

# Club Clip

## American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met on March 5, with 13 members present.

Initiated into the auxiliary were Carolyn Rosenfelt and Diane Simmonds. This was really a good reminder of the oaths that each member took when joining the American Legion Auxiliary.

Rose Gordon conducted the ceremony and read the four principles upon which the American Legion Auxiliary was formed. They are justice, freedom, democracy and loyalty. All of these are very important as the members pledge to promote Americanism and the American Legion.

Co-Chairman Rose Gordon read some communication from the American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters about House bill 2549 and Senate bill 476 for the State of Kansas.

Both of these bills seek to impose a 5.3 percent sales tax on membership dues and gross receipts of all bingo sales. They also impose a 5.3 percent sales tax on dues - which does not include city sales taxes that would piggy back on top of the state sales tax on each member's dues.

The house bill would put a 5.3 percent sales tax on all electric, gas and water bills. It would also repeal an exemption that allows churches to avoid paying sales tax on purchases.

Members were encouraged to contact Kansas Senators and Representatives. Here are their names and addresses: Senator Pat Roberts, 100 Military Plaza, P.O. Box 550, Dodge City, KS 67801; Senator Sam Brownback, 811 N. Main St. Ste A, Garden City, KS. 67846; Representative Jerry Moran, 1200 Main St. Ste 402, P.O. Box 249, Hays, KS 67601-0249.

Everyone was encouraged to let them know what they thought about these bills. By adding taxes

to the membership dues is like adding \$2.25 to \$3.50 for the privilege of serving an organization that was formed to promote Americanism and support for our military.

It was suggested that this be put forth for everyone to see what this bill is about, and Wanda said that she would put this in the paper along with the notes about our meeting. Diane Simmonds asked if Wanda would also put this in the Atwood Paper, Square Deal. Wanda said she would do this.

On March 20, the members will join the American Legion in having a feed at the American Legion Hall. With all the proceeds going for a new window at the Legion Hall. After the meal, there will be bingo.

As there was no more business, Mary Dorsch gave the program. She began by telling that the American Legion Auxiliary is celebrating its 90 birthday.

It began on Nov. 10, 1919. In the first year there were 1,342 local units and 120,000 women who joined. Then she gave the program, explaining to each member what the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary means. Everyone repeats this at the beginning of each meeting, but as it is being done, each member can each remember what these principles stand for and what the purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary really is.

This really meant a great deal to the members, since witnessing the initiation of two new members and hopefully renewed each member's vows as they pledged theirs in joining.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed refreshments prepared by Hulda Dorsch and served by Carol Marsh. Members really enjoyed the decorated table that Carol Marsh had put together with the theme of St. Patrick's Day.



AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, left to right, Craig Busse, Wil Orten, Mitchel Jensen, Steven Pham, Danny Frisbie, and Caleb Keltz receive commendation for Scholar's Bowl. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

# Analyzer replaced after it failed

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Hospital Board at the Feb. 25 meeting, was told that the blood gas analyzer had been replaced after it had failed.

Les Lacy, hospital administrator, said it was a necessary piece of equipment and he had made the purchase of a new analyzer for \$14,000. Since it is considered capital equipment, the purchase was made out of funded depreciation.

He said the blood bank refrigerator is 15 years old. The vaccine refrigerator at the clinic had recently quit and he didn't want

to take the chance that the blood bank refrigerator would quit. He is getting bids but expects it to cost around \$5,000.

### Physical therapy department report

Shara Johnson, physical therapy department head, gave a brief summary of what has been happening in the department. She noted that volume is up and down and Dr. Ryan White, an orthopedic surgeon, had made a number of referral patients to the department which will help the volume.

Jane Young, board member, asked if the physical therapy department was adequately

staffed? Mrs. Johnson said that it was and, when the volume is low, JoAnn Klie, who is the risk manager, will work in that area.

Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, the company which leases the hospital, asked if the pool therapy was used much. Again, Mrs. Johnson said it goes in spurts but it is usually busy on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs. Johnson also travels to Bird City to give therapy to patients who are unable to get to the hospital but it depends on the needs of the patient.

She is pursuing her education and will be getting her doctorate in physical therapy. She said she is taking a short break but only has two courses left.

### Efficiency in the meetings

The administrator asked the board how they felt they could better spend their time at board meetings? Kari Gilliland said she felt that the strategic planning process addressed the future very efficiently; Traci Neitzel, board member, added that she thought they were getting the needed information. Mrs. Young said she felt very comfortable asking questions. Jerry Toler, president, asked if more information and photos of the staff could be provided so the board would be more familiar with them.

### Administrator's report

In the administrator's report, Mr. Lacy said the hospital had used \$140,000 in funded depreciation dollars and \$50,000 in board funds since the last board meeting. Some of this, he said, is due to changes made in the hospital's charge structure. However, the hospital, he said, is recovering from a disruption of the billing/revenue cycle system and he expects this situation to improve shortly. He also added that past records show that board funds have been used almost every January historically.

At the hospital, the volume, for the most part, had been a little slower but there had also been some incidences of high volume during this time. Outpatient volume had been variable. (See related figures.)

Mr. Lacy said there are changes being made in the kitchen which will help the hospital when the next state inspection is made. We may still receive deficiencies, he said, but I do not anticipate a condition level issue.

