

County given an Army vehicle

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The county has been given a Humvee, the sheriff told the commissioners at the county commissioners' meeting on Friday.

The vehicle, a 1999 Humvee with 52,000 miles, is an Army surplus vehicle. The federal government has a program where surplus military equipment is given to law entities who request them. Sheriff Craig Van Allen had applied for one of the vehicles several times and was surprised when the office had been notified to pick one up.

The vehicle will be used for search and rescue missions. Sheriff Van Allen said it will allow them to go places where regular or even 4-wheel drive vehicles would have difficulty. It will also help rescuing injured people that emergency medical personnel is having trouble getting.

The Humvee will be kept in the emergency building. The paperwork and administrative fees will cost \$2,100.

Sheriff Van Allen asked what they thought the vehicle should be insured for. He noted that it still belongs to the Army. He will talk to the county's insurance agent.

Recycling center

Roger Jensen, St. Francis City Council member, asked if the commissioners would help pay a full-time employee at the recycling center in St. Francis. The city's superintendent said two city employees are working 4 hours each day at the center. The recycling center is helping keep the county landfill from filling up as quickly. The superintendent figured the cost of one employee

plus benefits would be \$24,000.

They talked about services that people want. Mr. Jensen said the city water tower should have been repainted several years ago but it had been put on hold. Streets were being patched but the oil patching material was hard to get and expensive. Patching, he said, was being done instead of street paving.

They all agreed that if people want services, it was going to cost and they would need to pay for them.

The commissioners said Justin Lohr would be attending an Ag Plastics meeting. Mr. Jensen, who is on the Northwest Kansas Recycling board, said he would

be unable to attend but was glad to see a representative from Cheyenne County going. They talked about the huge plastic grain covers and what to do with them. It as noted that the covers are hard to handle, dirty and they are not reusable. Mr. Jensen said he would refuse to take them. No decisions were made.

In other business

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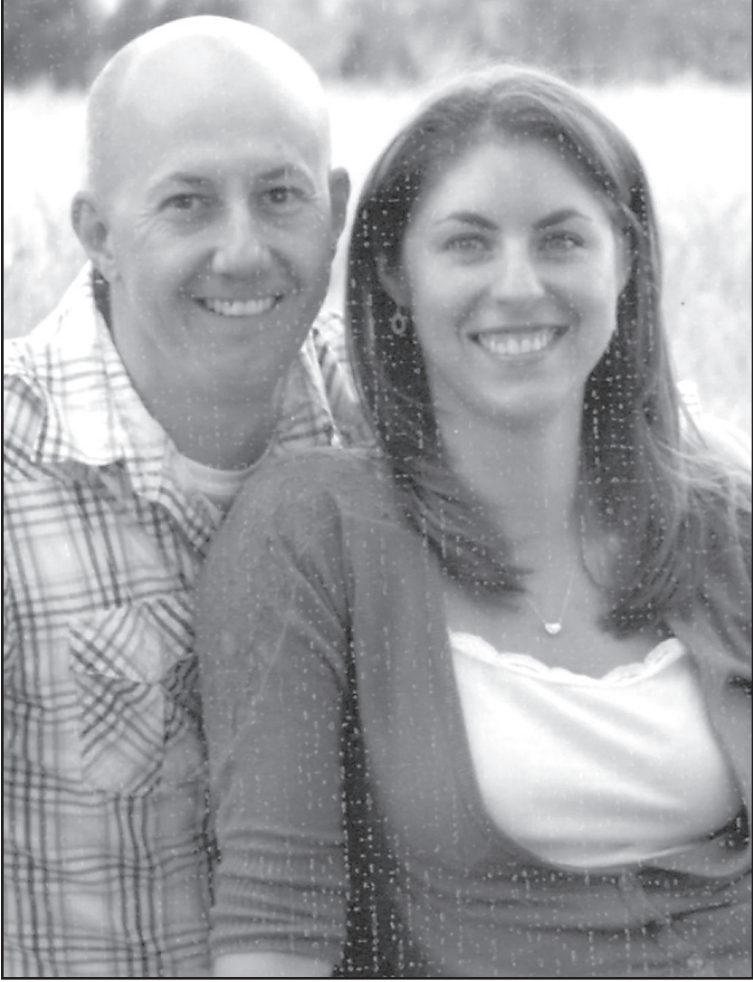
- Clerk Miller announced that the total assessed value is up.
- The commissioners took 30 seconds in silence to remember Carl Williams, long-time county employee whose funeral was on Friday
- Attorney Kari Gilliland

reported that she had talked Craig Schoenrogge concerning putting in a fence. She said she didn't think the county should get into the matter as his case was still pending with the city.

