



MIGUEL GONZALEZ sleeps in class as part of pajama day at the Cheylin schools.



KIDS PLAYED fun games at the homecoming dance on Saturday night.

Times photo by Susan Jensen

County commissioners buy compactor

By Karen Krien
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The Cheyenne County Commissioners agreed to purchase a used compactor for the landfill when they met Friday morning.

Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, had prices for a landfill compactor. The purchase of a compactor has been on the commissioners' agenda for over a month.

The compactor he thought would be the best deal for the county was a rebuilt machine costing \$165,000. The commissioners will look into interest rates for financing used equipment.

He said that Edwards County is selling a used pickup fitted with a spray rig. The asking price is \$12,000 to \$15,000. The commissioners decided to see if the pickup could be looked at at the next commissioners' meeting. Mr. Flemming will try to set up the meeting.

Mr. Flemming reviewed his work schedule for the last month. He said with the rain, the crew can

go back to grading roads. **Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Program**
Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development coordinator, had received a letter from the attorney general's office on Wednesday, Sept. 26, concerning the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Program. There were two minor corrections in the plan and Mrs. Dobbs would send it back for the final signature, putting the program into effect in Cheyenne County.

The program had taken longer than expected to get organized and the final approval from the attorney general's office. She and the commissioners had tried to get the program to be retroactive to when the commissioners' had signed the program but the personnel at the attorney general's office said that there could be no retroactivity - that the program did not officially begin until the attorney general had put his signature on the paper. The rule is the same in other counties that were also getting their program

underway. **911 dispatch**
At the last meeting, Laurie Knebel had asked the commissioners to resend her resignation as a 911 dispatcher. They agreed to take back the resignation. She had talked to them about ways money could be saved in the dispatch office and was anxious to do some grant writing.

Terry Rieger, dispatcher, had stepped up to help where he could after Jen Padgett, dispatch coordinator, had resigned. Mr. Patton noted that if Mr. Rieger were to take the coordinator job, he would have to take some training to qualify for the position. Mrs. Knebel already had the training.

The commissioners agreed to hire Mike Blehm as a dispatcher. Terry Miller, clerk, will see if Mr. Rieger and Mrs. Knebel will come to the next commissioners' meeting to discuss the matter.

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas
Bonnie Burr, Bird City, and Robin Burr, St. Francis, board representatives of the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, along with Gerard Michaud, Developmental Services executive director; and Ruth Lang, administrative assistant, thanked the commissioners for the money allotted to the services this year. They also thanked them for signing a letter of support of the Developmental Services earlier in the year.

The commissioners had given the Developmental Services \$8,480 which was the same amount as last year. It was noted that Cheyenne County has six people being served.

In other business
• Mr. Miller will go to a meeting in Hays.

Retired woman still plays piano for Church at 98 years

Ruby Peters, former Bird City resident, is still tinkling the keys of the piano.

In a recent article which was written by Ann Wickett and printed in the Tecumseh Chieftan, Mrs. Peters was featured for "Still playing for devotions at age 98."

"It's my pleasure to play whenever they ask me," Mrs. Peters said in the article.

Mrs. Peters is a resident at Belle Terrace and, at 98 years old, still plays the piano for devotions.

"Music is my thing. I'm happy and more than willing to do it," Mrs. Peters said in the article.

Ruby started playing the piano for Sunday school at the age of 13. She was encouraged to play the piano and organ by her music teacher while growing up in Bird City.

According to the article, Bird City had several great musicians and a community band. She also attended a variety of dances in her youth.

Ruby's parents had a piano in their home. Her mother didn't have to encourage her to play.

"I wanted to learn," Ruby said. There were six siblings in

Ruby's family including one sister and five brothers. Ruby's sister played the piano for a few years. Two of her brothers played the saxophone. Ruby's two sons, Roger and TJ didn't inherit her musical talents.

Ruby moved to Elk Creek when she married Orval "Jake" Peters on Oct. 11, 1940. In the 1950s, she began playing for worship service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church southwest of Elk Creek.

In the early 1990s, she also played the organ for worship services at St. James Lutheran Church located east of Elk Creek. In addition to playing the organ for worship services, Ruby also likes to play popular music on the piano.

She can be found playing for weddings, funerals, operettas, the Hallelujah Kids chorus and school activities. Ruby doesn't have any special hymns she likes to play. She doesn't even have a preference for playing the organ over the piano. However, she thinks the organ is great because you can do so much more with the keys.

The above article was brought in by Marlene Young, Ruby's niece.

McDonald News

Joan Tongish and Betty Lewis called on Marlene Johnson Wednesday.

Marlene Johnson was a weekend guest of Ted and Dixie Bethel in McCook. They enjoyed the Heritage Days events.

Weekend guests of Fred and Lavina Waters were Louise Akers of Limon, CO, and Doug and Ann Good of Gunnison, CO.

Sunday dinner guests of Fred and Lavina Waters were their neices, Barbara Estes and Judy White.

Thursday afternoon Jerry and Betty Knapp traveled to Oakley with Brenda Knapp to watch Katie Jo Purvis play volleyball. They also traveled to Colby Saturday to watch her play there also.

Jerry and Betty Knapp were Sunday evening guests of Lynn and Rita Officer.

Rita Officer, and Mark and Marilee Gundlach and children called on Ratha Lea Loker Saturday afternoon.

Sunday Craig and Jeri Antholz hosted a birthday party for Mindy Antholz. Guests were Gilbert and Janice Antholz, Craig and Jeri Antholz's family, and Hal and CJ Antholz.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz enjoyed supper Friday evening with Steve Skubal at Big Eds.

Bruce and Shirley Swihart were Sunday evening guests of Eleanor Swihart.

Shane Guggenmos

For Cheyenne County Sheriff

It is my conviction that law enforcement should be more than law enforcement. Throughout my 16 years of experience I have learned that we in law enforcement must serve and protect the public with mercy and compassion. It is my intent to extend that service to Cheyenne County.

Paid for by Shane Guggenmos

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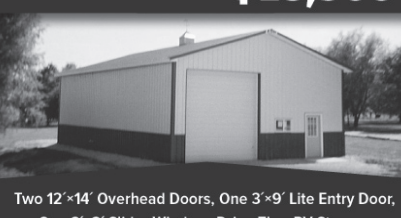
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