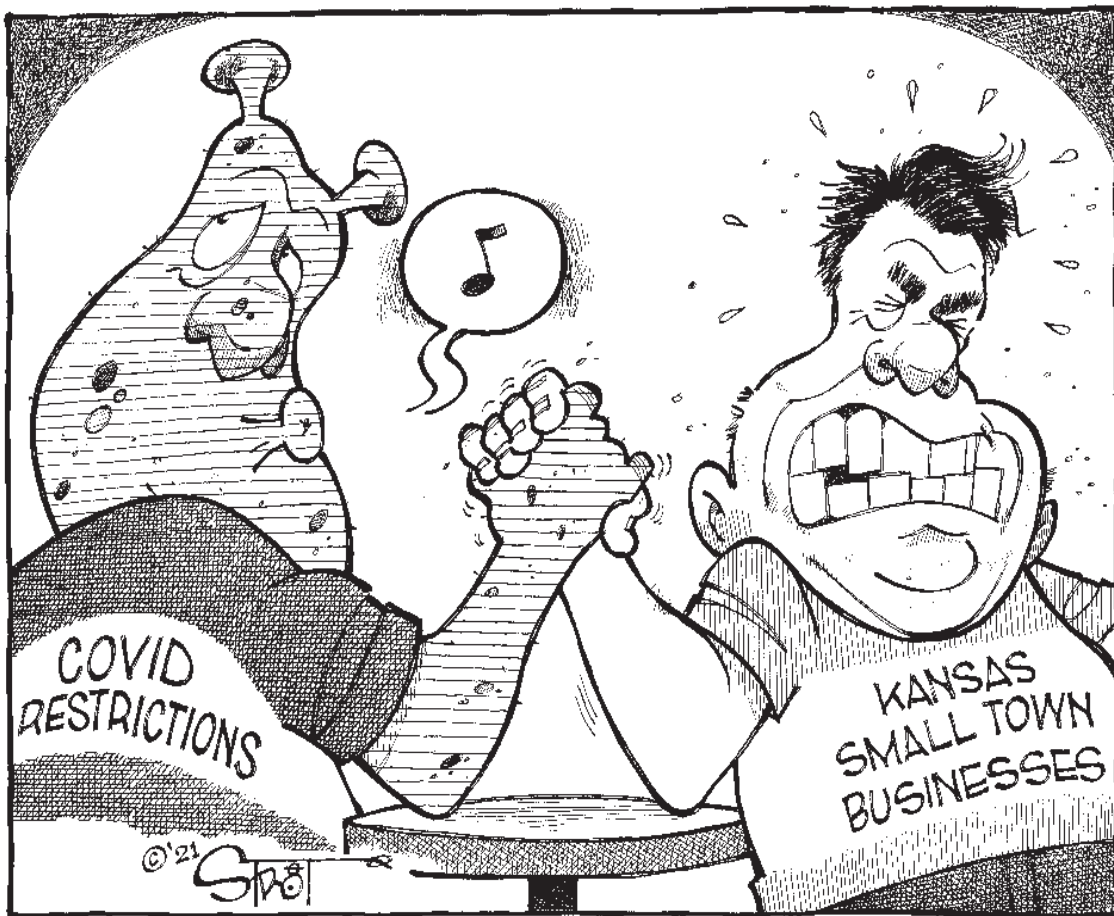
More recently, as a senator, Mr. Moran stood up against President Donald Trump's taking of defense money to help build his border wall. And while the President won, some voters here asked why Sen. Moran had "voted against the wall."

The senator explained he had not voted against the wall, but against what he saw as improperly taking money Congress appropriated for one thing and spending it for another. The Constitution, you know.

At a time when many Republicans were hiding under their desks, fawning and trying to avoid the curse of the president's thumbs, Jerry Moran was not afraid to stand up and say, "no."

He never has been. A true conservative, he believes in our system and in our republican democracy.

We cannot ask a lot more of our representatives than to have and defend valid principles. Sen. Moran has shown us how to do that, time and time again. — Steve Haynes



## Casey's Comments

National Rifle Association

By Casey McCormick



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## Reader thanks local volunteer

It is now 2021 and many changes may happen this year, so I would like to recognize an individual for all he has done for our community in the last year. This individual is Wade Krien.

