

No reimbursement is received by firemen for help

By Karen Krien

Had policy been written differently, Cheyenne County would have received a reimbursement amount for the firemen helping with the 2005 Thanksgiving blizzard. J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis city superintendent; George Harper, St. Francis fire chief; and Troy Gardner, county sheriff; had recently talked with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials concerning reimbursements for those who had worked during the storm. The county's policy states that firemen are paid \$10 a run for fires and if more compensation is needed, the commissioners will make the decision "case by case." Since the policy didn't specifically say that firemen would be paid in any emergency, the firemen were the only volunteers who were not included in the Federal Emergency Management's reimbursement. Sheriff Gardner said that his department could not have handled the different situations caused by the storm had it not been for the co-

operation and work of the firemen. They were especially helpful in making sure that road closings were observed. He said firemen also help when there are accidents. "We just don't have the manpower and the firemen help a lot," he said. "The firemen bent over backward to help during the storm and everyone was compensated except them." Superintendent Landenberger said the people can count on the firemen no matter what they are paid. But he urged the county to set a policy that would see that they were paid. He had called several different counties/cities and had figures of what firemen are paid in these areas. They are paid for fires and other emergency calls where they are involved. In Colby, firemen are paid \$9 for each call and \$9 an hour. Goodland (city only) pays \$20 a call and \$5 an hour after the first three hours. Sheridan County pays \$15 a call and \$10 an hour after the first hour.

The commissioners appeared to be receptive for paying the firemen. However, Jane Brubaker, commissioner, wanted to contact some of the counties which are closer to the size of Cheyenne County. She will bring the information back to the next meeting. **Old truck to be converted** Chief Harper talked about converting the old 1984 fire truck into an emergency response vehicle. This vehicle would carry the hydraulic extraction tools as well as other equipment used in emergencies. The firemen presently have the equipment installed in a suburban and the chief felt there was a safety issue because of the weight of the equipment. He said the cost would be around \$5,000. Commissioner Brubaker said that the conversion needs to be done if there is a matter of safety involved. The commissioners approved of the amount to convert the truck. Chief Harper said he had applied for a K-State Forestry grant which is a 50/50 matching grant. Among the items he is applying for are hoses. He figures the county's share will be \$1,000. The commissioners said they would go along with the expense. On April 2, the firemen plan to host an open house to show off the new fire trucks as well as the equipment. People will have "hands-on"

demonstrations and everyone should have fun as well as learning what equipment the department has as well as how the equipment works. **Sheriff's report** Sheriff Gardner said the Federal Emergency Management officials had agreed to pay Cheyenne County \$2,200 with \$1,500 going to the county and \$700 to the cities. The department which had been reimbursed were: law - \$900; fire department (not firemen), \$200; and emergency management - \$400. The sheriff reported he had hired Tom Raile as the undersheriff who will live in Bird City. He takes the place of Mark Davidson who recently retired. The commissioners agreed that Officer Raile should attend methamphetamine prevention training. Since he was an officer with the city police, he will start at a Level II pay rate. **In other business** In other business: • The ambulance write-offs were \$2,994. The amount received in February was \$12,416. The amount billed was \$11,248. • Roxie Neitzel, Neitzel Insurance, had called Terry Miller, clerk, and informed him that she had talked to the insurance adjusters about the high values on two of the buildings on the county's insurance. She suggested that the com-

missioners have a local building contractor estimate what it would cost to replace Jenkins Hall, the block building at the fairgrounds. If the estimate is lower than the figure the adjusters had given, then the county's insurance could be lowered. The commissioners agreed that, if something were to happen to the building, they would not replace it with blocks but probably a pole building. No decision was made. • Dave Flemming, road and

bridge supervisor, said he had bought two Ranco trailers for \$42,000. The final cost was less than he had originally thought. • Wage agreements for road and bridge employees Fred Magley and Kevin Ritchey were signed by the commissioners. **Next meeting** The next commissioners meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on Wednesday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Teams ready to begin walking

