

# Youth qualify to attend regionals

Eight Cheyenne County youth qualified to attend the Knights of Columbus District Free-Throw competition which was held on Sunday in Colby. The eight were Sydney Sundstrom, Derek Vandike, Kyla Bandel, Devon Janicke, Brianna Cooks, Cade Braccin, Walker Janicke, and Keegan Sherlock.

It was reported by the local Knights of Columbus that all those who represented Cheyenne County did an excellent job dur-

ing the district competition. Of these eight, four qualified to go on to the regional competition to be held in Quinter on Feb. 15. Moving on are Sydney Sundstrom, age 10; Kyla Bandel, age 11, Devon Janicke, age 11 and Brianna Cooks, age 12. The Knights want to acknowledge all of those that participated on doing a great job and wish good luck to the four that get to move on.



COMMISSIONERS held a regular meeting on Friday. Picture are Kari Gilliland, county attorney, Andy Beikman, Dale Patton, Ernie Ketzner and Terry Miller, county clerk. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Commissioners informed of changes

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Making sure the commissioners were informed was the mission of the Cheyenne County Airport Authority president and airport manager at the Friday meeting.

Dave Yost, president, and Robert Grace, manager, said there had been some changes to the plans for replacing the airport runway south of St. Francis. Originally, the Federal Aviation Administration had approved widening the runway 25 feet on one side of the runway but, then decided that they needed to keep the center line where it is. That would require the runway be widened 12.5 feet on both sides or else they would need to wait 18 months to get the instrument approach changed. Dividing the width to the sides will possibly cost a little more but it was better than waiting for instrument approach changes.

Mr. Yost and Mr. Grace both agreed that they would rather have the runway longer rather than wider but, the Federal Aviation Administration wanted it widened first so when the runway is lengthened it would match the width of the north end of the runway.

Mr. Yost said the bids are to be let in July or August. He said he

had talked to Diane Hofer with Olsson Associates, Lincoln, Neb., who had said that she estimates the bids to come in at around \$1,948,000. With the 95/5 percent grant, the county's share will be approximately \$97,800. Adding up all of the money available for the project, the county is short about \$11,850.

Ms. Hofer said she always estimates high and, in reality, expects the bid to come in less, Mr. Yost said. The commissioners, Mr. Yost and Mr. Grace talked about postponing some projects but everyone agreed that widening the runway along with landing lights must be done together.

In the consideration of all projects, an agreement has been made with Robert Uplinger in purchasing the land south of the current runway for the lengthening project. When the purchase contract is complete, and the Aviation Administration has grant money available, the Airport Authority will get money back because of items already paid like the environmental study and surveying.

With a signed purchase agreement with Mr. Uplinger, Mr. Yost said, grant funds will be available from the Aviation Administration as early as March.

Both Mr. Yost and Mr. Grace

said a 95/5 grant is hard to get and it is important that the county keep moving toward the completion of the runway. Kari Gilliland, county attorney, pointed out that having the runway is also extremely important to the medical community.

After a great deal of discussion, Andy Beikman, commissioner,

agreed that the county should go ahead as planned. We are into the project, he said, and it is a good deal.

The commissioners agreed that everything should be ready so the county can get Federal Aviation Administration grant funds to continue the runway project.



HAPPY RETIREMENT — Carl Williams never turned down dry donuts so Deb Lindsten, at his retirement party, gave him a box telling him they were 'dunkin' donuts. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Worker honored at retirement party

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Carl Williams was honored at a retirement party on Friday. Cookies, tea and coffee were provided for the many people who stopped by to wish him well in the future. Cheyenne County Commissioner chairman, Ernie Ketzner presented him a plaque. Many times during the morning, Mr. Williams was touched to the point of tears.

Mr. Williams was the maintenance guy at the courthouse for 17 years. His day started at 5:30

a.m., getting the floors swept, cleaning bathrooms and offices. Many weekends were spent waxing the floors or, when it snowed, clearing the walks. Of course, the courthouse yard and walk were also his responsibility.

Mike Day, St. Francis, after the plaque was presented, told that many people commented on the cleanliness of the building and lawn.

Mr. Williams was diagnosed with cancer last summer. While it is now under control, he is taking it easy. He said he and his wife, Connie, may do some fishing this summer and is looking forward to entertaining his four grandchildren, one who comes from Texas every summer to see "Grandpa Kansas."

## Reduce sediments in waterheater

In a hard-water area, draining one or two gallons from a water heater every month or two can help reduce the buildup of minerals and other sediments. That will prolong the life of the appliance, said Bruce Snead, Kansas State University Research and Extension residential energy specialist.

