

County Commissioners approve budget reduction

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The budget hearing was held at 9 a.m. during the Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on Monday. The 2014 budget, which was down around \$80,000 from last year, was approved.

Dale Patton, president, opened the budget hearing.

I am frustrated with what is happening in this great nation, he said. The federal government and state spends more money than what they have but counties are required to stay within their budget.

The board, he said, has worked on the 2014 budget for quite a while to be prudent with the taxpayer's money. In the end, we reduced eight mills from the prior year.

In dollars, the county's budget will require \$3,817,172 com-

pared to \$3,897,615 last year. Last year, the county's budget required 104.963 mills and this year, the commissioners estimated the need for 98.658 mills.

One of the budget cuts included putting a \$600,000 lid on health insurance. Other counties, said Brett Poling, commissioner, are running on \$550,000 for insurance.

With the Affordable Care Act, said Mr. Patton, who knows what is going to happen. It isn't even funded.

As stewards of the county's money, he said, we need to be fiscally responsible. There are older people that struggle to buy food, medicine and just to live.

With this new budget, he said, every department took a hit. However, we were able to give employees a 3-percent cost-of-living raise. The hospital's appropriation

was only around six mills compared to 10 mills last year. Dr. Poling pointed out that last year, the county's hospital got around \$900,000 compared to the Rawlins County Hospital that received only \$100,000 tax money.

It goes back to accountability, Mr. Patton said. Jeff Paulsen comes in each month to present figures of where we are at. In the future, he said, I would like to see the same accountability with the hospital.

The hospital also gets 1 percent of the sales tax collected in the county. Dr. Poling said that, with the soon re-opening of the grocery store, the county will see an increase in sales tax.

Margo Douthit, who was present as an interested observer, asked what a mill was?

Terry Miller, county clerk, said this year, a mill was worth \$38,170. It is figured on property valuation.

If we can keep the mill levy down, Mr. Patton said, we can keep your taxes down.

The higher your valuation, Mr. Miller said, the lower the mill levy, assuming the total tax burden remains the same.

Public works report

Dave Flemming, public works director, talked about snow removal, crack sealing the parking lot and tree removal at the Good Samaritan Village (see related article).

He also discussed road and bridge repairs being done in the county. In the near future, the county will resume prairie dog control operations.

He had prices for a new building at the landfill. It would be large enough to drive equipment in and make necessary repairs, as well as protect the equipment. No decision was made.

Paint

Amanda Milne, deputy register of deeds, was given permission to paint the office. She said she and Deb George, who also works in the officer, agreed on the color. The paint will cost around \$100 and they will do the painting.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



CAROL ROSS and Colleen Gardner, right, will be among the Windsong Chorus of Sweet Adelines presenting 'The Young and The Rest of Us' at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Dorothy Corsberg Theater, Sterling, Colo.

Bowling News

Ladies Night Out 9/19

Team standing: Wray Meat, Strikers, Kathy's Krafts, Dundy Ag, Team 6, Bier.

High game (scratch): Strikers 575, Dundy Ag 543, Wray Meat 539; (handicap): Kathy's Krafts 852, Dundy Ag 783, Wray Meat 782.

High series (scratch): Strikers 1652, Wray Meat 1551, Dundy Ag 1475; (handicap): Wray Meat 2289, Kathy's Krafts 2270, Bier 2266.

High game women (scratch): Vicky Harford 192, Terry Yost 185, Tammy Overlease 179; (handicap): Mary Bier 239, Sarah Yardley 233, Tammy Gilliland 232.

High series women (scratch): Terry Yost 494, Tammy Overlease 463, Vicky Harford 446; (handicap): Mary Bier 655, Tammy Overlease 607, Sarah Yardley 607.

Ladies Night Out 9/26

Team standing: Wray Meat, Strikers, Dundy Ag, Bier, Team 6, Kathy's Krafts.

High game (scratch): Strikers 585, Dundy Ag 567, Wray Meat 539; (handicap): Kathy's Krafts 852, Dundy Ag 836, Wray meat 782.

High series (scratch): Strikers 1652, Wray Meat 1551, Dundy Ag 1544; (handicap): Dundy Ag 2351, Wray Meat 2289, Kathy's

Krafts 2270.

High game women (scratch): Terry Yost 196, Laura Robbins 193, Vicky Harford 192; (handicap): Carol Peterson 244, Laura Robbins 241, Mary Bier 239.

High series women (scratch): Terry Yost 494, Tammy Overlease 463, Vicky Harford 446; (handicap): Mary Bier 655, Rhonda Olson 617, Tammy Drummond 611, Carol Peterson 611.

Wednesday Night Mens 9/25

Team standing: Lampe Motor Sports, Cheyenne Bowl, Haigler 1, Gillywood, Wright & Wrong, The Drunks.

High game (scratch): Cheyenne Bowl 585, Wright & Wrong 577, Haigler 1 558; (handicap): Wright & Wrong 817, Cheyenne Bowl 805, Lampe Motor Sports 802.

