



FRESH PICKED PARSLEY, a band to perform during the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Cure benefit set for April 27.

## Benefit fund-raiser set for April 27

The Kansas Walk, Run and Rock for a Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Cure benefit is set for April 27 in St. Francis. The all-day benefit will offer entertainment and fun for everyone. Many of those suffering from the disease will be speaking, letting people know just how painful and disabling it is.

Throughout the day, there will be an 8.9K and 2K run from Wheeler to the fairgrounds and a walk at the high school track. There will be vendors selling food and other items at the fairgrounds. Some of the vendors include the 4-H'ers, the Shriners Candy Wagon, the Methodist Church funnel cakes, the Christian Church ice cream shoppe, as well as many other booths selling specific items such

as jewelry, coffees, clothing, nuts and candies and sports drinks.

We are looking for more vendors, said Joe Caldart, one of the organizers. Anyone interested or wanting more information on booths can call him at 785-772-7060.

The past two weeks, Mr. Caldart has released information on four of the entertainers who will be performing during the benefit. They included: 9ine Foot Squirrel, Phil Crawford, Shantel Leitner and Life-Led Lucid.

This week's featured bands are Fresh Picked Parsley and Keli Raven.

Fresh Picked Parsley began as many bands do – with a couple of long-time friends getting together to share their love for music. Valarie Smith and Kathryn Prewitt

started playing and writing music long before they considered themselves a band. They experimented with the various instruments that caught their fancies and learning to blend their acoustic styles as one.

The name Fresh Picked Parsley revisits the earliest days of the group, when Val and Katie used to sit on the floor and pick at the array of instruments spread around their feet. The story of the two family's enduring friendship was a topic of several conversations.

Val and Katie had been told many times of when Val's father used to walk to Katie's grandfather's restaurant with sprays of parsley, picked fresh from his garden, each morning. Katie's grandfather would garnish each

plate he served with a sprig of parsley, brightening each meal served with a bit of home-grown love.

Through music, Fresh Picked Parsley hopes to exemplify and project that same brilliance, happiness, and love symbolized by those sprigs of parsley adorning common plates.

### Keli Raven

Keli Raven is a seasoned musician, song writer and producer with a cutting-edge style in both his recordings and live shows.

In 2007, he released his full-length CD effort for E.P Records, USA, which was simply titled, "Keli Raven." It includes the single and video "Bad Boyz 4 Life," co-written with and featuring Lemmy Kilmister of "Motorhead" fame.

After a short hiatus, on New Year's Day, 2009, Mr. Raven released his emotional and passionate full-length CD titled "in Fantasy."

### Coming together

Mr. Caldart reports that the benefit is coming together and he welcomes more people and organizations to have booths during the day. He said volunteers are also needed to help people and bands in moving equipment, with parking and directing as well as just being around to help with issues as they arise.

The day, he said, will find many things for people to do. It will also be a time for hearing people give their testimonies about Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) and let people know about the many symptoms of the disease. People, he said, are coming from all over the United States to speak and it should be informative as well as emotional.

People are urged to set April 27 aside with plans to attend. It will be good, family fun and entertainment, Mr. Caldart said.

## Department gets new uniforms

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Sheriff's department will have new uniforms.

Cody Beeson, sheriff, told the commissioners at the Friday meeting that the uniforms will go from the dark blue to a silver grey color. It is important, he said, that our officers are identified as a true police person.

He said he had ordered bullet-proof vests for two of the officers. There is a grant that will pay for half the cost.

He called for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. Ten minutes later, the session was extended for another 10 minutes with no decisions made when coming out.

### 911 dispatch

Dale Patton, commission president, said he had attended an Local and Emergency Planning Committee meeting where 911 dispatchers were discussed. We need to be sending our dispatchers to emergency medical service school so they will be able to communicate with emergency medical technicians, the hospital and other medical personnel, he said. They need a better knowledge of circumstances.

