

New emergency building is almost ready for use

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The ambulance director told the Cheyenne County Commissioners on Friday that her department is getting closer to moving into the new St. Francis Emergency Building.

Janelle Bowers, director, and Mike Hanson, technician, talked about moving into the new location. She said that the shelving bought from Lampe Hardware still needs to be paid for.

However, there is a problem with the cement near the drain. Mr. Hansen said that the floor has cracked and it is crumbling. They didn't know what the problem was but figured that area of cement would need to be taken out and re-poured.

They and the commissioners talked about who to contact — the contractor or the city. The commissioners reminded the technicians that when they had wanted to change locks to ensure the records were safe, the council had informed them that it was the city of St. Francis' property. They assumed the condition of the cement was also the council's problem.

Andy Beikman, commission chairman, said he would stop by and look at the cement following the meeting and try to talk with Dale Weeks, councilman.

The bid for the new ambulance has gone out. Mrs. Bowers was worried, because of the timing, if they could get a bid on a 2008 chassis. The commissioners thought the grant could be adjusted.

Mrs. Bowers said she had been told that it would cost \$250 to have a radio repaired. She had given permission to have it repaired as, she said, it was still cheaper than spending \$800 to \$900 to purchase a new radio. She also ordered four new radios.

Mr. Beikman asked if there were former technicians who still had radios. Mrs. Bowers said that the only former technician is also a fireman so he still needs the radio.

Mrs. Bowers told about a community service they do for the football and volleyball teams in both St. Francis and Cheylin schools. They give a "concussion" test which, if a player is injured in a game, it will give the emergency medical technician and the coaches an idea of the answers they had before playing.

Mrs. Bowers was given permission to attend a meeting in Hays.

Plans for appraiser's office

The commissioners held a phone conference with Melanie Rowilson, who is with the Kansas Department of Revenue. Recently, Randy Sangster, who had been the appraiser for Cheyenne County resigned. That left the county without a qualified appraiser.

She said she had been assigned to the county and said Shirley Soellner, appraiser at Goodland, and Kathryn Kennedy, appraiser at Oakley, would probably be filling in part time.

There will also be some evaluations of the work done in the office but she said that they were not aware of compliance issues. They will maintain the same practices Mr. Sangster had.

The board maintains they would like to have one full-time person in that office. After discussion, they may consider two full-time employees while they looked for a new appraiser.

Mr. Beikman asked that he be informed of all applicants for review.

Noxious weed department

Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed and prairie dog department, said his four wheelers used in his work has 4,600 miles and is starting to need work. He had looked at several four wheelers in Burlington which would trade in his equipment. His sprayers and attachments would still work. He said he preferred Articcat four wheelers because of the ground clearance.

The commissioners suggested that he get other bids including one from Goodland Greenline in Wheeler, as the dealership also carried Articcats.

Ray Lee, commissioner, had received a complaint from Dale Faylor, north of St. Francis, about prairie dogs out of control on neighboring land belonging to Gary Zuege. Mr. Schlittenhardt said he would talk with Mr. Zuege one more time before sending an enforcement letter. The chemical Rozal, cannot be used until Oct. 1 and, with the grass still as green as it is, he questioned if the dogs would take the grain even then.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, asked if he had checked on the bind weed at the Gary Winter farm. He said he had, noting that there is still some there. He said the patch wasn't sprayed very well in that particular spot.

Road and bridge department

Dave Flemming, road and bridge

department supervisor, said the crew had spent a lot of time digging out bridges which had been washed full of thistles and dirt in a recent rain. They did get a culvert fixed on land belonging to Marie Holzwarth, west of St. Francis.

He was concerned about the department's budget, noting that the rising fuel costs had been instrumental in using much of the budget. The commissioners talked about ways to solve the budget problem.

Mr. Flemming had a permit to allow Prairie Land Electric to place poles in the county's right-of-way. There was also a permit to allow Joe Kelcevik to place a water line in the bottom of a county ditch. Both permits were signed by the commissioners.