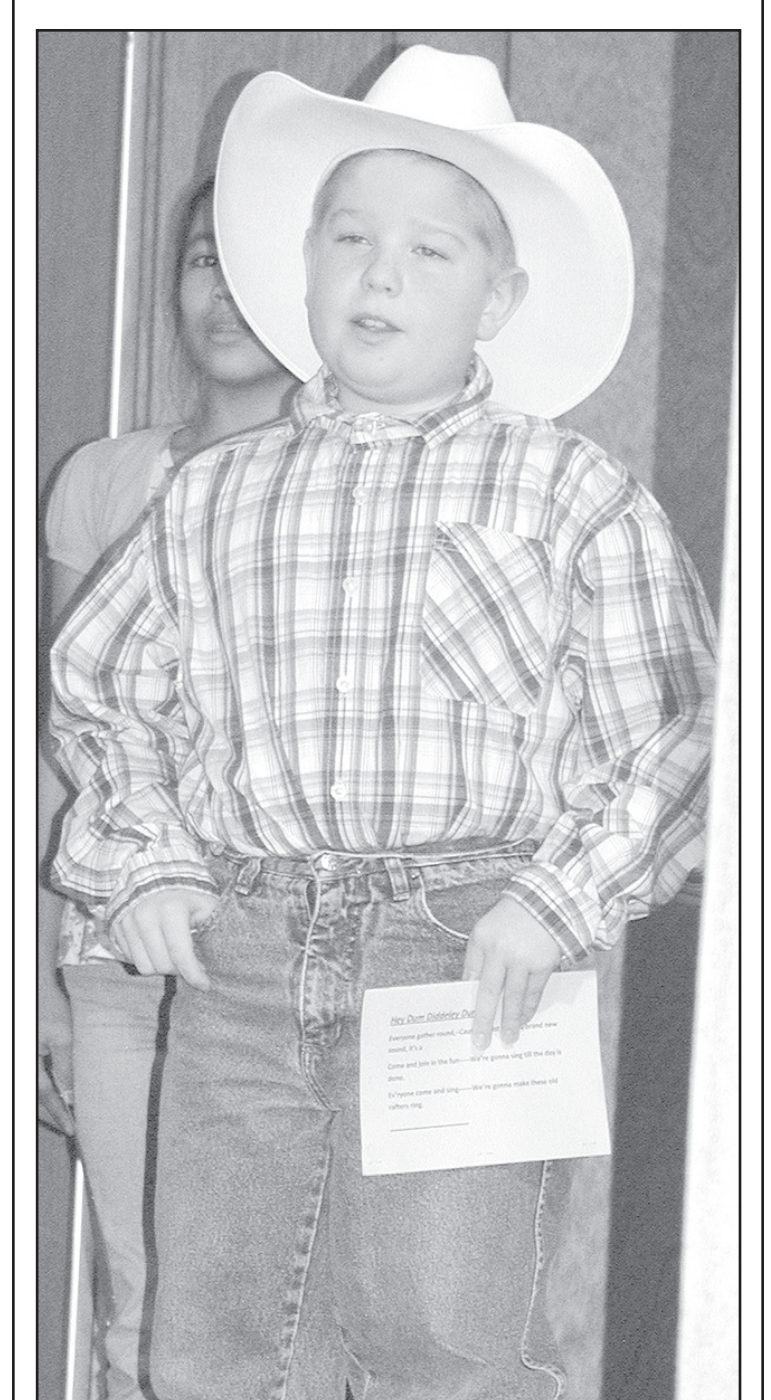
The placement of a water heater may make draining it difficult - or impossible, Mr. Snead said. Or, if not in the habit of draining the heater regularly, a homeowner may find the spigot or water line to be corroded or otherwise clogged and thus immovable.

Other maintenance steps to maintain a water heater will depend on the type/model, but may include:

- Checking the temperature and pressure valve every six months.
- Inspecting the anode rod every three to four years.
- On average, residential water heaters consume 13 to 17 percent of the

energy used within the home, Snead said.

More information on choosing and using a residential water heater is available at county and district Extension offices. Contact the Cheyenne County Extension Office for more information at 332-3171



IVAN KEMP sings during the Kansas Day Celebration held at the Bird City Legion Hall. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

### Student News

**Fort Hays State University**  
Aubrey Kehlbeck and Afton Krien of Bird City and Danielle Flemming, Tanner Kinen, Heath Owens and Jonathan Roelfs of St. Francis are among the students named to the fall semester honor roll at Fort Hays State University.

### Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Tony Vandike, Bird City; Farm Credit of Western Kansas, Colby; Gilbert Frisbie, McDonald; Connie Zerfas, Hot Springs, Ark.

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