When the new enhanced 911 program is up and going, it may take two dispatchers in the office instead of one. Everything, he said, will need to be done electronically as well as verbally. Videos at accidents and other law

officer calls will be dispatched to 911. Regulations, he said, are not totally set in stone but, if we can get our dispatchers educated, we will be able to stay operational for a while. With regulations coming out of the federal government, he said, it will be more difficult to stay in compliance.

### In other business

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• The commissioners agreed that they wanted to have George Harper, St. Francis fire chief, make arrangements to get the equipment certified and to order the needed bunker gear. They would talk to Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development director, to see if there are any grants available.

• Elton Keller, St. Francis, expressed his dissatisfaction with the county appraiser and treasurer. On the other hand, he was supportive of the Good Samaritan Village including the care of residents and condition of the facility.

• Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, talked to the commissioners about the health insurance checks. At the last meeting, the commissioners said that if an employee doesn't want his health insurance checks mailed, they need to come to the clerk's office and pick it up. If they are unable to pick it up, someone will need to pick it up and sign for it.

Ms. Lindsten's concern was that envelopes with the checks were opened. It was pointed out that if anyone really wants to know what the check is for, they

can look through the warrants which are available.

• Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, submitted \$234 in write-offs for the ambulance department.

• The commissioners signed Resolution 1304 which corrected the Rural Opportunity Zone agreement. The agreement allows people coming back to Cheyenne County and starting up businesses \$3,000 (\$1,500 is paid by the county and \$1,500 is paid by the state). The original agreement only allowed one person to receive the money but, earlier, the commissioners had agreed to fund five individuals.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 8, in the commissioners' room where they will count the votes from the April 2 election.

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 15.

## Commissioners need to make a decision

By Karen Krien

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As the end of the month approaches, the Cheyenne County Commissioners will have to make their final decision on whether or not to sign a lease with the Good Samaritan Society to assume possession of the Good Samaritan Village nursing home.

Karan Thadani, county attorney, reported that the Society had agreed to all of the commissioners' changes in the lease agreement. He said a corporate representative will be at the April 30 commissioners' meeting. The county will see to having the warrant deed drawn up and complete a title search.

At the last meeting, Jeff Paulsen, Village administrator, had discussed the need to have the snow

cleared from the parking lot and the road which goes by the facility to the airport. Dale Patton, commissioner, said he had talked to Robert Grace, operator of Grace Flying Service, about one of them doing the snow removal since they use the county's equipment. He said that they don't have the capability to remove the snow and their first responsibility is to the airport runway.

J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis city supervisor, said the city would work with the county.

There were two issues pointed out. First, it is the end of March and there would probably be no more measurable snow storms; and until the county assumes ownership, they are not responsible for removing the snow.



STEPHANIE BUSSE sings as her talent in the Young Woman of Kansas program in Belleville.

## Student participates in Kansas program

Stephanie Busse, the 2013 Cheyenne County Young Miss, traveled to Belleville on Feb. 23 where she participated in the Distinguished Young Woman of Kansas program.

Stephanie did quite well, receiving the Spirit Award and a \$100 scholarship as well as the Academic Award and it's \$300 scholarship.

For her talent number, Step-

nie sang "Can't Say No" from the musical "Oklahoma."

I had a great time, she said, and I got to meet some fun girls.

Winning the competition was Alyssa Champlin of Concordia.

The daughter of Steve and Jan Busse, Bird City, Stephanie is a Cheylin senior. She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma this fall.

## Association offers driving course

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Driver Safety Program and the St. Francis Lions Club are sponsoring a driver safety class to be held on April 13. The class will start at 8 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. at the senior citizens center at 322 W. Washington Street, St. Francis. Lions Club members will provide the lunch.

This is a refresher class for drivers to improve their skills and

alertness of their driving scene. A person's physical changes, rules of the road and local driving problems are some of the topics reviewed in the course. All licensed drivers can take the course for a small cost.

The class size is limited to 25 students. For more information or to register, call either Elmer Kellner, 332-2950 or Don Keihl, 785-890-6638.

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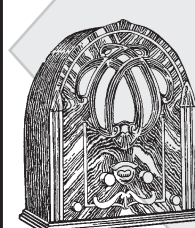
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