

Grant money spent and accounted for

By Karen Krien

The county's emergency manager Gary Rogers told the commissioners at the Monday meeting that the county had finally received and he had spent approximately \$4,500 in grant money.

The bio-terrorism grant was received from the Department of Justice and had a rigid area outlined where the money could be spent. Manager Rogers also pointed out that the items were to be used in the county and, while some items will be kept in certain places, if they are needed for bio-terrorism, they will be available to those needing them.

Among the items purchased were: a bio-chemical suit, rubberized suits for the hospital, gloves, four-level gas meter, chemical masks and de-

contaminated units for the emergency medical technicians. There were also a few other items.

Manager Rogers said that additional bio-terrorism grant funds will be received, possibly in October.

Juvenile detention center

Commissioner Jane Brubaker had attended a Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center meeting. She reported that the center's interlocal agreement had not been signed by 13 of the 28 participating counties including Cheyenne County.

One of the commissioners had warned Commissioner Brubaker that the county should not sign the agreement because if the payments on the buildings could not be paid, the county could be held responsible for helping make the payments Whether

this is true or not was not known but the commissioners wanted Kevin Berens, county attorney, to read the contract and advise them.

The commissioners discussed that in the past, the detention center had been full along with other detention centers in the state but in recent years, the centers are only one-half to three-fourths full. Commissioner Brubaker said she had been told that today, judges and lawyers use the centers as a last resort.

The company which is running Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center will report back at another meeting closer to Jan. 1.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, reported that the Freightliner truck owned by the

county would need to be overhauled.

A number of the bridges in the county caught logs and other debris after a recent down-pour of rain and the supervisor will be renting an excavator to remove the debris.

The commissioners asked about gravel. Supervisor Flemming said that he was still waiting for the state to approve the water right permits at several of the gravel sites. Also, that it had been around two months since the permits were applied for.

Multi-band radios

Manager Rogers reported that there are new multi-band radios now being used by the city police and the state patrol. He said that he, as the emergency manager, needs to be able to be on the same frequencies as Wray, Hale, Idalia and Yuma in case

something should go wrong at Bonny Dam or there would be another emergency. While riding with the St. Francis Police Chief, he found that their radio would reach to Burlington, Colo. He will look further into the efficiency and cost then report back to a future commissioners' meeting.

In other business

In other business:

- Commissioner Ron Krien reported that a household hazardous waste clean-up will be held at the county landfill on Oct. 26. More information will be available closer to the clean-up date.
- The burn ban lift resolution was officially signed.
- An employment agreement was signed for Carol Gamblin, sheriff

dispatcher, who will be paid at the first level on the pay scale. A agreement was also signed raising Clifton Flock, undersheriff, moving him from the second level to the third level.

- Danny Schlittenhardt, noxious weed director, was allowed to attend a district weed meeting in Goodland.

- Finding a candidate to participate in the Leadership Cheyenne County class was discussed. Clerk Terry Miller was asked to find out who was interested and the commissioners will make the selection.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Sept. 30 in the commissioners' room at the courthouse in St. Francis.



HOMECOMING BONFIRE took place last Thursday night with a large crowd in attendance. The homecoming game will be played October 4.

Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

Cheylin Cougars supported by large crowd

The night could not have been more perfect as the ground south of the football field filled with fans in support of

the Cheylin Cougars. As there was no wind, the bonfire was lit and the flames burned brightly as the crowd cheered.

The band played, the cheerleaders led everyone in cheers, there were speeches, barrel races, but most impor-

tantly, the support that everyone showed for the school and the children was wonderful.

Reminder that income tax credits are available for hospital remodel

The hospital has 70 percent Kansas income tax credits available from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing that can be used to keep your taxes at work in Cheyenne County instead of Topeka.

With the 70 percent tax credit and no other factors, a \$250 donation carries a cost of only \$75. People and businesses wishing to take greater advantage of the program with larger donations are welcome to do so. To take maximum advantage of the program, contact your tax preparer.

