



Prices for fire trucks submitted

By Karen Krien

The St. Francis Fire Chief had prices of rural fire trucks for the Cheyenne County Commissioners when they met Monday. Those figures will be used to apply for a Community Development Block Grant. At a prior meeting, the Bird City Fire

Chief Dave Hickert and St. Francis Fire Chief George Harper had been asked to get prices for rural fire trucks, two for St. Francis, and one for Bird City. The prices were needed when applying for a Community Development Block Grant. Chief Harper said the price was about

\$10,000 less than he had anticipated and, all three trucks would cost approximately \$241,000. Commissioner Ron Krien was concerned that, with the rapidly rising costs of steel and iron, the cost of the trucks could be more by the time the names of those receiving grants were released.

The grant will require matching funds and the commissioners noted that the more money they were able to put up for the match, the more points the county would receive. (Grants are awarded on total points.) The commissioners will decide how much money to put toward the match-

ing grant at a future meeting. The cost of the fire trucks will be given to Susan Hobrock, coordinator of Cheyenne County Development, so she can begin the grant application process.

Chief Harper said last year the department See FIRE TRUCKS on Page 10A

Hospital moving day



Tuesday was moving day at the Cheyenne County Hospital. Beds were being rolled down the hall to their room in the new part of the hospital. Putting the bed into place were Darrell Reed and Les Lacy, administrator. The nurses station was also being moved to its new location and Susie Walz was busy putting things away.



County 4-H Day set for Saturday

Cheyenne County 4-H'ers will participate in the 2004 County 4-H Club Day on Saturday at the high school in St. Francis.

The day will start at 8:30 a.m. with a variety of activities going on during the morning. There will be demonstrations and illustrated talks, project talks, vocal, instrumental and piano numbers, readings, skits, dances, gymnastics, model meetings and favorite foods.

From 9 to 11 a.m., the Life Skills Judging Contest will be conducted as "come and go" in the east part of the cafeteria.

The Favorite Food Show will take

place in the west part of the cafeteria. The 4-H'ers will set up a table complete with food and decorations. The food show will be closed to the public with only the 4-H'er and the judge present during judging. The doors will be opened for public viewing from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Many of those participating at County 4-H Club Day will be traveling to Regional 4-H Days from 5 to 9 p.m. on April 2 at the Brewster High School.



Music concert will feature band, vocal students

The St. Francis Community High School Music Department will present a spring concert on Tuesday in the high school auditorium. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. with the high school band playing several pop tunes.

High school vocal students will be presenting several ensembles which they will be performing at their Regional Music Festival on March 27

in Oberlin. Vocal and instrumental soloists will also be performing their music festival selections.

The concert will end with a special preview of "The Wizard of Oz" which will be presented later this spring by the Advanced Music and Drama classes.

There is no admission charge for Tuesday's concert, and the public is encouraged to attend.

Risk management workshop held in Colby March 25

Risk management and other skills are topics of scheduled workshops for farm families with one of these workshops to be held in Colby on March 25.

Managing a family farm challenges owners and managers to know the land, the latest in crop and livestock research and production techniques, and savvy business- and communication- skills, said Charlie Griffin, research assistant professor in Family Studies and Human Services at Kansas State University.

"Business decisions that affect the farm also affect the family," said Assistant Professor Griffin, who is working with Charlotte Shoup Olsen, Kansas State Research and Extension family specialist, and Jerry Jost, program director of the Kansas Rural Center, to offer one-day workshops to help farm families improve risk management, decision-making and communications skills.

"When a family is in business together, it's important for them to be

able to talk about their relationships with each other, their expectations within the business, and their respective roles," Family specialist Olsen said.

Focus groups from around the state have helped organizers identify needs and plan workshop sessions that will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at five sites in the state.

The workshops are free and a complimentary lunch will be served.

The workshop closed to Cheyenne County will be held March 25 in Colby at the Northwest Area Extension Office, 105 Experiment Farm Road.