Walk Kansas begins March 12 and ends May 6. The program is an eight-week walking program which encourages family members, schoolmates, co-workers, friends and neighbors to come together as a team. It takes six people to make a team and each team will collectively walk 423 miles (the miles across Kansas) in that eight weeks. It will take approximately 30 minutes or 1.75 miles per day, five days per week. Teams will chose a name and a captain who will turn their miles into the Extension office. Not a walker? Fifteen-minute segments

of alternate aerobic exercise such as bicycling, swimming, playing basketball or running count toward a team's total mileage. There are no limitations who can participate. This is the third year that residents in Cheyenne County have participated in Walk Kansas. Last year there were 24 teams with 144 people walking. Together, they walked 10,152 miles during the eight-week period. The Walk Kansas program has proven successful in weight management while promoting healthy lifestyles. Participants can walk anytime of day and do not have to go to a specific location. Participants report a happier outlook, increased energy and self confidence, stress reduction, more restful sleep and weight loss. One member of a team increased fruit and vegetable consumption while participating in the program and credits it with helping her loose 20 pounds and keeping it off. For more information, contact the Extension office at 785-332-3171.

Public Notice

Petition filed in the estate of Bron DeGood

Published in the Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, Thursdays, March 9, March 16 and March 23, 2006 (10-12) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of Bron Joel DeGood, a/k/a Bron J. DeGood, a/k/a, Bron DeGood, Deceased Case No. 06-PR-06 NOTICE OF HEARING The Staff of Kansas to All Persons Concerned: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Lanny DeGood, as surviving father and one of the heirs of Bron Joel DeGood, a/k/a Bron J. DeGood, a/k/a, Bron DeGood, deceased, pray-

ing for the determination of the descent; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 3rd day of April, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., of said day, in said court, in the City of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition. LANNY DEGOOD, Petitioner KITE & DAY, L.L.P. 112 West Washington P.O. Box 575 St. Francis, Kansas 67756 785/332-3323

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Commissioners adopt burn ban resolution

Published in The Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, and The Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas, Thursday, March 9, 2006 (10) **NOTICE OF RESOLUTION 06-03** A Resolution adopting a ban of open burning in Cheyenne County, Kansas, pursuant to K.S.A. 19-101a and amendments thereto. WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County, Kansas determined that extremely dry condition exist in the county, and WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County, Kansas determined that due to the dryness, the potential for uncontrollable fires exist; and WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County, Kansas want to prevent the destruction of crops, grass, buildings and life, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Cheyenne County Commissioners: Cheyenne County, Kansas hereby bans open burning. Open burning means any outdoor fire, including, but not limited to, burning of trash, burning of fields, pasture,

fence rows, any grass land or ditches, campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, except this resolution shall not apply within the city limits of the City of Saint Francis or the City of Bird City. This resolution shall be in effect from the date of execution until such time as it is modified or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners hereby declare that it shall be unlawful to violate this resolution and that any person found to be guilty of violating this resolution shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or confinement in the county jail not to exceed one month or both. ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF MARCH, 2006 CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS /s/ Andy Beikman Andy Beikman, Chairman /s/ Jane C.W. Brubaker Jane C.W. Brubaker, Commissioner /s/ Ray Lee Ray Lee, Commissioner ATTEST: /s/ Terry Miller Terry Miller, County Clerk

DEADLINE

for the Country Advocate for the Week of March 20 will be noon on Thursday, March 16. This is one day early; our staff will be at a training session on Friday.

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Club Clip

McDonald Senior Citizens

The McDonald Senior Citizens met on Monday, March 6, with 43 signing the register. Debbie Rummel, Health Nurse checked blood pressures and pulse. Phyllis Wingfield welcomed everyone who was present. Ray Johnson read a reading "Hands" and led the group in prayer. Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. The tables were gaily decorated for St. Patrick's Day with green napkins, shamrocks, and each place setting had a clever little Leprechaun. After the meal, bingo was played with Ray Johnson having the blackout card. At the business meeting the minutes and treasurer's report were accepted. The garage sale was discussed, and it was decided to have it in September with the Highway 36 Garage Sales. Committees for April meeting are Poem and Prayer, Em Threlkel; prizes, Joan Tongish; Bingo, Ray Johnson; Kitchen help, Rose Gordon, Marlene Johnson and Phyllis Wilkinon.

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