To participate:

1. Make your donation to Cheyenne County Hospital prior to Dec. 31 (must be in excess of \$250 to take advantage

of tax credits). Identify the check as: Cheyenne County Hospital Emergency/Mechanical Update Project.

Or

2. Decide how much you want to donate (must be in excess of \$250 to take advantage of tax credits) and complete a commitment letter. Meet your commitment prior to Dec. 31.

Early donations or commitment letters will help make sure the tax credits are reserved in the donor's name.

3. Complete the Tax Credit Application. This can be completed as soon as the total of the contribution is received. The hospital can complete this for you if you answer a few simple questions.
4. The donor will receive paperwork

from the hospital confirming the tax credits for submission with the person's taxes. Be sure to submit the original paperwork with the taxes.

Please call Melissa Workman or Les Lacy at the Cheyenne County Hospital 785-332-2104 for questions or assistance.

The hospital will use this money to update the existing heating and cooling system in the hospital. This piece of the hospital project is one of several pieces cut from the original project for alternate funding.

"This is our window of opportunity for this funding mechanism," said Administrator Lacy. "We hope to make the best use of it."

Blood drive set for Friday in Bird City

The American Red Cross blood drive will be held in Bird City from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday at the American Legion hall. The Bird City community is hosting the drive this year.

For more information, to donate blood or schedule an appointment, call the donor recruitment representative Debbie Kirk, 620-271-7394 or 316-259-6685 or visit www.redcross.org/br/centralplains. This year, a T-shirt will be given away.

It is estimated that every two seconds someone in the United States receives a blood transfusion. Therefore it is imperative that people in the county step forward to make sure an adequate blood supply is on hand for those who need it. The Red Cross needs all blood types every day of the year.

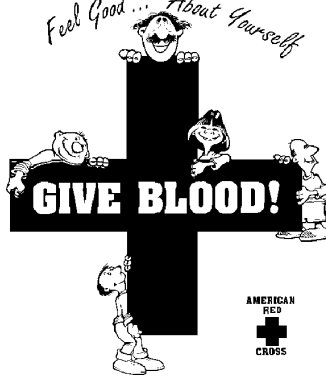
People giving blood must be of general good health, at least 17 years of age and weigh 110 pounds or more.

"I hope you will consider taking time out of your busy schedule to donate blood," said Ms. Kirk. "By giving a small amount of your time,

you can make the difference for a cancer patient, a burn victim or someone needing."

Most medications are not cause for deferral. Those with diabetes or high blood pressure may donate as long as their condition is controlled by medication and they are feeling well that day. Potential donors are reminded to drink plenty of fluid prior to their blood donation.