When you see flags out along the highway, it is the work of Wade Krien. It can be warm

### Letter to the Editor

weather or cold weather, sun shining or snow, but on the days when the flags should be flown he puts them out. If a flag goes bad he replaces them. He has often

spent his own money to do this. Everyone in town should thank him for doing this.

William Dungan  
Saint Francis

## Open Season

Crumbs

By Cynthia Haynes



Now, I'm not saying that our old toaster was crumbly. It was a pretty good appliance.

I'm not sure when we got it, but I don't think we brought it from Colorado, so it was only 20 or so years old.

It was a really nice Betty Crocker four-slice toaster and was great for making just enough toast for Steve and I at most meals.

However, about five or six years ago, the right half gave up. It was on a separate controller from the left half, and since that half worked fine, we just used it. It took a little longer to make our four toasts using what had become a two-slice toaster but it worked and we were way too cheap to replace something that worked (mostly).

However, Steve is fond of a rye bread that started out like a wide piece of regular bread but over the years and gotten shorter and longer until it is now about twice the width and half the height it once was.

These slices only fit in the old toaster sideways. You put it in and toasted one half of it and

then turned it around and toasted the other half. This worked to a degree. The problem was that the outside ends didn't really get done enough and the middle, which went down both times, got a little overdone. Still, Steve turned his toast for years.

When I wanted some of his rye toast, I cut the slice in half and toasted each smaller slice in its own slot. The toast came out more even, but was a little harder to get out of the toaster, as it was short.

Then one day I saw an ad in a magazine for a toaster that was supposed to take wide slices of bread. It looked like just what we needed, but I wasn't in any hurry to get a new toaster. However, like most people my age, I've got pretty much everything I need that would be within a reasonable price range for a Christmas present.

So, I told youngest daughter what I wanted for Christmas last April or May. I figured that would give her plenty of time to find an appropriate toaster at a reasonable price.

We opened our presents Christmas morning, and there was my new toaster. It was pretty much the same size as the old one and it claimed to be a four-toast appliance. However, instead of having four holes for the bread, it has two really long ones.

Steve's rye bread fits in perfectly, and I could get two pieces of my regular-sized bread in one of the extra long slots.

"Look it even has a crumb tray," Steve said. "Our old one doesn't have that."

"Our old one has a crumb tray," I replied reaching in and pulling out the tray and spilling crumbs everywhere.

It seems that it had been awhile since I had cleaned said tray, and we had been having a lot of seeded bread. Obviously, he hadn't been cleaning it.

We had seeds and crumbs all over the counter, stove and floor.

After cleaning up the mess, I promised myself to be better at cleaning the toaster in the future and popped a couple of rye toasts into the new one to celebrate.

## God Says

*Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.*  
*Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.*

Isaiah 5:20-21

### Church of Christ

Troy Burr-332-0364,  
Dave Morrow 332-4488

502 W. Spencer • St. Francis  
Sunday Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

### Immanuel

### United Methodist Church

116 E. Bressler • Bird City  
785-734-2739

Kevin Dixon, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:55 a.m.

Bilingual Service - Third  
Sunday of Month 6 p.m.

### Salem Lutheran Church

308-414-1667  
Pastor Jim Gleason  
Morning Worship 9 a.m.  
Communion 3rd Sunday

### St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

625 S. River • St. Francis  
785-332-2680  
Fr. Joseph Asirvatham  
1st Sunday of the month  
Morning Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 8:00 a.m.  
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

### First Christian Church

Pastor Joe Ensley  
360-608-1929

118 E. Webster • St. Francis  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Breakfast Blessing 10 a.m.  
Church Service 10:30 a.m.

### Living Water

### Fellowship Ministry

306 N. Bird Ave. • Bird City  
785-734-2363

Terry Glasco, Pastor  
Main Service Sunday 10 a.m.

