

Board members present plans to commissioners

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Three members from the county emergency medical service board presented plans to the Cheyenne County Commissioners on Nov. 16 to pay emergency technicians for being on call.

Jannelle Bowers, director; Reid Raile and Wade Krien, emergency medical technicians, said the five-member board had met to see if something could be worked out and still not put the ambulance department over budget. Other members of the board are Loren White, Cynthia Poling and Mike Hanson.

They said the first plan for paying the call people was to budget for three people and pay them each \$.75 an hour. However, it would be almost impossible for three people to cover two towns (Bird City and St. Francis).

So, they went to five people, paying them each \$.50 an hour. This would put two emergency medical technicians in Bird City and three in St. Francis.

Dale Patton, commissioner, said he was happy to see some monetary factor for those technicians being on call. They noted that there are 20 people on the emergency medical technician roster and, even though it is only 50 cents, maybe technicians will be more committed.

Mr. Raile said it was a loose on-call schedule but all technicians are volunteers and if there is an extended time that the technician cannot be there, they will need to find someone to cover them.

Communication, said Andy Beikman, commissioner, is a big problem. Mrs. Bowers said that when there is a transfer, she will try to get a technician that is not on call.

The commissioners and Mrs. Bowers talked about having firemen or a responsible person drive the ambulance but there were no decisions made.

After a year, Mr. Beikman said, the board will know if the plan will work. However, they all agreed that the plan was a good idea.

Mrs. Bowers reported that one distance ambulance transfers often takes an entire day or night (long distance is anything over 70 miles). Since most technicians are volunteers, they miss a day's work. The board had decided that, each technician making a long distance run will be paid \$90 per run. Billed mileage will increase from \$9.40 to \$11.22 per loaded mile.

Insurance write-offs for October amounted to \$1,937. The technicians had made 17 runs in St. Francis and nine in Bird City.

Mrs. Bowers asked for two executive sessions — one for financial matters of the third party and another to discuss personnel. No decisions were made following coming out of the session.

Attorney's report
The commissioners had received a letter from Carol G. Green, clerk of the court of appeals, concerning the case of a child in need which has cost the county a considerable amount of money. Justin Barrett, the county attorney, had earlier been criticized for not being in court

when the decision on the case was overturned. Ms. Green said in the letter that it was not necessary that he be in court.

"This does not mean the case has been prejudged or is deemed unimportant," the letter stated.

Mrs. Gilliland said Craig Schoenroge had talked to her and wanting to know if the county was going to close Road M, between Road 15 and Road 16. The road will be open to the city well and closed the rest of the way.

Road and bridge department
Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, said Lobo Production, a well-drilling company, had paid \$2,500 as a fine for trenching across county roads without getting permission. The commissioners agreed that the money needed to be put into the general fund.

They talked about the work that the county would be doing at Keller Pond, northwest of St. Francis. The work is through the Cheyenne County Wildlife and will be paid for through the state. The county crew will be dredging out the pond and hauling the debris to the old landfill west of the pond to be used for road work in the future.

The commissioners asked the supervisor to not spend any more money than was absolutely necessary as the county funds are very close. Mr. Flemming said that the crew will be doing some graveling and mowing and needed to repair a truck.

In other business

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• Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, talked about Rosal, a chemical used to eliminate prairie dogs. He asked to attend a meeting in Garden City where the chemical and the problems of prairie dogs will be discussed. The commissioners agreed that he attend the meeting.

• Karen Flemming with the appraiser's office, asked that, since the office has been short of help, that she be allowed to take part of her vacation after the first of the year. The county's policy said that all vacation should be taken during the year but, considering the circumstances, they agreed that she could take her vacation after the first of the year but take it as quickly after the first of the year as possible.

