

Saintly man found dead, KBI called in

A 45-year-old man was found dead in his home in St. Francis last Wednesday, and agents of Kansas Bureau of Investigation were in town processing the crime scene later.



Figgins

Emergency medical technicians were dispatched to 541 E. Third Street that evening. Sheriff deputies and St. Francis police officers responded to the scene. Resident Brad Figgins was in the basement of his home when law enforcement arrived. He was transported to the hospital by ambulance. Figgins was pronounced dead at the hospital. The home was surrounded by yellow police tape and secured.

A woman at the scene was held for questioning. A closed-door hearing was held in Cheyenne County District Court

on Monday.

Cheyenne County Sheriff Cody Beeson said that because of the complexity of the case, he asked for assistance from the K.B.I. As of Tuesday, no further details were available but Sheriff Beeson said the investigation is ongoing.

We are waiting for the official autopsy results, he said.

"The Cheyenne County Sheriff's office, St. Francis Police Department, KBI and the Cheyenne County Attorney are working on the case," the sheriff said. "Our concern is always for the safety of the community. The community is not in danger at this time. Our hearts go out to the family."

Mr. Figgins was a driver for FedEx. Survivors include a son, Garrett, a daughter, Kaitlin, and his parents, Richard and Diane Figgins.

Funeral services were set for noon Tuesday at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis, with burial in the Kanorado Cemetery.

Health fair set for next week in Bird City

The Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Departments will be sponsoring the Cheyenne County Spring Health Fair Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, for blood draws and April 22-26, for men and women exams. The health fair services are being offered at a much reduced cost for the blood draws and exams.

Female exams includes a breast and pelvic exam with pap smear. Male exams will include a prostate check. The fee is due at time of service and will not be billed to insurance.

In St. Francis the lab draws will be from 6:30 to 10 a.m. all three days. People need to go to the basement of the Cheyenne

County Clinic.

In Bird City, the lab draws will be held from 6:30 to 10 a.m. in the Bird City Clinic only on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Remember to fast for the chemical panel lab test. Eat nothing and drink only water after midnight. People taking medicine can take it before their lab work.

For the men and women exams, people should call the clinic for an appointment at 332-2682 in St. Francis or 734-2200 in Bird City. Exams are done by appointment only during the week of April 22 through 26.

For more information, please contact Mila Bandel, county health nurse at 332-2381.



CRISTI ANTHOLZ'S FIFTH GRADERS portrayed Civil War characters, dressing the parts and obviously enjoying the whole experience.

Times staff photos by Norma Martinez.

Students study about the Civil War

The Civil War began in 1861 and ended in 1865, but in Cristi Antholz's fifth grade class her students have been reawakening this war in April every year.

As a conclusion to this study Ms. Antholz's students research the history of their favorite war heroes. On April 3 the red carpet was strung out in the cafeteria and wearing the formal dress of the stars of their choice they had an opportunity to become Civil War Stars.

Students from the other elementary classes and parents were invited to attend. After the stars appearance and introduction while walking the red carpet, they become available for autographs and mingled with their guests for autographs and pictures.

This year's Civil War Stars were: Kimberly Velazquez as Belle Boyd, Guinevere Burr as Clara Barton, Italia Gutierrez as Harriet Beecher Stowe, Kaylynn Hendricks as Rose O'Neal Greenhow, Jayden Boyson as John Wilkes Booth, Miguel Gonzalez as Ulysses S. Grant, Luis Reynoso as Robert E. Lee, and Daniel Monteiro as Abraham Lincoln.



SOAKING UP THE SUN - This cat had a good seat in the old theater window where he could sun himself while keeping an eye on the activities on the street.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Fair rule books prepared for printing and covers

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With the fair just four months away, the Cheyenne County Fair Board talked about the fair books and getting ready for printing.

The fair books contain rules, times and other information concerning 4-H and other fair events. Last year, the county allowed the fair board to run off 500 fair books for the cost of the paper. It will cost \$300 for the covers and posters.

The fair board sells the advertising in the book. The list of sponsors was distributed among the members, noting the business-card size ads cost \$40 each.

Shade for small arena

Marty Fear, county agent, said he had found a 32- by 64-foot shade for the small arena at the fairgrounds. The cost would be around \$900 but that did not include the frame work.

The board talked about the cost of the frame work. They thought it would probably be pretty expensive. Adam Peter, board member, said he would furnish the welding work for free if they wanted to build it out of metal tubing.

Agent Fear was asked to find out what the total cost for the project would be. Dick Bursch, president, said he would ask Century II if the

organization would be interested in funding it. Edgar Roberson, one of the main contributors to the organization, Mr. Bursch said, was a big supporter of the fair and 4-H.

Grandstand events

Mr. Peter reported on the plans for the demolition derby and Tuff Trucks events that are held in the evening during the fair. He said that he had received a few calls. He needs to finalize the rules adding that more roll cages need to be installed on the Tuff Truck event.

Demolition derbies will be held in Colby and Oakley this year but they will be held on different dates than the Cheyenne County derby. Goodland, he said, will not have a derby this year - they didn't have one last year.

President Bursch urged Adam to get the rules mailed out as quickly as possible.

Brian Hobrock, board member and on the committee for the team roping, said the contractor who supplies the steers had been contacted.

Drew Flemming, board member, had talked to Butch Ewing, St. Francis. He said there were some ropers interested in using the arena at the fairgrounds every other Saturday during the summer.

The board talked about liability insurance, the deposit and if the

lights were used. They agreed that the 4-H'ers in the horse program would have priority if they needed the arena.

Mr. Bursch will talk to the commissioners. If the event is approved and the ropers are still interested, the board agreed that they will need to come to a board meeting to further discuss the matter.

In other business

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• President Bursch said the Mexican sand burrs are taking over part of the fair grounds. He wondered if one or more 4-H groups would be interested in raking them up - possibly taking old sheets or blankets and pulling them over the area to pick up the burrs. Mr. Fear said he would ask.

• Bill Keller with Stanion Electric, Pratt, had talked to Mr. Bursch about rewiring the livestock barn.

• This year, there are 10 4-H'ers enrolled in the lamb program and 17 enrolled in the goat program. The extension office will have the actual numbers at the livestock weigh in held May 1. There may be a need for more pens.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the board has been set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.