

# Commissioners lift county burn ban

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On July 8, the commissioners declared a burn ban for Cheyenne County. Little or no rain had fallen in the county and, with the 100-plus temperatures and hot, dry wind, there was concern of unnecessary fires causing pasture and house fires.

However, at the Monday, July 15, meeting, rain, measuring anywhere from .25 to 1.50 inches had fallen in the past few days. They agreed to lift the burn ban.

## Sheriff's report

Cody Beeson, sheriff, and Carol Gamblin, deputy, discussed the office workload. Sheriff Beeson said his staff was swamped. Everything, he said, is big cases. The workload has definitely increased for Carol and she is an essential part of the office.

She has to keep up on the laws and make sure the officers are kept up, too. She also files the reports.

The sheriff asked that Mrs. Gamblin be put on the payroll as a full-time employee.

I don't need the health insurance, she said, but if I am going full-time, I feel that I should be entitled to the other benefits.

The commissioners agreed to the sheriff's request to make Mrs. Gamblin full time.

Sheriff Beeson asked for 15 minutes executive session to discuss public safety. No decision was made after coming out of that session. He then asked for 20 minutes more to discuss personnel.

When returning to regular session, the sheriff presented a deputy wage agreement for Michael Blehm, starting him at a Class 2 pay scale.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, questioned why the sheriff's deputy spent so much time in Bird City.

Sheriff Beeson said that gas is high and when they go to that area, they think it is important to spend as much time as possible there. Besides, he said, there is a significant rise in crime when officers are not around.

Dale Patton, commissioner, added that, in his opinion, law enforcement presence is a deterrent to crime. The bad guys, he said, always appear to know the schedule and it is important that the law is on hand.

## Landfill

Byron Moberly, landfill supervisor, was questioned as to how he accepted e-waste items brought to the landfill. They wanted to know they were weighed with the other items and included in the total bill?

He said that it was up to the person delivering the load. If they

want to take out the e-waste first they can. Or, he said, he can weigh the whole load, then take out the e-waste.

Mr. Moberly asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss a land purchase. Upon coming out, the commissioners made no decision.

## Bandshell in Sawhill Park

The remodeling of the band shell in Sawhill Park, St. Francis, was going to cost more than planned and more than the Kansas Historical Society grant. The project is being headed by the city of St. Francis.

Greg Kite, former St. Francis resident and representing the Society, had contacted Terry Miller, clerk, asking that the county consider giving some money to help fund the project. Mr. Kite said the project is around \$35,000 short of having the funding. He had donated money but more was still needed.

J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis city superintendent, was at the meeting. He said the project has been divided into three phases to make the completion more feasible. He also said there was some private money available but, also added that more money will be needed.

These are tough times, said Dale Patton, commissioner. Looking at the budget, he didn't see any extra funding. However, he said, when we start the budget process, we will see if some funds can be allocated.

The band shell, he said, has been a part of the county for a long time. He commended Mr. Kite, adding that it was good to see someone like him who believes in the community.

## In other business

In other business:

- The commissioners voted to accept ambulance insurance write-offs of \$3,643.

- Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development Corporation director, submitted her proposed budget for next year. She also discussed some of the brochures featuring Cheyenne County, Bird City and St. Francis, which she has been distributing.

- Judge Robert Van Allen was told to buy a new computer.

- A permit to trench across a minimal maintenance road was given to Steve Nolan.

- A contract for construction of the Hnizdil bridge was signed for Reece Construction, Scandia.

## Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

# Walk run approaching

The third annual 5k race and 2-mile walk will be held in conjunction with the Cheyenne County Fair on Saturday, Aug. 3, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Registration will begin at 6:45 a.m. on the south side of the gym.

The course for the runners will head south two blocks, then east around the cemetery, back west on North Street, and then return to the gym heading south on College Street.

Registration forms can be picked up at the St. Francis United Methodist Education Building at 104 West Webster or call Warren Cico at 772-7098. There is a reduced entry fee for early registrations received before July 26.

Each participant will receive a T-shirt, refreshments, and a chance for a door prize. There will be many prizes - including gift certificates from local businesses. Any profit from the race will go into the United Methodist Youth Fellowship fund.

First place prizes will be given to the overall male and female runner in the run. First through third place finishers in each age division in the run will receive medals. The first 10 place finishers in the walk will receive a medal.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration, timing, recording the results, and at the water stations. Please call the church office at 332-2292 if you can help.



Kyle Buffington and crew working harvest on the Junior Knorr family farm, southeast of St. Francis. Herald photo by Doug Sloper

# Wheat harvest disappointing to many

A disappointing wheat harvest is all but wrapped up in the county. "I have just a couple of loads left to come in," said Dale Weeks, Wheeler Equity. "We expected it, and it turned out to be a poor harvest."

The custom crews have loaded up and headed to their next destination.

"Now we total up, settle up, and get the yield information to

producer to split with his landlords and to take to his insurance carrier," said Shirley Zweygardt, St. Francis Equity. Proving a history of yields is necessary for producers crop insurance claims.

When asked if this was a "50 percent, 30 percent, what percent of normal" kind of harvest, none of the managers for the county grain elevators wanted to give a hard number.

