



BILL LEE, center, new maintenance supervisor, looks over plans for the Kansas Department of Transportation, along with Mike Zweygardt, left, and Larry Zweygardt.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## New highway maintenance supervisor takes position

By Karen Krien

Bill Lee, Wheeler, has been appointed as the Kansas Department of Transportation's sub-area highway maintenance supervisor for Cheyenne County. He replaces Kenny Richers, who retired in the spring.

Mr. Lee has been with the highway department for the last seven years.

His goal is to try to keep Cheyenne County clean by keeping the mowing up, erecting and replacing signs and stay on top of snow storm

advisories, just to name some.

"U.S. 36 and K-27 south will be priority roads to keep clear since so many people travel to and from Goodland for their jobs," Mr. Lee said.

He added that, unfortunately, the state, in an effort to save money, has cut the county back to three snowplows instead of four as in year's past. However, he still thinks that the county crew can still do a good job of keeping the roads passable.

He said the District engineers are very efficient in spotting trouble ar-

reas on the highways and having the crews fix them.

"We plan on doing the best we can," he said. "We want to keep the traveling public happy."

"Cheyenne County has a good group of men and I plan to work right along with them on the job."

He commented that both the city crews in Bird City and St. Francis are good to work with as is the county crew.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges of the job," Mr. Lee concluded.

## More ambulance runs already recorded in 2006

By Karen Krien

Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, told the Cheyenne County Commissioners at the Monday meeting that there had been 39 ambulance runs in September and, as of Monday, there had already been 235 runs. That is already three more runs than were made in the entire year of 2005.

She talked about a class which would certify emergency medical technicians to start IVs in the field. At this time, there are on two or three technicians qualified but there is no instructor available to teach a class.

She said Tom Raile and Craig White are taking the emergency medical technician class in Goodland.

The emergency medical service repeater tower was recently repaired. She didn't have the bill for the repairs but expected it to be high. The repeater is 16 years old and needs replaced. The commissioners said the 911 fund could be used to purchase a new repeater but they asked her to talk to the sheriff and emergency manager to see what kind of condition their repeaters were in and if they also needed new equipment.

### Airport work

Dave Yost, Airport Authority member, talked to the commissioners about the work done at the airport. He was not pleased with the asphalt work on the aircraft parking area (apron). Recent testing showed the asphalt did not meet the specifications set by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Mr. Yost had three options. The first option was to make the contractor remove the asphalt and redo it to specifications. This was the consensus of Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor; the commissioners as well as two members of the Airport Authority.

During the discussion, Ron Loudon, Airport Authority member, arrived and said he didn't think it would be wise to "rock the boat" with the contractor, fearing the airport couldn't get anyone to finish the project with the county possibly tak-

ing the current contractor to court.

The other options were to place a seal over the top of the inadequate work and pay one-half of the cost and repair as needed.

No decisions were made but Mr. Yost was told to keep the commissioners up to date with any progress.

### Sheriff's report

Sheriff Troy Gardner said, on rare occasions, he has found it necessary to purchase items out-of-town and has been charged and paid sales tax. (County departments should not have to pay sales tax and the commissioners had sent out a memo so employees would be aware of the matter.) They talked about county employees, if they are found in this situation, should be able to produce a employer tax exempt number.

Sheriff Gardner said there were going to be two classes dealing with anhydrous ammonia and keeping it from being used to make meth. One class is set for 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 in the Cheylin school; the other class will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 24 in the St. Francis Grade School cafeteria.

The sheriff has received a \$1,000 grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation. The money will be used to purchase spike strips which are used to stop high-speed chases.

### Prairie dogs

Employee Dan Schlittenhardt had an article from the Goodland Star News, telling how the Sherman County Commissioners were handling the county's prairie dog problems which included cost-sharing bait expenses. Earlier, the Cheyenne County Commissioners had been told that cost-sharing could not be legally worked into the budget.

Mr. Schlittenhardt was concerned that if the service of getting rid of prairie dogs was not offered, there were landowners who would not take care of the pests. He asked the commissioners if they would be in-

terested in buying bait wholesale and having him apply it. The landowners would be charged but it would be at a reasonable price.

The commissioners agreed to have Mr. Schlittenhardt look into what it would cost for the bait and how much the application would be.

### Business incentives

Carol Redding, Cheyenne County Development Coordinator, said there were two St. Francis business owners interested in taking advantage of the county's incentive plan for new businesses: Main St. Coffee and Sainty Stitches. After discussion and the fact that a representative from each of the entities (St. Francis, Bird City, commissioners and the Development Corporation) had not met to go over the paperwork, the matter was tabled.

Employees from the appraiser's office were also present and showed concern that the county could be in trouble when a building is appraised at \$100,000. That amount would appear on the taxes but it won't be there and cannot be spent. They suggested that Randy Sangster, appraiser, come to the next meeting and talk about it.

### 911 maps and signing

The 911 maps and signing for the county was discussed. The commissioners agreed to proceed with the plans. See related article.

### Next meeting

The next commissioner's meeting will start at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the courthouse.



### First Anniversary Celebration

October 23-27

Specials During the Week!

- Mon., 5-7 p.m. - Quarter Pound Hamburger/Fries - \$3.50
- Tues., 5-7 p.m. - Pancakes - 2 for 99¢
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### Invitation to Bid

2006 CIAP Accessibility for Entry for Automatic Doors at Cheyenne Manor for the St. Francis Housing Authority

Opening Bid Date: \_\_\_\_\_ October 18, 2006  
Closing Bid Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 a.m. - November 30, 2006  
Bid Place: \_\_\_\_\_ St. Francis Housing Authority Office  
200 North Ash Street  
St. Francis, KS 67756

The St. Francis Housing Authority is opening invitations to Bid on Automatic Door System and complies with the requirements of American with Disabilities Act of 1990 and all building codes. The Work includes selective replacement of Entry Doors. Bids are to include all necessary labor, materials and equipment. Please note that all bidders shall bring spec and features of their brand of Automatic Door Systems and to measure the entries door ways. Verify that they have inspected the existing site conditions prior to submitting their bid. Any bidder who has not visited the site will have his or her bid rejected.

For all construction and equipment contracts over \$25,000, the bidder shall be required to submit with the bid a negotiable bid guarantee not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. The bid guarantee shall be a certified check, bank draft, U.S. Government Bond at par value or a bid bond secured by a surety company. The Surety Com pany must be authorized to do business in the State where the project is located and must be acceptable to the Government.

Satisfactory proof of authorization to sign on behalf of the company is required. Instructions to Bidders are contained in HUD-5369 "Instructions to Bidders for Contracts - Public and Indian Housing Programs."

The competency and responsibility of bidders will be considered in awarding the contract, and the Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive irregularity in bidding. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bid if reasonable, and if it is in the interest of the St. Francis Housing authority to accept it.


Attention is called to the provisions of equal opportunity and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications.

This contract is subject to the conditions of Executive Order 11246, which prohibits discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin on federal or federally assisted construction contracts.

This contract also is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the St. Francis Housing Authority.

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**Do you know how to**  
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**Everyone is Welcome to attend the**  
**Cheyenne Community Meth Watch**  
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**Thursday, Oct. 19 • 7:30 p.m.**  
**Cheylin Grade School Cafeteria**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 24 • 7:30 p.m.**  
**St. Francis Grade School Cafeteria**  
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You are invited to a  
**Come & Go Baby Shower**  
for **Kennedy Carl Migchelbrink**  
Son of Eric and Cary Migchelbrink  
**Saturday, October 28**  
Bird City Wesleyan Community Church, W. US 36, Bird City•10a.m.-Noon  
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