

Board makes decision on equipment

By Karen Krien

For the last two regular Cheyenne County Hospital Board meetings, the members and administration have talked about X-ray equipment for the hospital. At the Thursday meeting, the board made the decision to purchase a Phillips X-ray machine for \$90,894.

The new equipment will be installed in the hospital after an area of the hospital has been remodeled and the new addition has been constructed. And, while the hospital is

months from being ready to use the new equipment, it was necessary for the architect to know what kind, the size and weight before drawing up that part of the plans.

Les Lacy, hospital administrator, and Deb Jensen, lab technician, had traveled to several hospitals to look at similar equipment, see it in use and see how it handled. On appearance, both the Dell and the Phillips seemed to be about the same however, the price of the Dell was about \$10,500 less than the Phillips. Ad-

ministrator Lacy said after looking at both machines, he then began talking to lab technicians and others who were familiar with X-ray equipment. He noted that the cost of a maintenance agreement with the Dell would be around \$28,000 while certified technicians from Hays Medical Center would repair the Phillips, charging only for time, labor and mileage, thus amounting to much less than \$28,000.

Administrator Lacy recommended the Phillips for several dif-

ferent reasons besides cost including: Phillips was an established company and the machine was much heavier and would stand up better in all types of use and the sizes patients. The X-ray machine will not need to be paid in full until it arrives and the cost will remain the same then as it was the night of the meeting.

The next expenditure was for rolling files for the clinic in St. Francis. Originally, it was thought that only about 110-linear feet of files were needed however, re-measuring, it

was found that about 125-linear feet will be needed instead. The board was then faced with purchasing files at an additional price than first figured. There was also considerable difference in the cost of the different files which ranged from \$4,410 to \$7,165 and included shipping and installation. The more expensive file was from a reputable company and the other two files being considered were from companies which the administrator had never heard of nor had he see those types of files.

Joy Anderegg and Traci Neitzel, board members, expressed the importance of having good, smooth working files. Since much of the cost of the more expensive file was the installation, Bob Van Allen, board member, wondered if the files could be installed by either board members or maintenance staff at the hospital. It was pointed out that if the track was even one-sixteenth of an inch off, the files will not work properly and, after a lot of

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Legislators seeking ideas

Several Kansas State Senators and Representatives will be visiting area communities on Feb. 22, March 3 and March 8 to seek ideas on issues being addressed in the 2003 Kansas Legislature. Information will be presented from many of the issues being considered and discussion will be held on anticipated issues and their impact on everyone.

Of special note is that on March 8, Kansas State Senator Karin Brownlee from Olathe will participate in the tour along with Senator Stan Clark and Rep. John Faber. Sen. Brownlee is chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee which this year is placing special emphasis on rural development. Everyone is invited to attend.

On March 8, the legislators will be in Bird City from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Bird House on U.S. 36. From

there, they will travel to Herndon and will be at the Downhome Cafe from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., Oberlin, 10:15 to 11:15 at the Gateway Room; Almena from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center; and at Stockton from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Willows.

On March 3, the legislators will be meeting in Hill City, Hoxie, Colby, Goodland, Sharon Springs and Grinnell. In the area, the legislators will be in Colby from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Colby Thomas County offices; at Goodland from 11:15 to 12:15 mountain standard time at the Goodland Opera House Plaza; and at Sharon Springs from 1 to 2 p.m. mountain standard time at the Senior Center.

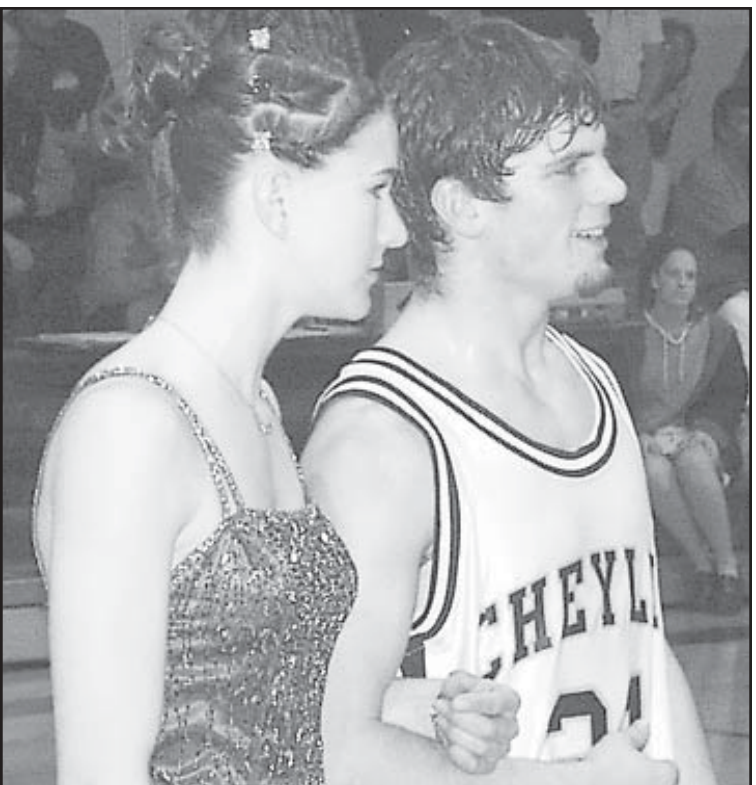
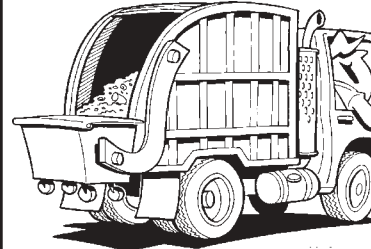
The Town Hall Meetings schedule for Feb. 22 include WaKeeney, Ness City, Dighton, Scott City, Leoti, Tribune and Oakley.

