

First responder class set in Bird City

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the April 30 meeting, agreed to pay for a first responder's emergency medical class.

Mike Hanson, instructor, will hold the class in Bird City. There are several people interested in the course and Bird City needs people to be able to respond to 911 calls in the area.

Mr. Hanson will teach the class for \$3,000. Janelle Bowers, director, said she will apply for a grant but, also noted that there is money in the ambulance budget.

Mrs. Bowers reported that the new ambulance is to be delivered on May 15. She requested that one, if not all of the commissioners, be on site when the ambulance is delivered.

Reflective signs

Gary Rogers, emergency manager, said the 4-H Council members would like to put up physical address signs for those residences in the rural areas. The materials, he said, would include about 500 posts plus the signs and reflective tape. The cost would be around \$7,300 for the materials. Mr. Rogers and his wife, Carol, have made previous signs and are willing to donate their time to make these signs.

The commissioners agreed that this would be a good project for the 4-H'ers but also wanted to make sure there is an adult supervisor. They also thought it would help to identify new residents and to update addresses.

The money for the supplies will be taken out of the 911 fund.

Radio purchase

Money from the 911 fund will be used to pay for some of the equipment on the sheriff's department's vehicle. Sheriff Craig Van Allen said the radio needs replaced on the 2007 pickup and the cost will be \$780. A new mocom radio will need to be purchased as well and that cost is \$850. The mocom radio allows communication between counties, giving direct information without going through 911.

Sheriff Van Allen said that both radios will be purchased from Prairie States Communication, Imperial, Neb., and, 911 funds, if available, will be used for the purchases.

Concerning the new sheriff's vehicle, the lights, cage and console for the new Expedition will cost \$3,978, the sheriff said. The decals will cost \$468. He noted that the decals on the 2007 pickup will be changed to match the other department vehicles.

Letter

The Trego County Board of Commissioners had sent a letter asking each of the 10 counties with the Greater Western Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center to help purchase a camera. The camera would be used so meetings could be held via video conferences.

The cost of the camera is \$41,171, making the county's share \$4,117. The commissioners agreed that not

having to pay mileage and the time saved to the representative could help pay for their share but that money had not been budgeted for.

They asked Terry Miller, clerk, to contact the organization to see if they should plan to budget the amount for 2010.

Budget request

Carol Redding, representing the Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Service, requested that the service be remembered when the budget was set for next year. Ms. Redding is a volunteer. She described the services available.

Kari Gilliland, county attorney, had told the clerk that she was in favor of funding the service but, this year, there would probably not be money in the diversion fund, which has given the money in year's past. The commissioners said they thought that it was a good and important service to have available to those needing it and would make sure the \$750 to \$850 request was in the budget.

Dale Patton, commissioner, said that he was aware that domestic violence goes on and that there is a need for the service.

If we can't afford \$750 to help people who need help, then we are in trouble, said Andy Beikman, commissioner. We have a local volunteer and that's worth a lot.

Ms. Redding will also be visiting with both city councils asking for funding.

Disposing of the old Bird City lumberyard

Cathy Domsch, Bird City Century II Development executive director, updated the commissioners on the demolition of the old lumberyard in Bird City. The building materials, she said, according to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, cannot be pushed into a pit and burned. However, the department has agreed to let the city use a powerful chipping machine for the wood after the tin has been removed. The nails will not need to be removed.

She asked that the city be allowed to deposit the chipped materials in the county landfill for no charge. After discussion, it was agreed to allow the request.

In other business

In other business: • The sheriff and Cody Beeson, undersheriff, will be attending three classes including: 1) dealing with cell phone evidence; 2) jail life code; and 3) legal issues with car stops. The commissioners agreed to have them attend the classes which are free.

• Bruce Webb, county appraiser, said his contract would expire on June 30. The commissioners unanimously agreed to have a resolution drawn up to keep Mr. Webb on in this position for four years. The resolution will be signed at the next meeting.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting will be Monday, May 18, starting at 8 a.m.

Club Clips

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met last Friday with eight members present. For roll call, members told what each would do on Mother's Day.

Carol Marsh read a poem about "Before I was a Mom." This was a really cute poem and reminded everyone about days as a Mom - what was done, many times without thinking. It also showed each member how by becoming a Mom our lives were changed a lot. It ended with "May you always be overwhelmed by the Grace of God rather than by the cares of life."

It was a day to elect officers. Actually, all the officers will serve

for another year with the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary has two high school girls who will be attending Girls State this year. They will be leaving sometime the first week in June. Everyone looks forward to having them come to the meeting in August and tell everyone about their experiences.

At the end of the meeting, everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments prepared by Meta Dankenbring and Carol Peters.

