

Commissioners sign resolution

The Cheyenne County Commissioners recently signed a resolution for noxious weeds in the county. It will require that every landowner take the responsibility to treat the weeds on their land.

Kansas law states under the noxious weed control program that all landowners, both public and private, are required to control and eradicate all noxious weeds on lands they own or manager.

The county commissioners agree that, instead of trying to cover and spray the entire county, along with 22,000 miles of right-of-ways and the Kansas Department of Transportation's right-of-ways, there is a more effective way

to serve the county. The county noxious weed director will now be concentrating his efforts to treat the right-of-ways.

The commissioners want to implement a practical and achievable plan to concentrate all efforts into the county and state right-of-ways. This will allow the noxious weed supervisor to cover the county and find infestations, then contact landowners about their problem.

Trying to spray for landowners and coverings all right-of-ways just can't be done effectively, said Justin Lohr, weed supervisor.

This war on noxious weeds has been a long and costly battle with little progress, he said. We need to get a handle on these infestations. The only way this can be done is setting priorities and having the landowner take the responsibility of taking care of their own land.

Many landowners have done a good job of taking care of their weeds, Mr. Lohr said. However, there are others who have not.

The resources are there: custom applications, private applicators, aerial spraying and the cost-share program.

Landowners, he said, should manage their own weeds by making it a part of their land-management practice. After all, he said, it is their land.

"Spraying our right-of-ways will be like putting up a barrier to suppress the weeds and take control of our own problems," he said.

The commissioners are asking everyone to please not farm or spray the ditches in the county as it is costly for everyone.

"When farmers and applicators burn off the weeds in their fields and over-spray the ditches in the process, the only things that grow in the ditches are weeds, noxious and unwanted," Mr. Lohr said.

When it is farmed, there is no ditch and the water on the road has no place to go.

"This causes damage to the road," he said. "The purpose of the ditch is for water runoff and to keep the roads safe."

"Remember, everyone pays for the maintenance of the roads."

For more questions on weed control and ditch maintenance, call Mr. Lohr at 785-332-8840.



PUTTING TOGETHER A SWIM BASKET to be auctioned off at the Relay for Life were Laura Robbins, Kris Blair and Elliott.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Students graduate

Colby Community College

The 46th annual commencement ceremonies at Colby Community College were held on May 14 at the Colby Community building.

Among the students receiving degrees were:

Mindy Antholz, McDonald, Associate of Applied Science Degree; Associate of Science Degree; Associate of Arts Degree.

Tammy Church, St. Francis, Associate of Applied Science Degree.

Cristita Tygart, St. Francis, Associate of Applied Science Degree.

Shawn Warren, St. Francis, Associate of Science Degree.

Garrett Zwegardt, Colby, formerly of St. Francis; Associate of Arts Degree.

Kammie Sanchez, St. Francis, certificate.

Theme baskets made to raise money

Each year at the Cheyenne County Relay for Life walk, there is an auction conducted by Western Auction and Real Estate. People bring a variety of items including baskets and quilts.

This year, the employees at the Cheyenne County Hospital have created theme baskets to be auctioned off.

We wanted to help raise more money for the Relay, said Laura Robbins, hospital employee, and this seemed like a fun way to do just that.

The basement employees put together a "camping basket" but the container is a cooler. It is filled with snacks, bug repellent, grilling utensils, candles,

flashlights and a camping chair.

The housekeeping staff put together a swim basket filled with water toys.

The radiology department created a spa basket with scented candles, towels, lotions and salts.

The business office is donating a school basket filled with a

school bear, water bottle and school supplies.

There could be more baskets donated before Friday, the night of the Relay.

To check out the baskets, stop by the window at the Methodist Thrift Store, then plan to attend the Relay and purchase one or more.

McDonald lady celebrates her 101 birthday on July 4

Amelia Banister, with the help of family and friends, celebrated her July Fourth 101 birthday on Sunday, July 3, in the Good Samaritan dining hall in Atwood. Family who attended to celebrate this momentous occasion were her daughter, Karlyne Atchison; sons, Jim and wife Cheryl, George and wife Kathy, and Kent and wife Joan, all of McDonald.

Grandchildren attending included Tammi and Wade Carmichael, Bird City; Jamie Banister, Hyattsville, Md.;

Amanda and Brandon Winter, Andale; and David Banister, Salina.

Great-grandchildren who helped their great-grandma celebrate were Teryn and Ty Carmichael, Bird City; and the youngest great-granddaughter, Avery Winter of Andale. Brother-in-law, Donnie Banister also took part in the festivities. Nephew Lanny DeGood of St. Francis along with his daughter Lanissa

and her children of Denver also attended as did Coy DeGood, Atwood. Cake and ice cream

were served to all the guests after the happy birthday song was sung to the birthday celebrant. Amelia received many cards and beautiful vases of flowers to commemorate this milestone in her life. Granddaughter Debi Banister, Topeka, joined the group later in the evening.



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