"Lets just say this is way below normal, and way below where we would have liked," said Ray Magnani with Frontier Ag.

Most of the rest of Kansas has reported excellent yields, except for the extreme western counties. The county grain managers reported that test weight and quality remained good throughout harvest, even with the stress the wheat had suffered.

"There were reports of some really bad fields south of town, and some really good fields in the northwest part of the county," said Steve Douthit, while getting some information at the Wheeler Equity. "Most of our fields suffered. I'm glad harvest is done. I'm a farmer, so I always hope next year is better"

## Moments with Mila By Mila Bandel, RN

Smoke from cigars, cigarettes, and pipes harms your body in many ways, but it is especially harmful to the lungs of a person with asthma. Tobacco smoke is a powerful trigger of asthma symptoms.

When a person inhales tobacco smoke, irritating substances settle in the moist lining of the airways. These substances can cause an attack in a person who has asthma. In addition, tobacco smoke damages tiny hair-like structures in the airways called cilia. Normally, cilia sweep dust and mucus out of the airways. Tobacco smoke damages cilia so they are unable to work, allowing dust and mucus to accumulate in the airways. Smoke also causes the lungs to make more mucus than normal. As a result, even more mucus can build up in the airways, triggering an attack.

Second-hand smoke is the combination of smoke from a burning cigar or cigarette and smoke exhaled by a smoker. Inhaling second-hand smoke may be even more harmful than actually smoking. That's because the smoke that burns off the end of a cigar or cigarette contains more

harmful substances (tar, carbon monoxide, nicotine, and others) than the smoke inhaled by the smoker.

Second-hand smoke is especially harmful to people who already have asthma. When a person with asthma is exposed to second-hand smoke, he or she is more likely to experience the wheezing, coughing, and shortness of breath associated with asthma.

Second-hand smoke harms children with asthma even more than adults. When a child is exposed to tobacco smoke, his or her lungs become irritated and produce more mucus than normal. Since children's airways are smaller, the side effects of second-hand smoke affect them faster and can also affect lung function in later life. Children of parents who smoke are also more likely to develop lung and sinus infections. These infections can make asthma symptoms worse and more difficult to control.

Smoking harms an unborn child in many ways. Nicotine, the addictive substance in tobacco products, is carried through the mother's bloodstream directly

into the baby. Children of mothers who smoked during pregnancy are more likely to have lung problems and are 10 times more likely to develop asthma. Smoking during pregnancy has also been linked with low-birth weight newborns, premature births, and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

Here are some ways to reduce exposure to tobacco smoke include:

- If you smoke, quit. Quitting isn't always easy, but the QUITLINE tobacco cessation program is there to help. Ask

your health care provider about the QUITLINE. If your spouse or other family members smoke, help them understand the dangers of smoking and encourage them to quit.

- Do not allow smoking in your home or your car.
- Do not let anyone smoke around you or your child.
- Avoid restaurants and public places that permit smoking.

For more information on the Tobacco Cessation QUITLINE program call the Health Department at 785-332-2381.

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The Governing Body of Cheylin Recreation Commission			
will meet on July 30, 2013 at 5:00 pm at Cheylin High School Library for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds.			
Detail budget information is available at 312 W. 2nd, Bird City, Kansas and will be available at this meeting.			
BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES			
The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget year.			
Fund	Prior Year Actual 2010/2011	Current Year Estimated 2011/2012	Proposed Budget Year 2012/2013
General	37,680	21,407	32,268
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37,680</b>	<b>21,407</b>	<b>32,268</b>
Lease Purchases:	2009	2010	2011
July 1,	0	0	0
Cheylin Recreation Budget Recreation Commission Secretary			

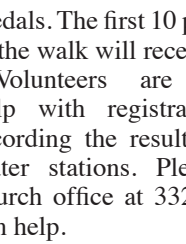
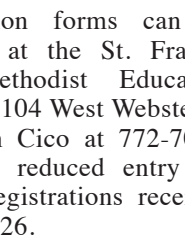
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING				
To the Clerk of CHEYENNE, State of Kansas				
We, the undersigned, officers of BIRD CITY CEMETERY DIST. 1				
certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;				
(2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was duly approved and adopted;				
maximum expenditures for the various funds for the year 2014; and (3) the Amount(s) of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations for the 2014 Budget.				
2014 Adopted Budget				
Table of Contents:	Page No.	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax	County Clerk's Use Only
Computation to Determine Limit for 2014	2			
Allocation MYT, RVT, M/20M Vehicle Tax	3			
Schedule of Transfers	4			
Statement of Indeb. & Loans/Purchases	5			
Fund	I.S.A.			
General	0	6	19,480	15,340
Debt Service	18-113	7		
<b>REAL ESTATE FUND</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14,000</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>33,480</b>	<b>15,340</b>
Budget Summary	9	Is a Resolution required?	No	County Clerk's Use Only
Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative	10			
Resolutions				No. 1, 2013 Total Assessed Valuation
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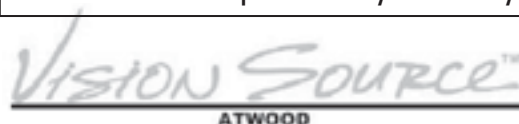
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