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STEPHANIE SNYDER and Matt Wilson were crowned Queen of Courts during the half-time of the boys games.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Queen of Courts crowned Friday night

A packed house filled the Cheylin gym Friday to view four exciting basketball games and a traditional local event: the Queen of Courts crowning. Although the athletes provided a terrific show all eyes were on the 10 nominees and first grade attendants.

At half-time of the boy's varsity game against Healy, the choices for queen, Stephanie Snyder, Kelly Garner, Hollie Louderbaugh, Annie Hengen and Samantha Jensen walked onto the court, all wearing beautiful evening gowns. They were escorted by the king

nominees: Andrew Smith, Jason Williams, Michael Sager, Matthew Wilson and Zachery Linin. Not to go unnoticed were the first graders who presented flowers, tiara, and crown; Shayna Johnson, Shayla Hubbard, Eddie Frisbie, Connor Hazuka, Jeffrey Richmeier, and Casey Vandike.

And the queen and king for the evening were...Stephanie Snyder and Matt Wilson. The crowd showed their approval as the handsome couple was crowned and the entire group of students posed for photographs.



EIGHT SCHOOLS participated in a band clinic for junior high musicians. The clinic led into an evening concert held at the high school gym, conducted by William McMosley.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Cheylin hosts eight-school band clinic

By Casey McCormick

On Thursday, Cheylin High School hosted an eight-school band clinic for area junior high musicians. William McMosley, guest conductor, led about 160 students in an afternoon clinic which preceded an evening concert at the high school gym.

The schools that participated were Brewster, Cheylin, Golden Plains, Grinnell, Tribune, Triplains, Wallace County and Weskan. Each of the schools have relatively small bands but this event gave the young musicians the opportunity to play in a large symphony group.

"This may be the only chance

kids from smaller schools get to play in a big band," said Cheylin music director Rose Hengen, who helped in organizing the day's happenings.

Mr. McMosley brought 32 years of music education (16 with public schools and 16 at the college level) to this event. He is currently at Kansas Wesleyan and has taught at the

University of Wyoming, University of Akron (Ohio) and Dodge City Community College.

"It's a positive experience for the students to use music in the educational process," Mr. McMosley said.

He hopes that the young people will "take music beyond school!"

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Antholz

Bird City hosts contest

By Casey McCormick

Students from St. Francis and Cheylin schools met for this year's Spelling Bee. Cheyenne County spellers were from the eighth grade down and 33 kids tried to remember and correctly spell each word.

Dan Busse, Bird City, acted as monitor while judges Judy Sager, Barb Beougher and Deb Grace helped with final calls. After a practice round the students took turns approaching the microphone to do their best.

As the words became more difficult, students from each school began to leave the competition. Finally it came to two girls from each town: Kaycee Williams of St. Francis and Venessa Antholz of Cheylin. After about eight chances each Kaycee stumbled on "humane" which Venessa correctly spelled, along with the next word "majority."

"All the kids did great," Mr. Busse said adding, "Not everyone can be a winner but this should be a challenge for all to do better in other areas, too."



Williams

Changing time zone suggested as project in Sherman County

By Tom Betz

A group wanting to move Sherman County into the Central Time Zone wants the Sherman County Economic Development Council to consider spearheading the effort, saying it would save money and confusion.

Larry Keirns, retired president of the Northwest Kansas Technical College, and J.D. McClure, owner of McClure Plumbing and Heating, told the council at its meeting Monday that it was "Time for a Change."

"We are here to request your support to change the time zone for Sherman County from mountain time to central time," Mr. Keirns said. "With only four of the 105 counties in Kansas on mountain time, it is time to join the vast majority of Kansas and change to central time. The economic impact will be positive for our county."