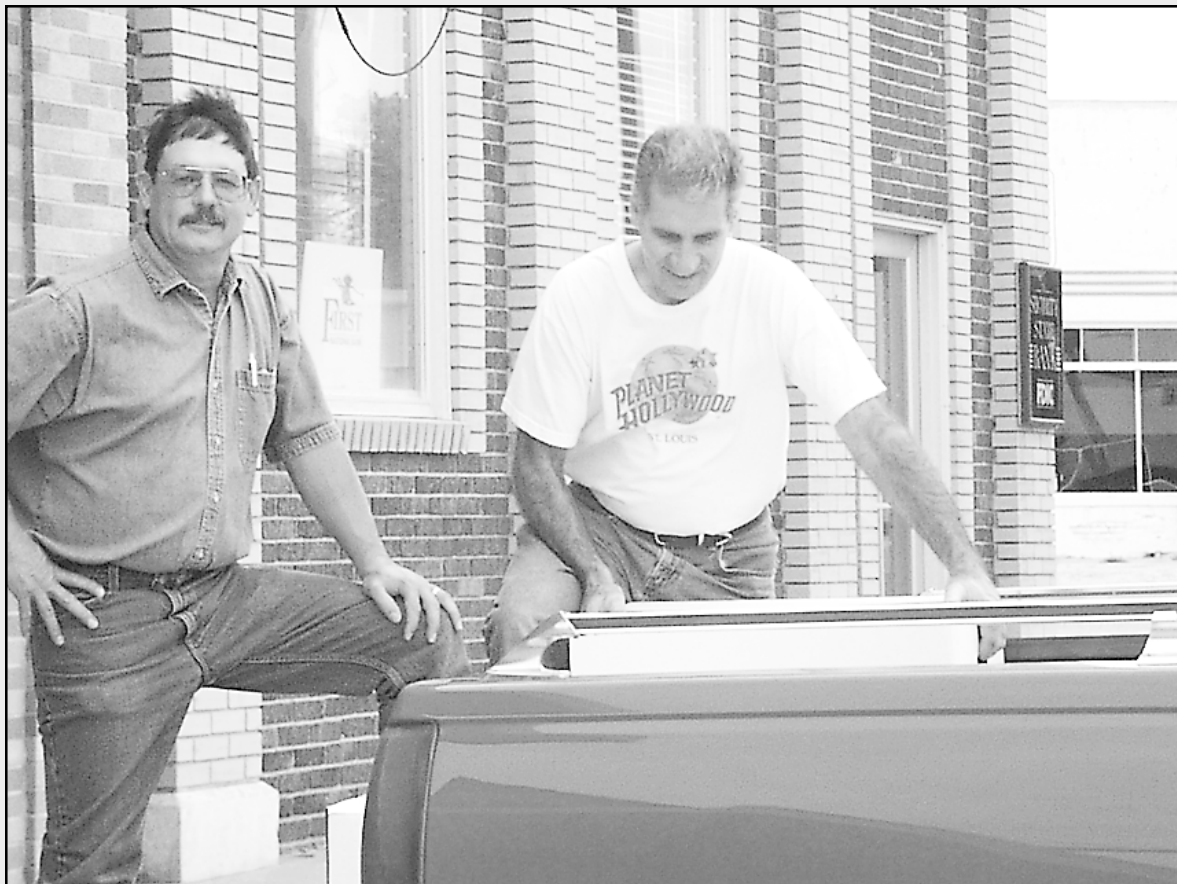
By giving blood you give another birthday, another anniversary, another night under the stars, another talk with a friend, another laugh, another hug, another chance. Please give blood.



Yard sale set for Saturday

Participants of the Bird City-City Wide Yard Sale are digging into every closet, basement and nook and cranny getting prepared for their yard sales. To date, there are 15 yard sales, some multi-family, to attend so everyone will have a big choice of items to choose from.

Maps showing the locations of each sale will be available at the entrance to Bird City. The sale will be this Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.



BANK DOORS were closed as of 2 p.m. Friday. Kermit Bear and Martin Burton were busy moving things to the bank's new location.

Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

Old bank closed doors last Friday

The First National Bank of Bird City closed their doors at the old bank building at 2 p.m. Friday. The bank employees spent a busy evening and weekend moving everything over to

the new location at the corner of Third and Bird Avenue.

The bank's business hours will remain 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the bank's new

drive-thru open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. There will be a grand opening in the near future.

County director announces plans of late planting provisions

"Late planting provisions have been implemented for 2002 and future crop years for the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP)," Angie Bock, county executive director of the Farm Service Agency, said. "The new provisions allow reduced coverage in the event a crop is planted within 20 days after the final planting date for crops with a 61 to 120 day growing season, and within

25 days of the final planting date for crops with a growing season over 120 days."

"Our main concern with this is the feed final planting date of June 25. Director Bock said. "With these new provisions, feed can be planted up to July 15 and still be eligible for coverage. With that in mind, anyone who planted their feed up to July 15 and feels they

have suffered a loss, needs to file a Notice of Loss in our office right away, if they haven't already.

"Hope these late planting provisions will extend insurance coverage to those who really need it," Director Bock said.

If you have any questions, contact the Farm Service Agency office at (785) 332-2183.