

Sheriff shares concern about Bird City office

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The county sheriff reported at the Thursday Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting that the department's office in Bird City has been taken away and it could cause some problems.

Sheriff Craig Van Allen said the sheriff's office which has been located in the city hall, was going to be used by a Small Business Development Center which is being brought in by Century II.

The sheriff's office provides law enforcement for the city of Bird City. Last year, the county and city signed contract for \$31,500 which covered the city's law enforcement.

He said they had not been able to use the Bird City office much of the time as the city hall was being remodeled and the office was being used by the city clerk. He said the city had proposed to set the department up in a portion of the city shop.

However, he said, there are many regulations that will need

to be met and it is going to be cost prohibitive. In the city hall, the sheriff's office was "grandfathered" in and it was not necessary to meet many of the regulatory and safety issues. The officer(s) also need a place to interview in a controlled environment.

Sheriff Van Allen said since the renovation of the city hall had begun, they had made transfers to St. Francis when a person was arrested. This, he said, can continue but it is costing the county additional money. When the sheriff could see that, in the near future, the office in city hall would be available, he didn't think it was necessary to bring up the matter of the extra trips but if the transfers were going to be ongoing, he felt that the commissioners should be informed.

The commissioners discussed drawing up a new contract. Sheriff Van Allen said that he would still continue to cover Bird City until the commissioners came up with a plan.

Organization to host pro-life baby shower

The Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring a Pro-Life baby shower with items collected to be donated to the Mary Elizabeth Home for Unwed Mothers in Hays. The shower will take place during the month of January.

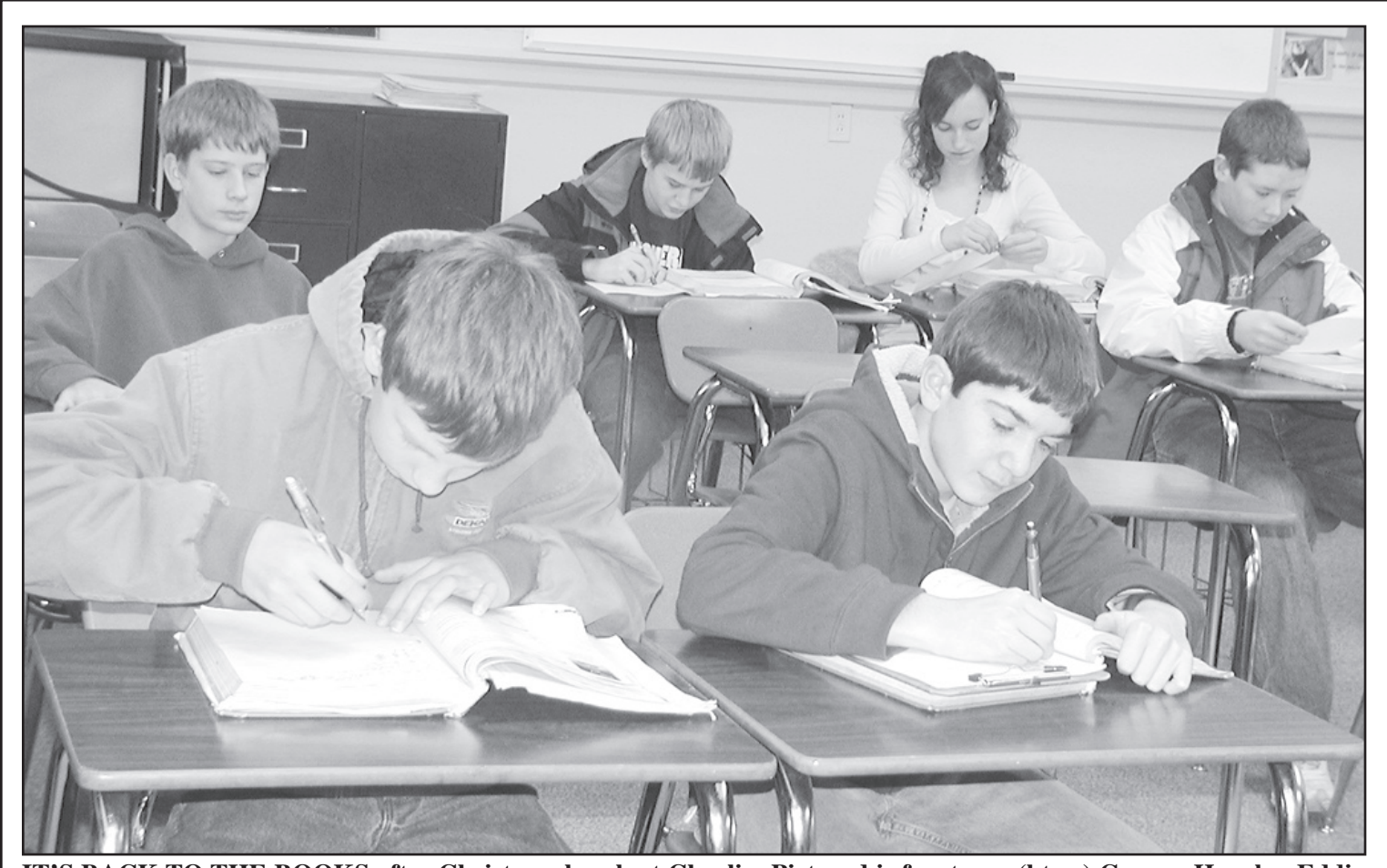
Among the things needed are diapers, bottles, clothing for infants, infant bathing supplies, blankets and any other items needed to raise an infant. They can also use office supplies.

