

Commissioners appoint member

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Monday meeting, appointed a new hospital board member.

Rick Rogers, St. Francis, was present to find out more about the hospital board. The commissioners appoint members to the hospital board and with Jerry Toler retiring from the board, they were looking for a replacement.

Mr. Patton asked why Mr. Rogers was sure he wanted to be on the board? Mr. Rogers said he had always wanted to know where the tax dollars were going and this will be an opportunity to ask questions and be active in making decisions.

Mr. Rogers was appointed to the board to serve a four-year term.

Benefit event

Joe Caldart and Jason Padgett, St. Francis residents, explained the planned reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome event on April 27. It will be a benefit to raise the awareness of the disease. Mr. Caldart and Mr. Padgett had been the fair board meeting but Dick Bursch, president of the board, felt that there was a problem with the insurance provided through the benefit event group.

Kari Gilliland, county attorney, reported she had talked to the head of the event insurance group and he would verify that the group has spectator insurance.

The event will include a 8K run from Wheeler, eight bands and speakers, including a 16-year-old girl from New York state who has the disease. Even though the event is months away, the men said there are already over 100 people coming. Motels are providing rooms, radio stations will be in St. Francis, the Cheyenne County Hospital is donating T-shirts and Warren

Cico is lining up the marithon.

The commissioners agreed that if the county attorney OKed the insurance, they were in favor of the event.

555 Collective organization

Keary Carman with the 555 Collective organization said he plans on putting a 555 Collective headquarters in St. Francis. The organization is to help veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

He has talked to officials from the University of Denver who are willing to help as well as key members in the St. Francis community.

He told the commissioners that he wanted to introduce the idea to them and people of the community. All he requests is that people give support and guidance as he moves toward this idea.

He said that he is working with the Cheyenne County Development Corporation and donations made through the Corporation are tax deductible and will go to the non-profit organization.

Anytime we can help individuals who helped this nation is good, said Mr. Patton.

Mr. Carman said he will be generating community support and will be looking for grants.

Emergency medical services

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, said the November write-offs for the department were \$1,700. She asked for executive decisions to discuss financial matters of a third party and personnel. No decisions were made.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners is set for 8 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, in the commissioners room.



SAVANNAH MORRIS received third place in the coloring contest held by the three banks.



TROY HILT, representing the banks, read the winners of the coloring contest at the Christmas on Us drawing held Monday evening.

Banks help spread Christmas cheer

The three St. Francis banks, Bankwest, First National and Western State, went together and helped the Christmas spirit in town by sponsoring several of the activities including the annual Treasure Hunt, the children's coloring contest and the give away of two bikes.

For years, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Treasure Hunt. When it disbanded at the first of the year, the bank employees saw the importance of continuing the tradition. They organized and made the red sheets, each with a different Treasure Hunt number.

The opening day of the Christmas season in St. Francis, participating businesses posted a list of numbers on their doors. People, with their numbers in hand, tried to match their numbers. Each match met a prize inside that business. The Treasure Hunt was also held on Monday night.

At the Christmas On Us drawing Monday evening, Troy Hilt, representing the banks, announced the winners of two bikes. All of the grade school children were automatically entered in the drawing. Winners were London Breese and Jorge Olivares.

The first place winner of the

coloring contest received \$5 in Theater Bucks; second place winners received a game of bowling, shoe rental and a drink; third place winners received a \$3 gift certificate at Majestic Service.

There were seven divisions and three winners in each division. The pictures were judged by Mary Beikman, art instructor, and the art students.

Winners of the coloring contest were:

Kindergarten: Matilynn Smull, first; Kike Yanes, second; Mika Killingsworth, third.

First grade: Aiden Fernandez, first; Addy Christensen, second; Nate Leibbrandt, third.