Kent Carmichael, the hospital's architect, had met with the staff on Jan. 21 to get more input on needs in each of the departments. He is working on the facility improvement plan.

Mr. Carmichael would like to meet with the board. He will be in St. Francis on March 26, and Mr. Lacy suggested an extended luncheon meeting with the board and architect.

Mr. Lacy also reported:

- That he and the staff are writing a Primary Care Clinic Con-

## January stats

Total Patient days: 118 – This would be an average of 3.8 patients per day.  
Lab tests: 1,959  
Outpatient specialty clinic visits: 83  
Emergency room visits: 44  
Outpatient services: 1,790

tinuation grant which is due by March 15.

- He is opening up some temporary positions to sustain the performance of the revenue cycle and assist in implementing some computer software and hardware improvements.

- The staff is making changes to the charity care policy to better identify individuals who should or should not be on the policy.

### Great Plains report

Mrs. John, in her Great Plains Health Alliance report, said two long-term care facilities, one in Ransom and the other in Leoti, had been ranked in the top 173 nursing homes in American, according to "U.S. News & World Report."

She also talked about the fines related with violations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act regulations. If hospitals don't have a HIPAA manual, education and now a Breach Notification Policy, a hospital could suffer up to \$1.5 million in fines. The Alliance has prepared this manual for the hospital as a cooperative effort with other Great Plains Health Alliance hospitals to keep the cost down.

### In other business

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- Megan Rice, St. Francis, asked the board to consider application to the Nursing Scholarship Loan Program. The board gives \$1,000 a year and the state of Kansas, \$2,500 a year. The board, after executive session approved her application. Megan works as a ward clerk at the hospital.

- Mila Bandel's county health department report showed that there had been a total of 458 encounters with adults and children. There had been 16 people participating in the diabetes support meeting.

- Tyler Raile, physician assistant, will be out for up to 12 weeks but his position will be covered, Mr. Lacy said.

### Next meeting

The regular meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, at the First National Bank meeting room. A special meeting with the board and architect will be at a noon luncheon meeting at the hospital on March 26.

## Public Notices

### Petition filed in court for the Orth Estate

Published in The Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, on Thursdays, February 25, March 4, and March 11, 2010. (8-10)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

Case No. 09-PR-29

BETTY J. ORTH, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 17, 2010, a petition was filed in this Court by Roger Orth, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Betty J. Orth," deceased, dated October 13, 2004, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 22, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Roger Orth, Petitioner

JAMES M. MILLIKEN, CHARTERED  
James M. Milliken, #7001  
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ST. FRANCIS, KS 67756  
(785) 332-2101  
Attorneys for Petitioner

### Notice published to control noxious weeds

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GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Bull Thistle is a County Option Noxious Weed declared noxious by the Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Cheyenne County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
2. Filing criminal charges for non compliance. Conviction for non compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Cheyenne County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 109 S.W. 9th, Topeka, KS 66612.

### Ordinance published on juvenile driving

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ORDINANCE NO. 565

**AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING JUVENILE DRIVING PRIVILEGES, GRADUATED LICENSING RESTRICTIONS AND ESTABLISHING NEW PENALTY PROVISIONS AND AMENDING PARAGRAPH (c) OF SECTION 195 OF THE 2009 STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCES AS ADOPTED BY THE 2003 CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 563 IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF HOUSE BILL 2143.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, that paragraph (c) of Section 195 of the 2009 Standard Traffic Ordinances, be amended to read as follows:

(c) Any person guilty of violating this section, for violating restrictions on a driver's license or permit imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 8-237, 8-296, 8-2,100 or 8-2,101, and amendments thereto:

This amendment to paragraph (c) of Section 195 of the 2009 Standard Traffic Ordinances as adopted by the 2003 Code of the City of St. Francis, Kansas, pursuant to Ordinance Number 563 shall be effective upon its publication in the *St. Francis Herald*.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the governing body, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2010.

/s/ SCOTT SCHULTZ, Mayor  
City of St. Francis, Kansas

ATTEST:

/s/ MARY P. LAMPE  
City Clerk

### Bird City publishes invitation for bids

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THE CITY OF BIRD CITY  
INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Bird City, Kansas is now soliciting bids for the rehabilitation of three (3) residential properties within the City of Bird City. The rehabilitation work will include general home improvements. Sealed bids for this work will be received until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2010.

All prospective bidders are advised that bids on this work will not be accepted by the City of Bird City unless the bidder has viewed the properties to be rehabilitated in the company of a certified representative to verify site review. The City has scheduled Friday, March 19, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Monday March 22, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for viewing of the homes. The City will be conducting a pre-bid on the same day at City Hall. The City's Inspector/Risk Assessor and grant administrator will meet rehabilitation bidders at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 22, 2010. Attendance of the pre-bid is mandatory for rehabilitation bidders in order to bid on the project. Information for Bidders packets can be obtained by contacting Corina Cox, NWWK&DC at (785) 421-2151 or DeAnza Ambrosier, City Clerk at (785) 734-2616.

Bids may be held by the City for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the opening of the bids in order to allow time for reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of the bidders prior to awarding the contracts. The City of Bird City is not obligated to accept lowest bid or any other bid.

Bids will be opened at the City Hall, 111 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Bird City, Kansas, at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2010.

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