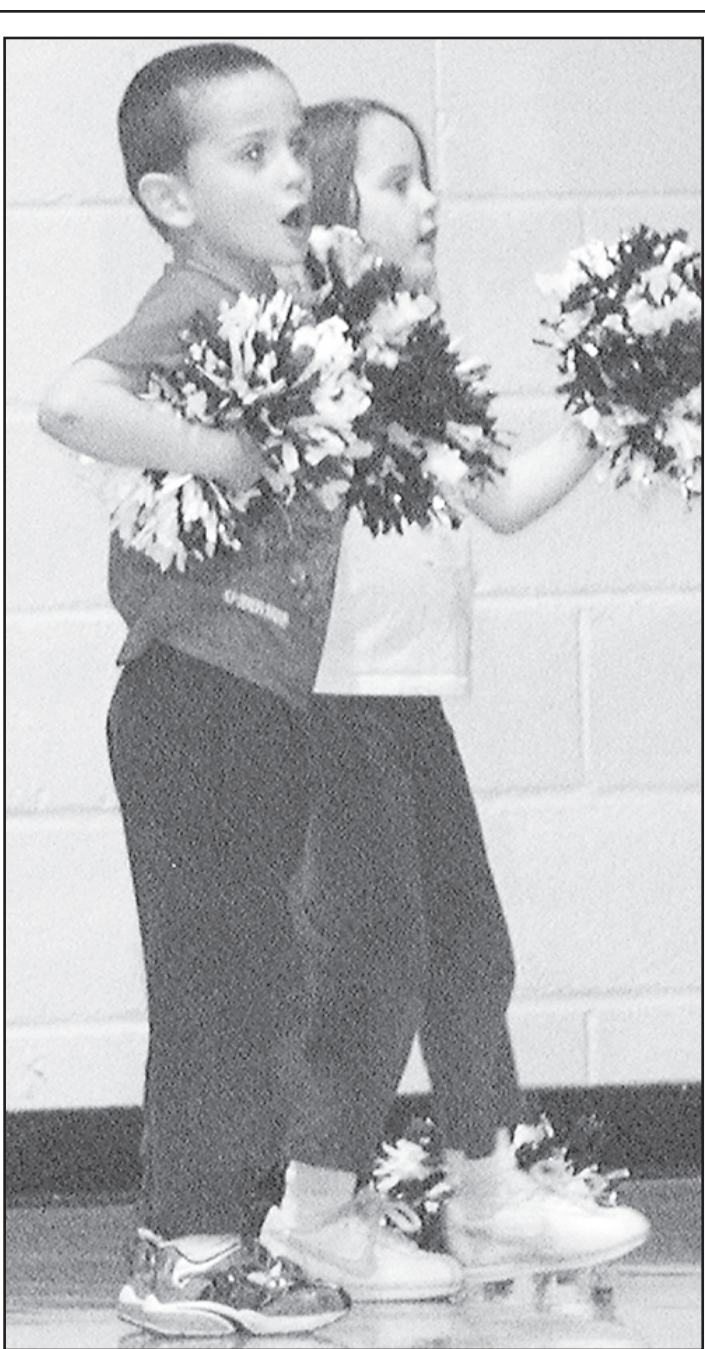
• Tim Carson, vice president with Corporate Plan, the county's health insurance, noted that premiums will probably be less next year than this year.

• The misuse of county computer was discussed. The county's policy states that there is to be no game playing. After discussion, the commissioners agreed to update the policy to include "and other personal use."

• Jennifer Padgett, communication director, said she needed to replace the cordless phone in the 911 dispatch office. The commissioners asked that she wait to replace it until after the first of the year.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



CHEERING FOR THE COUGARS at a junior high basketball game is John Serrano and Talexa Weeter.
Times staff phot by Linda Schneider

Christmas opening to began on Friday

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Friday is the official Christmas opening in St. Francis. The stores have been decorated for the season and the shelves are stocked with special items at special prices. Many people have their homes decorated. Instead of lights in the trees on Main Street, Christmas banners have been hung on the light poles.

At 4 p.m., the annual Treasure Hunt will start. Participating businesses have numbers hung in their windows or doors. Some have special places inside to draw customers into the store.

The Treasure Hunt numbers were inserted in this week's issue of The Saint Francis Herald. If the numbers did not match any of those in businesses on Friday, save those numbers for the Treasure Hunt on Monday, Dec. 14, when new numbers will be put up.

The Senior Center will be the place for soup and cinnamon rolls. Seniors will begin serving chili and chicken noodle soup at 4:30 and will end at 7 p.m. or whenever the soup runs out. This is a great time to take the Thanksgiving cook out to eat.

At 6 p.m. sharp (when the whistle sounds), the Light Parade will begin. People, organizations and businesses have been making floats, some only beginning on Thursday for the parade. All a float takes is a Christmas theme or just Christmas stuff, lights and a way to light them. Some have music and others are just pretty. One year, Lampe Hardware had fireworks — just a little creativity and imagination, along with some workers and there is a float.

Entries are to line up at the high school preferable before 5:30 p.m. It is best if those in charge of the float have time to make sure the lights and other mechanics work before the parade begins.

The parade is led by the city

Voting ballots available

Don't forget to vote on your favorite float or entry at the Light Parade on Friday night. The People Choice plaque will be awarded for having the most votes.