• Dave Fleming, county road and bridge supervisor, asked for five minutes executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made when coming out of the session.

Next meetings

The next meeting of the commissioners will be a budget work meeting starting at 7 p.m. on Thursday. The next regular meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday July 29, in the commissioners room in the courthouse.



Zwegardt — Haedtler

Couple announce their engagement

Jeff Zwegardt and Bethany Haedtler, both of Lakewood, Colo., announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Parents of the bride are Cathy Welsh and David and Carrielynn Haedtler. Jane Welch is a grandmother.

The groom's parents are Brenda Nelsen and the late Marvin Zwegardt. Tobe Zwegardt is his grandfather.

Bethany is an accounting specialist at Medved Law firm. She graduated from Mountain View High School and the University of California-Davis.

Jeff is a security systems engineer who graduated from St. Francis Community High School and Denver Technical College

The wedding will take place at 4 p.m., Saturday, July 30, at the First Christian Church.

Moments With Mila

By Mila Bandel



County Health Nurse

Vaccine Safety

Why do we vaccinate? Vaccines save lives and protect against the spread of disease. If you decide not to immunize your child, you put your child at risk. Your child could catch a disease that is dangerous or deadly. Getting vaccinated is much better than getting the disease.

Vaccines work! They have kept children healthy and have saved millions of lives for more than 50 years. Most childhood vaccines are 90-99 percent effective in preventing disease. And if a vaccinated child does get the disease, the symptoms are usually less serious than in a child who hasn't been vaccinated. There may be mild side effects, like swelling where the shot was given, but they do not last long. And it is rare for side effects to be serious.

Vaccines are safe! All vaccines must be tested by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The administration will not let a vaccine be given unless it has been proven to be safe and to work well in children. The data gets reviewed again by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians before a vaccine is officially recommended to be given to children. Also, the Food

and Drug Administration monitors where and how vaccines are made. The places where vaccines are made must be licensed. They are regularly inspected and each vaccine lot is safety-tested.

Vaccines are necessary! In the United States vaccines have protected children and continue to protect children from many diseases. However, in many parts of the world many vaccine-preventable diseases are still common. Since diseases may be brought into the United States by Americans who travel abroad or from people visiting areas with current disease outbreaks it's important that your children are vaccinated.

Also, children with certain health problems may not be able to get them later. Since each child is different, don't hesitate to contact the County Health Department or your medical provider for more vaccine information.

Vaccines are studied! To make sure the vaccines continues to be safe, the Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention created a Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). All health care facilities must report serious side effects of vaccines to this reporting system so they

can be studied. Parents can also file reports with this system. For more information about Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, visit www.vaers.hhs.gov or call toll-free their information line at 1-800-822-7967.

For more information on vaccines call the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381. Your child's health and safety is very important to us.

Poetry winners

Travis Rogers was among the poetry winners in the seventh grade class. He will have this poem published.

Mountains
Travis Rogers
Seventh Grade

Tall, majestic
Flowing, climbing, crumbling
Tall obstacles covered with snow
Natural skyscrapers



PAINTING at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher grounds and getting ready for the July 28-30 show are Rod and Beth Klepper. Herald staff photo by Norma Martinez.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING FOR AMENDING THE 2011 BUDGET

The governing body of
City of St. Francis

will meet on the day of August 8, 2011 at 7:15 PM at City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

Summary of Amendments

Fund	2011 Adopted Budget			2011 Proposed Amended Expenditures
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax that was Levied	Expenditures	
Equipment Reserve			122,535	272,524
Capital Improvements			217,099	225,264