### Seventh-Day Adventist Church

573-368-8876

3rd & Adams • St. Francis  
Pastor Dale Rosette  
Sabbath School 9:30  
Morning Worship 10:45

### St. Francis Community Church

785-332-3232  
204 N. Quincy Street • St. Francis  
Pastor: David Butler  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Communion - Every 1st Sunday  
Potluck - Every 2nd Sunday of  
the month  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

### United Methodist

Church Office 785-332-2292,  
Church 332-2254,  
512 S. Scott • St. Francis  
Pastor Tony Serbousek  
Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

### Wesleyan Community Church

W. Hwy. 36 • Bird City  
785-734-2727  
Dan Carson, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Community Youth Group  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

### First Baptist Church

2nd & Scott • St. Francis  
785-332-3921

Kyle Stachewicz, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday AWANA Club  
6:30 - 8 p.m.

### Peace Lutheran Church

202 N. College • St. Francis

Pastor Luke Emerson  
Church 332-2928  
Parsonage 332-2312.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Communion 1st Sunday

### Solid Rock

### Baptist Church

412 S. Denison • St. Francis  
Pastor Allen Coon  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30  
Prayer Meeting, Wed  
7:30 p.m.

### St. John

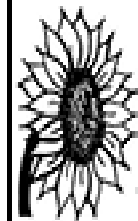
### Lutheran Church

405 Ketcham Ave. • Bird City  
785-734-2531  
Jim Gleason, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.

### St. Joseph

### Catholic Church

Bird Ave. • Bird City  
332-2680  
Fr. Joseph Asirvatham  
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Morning Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday & Friday Mass  
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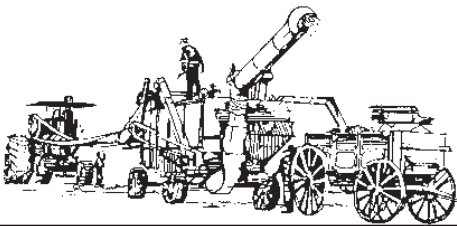
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Honorable Mention

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BONNEVILLE

LESLIE CROOKSTON, Petitioner,

v.

JESSE CROOKSTON, Respondent.

Case No. CV10-20-7787 Summons

TO: JESSE CROOKSTON

You have been sued by Leslie Crookston, the Petition, in the District Court in and for Bonneville County, Idaho Case No. CV10-20-7787. The nature of the claim against you is divorce. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 605 N. Capital Ave., Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83402, (208) 529-1350, and serve a copy of your response on the

Petitioner’s attorney at Nalder & Blake, PLLC, 3940 Washington Parkway, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404, (208) 542-0525, efile@nalderblakelaw.com.

A copy of the Summons and Petition can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of Court or the attorney for Petitioner. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advice you in this matter. Signed: 12/18/2020 04:47 PM DATED this 18th day of December, 2020.

Penny Manning Clerk of the Court

By: Holly Appgood Deputy

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Cheyenne County is submitting an application for capital and operating assistance for transportation under the U.S.C. 49-5311(rural public transportation) of the Federal Transit Act. The application will be for operating funds to help provide transportation services in the area. Written com-

ments and questions in regards to this application are encouraged and will be accepted until February 10, 2021 and should be sent to: Scott Houtman, Cheyenne County Clerk, PO BOX 985, St. Francis, KS 67756

Cheyenne County may receive Federal Transit Administration (FTA) operating dollars. This funding is utilized for the purchase of fuel, insurance, equip-

ment maintenance and storage. This agency is seeking Kansas Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certified companies as potential vendors for these services. Please contact Scott Houtman, Cheyenne County Clerk, PO BOX 985, St. Francis, KS 67756 if you are a DBE or are interested learning more about the DBE program.

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Cheyenne County Conservation District Annual Meeting  
Monday, February 1, 2021  
8:30 am – 10:00am  
USDA Service Center Parking Lot

The Cheyenne County Conservation District’s 71ST annual

meeting will take place on Monday, February 1, 2021 from 8:30 am – 10 am. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the annual meeting will take place at the USDA Service Center’s parking lot in St. Francis with a “come-and-go” style of meeting. All Cheyenne County residents are urged to pick up a voting ballot January 19 through February 1 at the south entrance of the USDA Service Center. Qualified voters that bring

a completed ballot will receive a homemade cinnamon roll, free of charge for returning their ballot.

