

Elected officials coming to town

Kansas State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer with Kansas Representative John Faber will be visiting local communities on Saturday to seek people's ideas on issues being addressed in the 2009 Kansas Legislature. Information will be presented from many of the issues being considered and discussion will be held on anticipated issues and their impact on all Kansans. Everyone is urged to attend.



From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., they will be at the Decatur County Courthouse in Oberlin. At 1:45 to 2:45 p.m., they will be the Town and Country Kitchen in Norton.

With their tight schedule, the people at each location will have only an hour to talk to the legislators.

Building is topic of county meeting

By Karen Krien

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At the Friday meeting, several of the county commissioners said they had received calls about what the county was going to do with the old emergency medical service building on U.S. 36.

It was noted that several weeks ago, the furnace had quit, water pipes had broken and there was some flooding. The pipes have been fixed but the utilities are still being paid for the building.

The building is assessed at \$25,400 so the law requires the county to advertise the sale of the building for two times in the county newspapers.

The commissioners debated whether to have an auction or ask for sealed bids. They decided that sealed bids would be the way to go but they wanted to make sure that they were not giving the building away for a very low price. Kari Gilliland, county attorney, said they could put in the ad that they had the right to reject any or all bids.

Mr. Patton was concerned that, after they had paid for the advertising, the building wouldn't bring enough money and they would be out the advertising. Mrs. Gilliland said that highway access property is in demand.

The commissioners voted unanimously to sell the property by sealed bids. Check the advertisement in this newspaper for more information.

Road and bridge report
Mr. Flemming, in his road and

bridge report said:

- The Runzel Bridge, west and north of St. Francis, will be poured this week.

- He will go with Ed Garner, landfill supervisor, to the landfill meeting in Garden City.

- He had talked to Cathy Domsch, Bird City Century II director, who said that when the old lumberyard building is destroyed, it will be pushed into a ditch instead of having it hauled to the landfill.

- He said a box bridge taken out north of town will be moved to another area.

In other business

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- The commissioners agreed to wait to sign the R and S Digital contract until the appraiser was there to discuss it.

- The resolution allowing the sale of alcohol in the exhibit building at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds was signed. It was noted that the person selling liquor will need to have the license before the building will be rented.

- The emergency medical technicians who have completed the training to do IVs in the field are: Mike Hanson, Ed Marin, Wade Krien, Reid Raile and Teri Morris.

- The county received "escape" taxes from Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado Railroad in the amount of \$17,144.

Next meeting

The next commissioners meeting was changed from Monday, March 16, to Friday, March 13.

Club Clip

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The ladies of Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met at the hospital on March 2 for a luncheon. There were 21 members in attendance.

After a delicious meal, Les Lacy presented an interesting slide program. The goal of the hospital is improving health through access to quality care. He identified many of the programs available through the hospital. Some of the potential projects are pictures for patient rooms, replacement crib, ultrasound bed, foundation growth, health care professional and scholarships.

A short business meeting was held. Donations for the bakeless sale will be taken at the April meeting. The Nominating Committee will present a list of candidates for next year's officers.

Helen Burnham and Dolores Wiley will be hostesses for the

Conservation award given to group

The Cheyenne County Natural Resources Conservation Service board was the winner of the Kansas Earth Team Volunteer Group award for National Association of Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service. The board was selected from nominees across the state of Kansas for their significant contribution to conservation efforts in the state.

Recognition, said Joan Gienger, District conservationist, is for volunteer efforts above and beyond what their elected duties require.

Board members are: Spencer Schlepp, chairman; Randy Rueb, Lonnie Willis, Clint Bursch and Roger Orth. Myra Hyde is an associate member. The award was presented by Dan Meyerhoff, assistant state conservationist, at the annual conservation awards banquet held Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Some of the accomplishments of the board last year included:

- The five members of the District board of supervisors contributed 76 hours of volunteer service above what was required of their elected positions. Besides time spent representing their county at state and area meetings, the members have participated in conservation programs presented to the Cheylin and Saint Francis schools. Their presentations were in the classroom and as part of an all day sixth grade conservation tour. As farmers and ranchers, they were able to share with the children their "real life" experiences and commitment to conservation.
- Members came in an extra day to specifically update a 15-year-old long-range plan. In addition, individual board members have represented the District on related conservation boards and committees. These include the local Resource Conservation and Development advisory board and the recently formed Upper Republican River Basin Conservation Projects Alliance.
- Individual board members hand-delivered posters to the grade schools and Soil Stewardship materials to the county ministers. One board member visits directly with the local Ministerial Alliance each year.
- In past years, when the District manager was on extended sick leave, board members filled in at the office. They attended to District business and prepared for the upcoming annual meeting.
- "Tree day" has become an annual event in which the board members take a leading role. Besides driving to eastern Nebraska to pick up part of the trees, they spent the major part of a day hand-bagging individual orders and another day distributing them to customers who pre-ordered. This year, they bagged and distributed nearly 3,400 shrubs and



THE CHEYENNE COUNTY Natural Resources Conservation Service board received an award. Dan Meyerhoff (left) presents a plaque to the members. Also pictured are Jeanne Dunn, District Manager, Roger Orth of the service board and Joe Leibbrandt the County Extension Agent.

