

Cheyenne LaBarge low fives her dad, coach Chris LaBarge as she crosses home plate. Herald photo by Karen Krien

Emergency haying and grazing approved

Cheyenne County has been approved for emergency having and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage by the Kansas Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Committee, beginning July 16, with a 25-percent payment reduction on acres hayed vation Service office. or grazed.

drought and concerns for long term negative impacts to the sustainability of grass, all 2013 emergency activity shall be limited to by Sept. 15. specific acreage that was NOT utilized for emergency or managed Conservation Reserve Program haying or grazing in 2011 age height of the grass reaches 5 and 2012," said Alicia Davisson, inches. county executive director. Program acres planted to prac- not own or lease livestock, may tice CP25 'Rare and Declining Habitat' has not been released for ing or grazing privilege to an elieither emergency haying or grazing. The Kansas Farm Service leasing Conservation Reserve Agency State Committee does not Program having and grazing have authority to release CP25 acreage, but they have requested release from the Deputy Administrator of Farm Programs in Washington, D.C.

· Obtain a modified conservation plan (CPO) from the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office.

• Before grazing is approved obtain a 'forage management plan' from Natural Resources Conser-

Emergency having is restrict-"Due to multiple years of ed to 50 percent of each field or contiguous field. Haying must be completed by Aug. 15, with hay bales removed from the acreage

Emergency grazing requests end the earlier of: 1) Sept. 30, or 2) when the minimum aver-

Program participants who do

Commissoners lift county burn ban, discuss issues

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansas.com 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 officers are not around. 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 raise 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.

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 resident and representing the So- for Reece Construction, Scandia. regular session, the sheriff pre- ciety, had contacted Terry Millsented a deputy wage agreement er, clerk, asking that the county for Michael Blehm, starting him consider giving some money at a Class 2 pay scale.

questioned why the sheriff's \$35,000 of having the funding.

Bird City.

Sheriff Beeson said that gas is high and when they go to that city superintendent, was at the area, they think it is important to meeting. He said the project has spend as much time as possible there. Besides, he said, there is to make the completion more a significant rise in crime when feasible. He also said there was

Dale Patton, commissioner, added that, in his opinion, law enforcement presence is a determent to crime. The bad guys, he Dale Patton, commissioner. said, always appear to know the Looking at the budget, he didn't 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 been a part of the county for a brought to the landfill. They long time. He commended Mr. wanted to know they were Kite, adding that it was good to 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 to accept ambulance insurance first they can. Or, he said, he can write-offs of \$3,643. weigh the whole load, then take out the e-waste.

I don't need the health insur- utes executive session to discuss proposed budget for next year. ance, she said, but if I am going a land purchase. Upon coming She also discussed some of the 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 told to buy a new computer. planned and more than the Kansas Historical Society grant. The project is being headed by the city of St. Francis.

to help fund the project. Mr. Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, Kite said the project is around

deputy spent so much time in He had donated money but more was still needed.

> J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis been divided into three phases some private money available but, also added that more money will be needed.

> These are tough times, said 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 see someone like him who believes in the community.

In other business:

· The commissioners voted

• Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development Corpo-Mr. Moberly asked for 10 min- ration director, submitted her brochures featuring Cheyenne County, Bird City and St. Francis, which she has been distributing.

Judge Robert Van Allen was

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

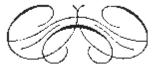
• A contract for construction Greg Kite, former St. Francis of the Hnizdil bridge was signed Next meeting

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

Welcome! **Dr. Mauricio Anaya**

Cardiologist

HaysMed's DeBakey Heart Institute Welcomes the Newest Member of the Cardiac Team



Before emergency having or gram contract holder and to the grazing begins:

• All participants on the Conservation Reserve Program contract Program participant, or someone must sign the "Terms and Conditions for Emergency Haying and harvested from these acres cannot Grazing of Conservation Reserve be sold, but must be used only by Program Acreage" at the local the livestock producer harvesting Farm Service Agency office.

rent or lease the emergency haygible livestock producer. Anyone rights must sign a statement at the Farm Service Agency office before haying and grazing occurs. A copy of the Farm Service Agency approval will be given to the properson leasing the rights. Whether it's the Conservation Reserve leasing the having rights, any hav it.

Low income energy assistance available

Kansans with low income will costs. This is not a new applihave a little extra help paying cation period. Households that gy Assistance Program (LIEAP).

assistance will help keep Kansans safe from extreme heat."

The program provides an annual benefit to help qualifying Energy Assistance Program is households pay winter heating provided by the Department bills. People with disabilities, older adults and families with children are the primary groups assisted. In the winter of 2013, Home Energy Assistance Pronearly 48,000 households re- gram. ceived an average benefit of \$386.

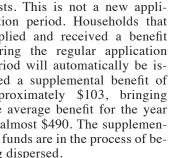
This year, funding is available to provide an additional benefit to those households for energy

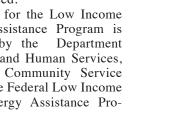
their utility bills this summer, applied and received a benefit thanks to the Low Income Ener- during the regular application period will automatically be is-"The summer heat can take a sued a supplemental benefit of dangerous toll on our most vul- approximately \$103, bringing nerable populations," Secretary the average benefit for the year Phyllis Gilmore said. "This extra to almost \$490. The supplemental funds are in the process of being dispersed.

Funding for the Low Income of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Service through the Federal Low Income

For more information on the assistance program, call 1-800-432-0043 or 1-800-432-0043 toll free.









Bolivia. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Jacobi Medical Center-Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York and a Fellowship in Cardiovascular Medicine at Kettering Medical Center/VA Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. He has also served as Rural Service-Provincial Physician at the Hospital of Tarata, Cochabamba, Bolivia. Dr. Anaya is certified in General Internal Medicine with the American Board of Internal Medicine. He has

published in national and international publications and is participating in on-going cardiac research programs. Dr. Anaya will begin seeing patients in August.

For more information about cardiac services at the DeBakey Heart Institute at HaysMed, call 888-625-4699 or ask your primary care physician.





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