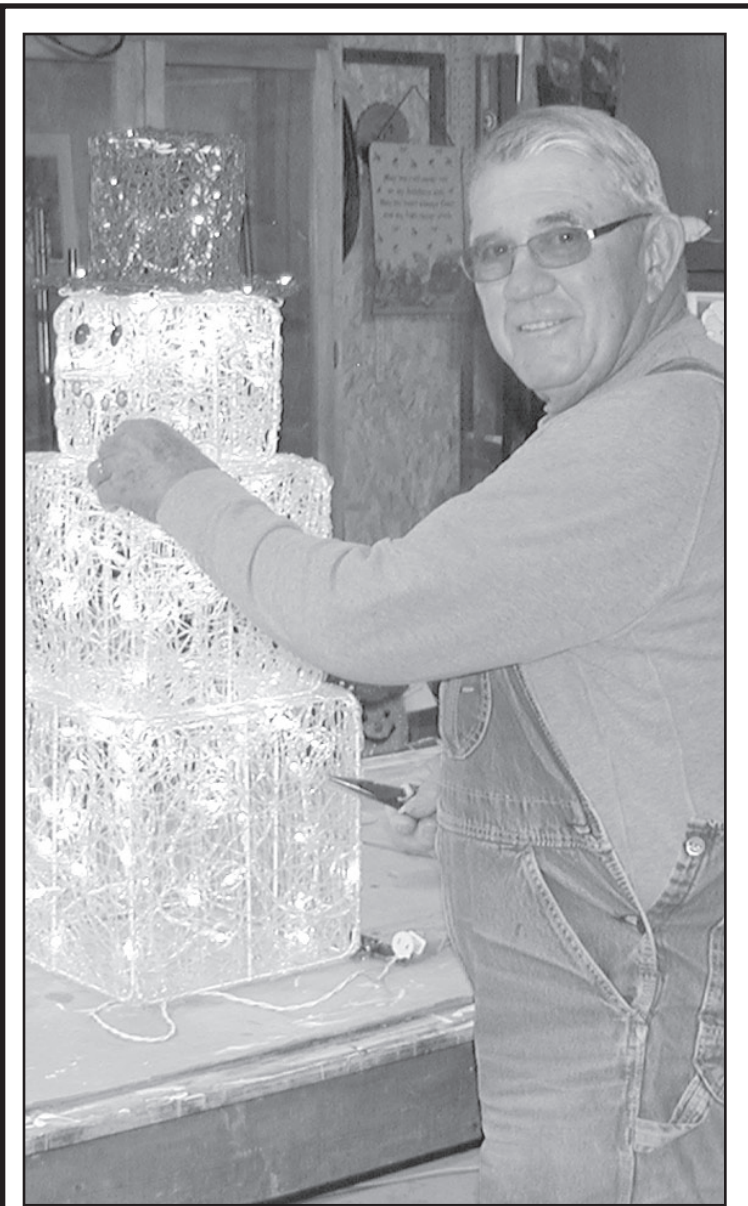
Second grade: Molly Gilliland, first; Javier Yanez, second; Savannah Morris, third.

Third grade: Taiya Hicks, first; Amanda Neitzel, second; Kara Maybury, third.

Fourth grade: Kattie Wurm, first; Koby Tice, second; Emma Johnson, third.

Fifth grade: Karly Bandel, first; Hannah Zimbal, second; Perla Yaneze, third.

Sixth grade: Jessica Confer, first; Tayton Weeter, second; Lauren Johnson, third.



THIS LITTLE SANTA'S HELPER was misidentified in last week's Herald. The little elf is Don Krien, one of the winners of this year's Lighting Contest.



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Thank You

The family of Larry Henry would like to say thank you for the outpouring of support and sympathy for our loss. Our gratitude is immeasurable for the excellent care he received at Cheyenne County Hospital and for his caregivers at Good Samaritan Village. A special thanks for Dr. Miller and Susan Roelfs for seeing that Larry's last wish to come home to Cheyenne County came true. A special thanks for his hospice nurse, Tami and Pastor Tom Bailey for their support and guidance. To Brenda and Lori, the UMW, Jane and Pastor Tom, and John Knodel thank you for making his service so very special to us. And to all of you with your kind words and remembrance of him, Thank you.

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