Herald staff photo by Linda Schneider

trees. Since 1984, the District has distributed approximately 137,000 trees and shrubs.

• In 2006, the District board began a partnership with the county commissioners, via the county road supervisor, to help address roadside erosion. This has been a win-win-win situation: the landowner corrects his/her erosion problem; the county (and taxpayers) reduces their cost for road repairs; and the Cheyenne County Conservation District accomplishes their goals of resource protection.

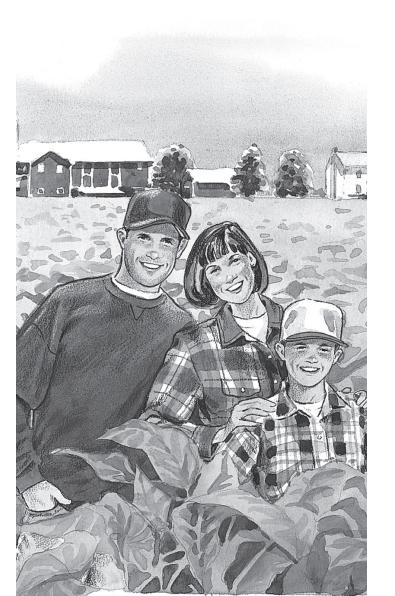
• Another unique activity began by the board is conducting a spot-check tour of practices that were cost-shared under the Kansas Water Resources and Non-Point Pollution cost-share programs. This came about when the supervisors questioned if practices and grazing plans were being maintained for the required 10 years. Now they randomly select one contract from each of the past 10 years and go out to each site to see how they are functioning and being maintained. Any irregularities found are brought to the attention of the contract holder for

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Submit by March 16, or fined

Cheyenne County residents will need to have their personal property assessments in by Monday, March 16, in order to avoid a penalty.

The deadline applies to all people who have personal property in the county. All assessments must be personally signed.

Taxable items include pickups and trucks with 16 M or larger tags, boats, golf carts, snowmobiles, jet skis, campers, mobile and business equipment and fixtures, just to name some. A full listing can be found in an ad located in this issue of the newspaper.

Any real estate improvements or structural changes should be reported to the appraiser's office.

Questions can be addressed by calling the appraiser's office at 332-8830.

April 6 meeting. Janelle Bowers will present the program.

Come & Go
Bridal Shower for
Kelsi Bowers
Saturday, March 7
2-4 p.m.
Bird City Senior Center, West 4th St. Bird City

Dance at
BIG ED'S
STEAKHOUSE & LOUNGE
Saturday, March 14 - After the grill closes (10 p.m. til 2 a.m.)
Bird City, KS ~ 785-734-2475
Mon. - Sat. • OPEN 5 p.m. (CT) until Closing
Grill Open 5-10 p.m. (CT)

Notice

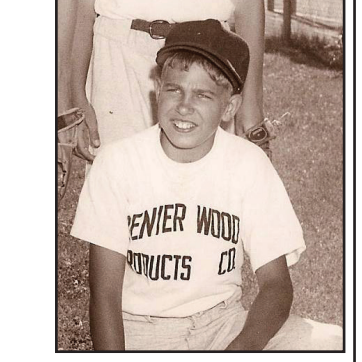
Pursuant to K.S.A. 19-211(a)(4), and amendments thereto, the Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners has found that the building owned by Cheyenne County and formerly used as the EMS building is no longer needed for public purposes. The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of the county to sell said property. The property is located in the Park Hill Addition to the City of St. Francis, Kansas, in Section 27, Township 03, Range 40. The legal description can be found in the offices of either the county clerk, register of deeds, or appraiser. The county appraised value is \$25,460. The sale of the building will be conducted by way of submitting sealed bids. Sealed bids will be opened at the Cheyenne County Board of Commissioner meeting on March 31st, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. Please send sealed bids to the Cheyenne County Clerk, PO Box 985, Saint Francis, KS 67756. K.S.A. 19-211(a)(4) provides that it must be published at least 2 times in the official county newspaper.



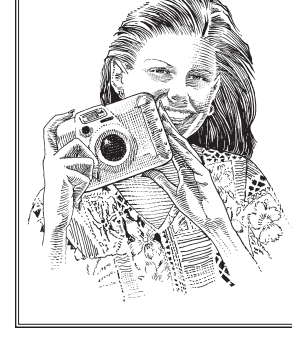
Dad, does time really fly when you are having fun?

Happy 60th Birthday!

Love,
Carey, Jason, Brandon,
Derek & Kari



Sexy & "60"
Happy Birthday
Linda Query
March 9th.
From your "Back Road Drivin Buddy"



Thanks
Kristi Guthmiller
for the outstanding
wrestling photos!
The Herald staff

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785-626-3211
Wed., March 11
Cheyenne County Hospital - P.M.
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Thurs., March 12
Atwood (a.m.) • 626-3211
Colby (p.m.)
CSMC, 175 S. Range
462-3332
CMC, 100 E. College Dr.
462-7511
Fri., March 13
Atwood - All Day

Raile Charolais Raile Gelbvieh
Monday, March 16, 12:30 p.m. (CST)
St. Francis Livestock Co. -- St. Francis, Kansas

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