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CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS at the center are Millie Glasco, Paul Roesener, Lee Amsberry and Shirley Statley. Paul Roesener celebrated his 95th birthday.

Times photo by Edna Roesener

## **Representative talks carnival bill**

Many people in Cheyenne the full senate debate. County including members of the Amusement Authority are Brownlee, wants the bill heard, concerned about Senate Bill 365 that could affect home-owned carnivals, possibly shutting them it will be discussed," he said. "Her he is taking it to the committee down.

Representative, reported that the to insure that our children are senate bill has not had a hearing. safe in the home-owned carnival What that means, Mr. Cassidy environment." said, is the committee chair has committee to discuss and then carnival people take every either vote it up or down to go to precaution possible and already

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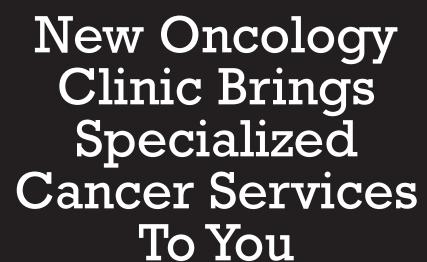
Secretary of Labor, Karen Mr. Cassidy said.

reason is because of an accident in Ward Cassidy, 120 District Norton last summer and she wants

She has been assured, Mr. to place it on his calendar for the Cassidy said, that home-owned

follow state inspection guidelines. Greg Walz, Cheyenne County Amusement board member, gave Mr. Cassidy a book of photos of "I imagine in the next few weeks the county's carnival and he said hearing, when and if there is one.

"All the area representatives are watching and lobbying for the bill to just go away," Mr. Cassidy said, noting that he will keep the communities posted as to what is happening concerning the bill.



# **Development vital, group says**

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One of the first items of business at the Cheyenne County Commissioners meeting on Jan. 15 was to decide whether or not to pay dues of \$1,887 for the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development.

Helen Dobbs, the new Cheyenne County Development Corporation coordinator, was present and strongly encouraged the payment of the dues as well as participating on the board.

Mrs. Dobbs said the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development organization could be a great benefit as they have certified grant writers and administrators. The organization, she said, is under utilized. It is important that people from the county attend the meetings. Mrs. Dobbs had attended the meeting last month.

The county is paying the dues but if we don't participate, we don't know what they are doing. Yes, she said, I do think that paying the dues is worth the money.

The county, through the organization, had purchased three fire trucks and an ambulance as well as received money for street and road improvements.

A lot of loans through grants go to other counties instead of Cheyenne County, she said.

Mrs. Dobbs was on her way to represent the county at a KREDA meeting in Topeka. She had met Ward Cassidy, representative of the 120 District, and said the county residents were fortunate to have him representing them. She is concerned about what decisions will be made in development.

She plans to attend meetings throughout Kansas. I want people to know where Cheyenne County, St. Francis and Bird City are, she said. She talked about some pamphlets

which has the St. Francis Chamber's phone number. Since the Chamber had been dissolved, the phone number no longer works. After talking with the commissioners and the assistant county attorney, it was suggested that she call the phone company and Gloria Bracelin, former Chamber secretary, to see if the phone number could be reinstalled and automatically rolled over the Cheyenne County development phone.

She had reviewed the county's strategic plan. She may have some suggestions for change in the future.

Mrs. Dobbs said she thinks it is important to have high school students on the board. Their input is important. Jason Padgett, development treasurer, was also present with Mrs. Dobbs. He had talked with Terry Miller, clerk, care of her health first as the job about purchasing QuickBooks should be considered secondary at Premier software. Mr. Miller had this point.

the legislature concerning economic looked at the county's discount and could get the software for \$250. It would normally cost \$400. The commissioners agreed to pay for the software.

#### **Appraiser's report**

Appraiser, Bruce Webb, presented the work schedule for the month and a service contract of \$5,354 with R&S Digital Mapping.

Mr. Webb suggested that the commissioners approve hiring Amanda Milne as the deputy appraiser. In the future, Ms. Milne will be taking the training to become the county appraiser.

#### Road supervisor's report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, asked for two new wheels for the landfill loader. The purchase was approved.

Bringing the landfill into compliance with the Kansas Department Health and Environment was discussed.

#### **Treasurer report**

Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, updated the commissioners about her health and job status. The commissioners told Dolores to take

## **McDonald News**

Wednesday overnight guests of and Agnes Reeh traveled with a Eleanor Swihart were her niece and husband, Claire and Dick Baughman of New Jersey.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson belated birthday.

Valentine's cake to Oberlin. They called on Vera Kacirek at the Good Samaritan Home and helped her On Valentine's Day, Tuesday, celebrate Valentine's Day and a

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## **Dr. January Fields** Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

Dr. January Fields, oncologist and hematologist will see and evaluate new patients, manage patients currently receiving treatment and provide followup services at a new clinic in Colby.

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