Supervisors up for re-election are Roger Orth and Chris Hingst. The conservation district will also be handing out their 2020 financial statement and annual report. For more information, call the conservation office at 785.332.2183 x 101 or District Manager Dani Holzwarth at 785.772.7016.

Cheylin Menu

January 25-30

<b>Monday</b> Breakfast: Pancake, sausage, pears, and apple juice Lunch: Pork soft shell taco, black beans, pineapple and churro 4 p.m. Junior High Scholars Bowl at Tribune 6 p.m. Booster Club Meeting via Zoom	<b>Thursday</b> Sports in Kansas Presentation 1:30-3:00, 5-12. Breakfast: Mini maple pancakes, fruit cocktail, and apple juice Lunch: Chicken club with bacon and cheese, apples and veg-gies	<b>Friday</b> No School 6 p.m. High School basketball at Golden Plains (Rexford)
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<b>Tuesday</b> Breakfast: Blueberry bubble bread, orange and grape juice Lunch: Taco burger, fiesta beans and strawberry and bananas 6 p.m. High School basketball at Atwood	<b>Wednesday</b> Breakfast: Cheese omelet, sausage link, pears and orange juice Lunch: Meatball sub, veggie patch, tator tots, pears and Sun Chips.
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McDonald News

Steve and Stephanie Swihart were Sunday guests of Eleanor Swihart. They attended church and enjoyed Sunday dinner.  
**South of McDonald**  
Charlene Kramer helped Ellie Shay celebrate her 8th Birthday Wednesday afternoon at the home of Ryan and Diane Shay and family near St. Francis.  
Tom and Kelly Dewey attended the Junior High Girls Basketball League Tournament Thursday and Saturday in St. Francis to watch Tayten play. Both the Rawlins County A Team and B Team brought home 1st place.

From Times past...

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1921, is the book I opened today. This bound book has seen some wear and tear, it seems that 1921 was not off to a good start. We’ve read about the deaths of young community members and how schools went on a “vacation” as illnesses spread through out, and members taking vaccines to ward off outbreaks.

This week we will start off with the year 1921, the week of January 20. For a brief moment pause your electronic life, fill the coffee cup, take a seat at the kitchen table and read from our past. Picture Shows, chicken sales and school happenings.

Jack London’s novel, “Burning Daylight” will be shown at the Bird City theater Tuesday night, January 25th. Admission 15 cents and 25 cents. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dorsch went to Wray Wednesday. They expect to remain for several weeks and take treatment at the sanitarium. Mrs.

Lester Hoyt and Mrs. Cooley submitted surgical operations last week. The work was done by Drs. Peairs and Pegg.

Seventy Times One: A very unusual event is the grandmother and grandchild to celebrate the same birthday. This is true of Mrs. Mary Sawyer and her grandson Lowell, son of Clark Sawyer and wife. January 12th marked the first milestone for Lowell and the seventieth of his grandma. The day will long be remembered not only by the two said parties but by many relatives and friends who gathered to help them enjoy a grand feast at the Clark Sawyer’s residence. The table was appropriately adorned with two cakes bearing their names and ages respectfully. After a bountiful supper and an enjoyable evening spent in games and fun they all departed wishing them many more happy birthdays in the future with each one brighter than the one gone before.

Mrs. Vernell entertained about

12 of the neighborhood children at a surprise party from 7 to 9 in honor of her son, Dale’s ninth birthday. The time was spent playing games. A light lunch was served. Dale received many nice presents and good wishes for many more happy birthdays.

B.C.H.S. Notes: Double header basketball game Friday night. B.C.H.S. vs. Benkelman High School. A good loyal bunch of supporters is half the team. Come out and support the home teams. FRESHMAN NOTES; Mr. Rogers has stopped teaching English and Mr. Olson will have charge of the Freshmen english this next semester... SOPHOMORE NOTES; Fern and Glen Freeman have been absent from school for several days... JUNIOR-SENIOR NOTES; Mr. Clifford Martin reports that he will probably not attend school during any of the remainder of the term as he has been called to Missouri. He leaves next Monday.



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