They talked about the new entryway into Brett Poling's land. The county crew gets gravel from the land but the present road into the land also leads onto other private property. He had permission from Chris Bracelin to cross his land. However, he wondered about what kind of help he could expect from the county crew.

The commissioners decided they would grade the road but they could not put in the fence.

Budget hearing

The resolution to raise county taxes had been printed in the county newspapers. A budget hearing to approve the resolution was held at 9 a.m. There were no people there to protest so the hearing was closed and the 2009 budget was signed.

In other business

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 • Danielle Gardner, secretary for the county attorney, was given 40 hours out of the employee sick leave bank to use during her maternity leave.
 • Terry Miller, clerk, will attend a Property Valuation Division Abstract school in Hays.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 15, in the courthouse in St. Francis.

South of McDonald

Ote and Ellen Dewey were Saturday evening and supper guests of Bill and Debbie Malone of Bird City. Ed Kogl of Commerce City was an additional guest of the Malones.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the second birthday party for Kennedy Migchelbrink in Bird City Saturday afternoon and the first birthday party for Tucker Prideaux in Atwood Saturday evening.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children joined Pat Pollock and Emma David in Atwood for Sunday dinner.

Labor Day weekend guests of Bethel Goltl were Matthew, Jack and Sophie Goltl of Wichita, and Bethel's college classmate and husband, Hosea and Lilly Harkness of Arizona. Brent Johnson of Texas was a Sunday evening visitor at the Goltl home.



WALKER JANICKE is one of the poster winner at the Farm Bureau meeting. Handing out the awards is Todd Neitzel.

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Small crowd attends meeting

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Todd and Tracy Neitzel and boys were announced as the Cheyenne County Farm Family of the Year at the annual Farm Bureau meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

A small crowd attended the meeting and enjoyed the meal at the St. Francis high school cafeteria.

Guest speaker Charlie Sargent, with the state Farm Bureau, reviewed the years of the organization, going back to the grassroots. He noted that in the 1850s, the country's greatest wealth was considered the rural areas. By the 1870s, there had been a change and the urban areas were considered the country's greatest wealth. That had been the start of the industrial revolution.

Cheyenne County became involved with Farm Bureau in 1919. At that time, they were among the other 38 Farm Bureau counties.

He said that the organization has played a big part getting the Extension service, horse harnesses (when there was a shortage) and bringing electricity through the

Rural Electrification Act (REA).

In the 1930 Dust Bowl days, people joined the organization, working through tough times.

In the 1950s, a Cheyenne County farmer suggested giving food to poor countries. Mr. Sargent said the farmers have a "think tank" and that is their tractor which they spend many hours in and have time to think.

He encouraged those there to be supportive of each other and help each other.

Winning the safety poster contest were Jordan Janicke, Reece Leonard and Eddie Frisbie, all of Bird City.

Election of board members was held. Those elected were Dan Sowers, Samantha Zwegygart and Shawna Blanka. There is still one position left unfilled. Those attending the state annual meeting as voting delegates will be Shawna Blanka, Ron Zwegygart, Shawn Blanka. Alternates are Noel and Alisa Rath.

McDonald News by Vera Kacirek

Jerry and Betty Knapp were in Denver from Tuesday to Thursday attending the funeral of Betty's brother-in-law, Donald McKelvey.

Last Tuesday, Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson visited in Atwood with Jim Tracy at the Good Samaritan Home, with Ruby Tracy, Agnes Reeh, and Laddie and Vera Kacirek. On Saturday, they attended the surprise birthday party for Rita Schmid on her 75th birthday at the McDonald Senior Center.

On Saturday, Ray and Marlene Johnson were among the family and friends who attended the fifth birthday party for Mitchell Howard at the home of his parents, Chris and Dana Howard.

Dixie Bethell of McCook was a Labor Day visitor of her parents, Ray and Marlene Johnson and enjoyed the dinner at the Senior Center.

Dough Tongish was a Saturday visitor of Joan Tongish.

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