If eligible to become a member, join the members at the next meeting, 2 p.m. on Friday, June 5 at the Legion Hall.



CELEBRATING MAY BIRTHDAYS AT THE SENIOR CENTER are Merle Hitchcock (left), Vertie Boyard, Ilone Ketter, and Don Bruder. It was cake and ice cream for all.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Junior high tracksters attend meets

The Cheylin junior school track team has competed in five meets this spring.

At the March 2 Cheylin meet, the Cougars competed against nine teams and the results were the sixth and seventh grade girls place second for the day. The sixth and seventh grade boys place fourth overall. The eighth grade girls earned fifth place and the eighth grade boys sixth place.

The next track meet was April 21, in St. Francis and 11 teams competed on that day. The sixth and seventh grade girls placed sixth, the sixth and seventh grade boys also placed sixth. The eighth grade girls place 10th for the day and the boys also placed 10th for the day.

On April 25, the track team traveled to Tribune to compete with nine teams. The sixth and seventh grade girls placed second, the sixth and seventh grade boys placed third. The eighth grade girls place sixth and the eighth grade boys placed fifth.

Sharon Springs

In the Sharon Springs meet last Thursday, the Cougars competed against nine teams, and the sixth and seventh grade girls place first for the day, the sixth and seventh grade boys placed fourth. The eighth grade girls placed fifth and the eighth grade boys placed fourth.

Sixth and seventh grade girls
Discus throw: first place, Jaime Davidson, 53-9.5.

Shot put: fourth, Davidson, 23-4.

High jump: first place, Colleen Montevilla, 3-6.

Long jump: third place, Allie Frisbie, 12'6"; fifth place, Hubbard, 12-3.75.

Triple jump: third place, Montevilla, 22'9/4"; sixth place, Kalin Ritchey, 20-11.25.

100-meter dash: third place, Shayla Hubbard, 14.93; fourth place, Frisbie, 14.97; fifth place, Davidson, 15.27.

200-meter dash: second place, Frisbie, 31.16; fourth place, Hubbard, 31.91.

400-meter run: second place, Hubbard, 01:12.6; third place, Frisbie, 01:12.9.

800-meter run: first place, Ritchey, 03:06.2; third place, Montevilla, 03:09.4.

1600-meter run: first place, Ritchey, 06:39.9.

Sixth and seventh grade boys
Discus: second place, Walker Janicke, 94-10; sixth place, Luis

Solis, 73-1.
Shot put: fourth place, Janicke, 29-1.75; sixth, Solis, 26-10.

Triple jump: third place, Eddie Frisbie, 28-5.25; sixth place, Ty Carmichael, 24-3.

Long jump: fourth place, Frisbie, 13-8.5.

100-meter dash: sixth place, Frisbie, 15.28

200-meter dash: fifth place, Solis, 34.6

800-meter run: sixth place, Vandike, 02:56.6

1600-meter run: third place, Carmichael, 06:27.3

Medley relay: third place, Frisbie, Janicke, Solis, Casey Vandike, 02:22.3

4x100-meter relay: third place, Janicke, Shawn Pochop, Solis, Vandike, 01:07.2

Eighth grade girls

Long jump: first place, Stephanie Busse, 12-5.75.

High jump: first place, Busse, 4-2.

75-meter hurdles: second place, Busse, 14.7.

100-meter dash: fifth place, Cassie Rucker, 16.22.

200-meter dash: fourth place,

Rucker, 33.91.

Eighth grade boys

Discus: third place, Josh Keltz, 84-11.

Shot put: fourth place, Keltz, 34-6.

High jump: sixth place, Adam Orten, 4-2.

Long jump: second place, Grant Shrader, 15-9; fifth place, Kenan Reeh, 14-9.25.

Triple jump: third place, Reeh, 31-11.25; fifth place, Shrader, 31-0.75.

200-meter dash: fifth place, Austin Cobb, 29.68.

400-meter run: third place, Shrader, 01:08.1.

1600-meter run: sixth place, Heath Churchwell, 06:25.7.

3200-meter run: second place, Churchwell, 13:08.5.

4x100-meter relay: second place, Cobb, Orten, Reeh, Shrader, 58.19.

Track highlights

Churchwell broke the eighth grade boy's school record in the 3200-meter (2 mile)-13:08.5.

Reeh broke the eighth grade boy's school record in the 100-meter hurdles-18.85.



Busse broke the eighth grade girl's school record in both 100-meter dash-20.30 and 200-meter hurdles, 36.0.

Allie Frisbie, Mary Orten, Davison and Hubbard broke the seventh grade girl's school record in the 4x400-meter relay-05:12.9.

"We are excited to travel to Scott City on Friday to compete in the Freedom League Track Meet," said Coach Jolene Reeh.

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