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secretary, was raised from Level 2 to Level 3.

Ambulance director's report
Mrs. Bowers asked for 15 minutes to discuss personnel issues. No decision was made when they returned to open session.

Mrs. Bowers then asked that she be allowed to hire part-time help to do filing and other duties until she could get caught up. The commissioners agreed that she could hire someone as contractual help at \$6 per hour for two days a week.

Correction: Mrs. Bowers said the Christmas bonuses for the technicians was taken out of the Emergency Medical Service budget, not out of the Memorial Fund which was stated in the Jan. 1 issue of both *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

Other issues Mrs. Bowers reported included:

- Her computer desk had fallen apart. She suggested waiting to purchase a desk until the new emergency building was built. However, the commissioners said that no more than the desk would cost, to look around at purchasing one now.

- There had been 22 runs made in December which was about the same as in year's past. There was \$2,621 in contractual adjustments (write-offs).

New grader
Dave Flemming, road and bridge

supervisor, talked about trading in the 1993 140G road grader for a new grader. At the last meeting, he said a Martin Tractor representative said a new grader would cost around \$130,000. The commissioners asked that the figure be lowered and they might be interested in approving the purchase.

Snow removal
The talk then turned to snow removal policies in clearing private drives. Noting that there were individuals in the county who were in the business of snow removal, it was decided that the only time the county would remove the snow from a private drive would be in the case of a medical emergency.

Courthouse steps
Clerk Miller had talked to Greg Kite, former resident, who offered to write a grant to have the courthouse steps replaced with slabs of granite instead of cement.

The commissioners were hesitant because of the cost, even with a grant, could be more than the county could afford. There was also the matter of time — when and if a grant would be received, it could hold up the step replacements for months.

Before a decision was made, the commissioners agreed to have Clerk Miller visit with Mr. Kite again and find out more information. In the meantime, someone would also contact Troy Porter, the contractor who had put in the courthouse steps.

Back taxes
Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, told the commissioners that Energy Alliance, formerly Harvest Energy, owed back taxes of \$42,867. The taxes had been accumulating since 1994 and, now the interest and publication fees were adding up to almost as much as the taxes.

In 2001, the county had abated some taxes for S&S Services, who owned the company at that time. She wondered if the commissioners wanted to forgive the interest if the back taxes were paid.

The commissioners asked that Justin Barrett, county attorney, write a letter asking for the full amount and see what the response is.

Next meeting
The next meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



CROWD GATHERED — The 4-H building at the fairgrounds in St. Francis was full as people gathered to hear the announcement of the winners of the contest and see if their name would be drawn for a prize.

HELP

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at the following locations:
St. Francis - Cheyenne County Treasurer's Office, City Office and St. Francis Equity Co-Op.
Bird City - City Office, Frontier Equity and First National Bank
Social Rehabilitation Service Agents in Goodland and Colby
People may also request an application by contacting Priority Oil and Gas LLC at (303-296-3435) or e-mail "priorityog@aol.com" or send to P.O. Box 27798, Denver, CO 80227-0798.

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THEME

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Members have been participating in the fair entertainment for years, the motion died on the floor from the lack of a second.

- Erika Lehman, board member, gave the Vendor Committee report. A copy of the rules were handed out to all members to take home, read and a decision will be made at the next meeting.
- President Bursch ask for volun-

teers to proof the fair book before printing. Ms. Lehman will select other members to help her with the job.

- A thank you from Cummins Tool Company for the use of the exhibit building was read. The board was complimentary on how nice the building was.

Editor's note: The above article was taken from the unapproved Jan. 4 fair board meeting minutes.



HUNTERS

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west) Class was the Peterson-Gugelmeyer team from Lamar and Lakin. The Wilson and Wilson team from Holton took first in the Sportsman's Class.

Bobby Guzman, Brush, Colo., was named as the "Sportsman of the Year."

National magazines were present and will have articles about the contest and there were also filming crews present. The event attracted a variety of people to the area.

"The St. Francis contest is the largest two-day event in the country," Mr. Rueb said.

He went on to say that he is thinking about expanding, allowing more teams to enter.

When the hunters returned Sunday afternoon a large crowd gathered at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds to watch them come in.

"We had many favorable comments on the contest," Mr. Rueb said. "The hunters liked the professionalism of how the contest was run as well as complimenting on the facility and the trophies which were made by Reed Raile.

"The community came out and supported the event as well as there were many national sponsors."

The number of coyotes brought in was a few less than last year. The heavy snow and drifts were blamed for the lower numbers as some areas were almost impossible to hunt.

Results: Predator Xtreme



VENDORS WERE SHOWING different items during the Midwest Coyote Calling Contest held over the weekend. Roy Elfers talks to Eric Harper about a coyote caller.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Class: Peterson-Gugelmeyer (Lakin) 18 coyotes, first place; Krien-Johnson (Hays) 12 coyotes, second place; Guzman-Kolman (Brush, Colo.) 10, third place.

Sportsman's Class: Wilson-Wilson (Holton) five, first place; Lukens-Tinkcom (Arizona) four, second place; Emig-Denton (Goodland-Kanorado) three, third place.

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Audiologist	Sherri M. Beck, MA, CCC-A	
Cardiologist	Barry R. Smith, M.D.	Jan. 10, 24
Cardiologist	Vijay D. Subbarao, M.D.	Jan. 11
Counseling Services		Thursdays by Appt.
Dermatologist	Charles W. Ruggles	Jan. 4, 25
Dietitian	Sarah Linfon, RD, LD	Mon. thru Fri.
Ear, Nose, Throat	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	Jan. 5, 19, 26
Endocrinologist	Gerald S. Poticha, M.D.	
Gastroenterologist	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	Jan. 15, 16
General Surgeon	David D. Beck, M.D.	Jan. 11, 25
General Surgeon	Brigitta Robinson, M.D.	TBA
General Surgeon	Jeffrey S. Cross, M.D.	Jan. 4, 18,
Gynecology	Laura A. Rokosz, M.D.	Jan. 10, 24
Neurologist	Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.	Jan. 3, 5, 24
Obstetrics/Gynecology	David Forschner, M.D.	
Oncology/Hematology	Martin J. Rubinowitz, M.D.	Jan. 9,
Ophthalmologist	David S. Pfoff, M.D.	Jan. 2, 8, 16, 23, 30
Ophthalmologist	Brian C. Joondeph, M.D.	Jan. 17
Orthopedics	Dr. Armodios Hatzidakis, M.D.	Jan. 8
Orthopedics	Timothy Birney, M.E.	Jan. 15
Orthopedics	Rajesh Bazaz, M.D.	Jan. 15
Orthopedics	James C. Holmes, M.D.	Jan. 22
Orthopedics	Kevin Nagamani, M.D.	Jan. 20
Orthopedics	Edward H. Parks, M.D.	Jan. 29
Podiatry	David E. Ouder Kirk, D.P.M.	
Psychiatrist	John C. Faul, M.D.	Jan. 5, 10, 19
Pulmonologist	Kenneth H. Weisiger, M.D.	
Radiologists	Professional Radiology	Weekdays
Rheumatologist	Karl T. Chambers, M.D.	Jan. 18
Speech Therapy	Lisa Paxton	By Appt. Only
Substance Abuse Dir.	Fred Waters, CADC III	Mondays
General Surgeon	Jeffrey S. Cross, M.D.	Jan. 4, 18
Urologist	Darrell D. Werth, M.D.	Jan. 30
Urologist	Dr. Wallace Curry, M.D.	Jan. 9