Ballots may be picked up at Owens True Value, Schultz's, Main St. Coffee, Ross Manufacturing and First National Bank.

Last year's winner was Pleasant Hill 4-H with a float covered with aluminum foil. The plaque is passed from winner to winner each year.

police. The last entry in the parade is Santa. This year, the floats will only go down the street one time — they will not turn around and go back up. In year's past, the floats have turned around and gone back up the street. However, the bystanders start backing into the streets after the first time and, with all the people and the fact that it is dark, it is dangerous. So, this year, only once down Main is the plan.

This Santa is the only Santa allowed in the parade. He will probably be riding on the fire truck and will stop at First National Bank where he will be visiting with children. This is a great time for parents to snap that picture for that everlasting memory with Santa.

This is a great time to meet friends and neighbors, especially those who have come to spend the holiday with family living in St. Francis. It is also a traditional way to welcome in the holiday season.

Match the ticket numbers in ads this week to win prizes

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Look for the ticket numbers in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages located on 1, 2 and 3B in this issue. It is the first week of the Christmas On Us fun and people need to read the ads on the Christmas On Us pages in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

There are six \$50 scrip instant giveaway prizes to be claimed as well as six business prizes.

Customers receive a ticket when they purchase \$10 in participating businesses. Individuals can receive one ticket, no purchase necessary, each week at *The Herald* office.

Throughout the Christmas On Us promotion, there are ticket numbers printed in ads on the special Christmas pages. The \$50 give-away numbers are included along with "*" numbers which are prizes given away by businesses. Winners will have their pictures taken.

The business prizes are a bonus for customers as there will be 12 additional prizes given throughout the season.

"Giving prizes in the businesses builds excitement and also gives the business owners another chance to say "thank you for shopping in St. Francis," said Casey McCormick, ad manager for *The Herald* and *Times*.

"Be sure to check out the many specials located in ads on the Christmas On Us pages (1B, 2B and 3B) while you are looking for your numbers.

"Check out those numbers! You might be a winner!" Mr. McCormick said.

There will be a drawing for \$1,000 on Dec. 14.

Winning tickets must be brought in on Monday

"It is important that the numbers be matched by Monday at 5 p.m. because, on Tuesday, new tickets will be drawn and there will be new numbers," said Karen Krien, pub-

lisher. "The numbers from the week before will no longer be good to claim a prize."

If a ticket number is unclaimed, a new number will be drawn and it will be added to the next week's numbers on the Christmas On Us pages.

Those winning a \$50 scrip prize will be photographed for next week's papers. They will also need to tell how they plan to spend the money. Those winning a prize at a business will be accompanied by one of the staff from *The Herald* to the business where they will be pictured with the owner and the gift they won.

"It is a merry time of the year and giving away money and prizes makes it even more fun," said Mr. McCormick.

A total of \$400 in scrip will be given to Instant Winners and 12 business prizes will be given away.

"Each week, participating merchants will be advertising sales and specials in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages so while you are looking for matching numbers, be sure to take a good look at the specials," Mr. McCormick said.

Participating businesses in the Christmas On Us drawings are:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Bumper To Bumper
- Hilltop General Store/Uptown Market
- Majestic Service
- Owens True Value
- Parkhill Restaurant
- Republican Valley Auto Supply
- St. Francis Super's
- Schultz's
- St. Francis Tire and Service
- The Saint Francis Herald
- United Methodist Thrift Store

Be sure to mark the calendar for Dec. 14 for the grand prize drawings held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce's activities. The drawing starts at 5:30 p.m. at the grade school in St. Francis.

Movie Review

A Christmas Carol

Ebenezer Scrooge begins the Christmas holiday with his usual miserly contempt, barking at his faithful clerk and his cheery nephew. But when the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come

take him on an eye-opening journey revealing truths Old Scrooge is reluctant to face, he must open his heart to undo years of ill will before it's too late.

Holiday letters to Santa wanted for publication

Christmas seen through the eyes of a child is often priceless.

This year, as in year's past, the special Christmas and New Year's sections will be published before

the holidays. The sections will feature letters for Santa, answers of questions asked of school children, memories and recipes.

The Saint Francis Herald and *Bird City Times* staffs welcome participation from children to adults. All items must be received by Dec. 10 in order to be published in the special section.

Send letters, special memories, articles and recipes to *The Herald* at Box 1050, St. Francis, 67756, fax 785-332-3001, e-mail to karen.k@nwkansas.com or betty.w@nwkansas.com titling the subject as "Christmas For The Paper."