High series (scratch): Cheyenne Bowl 1666, Haigler 1 1612, Wright & Wrong 1599; (handicap): Cheyenne Bowl 2326, Haigler 1 2320, Wright & Wrong 2319.

High game men (scratch): Greg Walz 176, Spencer Schlepp 169, Wayne Mahon 165; (handicap): Danny Penton 216, Spencer Schlepp 214, Adam Wheaton 214.

High series men (scratch): Greg Walz 497, Wayne Mahon 466, Spencer Schlepp 447; (handicap): Greg Walz 590, Wayne Mahon 586, Danny Penton 583.

Lines From The Library

By Pat Leibbrandt

We have the following new books at the library. *The Miner's Lady* by Tracie Peterson; *The Secret Keeper* by Beverly Lewis; *Second Chance* by J.A. Jance; *W Is For Wasted* by Sue Grafton; *The 9th Girl* by Tami Hoag; *Shred, The Revolutionary Diet* by Ian K. Smith M.D.; *First Sight* by Danielle Steel; *Hunting Eve* by Iris Johansen; *The Apple Orchard* by Susan Wiggs; *The Way Home* by Katherine Spencer; *The Final Judgment* by Richard North Patterson; *Thankless in Death* by J.D. Robb; *The Longest Ride* by Nicholas Sparks; *Have A Little Faith* by Mitch Albom; *Last Stand At Papago Wells* by Louis L'Amour; *Flint* by Louis L'Amour; *The Narrows* by Michael Connelly; *Justice For Sara* by Erica Spindler; *Deadline* by Sandra Brown; and *Celebrate The Season 2013*.

The following new books have been added to the children's department. *The ToyMaker's Tales*

by Jane Belk Moncure; *Dora's Backpack* by Sarah Willson; *Don't Forget To Remember* by Margaret Snyder; *Marvel Spider-Man and Friends* by Melanie Zanoza; *Fun With Pokemon; Clues At The Carnival* by Ivy S. Ip; *Transformers: Optimus Prime Versus Megatron* by Sadie Chesterfield; *Sleepy Me* by Marni McGee; *Meet the Neighbors; The Pizza Place Ghost; Vera In The Kitchen* by Marjolein Bastin; *The Foolish Tortoise* by Richard Buckley; *Daniel In The Lion's*

Den by Jane Latourette; *Baby Natasha's Busy Day; Me Too* by Mercer Mayer; *The Magic School Bus At The Water-Works* by Joanna Cole; *Mater And The Ghost Light* by Andrea PosnerSanchez; *Charlie And The Great Glass Elevator* by Roald Dahl; *Dinosaur Dig* by Erin Soderberg; *A Perfect Picnic* by Kate Ritchey; *Curious George Dance Party* by H.A. Rey; *A Charlie Brown Christmas* by Charles M. Schultz; *Funny Lunch* by David Catrow; *Mickey's Birthday* by Ellie D. Risco.

Indians beat Oberlin

The junior high Lady Indians were in action again on Saturday, Sept. 28 when they participated in quadrangular matches against the Hoxie Indians, Oberlin Red Devils and Trego Golden Eagles in Hoxie.

In the opening match against Trego, the Lady Indians A team fell in straight sets, 25-17, 25-10. St. Francis did no better against Hoxie in the next match losing 25-16, 25-22. After a break, the Lady Indians gathered themselves and disposed of the Oberlin Red Dev-

ils in straight sets 25-14, 25-23. The Lady Indians B team matched the efforts of the A team, losing a close match to Trego Golden Eagles, 25-22, 25-18, and losing in straight sets to the Hoxie Indians, 25-9, 25-12. St. Francis rebounded in their match against Oberlin, defeating the Red Devils, 25-10, 25-21.

The Lady Indians next contest will be on Thursday, Oct. 3 against the Benkelman Tigers in St. Francis, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Introducing

Brielle Rae Adams was born July 12, 2013, at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka. The daughter of John and Kali Adams of Topeka, Brielle weighed in at 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20.5-inches long.

Her grandparents are Randy and Rikki Rueb, St. Francis, and Michael and Elizabeth Adams, Paxico. Great-grandparents are Marcia Rueb, St. Francis; Frank and Marilyn Schmale, Garden City, and Bobbie Adams, Topeka.



Brielle Adams

Owen Michael Jenkins was born Sept. 10, 2013, in Colorado Springs, Colo. The son of Gabe and Ashley Jenkins, Owen weighed 7 pounds and was 22-inches long. His brother, Avery and sister, Sophie, welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Karen Shaw, Greeley, Colo., Ralph Shaw, Denver, and Steve and Connie Jenkins, St. Francis.



Owen Jenkins

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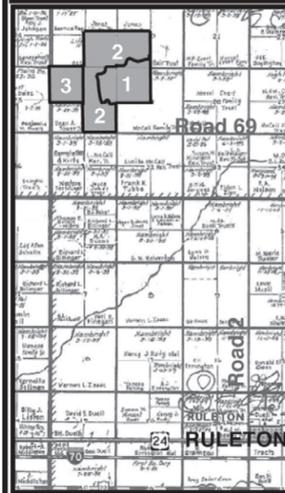
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