



CHERYL LEE, director of the Home Health Department, shows **Rick Reeser**, Good Samaritan Village administrator, and **Tammy Howard**, Home Health administrative secretary, the new medication dispenser.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Home Health receives money

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 Recently, the Good Samaritan Village Home Health in St. Francis received part of a \$1,200 donation from the Lucille Stephenson foundation. With the money, they purchased six MedReady automated medication dispensers.

The medication dispensers hold 28 doses of pills or capsules: four doses for seven days; three doses for nine days; two doses for 14 days; or one dose a day for 28 days.

There is an alarm in the dispenser that can be set to go off up to four times a day. When it is time for the patient to take the medicine, the alarm begins to beep continuously until the medication door is slid open which shuts the alarm off. The patient need not worry about hearing the alarm because it is loud enough and, if sounded long

enough, becomes rather irritating. If the patient is deaf, the alarm has a flashing light.

As the alarm goes off, the medications to be taken at that time, automatically slide into place. There is no way the patient will be able to take his/her medications before the alarm goes off. If the patient misses a dose, the pill dispenser denies access to the missed dose.

This is a very useful tool to help provide health care to patients, said Cheryl Lee, director of the St. Francis Home Health department.

The department already had two automated medicine dispensers and were excited about having six more.

We are so grateful to have people donate money that we can use in this way, Mrs. Lee said.

The dispenser can be plugged into a lifeline. If the patient does

not respond to the dispenser, Lifeline is notified. An operator, in turn, calls three designated numbers previously selected by the patient, one or all of those people answering the call will check on the patient.

"The automated medical dispenser offers safety to our clients and the elderly," Mrs. Lee said. "It also gives reassurance to the patient's family as there are no overdoses or underdoses.

It has been found that those having the dispenser have fewer hospital or emergency room calls and less side affects from not taking their medication properly.

For more information on the automated dispenser or to talk to personnel about home health, contact Mrs. Lee or Tammy Howard at 785-332-3588.

New queen crowned at noon on July 30

The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, held in Bird City, is just weeks away and the new mystery Thresher Queen has been selected. Her identity will not be revealed until noon on Thursday, July 30, in front of the grandstand at the show.

The new queen was born in Nebraska and now lives in Cheyenne County. She grew up on a farm comprised of cattle, hogs, chickens and milk cows.

Cobs that she carried were used for the cook stove and heater. Later, she carried the ashes out.

Evenings were spent around the table with the kerosene-burning lamp furnishing light for studying, reading and playing games.

She remembers the Dust Bowl Days. Hard work, she said, was required of all family member which contributed to their way of life.

Are there any guesses on who the 2009 queen is? Check next week's *Times* and *Herald* for more clues.

Last year's queen was Mildred Wright. She will crown the new queen and her doll will go on display in the case of queens at the Eggers' Building on the show grounds.



New Thresher Queen



SUMMER VOLLEYBALL - Sunday night the younger players were defeated by the older group.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Library receives new books

There are several new books at the McDonald Library including *Celebration* by Fern Michaels; *Your Heart Belongs To Me* by Dean Koontz; *Just After Sunset* by Stephen King; *A Killing Frost* by Hannah Alexander; *Promises In Death* by J.D. Robb; *One Day At A Time* by Danielle Steel; *Night and Day* by Robert B. Parker; *Fireside* by Susan Wiggs; *Heart And Soul* by

Maeve Binchy; *Take One* by Karen Kingsbury; *Lavender Morning* by Jude Deveraux; *Long Lost* by Harlan Coben; *Rebecca's Promise* by Jerry Eicker; *Rebecca's Return* by Jerry Eicher; *First Family* by David Baldacci; *Rewriting Monday* by Jodi Thomas; *The Inn At Eagle Point* by Sheryl Woods; *Just Take My Heart* by Mary Higgins Clark; *Portrait of a Killer*

by Patricia Cornwell; *Mr. and Miss Anonymous* by Fern Michaels; *Loitering With Intent* by Stuart Woods; *Vision In White* by Nora Roberts; *The 8th Confession* by James Patterson; *When Joy Came To Stay* by Karen Kingsbury; *Matters Of The Heart* by Danielle Steel; *Relentless* by Dean Koontz.



JUNIOR HIGH CHEER SQUAD - The young ladies are preparing to support the junior high athletic teams throughout the school year. *Times staff photo by Linda Schneider*

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
CITY OF BIRD CITY
 will meet on the 3rd day of August, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at City Hall, Bird City and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2010 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2009 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2010 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2008		Current Year Estimate for 2009		Proposed Budget for 2010		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2010 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	216,535	43.113	281,892	43.214	299,555	112,761	49.192
Debt Service							
LIBRARY	6,720	3.591	9,326	3.600	9,741	8,500	3.708
Special Highway	4,180		22,000		25,000		
Special Park & Recreation	1,180		1,296		1,769		
Solid Waste	5,837		10,000		10,000		
Water & Sewer	136,971		216,746		251,300		
Non-Budgeted Funds	35,506						
Totals	406,929	46.704	541,260	46.814	597,365	121,261	52.900
Less: Transfers	60,000		60,000		108,600		
Net Expenditure	346,929		481,260		488,765		
Total Tax Levied	110,561		110,561		2,292,244		
Assessed Valuation	2,367,280		2,361,830				
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,	2007	2008	2009				
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0				
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0				
Other	0	474,925	532,302				
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0				
Total	0	474,925	532,302				

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Phyllis D. Carson
 City Official Title

Upcoming Promotions

For more information contact Casey McCormick at:
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Cheyenne County Fair

Aug. 5 - Aug. 8, 2009

Featuring 4-H's, fair and carnival activities, schedule of events and other interesting happenings at fair time.

All Papers School Section

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This section is packed full of information on schools in the area