The workshops reflect the combined efforts of Kansas State University and the Kansas Rural Center. The project is funded by the Risk Management Agency and is one of the 2003 Commodity Partnerships for Risk Management Education announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in October, 2003. Ad- See WORKSHOP on Page 10A

Spring arrives Saturday

It is only days until the first day of spring will be here. There are reports of early blooming flowers in protected sunny spaces and the grass along the roadside is beginning to green up. However, the northwest Kansas area is still suffering from lack of moisture. Weather observer Kathy Woodcox had no reports of precipitation this past week and while her report doesn't snoh it, the wind was present most of the week.

Date	High	Low
March 9	68	33
March 10	68	24
March 11	67	24
March 12	67	23
March 13	63	23
March 14	63	27
March 15	59	27

Junior Miss girls go to state

Two Cheylin High School seniors will be heading to Belleville to participate in the Kansas 2004 Junior Miss Scholarship program. While the young ladies will be in Belleville throughout the week, the program will be held at 7 p.m. on March 26 and 6:30 p.m. on March 27, both evening's programs will be held at the Belleville High School.

Hayley Young, representing Cheyenne County, and Kylie Dixon, representing Rawlins County, will be participating in the program. They are two of 17 young women competing to participate in the America's Junior Miss National Finals held in Mobile, Ala., in June.

Throughout the week, the girls will be involved in rehearsals where they will learn routines for Opening Number, Poise and Physical Fitness. This year's choreographer is Allison (Ryan) Abplanalp, who was the 1997 Kansas Junior Miss. During their stay in Belleville, they will have interviews at KREP Radio, visit the Long Term Care and Belleville Health Care Center, tour Boyers Gallery, Museum, Tourist Info Center and have a scrapbooking session. They will be



Hayley Young Cheyenne County Junior Miss

treated to "Let's Have a Party" lunch with the local Lions Club.

This is the 43rd year for the state program and this year's theme is "Catch the Wave of Success."

Hayley, the daughter of Rod and Jane Young, Bird City, is contestant 14 and will be performing Poise and Fitness on March 26. Her talent number the following evening will



Kylie Dixon Rawlins County Junior Miss

be a jazz dance to "Bye, Bye Blackbird."

Kylie is the daughter of Kevin and Abbi Dixon, McDonald. She will be performing a dance routine to "All That Jazz," from the musical Chicago, for her talent presentation on March 27.

Previously, the girls submitted See STATE on Page 10A

'The Passion' comes to Sainty

The movie, "The Passion," has been a sell-out in cities all over the United States. The movie will be coming to St. Francis April 2 through 4 and on April 9 through 11 at the Cheyenne Theater on Main Street.

To handle the expected crowd, the Theater staff will start selling tickets at 6:45 p.m. each evening so everyone will be seated before 7:30 p.m. when the movie is scheduled to begin.

"The Passion" is a "R" rated

movie and the cost will be \$4 per ticket (no child rates). It should be noted that all children under the age of 17 will not be allowed into the theater unless they are accompanied by a parent or have a written note from a parent.

The movie at the Cheyenne Theater this week is "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen." The staff will begin selling tickets at 7 p.m. which is the usual time. The movie will begin at 7:30 p.m.

FIRE TRUCKS

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 had applied and been given a 50-50 Kansas State Forestry Grant to purchase five sets of bunker gear for firemen. This year, the Forestry Grant is again available and more bunker gear is needed. However, Coordinator Hobrock attended a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant workshop and found the bunker gear would qualify for a 90-10 matching grant. If the county were to qualify for the Federal Emergency Management Agency grant, all of the needed bunker gear could be purchased this year for less money than spent last year for five of the gear.

The commissioners agreed that applications should be submitted for both the Kansas State Forestry and Federal Emergency Management Agency grants and, if the Federal Emergency Management Agency grant is awarded, the firemen could turn down the Forestry grant.

Chief Harper also reported that the firemen's pagers were about 14 years old and some were not working well. He asked permission to get bids for pagers to be purchased with 911 funds. He reported that he will

work with Gary Rogers, county emergency manager. The commissioners said to get the bids and report back at a future meeting.

Chief Harper said the department now has release forms for those in the county wanting buildings burned down. The forms will need to be signed by the owner of the buildings before the firemen are allowed to burn them.