"The fact that we are not in central time has things confused. Are we in Kansas, or do we want to be annexed by Colorado?"

"There is confusion of where we are, and even the tourists get con-

fused. It is a hardship for our school system with all the traveling and time confusion. It is nice to come home an hour earlier, but it's not worth that much."

"We've isolated ourselves," Mr. McClure said. "All the offices in the state operate in central time. I have a conflict every day with my store in Colby. I think if Sherman County makes the change, the other counties (Wallace, Greeley and Hamilton) will go along."

Mr. Keirns said there is no need for a public vote. He laid out the process for requesting the change from the federal Department of Transportation.

He said the development council would appoint a committee or ask for volunteers to handle the effort.

They would ask county, city, business, school, hospital, motel, bank, church and others community leaders for letters of support. The letters would explain the problems people have encountered doing business on a daily basis in the mountain time zone, and point to the negative impact on economic development from being in a differ-

ent time zone.

A petition would be circulated for residents to sign in support of moving to central time, and they would obtain as many signatures as possible, but there is no requirement for a set number.

Once these steps have been accomplished, they would ask the Sherman County Commissioners to okay the change.

With the approval by the commissioners, a request would be sent to the general counsel for the federal agency for review. If the general counsel feels the time change would benefit Sherman County, he would set a public hearing in Goodland. After the hearing, a decision would come from the feds in 30 to 60 days.

The time change likely would become official the next time was changed to or from Daylight Saving Time.

The council indicated they would take this idea under discussion.

"We want it to be more than Larry and J.B.," Keirns said. "We feel we need to appoint up to seven or nine on a committee."

State competition draws 100 teams

First Kansas hunting competition to be held in Cheyenne County

By Karen Krien

The public is invited to spend March 1 and 2 at Ringneck County to watch the first Kansas State Pheasant Championship where teams and dogs will work together to get those pheasants.

Rex Murray, who organized the hunt, reported that they had limited the hunt to 100 teams and the roster was filled several weeks ago and there is a waiting list. Hunting teams will be coming from Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming and they will be hunting

around 650 pheasants.

Each year, the Murrays have five similar hunting competitions so they know what it takes to host such an event. They also have a controlled shooting area where hunters come seven months of the year to hunt pheasants, quail and chuckers. Hunters come from all over the

United States to enjoy the sport.

The hunting site, located 2 miles east on the county line off K-27 and then 1.5 miles north, is a place where there is ample parking area and a good place for spectators to either sit in lawn chairs (bring your own) or view the action from the

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CHEYLIN COUGAR Matt Wilson moves the ball up the court as a Healy player attempts to block him. Matt led the offense with 16 points. *Times staff Casey McCormick*

Eagles give Cougars tough battle

Cheylin 40 - Healy 67
Though they played with heart, the Cougar boys had a tough time against Healy. Matt Wilson led the offense with 16 points followed by Michael Sager's 9. But the Eagles were able to push through

Cheylin's defense scoring over 20 in both the first and second periods.

Coach Dick Martoglio takes the loss as hard as his players. "It was another game of shooting woes," he said as he wonders why

this team can't get a break. Knowing the team needs more goals he adds, "I hope this changes in the first round of Regionals."

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McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Jerry and Betty Knapp were Saturday visitors of Zeldia Knapp.

Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison attended the funeral of Mildred Jones in Colby on Saturday.

On Tuesday, Kenny Wilkinson visited Albert Reeh in the hospital in Atwood while Phyllis visited Agnes Reeh in her home and also with Ed Morton.

Laddie and Vera Kacirek were Wednesday visitors of Flo Lorens at the Willow Ridge in McCook.

Ron Henry of Colby was a Wednesday evening visitor of Tunney and Leila Loker.

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On Saturday Leila Loker visited Dale and Ratha Lea Loker, Lila and Dennis Howard and Gary and Penny Loker.

Vance and Betty Lewis were Friday visitors of Lenora Spicka in Atwood.

Jim and Lois Morelock returned home this weekend after an ex-

tended trip to El Paso and Del Rio, Texas and Tampa, Fla. After a month of visiting relatives and doing some sight-seeing, they returned to Kansas City and then on home.

Laddie and Vera Kacirek attended the Knights of Columbus "Ladies Night" at St. Joseph's Church in Bird City on Sunday evening.

Where did it come from?

• In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase "goodnight, sleep tight".

• Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

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discussion, the board voted to purchase the more expensive file for two reasons: 1) the administrator said that the quality would be good; and 2) the files could be delivered and installed within three weeks which is when the contractor plans to have the clinic ready for business. The board voted to purchase the more expensive files.

The board agreed to spend more money but not without discussing it thoroughly and seeing how the money was being spent and that there was no "overdrawing" of funds. They agreed to pay \$877 for the architect's plans for the clinic basement where the public health clinic will be located; pay the architect \$18,062 on other plans; and \$130,726 to the contractor working at the clinic.