If you have any items that you would like to donate, they may be left at the Catholic Church in Bird City or St. Francis or you may contact either Dennis Wright in Bird

City of Mike Anholz in St. Francis.

A cash donation may also be made if the person does not have anything to donate. If purchasing items, please leave the price tag on for the report that is needed to send to the state at the end of the month.

Members of the Knights of Columbus feel that the Mary Elizabeth Home does an excellent job in helping unwed mothers by teaching them how to take care of an infant from before birth through 1-2 years of age. Most of them are young teenage mothers who have no where to go and everything the home does is through donations.



IT'S BACK TO THE BOOKS after Christmas break at Cheylin. Pictured is front row (l to r) Connor Hazuka, Eddie Frisbie; back row (l to r) Heath Churchwell, Ty Carmichael, Shayla Hubbard and Walker Janicke.

Commissioners look over expenses

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The first of the new year meant looking at the expenses paid to the city of St. Francis' Emergency Building. The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Thursday meeting, checked over the utility budget provided by the city clerk.

The county pays three-fourths of the utilities as it utilizes about that much in the storage of fire engines, ambulances and offices.

This was the first year that the building had been available so the St. Francis City Council was guessing at the cost of the utilities. The county was paying \$9,000 a year and the city was paying \$3,000. But, now that the year has ended, the ending balance showed an accumulated \$7,162.

The commissioners didn't mind that there was a little buildup in the fund but they thought that \$7,000 was more than necessary.

They agreed to send a letter proposing the county pay half of last year's amount and pay it monthly. The county will be paying \$375 each month if the city agrees; the city will pay \$125 a month.

Bonuses and raises

Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, presented the ambulance account's balance showing \$29,530 left. She said the bills had been paid up to date and asked that the emergency medical technicians be given a bonus.

Mrs. Bowers said she was not asking for a bonus for herself as she had already received one but she would appreciate the bonus for the technicians.

She had a list of the technicians and the runs they had made throughout the year. The commissioners reviewed the list and agreed that the technicians, who are volunteers, deserve a bonus. It was nice, the commissioners said, that the service had been able to make some money.

The commissioners also agreed to move Mrs. Bowers from a level two pay rate to level three.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, brought in his monthly work report and what had been spent.

He said he needed a new radio. Prairie States Communication,

Imperial, had told him that the type of radio now being used in the department will be obsolete in 2013 with the implementation of narrowband voice channel. It was decided that a refurbished radio would be purchased for now.

They talked about repairing the supervisor's pickup which had hail damage last summer. The insurance check expires in February.

Attorney's report

County attorney, Kari Gilliland, after thanking the commissioners for the Christmas bonus, reported she was cleaning up some old cases. Judge Showalter had given the attorney a list of things that needed to be taken care of from last year. She also briefly discussed a case that was coming up.

In other business

In other business: The commissioners looked at several warrants, pulling one from the sheriff's office for \$748 for ammunition but it was pointed out that the ammunition was ordered in May. There was also one for \$500 for folding chairs and tables but this was a purchase made by Cleveland Run Township with left

over money. Over all, the commissioners said they were pleased with the department heads in making the adjustments to help the financial situation at the end of the year.

Mary Morrow, register of deeds, said the office is getting new equipment and she will need another desk. She said it will cost over \$500 which is the dollar number that will need approval from the commissioners. The commissioners approved the purchase, noting that it was important to get what is needed.

Craig Schoenrogge's, St. Francis, visit at the last meeting was briefly discussed. Until his case with the city is completed, the commissioners feel that there is nothing for the commissioners to discuss with him.

The commissioners approved that the workers in the 911 dispatch office have a key to Judge Robert Van Allen's office.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will start at 8 a.m. on Monday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Public Notices

Petition filed in court for Magnani estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate

SHERIDAN RAY MAGNANI, Deceased

Case No. 2009-PR-31

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 15, 2009, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Schelly Ann Magnani, an heir, devisee and legatee of Sheridan Ray Magnani, deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

SHELLY ANN MAGNANI, Petitioner

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Official Notice of annual meeting

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Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange will be held at the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas, January 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. CST. Reports will be presented by the Board of Directors and Management, along with a review of the financial statements of our auditors. Members will elect one director to serve on the Board.

Dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. CST. The business meeting will follow immediately after dinner. Drawings for door prizes will follow the meeting.
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Students eligible for funds

The board of directors of Farm Credit of Western Kansas ACA is pleased to announce the continuation of the Farm Credit Scholarship program. Each year Farm Credit choose one student to receive a \$500 per year scholarship which is renewable for up to four years of post-secondary education. Eligible applicants are area high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Farm Credit Western of Kansas ACA members.

Interested applicants should contact their high school counselor or Cathy Hawk at the Farm Credit administrative office in Colby, 785-462-6714 for an application or visit their website at www.farmercreditkansas.com. Applications are due by Feb. 15.

The office is located in Colby and can be reached by calling 1-800-657-6048.

Movie Review

The Blind Side

Michael Oher, a homeless African-American youngster from a broken home, is taken in by the Touhys, a well-to-do white family who help him fulfill his potential. At the same time, Oher's presence in the Touhys' lives leads them to some insightful self-discoveries of their own.

Living in his new environment, the teen faces a completely different set of challenges to overcome. As a football player and student, Oher works hard and, with the help of his coaches and adopted family, becomes an All-American offensive left tackle.