Computer for judge

Jolene Dodd, new District Magistrate Judge, reported that there were no computer programs on the computer in her office. She had consulted Infinitic, an internet company which the clerk of the court's computer is connected, and the technician informed her that the processing speed would not accept the needed software.

The commissioners questioned where the software for the computer was. Judge Dodd said she did not know. Commissioner Krien noted that the software was county property and maybe the county attorney needed to look into the matter.

In the meantime, the judge needs a computer and the commissioners agreed to purchase a Dell unit for

\$1,710 which included basic software and would allow her to use state programs. Internet was also discussed but no decisions were made.

The commissioners agreed that the judge needed to go through the inventory list of items in that office and see what is there and what might be missing.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, county road and bridge department supervisor, gave his yearly report on work done by the crew. The amount of gravel put on roads was again an issue. Commissioner Tim Raile had talked to several farmers who said they realized that the budget was tight but asked if the county crew could put more gravel on the "main artery" roads. Several major country roads were mentioned but it was noted that "main artery" roads needed more definition.

Commissioner Raile said that, overall, the county crew had gained a lot on the conditions of roads.

In other business

In other business:
 • The commissioners decided against signing a Fair Housing Resolution but did sign a Community Development Block Grant for the release of funds for the County Health Grant.

• The commissioners will talk to several organizations about planting a commemorative tree. If an organization decides to take advantage of the tree, they will be given a free tree and a commemorative plaque.

• Nadja Button was appointed as a deputy coroner.

• An ambulance service plan and licenses were signed.

• Commissioners Tim Raile and Jane Brubaker, along with Dave Flemming, Terry Miller, Mary Morrow, Sharon Elliott, Gary Rogers and Dolores Jenik will be among those attending the "Little" Kansas Association of Counties meeting.

• Mary Morrow, register of deeds, was given permission to attend a meeting in Colby. After explaining that sometimes people mail too much money for services at the register of deeds office, the commissioners allowed her to put that money, if it is \$5 or less, into the copy fund; over \$5 will be mailed back to the sender.

• Seven people from the High Plains Mental Health came to explain data they had sent earlier and explain the services of the organization.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on March 30 in the commissioners' room at the courthouse in St. Francis.



THIRD TIME TO THE STERLING TOURNAMENT found the kids and other coaches sleeping through Coach Gabel's tour of his home town -- where he lived, went to school, etc. Pictured (l to r) are Steve Jenkins, Bruce Swihart, Perry Keller, Tim Richard and Doug Ross.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

School Honor Roll

St. Francis Community High School and Junior High School third quarter honor rolls have been released.

The following students have been named to the Superintendent's Honor Roll, High Honor Roll or the Honor Roll.

Superintendent's Honor Roll

3.75 - 4.0

Seniors: Kyle Buffington, Michael Raile, Jonathan Roelfs, Robert Tyler Voorhies, Teegan Callicrate, Janis Dodd, Lori Faulkender, Nicholas Keller, Clancey Livingston, Toni Rice.

Juniors: Amy Grace, Rachel Hnizdil, Brooke Lucas, Derek Ross, Alexandria Tygart, Chelsey Weeden, Amy Nicklos, Andrew Feikert, Gabe Gienger, Ito, Sayuri.

Sophomores: Jade DeGood, McKenzie Grace, Grace Hnizdil, Samantha Marin, Sheryl Miller, Heath Owens, Adam Tygart, David Clark, Ashley Dowgwillo, Sawyer White.

Freshmen: Brittany Lucas, Alecia Zimbelman, Shaina Gohl, Megan Rice, Russell Rogers, Lauren Ross, Danielle Flemming, Adrienne Swihart.

Eighth grade: Holly Keller, Gavin Smull, Chance Hobrock, Dara Loyd, Sara Miller, Teri Walters.

Seventh grade: Elizabeth Gienger, Cara Hunt.

High Honor Roll

3.74 - 3.33

Seniors: Tyler Howard, Dusty Hays, Nikki Tafoya, Trevor Henderson, Allyse Lampe, Hannah Sowers, Troy Zwegardt, Erica Douthit, Meredith Knodel, Jessica Nelsen, Dillan Zwegardt, Jonathan Zwegardt, Amber Fromholtz, Trey Hilt, Ashley Holzwarth.