In other business

• The board, after several concerns were expressed about the

2003 budget, asked Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, to take those concerns back to the Great Plains board.

• Director John had checked into updating the hospital board's strategic plan. The last plan had cost \$9,000 and, with all of the remodeling and the fact that money was "tight," the board agreed to wait until the hospital remodeling is complete before tackling another project such as the strategic planning.

• Rick Wells, construction foreman for the clinic project, updated the board on what was going on and that he planned to have the inside of the clinic completed by March 10.

• The board decided to go with more lighting in the diagnostic rooms and felt that the additional lighting would lighten up the rooms considerably.

• The administrator reported that, as of Feb. 13, the amount raised for the Community Service

Project was \$170,060 including cash and commitments. The target is for \$300,000 to be raised by Dec. 31. He reported that contacts for the 2003 tax year are underway and he feels confident that the amount will be raised. If the amount is raised fairly early in the year, Administrator Lacy said that he could apply for additional tax credits which were not claimed in other projects in Kansas. This would help with any other projects not included in the original plans.

• There were fewer patients using the hospital last month but the outpatient business was fairly steady even though there is lots of activity in the facility since it is sharing space with the clinic staff while the clinic is being remodeled.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the hospital board has been set for 7 p.m. on March 20 in the clinic basement meeting room. A special meeting will be held to further discuss clinic plans at 11 a.m. on Friday in the clinic.

Competition

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seat of a vehicle. Binoculars are also recommended.

Pheasants are "planted" and the teams and dogs are given a time limit to either flush out the pheasant or to point out the pheasants. Mr. Murray says that some of the best dogs will be working during the two-day event.

"If anyone is looking for a good hunting dog, they will have an opportunity to see all hunters at work on Saturday and Sunday," he said.

There will be two divisions: pointing, where the dog must hold the bird for 3 seconds; and flushing where the dog must flush out the bird(s). There will be a total of \$4,500 in prize money given out along with 12 trophies and six pen and picture sets (handmade by Dale Weeks).

A huge tent will be set up for entries, lunch and just visiting. Rolls and coffee will be served in the mornings and lunch will be served at noon. The hunting will start at 8 a.m. and the first day, 60 teams and dogs will be seeing action with the other 40 running on Sunday.

At 6:45 a.m. on Sunday, Paul Rainbolt will be holding a church service on the grounds.

Mr. Murray expects the competition to bring in around 250 people this weekend. He and his wife Sandy have a few bunk houses for some of the hunters and there are

places for fifth wheels and campers. However, there will be a number of the hunters who will be staying in St. Francis and Goodland motels, eating meals and buying gas.

Mr. Murray thinks pheasant hunting competition is a good thing for the communities as well as putting St. Francis on the map.

"We have had many favorable comments on our other competition," Mr. Murray said. "We go out of our way to make the competitions fair, using the same judges and bird setters, so everyone has the same chance for winning."

"It should be an interesting competition and people can come and go or they can come for the day(s), eat lunch and just enjoy watching and talking to the hunters — it will be a great two days of entertainment."

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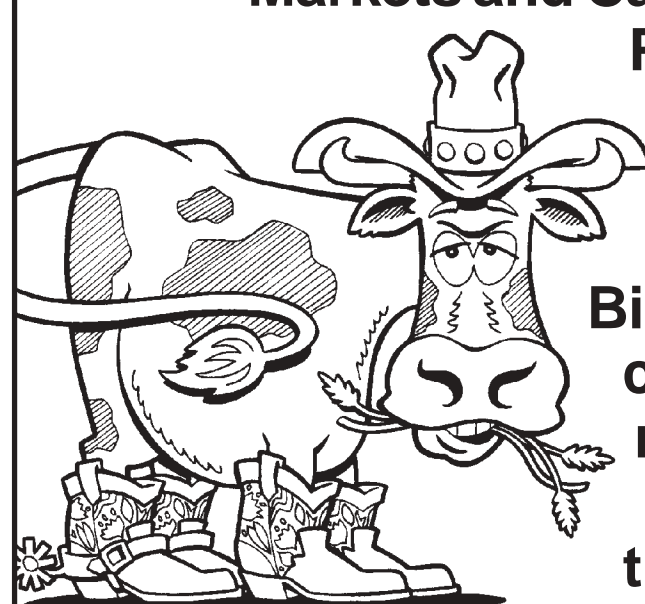
and share their talents with their communities.

Many parents and concert goers enjoyed the 6 p.m. performance as the Little Eight Concert Band played several works including *Colors of the Wind*, from the Disney Movie *Pocahontis* and the show ended with a polished version of *Yankee Doodle Rides Again*, featuring an narration by senior Andy Smith.

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