Bowling News

Ladies Nite Out 11-12

Team standings: Wray Meat Packing 23-13, Gutter Gals 22.5-13.5, Strikers 22-14, Jersey Maids 22-14, Dundy Ag 20-16, Wright Carpet 18-18, Bankwest 12.5-23.5.

High game (scratch): Laura Robbins 177, Marsha Kechter 172, Vicki Coates 164; (handicap): Robbins 224, Joyce Williams 221, Jessica Mitchell and Boots Peterson 215.

High series (scratch): Robbins 464, Peterson 460, Kechter 453; (handicap): Peterson 631, Williams 623, Robbins 605.

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT	
ENDING October 31, 2009	
Published in The St Francis Herald, St Francis, Kansas & Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas. Wed., Nov 25, 09 (48)	
FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL	93,015.44
ROAD & BRIDGE	364,302.99
BRIDGE BUILDING	36,279.49
NOXIOUS WEED	23,838.43
NOXIOUS WEED SPECIAL	8,731.70
CAFETERIA PLAN	8,105.17
RURAL FIRE	18,915.08
DIVERSION FUND	1,816.39
CO ATTN'Y BAD CHECK	711.25
REG OF DEEDS TECH	30,191.81
PROSECUTION	1,843.02
RV Tax	251.50
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	3,926.33
E-911	4,580.31
UNCLAIMED FUNDS	5,075.47
AMBULANCE MEMORIAL	6,227.87
INSUFFICIENT CHECK	-255.08
ADVANCED TAX	13,119.30
SPECIAL AMBULANCE	21,937.00
SPECIAL FIRE EQUIP.	1,536.00
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	19,533.00
MOTOR VEHICLE FUND	13,324.44
STATE SALES TAX	13,557.74
ATTORNEY FUND	544.50
FISH & GAME	62.00
MAPS	40.00
BENKELMAN TOWNSHIP	6,202.45
CALFOLIN TOWNSHIP	7,122.97
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP	763.48
JACQUA TOWNSHIP	7,307.57
HANDICAP EQUIPMENT	680.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	223,631.27
CCH/COUNTY HEALTH	10,263.81
PRAIRIE DOG	9,199.50
GIFT ANNUITY	15,736.59
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	128,167.30
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,093,704.09

I do solemnly swear the above statement is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me
Dolores Jenik, County Treasurer (SOF)

Bowling News

Monday Night Mixed 11-9

Team standings: Earl's Gals 13-11, ABC-Z 12-12, Neitzel Insurance 11-13, Gutter Heads 11-13.

High game (scratch): Kale Zimbelman 212, Eddie Zuege 199, Tammy Zimbelman 175, Earl Hankins 168, Amelia Zuege 146, Sally Baird 138; (handicap): E. Zuege 224, Derek Morrow 218, T. Zimbelman 204, Connie Wilger and Vicki Cox 203.

High series (scratch): K. Zimbelman 564, E. Zuege 535, T. Zimbelman 479, E. Hankins 422, Baird 400, Janice Krien 392; (handicap): E. Zuege 610, Morrow 605, K. Zimbelman 582, T. Zimbelman and Cox 566, Baird 559.

Wednesday Afternoon Coffee 11-11

Team standings: Lodge Sleepers 26-14, Western State Bank 24.5-11.5, Kale's Girls 21-19, Jolly Ranchers 20.5-11.5, Dairy King 17-23.

High game (scratch): Donna Hall 195, Marlys Poulignot 182, Ann Davisson 159; (handicap): Hall 245, Poulignot 229, Sally Leinen 224.

High series (scratch): Hall 473, Carol Peterson 458, Poulignot 431; (handicap): Peterson 635, Hall 623, Poulignot 572.

Wednesday Night Mens 11-11

Team standings: Cheyenne Bowl

25-11, Krien Steel 22-14, Idalia JV 19-17, Bonny Solutions 18.5-17.5, Haigler One 18.5-17.5, Wright and Wrong 18-18, Haigler Two 17-19, Bonanza Ford 6-2.

High game (scratch): Kale Zimbelman 215, Wayne Mahon 203, Eddie Zuege 202.

High series (scratch): Zimbelman 561, Zuege 549, JD Hawkins 545.

Knights of Columbus Car Magnets \$5

Contact Mike Antholz in St. Francis at 785-332-3482 or Dennis Wright in Bird City at 785-734-2490

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