Juniors: Hailey Crabtree, Tanner Kinen, Julie Voeller, Emily Walz, Kelsey Dunn, Gabriel Walz, Devin Rohweder.

Sophomores: Erin Neitzel, Allyson Reichert, Trevor Richard, Talisa Voorhies, Cameron Fiala, Schuyler Coates, Margo Douthit, Madeline Knodel, Dylan Loyd, Nathan Morris, Gabriel Smull.

Freshmen: Darren Laffond.

Eighth grade: Katherine Jones,

Heather Hnizdil, Kattie Ford, Keaton Frewen, Katlin Marin.

Seventh grade: Andrea Holzwarth, Sidnee Crabtree, Courtney Douthit, Jonathon Finley, Samuel Sowers, Kimberly Voeller, Taryn Richard.

Honor Roll

3.0 - 3.32

Seniors: Luke Keller, Darin Wiley, Grant Keller, Kande Raile.

Juniors: Brandi Barnhart, Mike Milne, Kali Rueb, Lee Zimbelman, Danielle McFarland.

Sophomores: Angela Van Allen, Samantha Zwegardt.

Freshmen: Mindy Cooper, Amy Hilt, Maclain Frewen.

Eighth grade: Josh Carpenter, Theodore Crabtree, Cassandra Dankenbring.

Seventh grade: Taylor Kennedy, Matthew Whitmore, Trent Kinen, Jacob Riedel



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 scrapbooks and essays for the "Be Your Best Self," "Community Service" and "Let's have a Party" categories. The winners of these categories will be announced on Saturday.

Hayley is the 25th Cheyenne County representative at state competition. Her host family while she is in Belleville is Larry and Drona

Frydendall. Cards and well wishes can be sent to her at 1315 26th St., Belleville, KS 66935-2625.

Kylie's host parents are Alan and Jeanette Sheets. She would enjoy cards and well wishes sent to her at 2620 Tracy, Belleville, KS 66935.

Anyone needing ticket information, floral shops or motels may contact Vicki Cress or Rod and Jane Young, or call 785-527-2363.

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 additional partners include Kansas State Research and Extension; the Kansas Rural Family Helpline; Kansas Farmers Union; Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services; Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops; Kansas Farm Bureau; Kansas Farm Management Association, and National Farmers Organization.

In the fall, workshops for professionals working with family farm business management and development will be offered, Director Griffin said.

there is a required registration form. These can be downloaded and printed from the website <http://www.ksu.edu/farmksu/> Simply click on the "Farming with the Family Workshop" menu item found in the left-hand column.

For registration or a complete listing of other workshops, call the Kansas Rural Family Helpline toll free number: 1-866-327-6578 or 1-866-FARM.KSU, or e-mail: farmstaff@ksu.edu



St. Francis Good Samaritan Village



GOOD SAMARITAN VILLAGE STAFF, first row, l to r - Cindy Neitzel, Kayleen Larson, Sherri Hilt, Michele Rohweder, Kathy Bexley, Sherry Jones; second row - Cheryl Lee, Juciara Schoenrogge, Sharon Barnhart, Dorothy Hankins, Ronda Zwegardt, Chad Miller, Dave Roberson, Steve Reuber, Leah Rambat, Teresa Rogers; third row - Rhonda Rice, Myra Grimes, Carol Joliffe, Barb McComes, Janet Siegfried, Carol Larson, Livina Randall, Bonnie Doggett, Pat Brunow, Esther Semler, Vickie Clapper, Carol Trembly, Susan Short; back row - Michelle Stafford, Paula Austin, Lori Bunjes, Kay Runzel, Judy Brent, Sarah McQuigg, Anna Teel, Deb Gohl, Bonnie Straub, Kathy Loop, Patty Zwegardt, Terry Zwegardt. Not pictured - Kathy Pinnell, Diana Zwegardt, Mary Merklin, Heather Ohrman, Patricia Leisure, Pam Meyer, Brandi Barnhart, Misty Birt, Karen Moberly, Heidi Rohweder, Danielle Royer, LaRea McWilliams.



CONGRATULATIONS!

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My PERSONAL THANKS, PAUL