

Decisions need made at meetings

By Karen Krien

Work on the airport runway and the lack of attendance at Airport Authority meetings was the main concern of Dave Yost, Authority member.

He told the Cheyenne County Commissioners at the Thursday meeting that there hadn't been a quorum at the last meeting and there were some important decisions to be made. He wondered if the number of people needed to vote could be changed to a lower number.

The commissioners agreed that there needed to be four people at the meeting as there were seven board members. However, maybe some of

the board could be replaced.

Mr. Yost said that he thought that part of the board were either not in the area or were too busy. He said they were community minded and good guys but they have a lot of things going on. However, he really felt that there needed to be a full board at the meetings.

"We are dealing with a \$1.8 million project and it is important that people show up," he said.

The commissioners said letters were sent out when appointments to the Airport Authority were made. The letters asked that those not wanting to serve on the board should

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Baiting deadline ended March 15

By Karen Krien

The last day to control prairie dogs with the chemical bait Rozol was Thursday, March 15.

The Cheyenne County Commissioners had received calls from ranchers who were wanting their dogs baited and they talked with Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, at their meeting on Thursday.

The supervisor said he had been treating dogs at the Dan Busse farm and he was finishing up. Because the deadline was that day, he was unable

to treat any more until October.

Commissioner Ray Lee said that since the last meeting, he had received a call from Dale Faylor about having his dogs treated but Mr. Schlittenhardt said Mr. Faylor had never called him. He said he couldn't have done it anyway because he was tied up at the Busse farm.

They asked if Mr. Schlittenhardt could call for an extension because several years ago, an extension had been made. Mr. Schlittenhardt said

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Farmers, ranchers honored during Agriculture Week

Ag Week is March 18 through 26. In this week's Herald and Bird City Times, advertisers are recognizing farmers and ranchers in the area.

Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis. But too few people truly understand this contribution. This is particularly the case in our schools,

where students may only be exposed to agriculture if they enroll in related vocational training.

By building awareness, the Agriculture Council of America is encouraging young people to consider career opportunities in agriculture. Each American farmer feeds more than 144 people — a dramatic in-

crease from 25 people in the 1960s.

Quite simply, American agriculture is doing more - and doing it better. As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States.

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4-H Days held Friday, Saturday

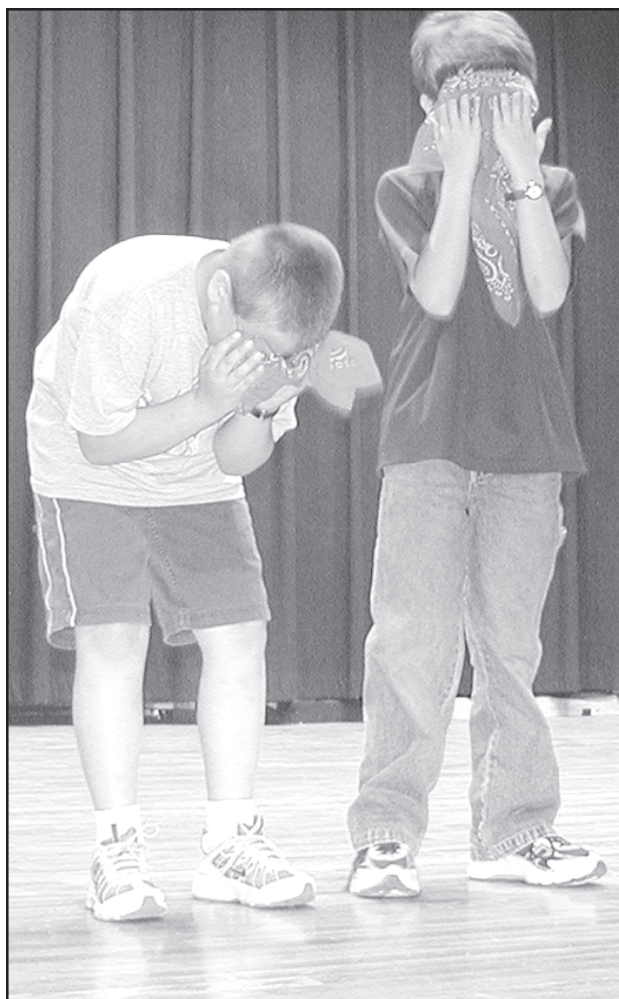
At 5 p.m. on Friday evening, the Cheyenne County 4-H Club Days will be held at the St. Francis Community High School. County 4-H'ers will participate in demonstrations, project talks, vocals, skits and much more, showcasing the youths' abilities in various different activities.

On Saturday, the Cheyenne County 4-H'ers Favorite Food Show will be held also at the high school in the cafeteria. The judging will begin at 2 p.m. with the 4-H'ers interviewed by the judge. The judge will ask them about their choices for their table, the menu and food preparation. This is a fun event for the youth to not only show their cooking skills, but also their ideas, originality and talent.

That same evening from 5 until 7 p.m. in the cafeteria, the 4-H Family Fun Night will be held. There will be displays promoting different 4-H projects, games, activities, fun and prizes.

Everyone is welcome to join the fun and learn more about what 4-H has to offer.

Those with questions should call the county Extension Office at 785-332-3171.



PLEASANT HILL 4-H'ERS Jude Faulkender, left, and Payton Beims practice their skit for Friday.



EASTER BASKETS will be in the silent auction which ends April 4. ABC Preschool children checking out the baskets are: (l to r) Adam Krien, Emma Johnson and Briana Vandike.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Preschool raises money with auction

By Karen Krien

The ABC Preschool needs money. Tuition has not gone up in years but, like the St. Francis schools, the number of students has dropped.

To help raise some money for the school, parents have donated Easter baskets filled with special occasion goodies, not only for children but for adults. They are placed in five businesses around

town: First National Bank, Bankwest, Methodist Thrift Store, Krien Pharmacy and St. Francis Super's.

There will be a slip of paper beside the baskets (or ask one of the business staff). People wanting to purchase a basket can place a bid, then give your name and phone number.

The deadline for giving bids will end on Wednesday, April 4, so the

bidder can have the basket before Easter.

The baskets are different sizes and different types. Some are wicker, others are wire, while one is a bunny basket. They follow a theme and there is one to tempt every bidder.

One basket is filled with bath and body products, another is filled with little girl stuff, and another has Yankee candles and a variety of candies. There is a "summer fun" basket

filled with a beach towel, colorful paper plates and cups — things needed for a day at the lake. One basket takes the shape of a pasta strainer and is filled with pasta and spaghetti sauce accompanied with a bottle of wine.

History

The ABC Preschool was started around 30 years ago in See AUCTION on Page 8



BOARD VOLUNTEERS Naomi Holliman, left, and Rachael Keller, were honored at a retirement party on Monday, March 12. Serving cake is Wendy Wellmann and Sue Evans.

St. Francis women retire after 25 years on board

By Karen Krien

After over 25 years, Rachael Keller and Naomi Holliman are retiring from the Northwest Kansas Council on Substance Abuse Board.

The Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas started with a small grant of \$17,000 and a staff of one full-time director and a part-time secretary. After hiring and firing several directors, in 1982, they hired Sue Evans as the executive director and there are now 21 to 22 employees. The budget has also grown to \$760,000 a year.

Mrs. Keller said she felt that the

program was important and has enjoyed seeing it grow into a profitable organization

Mrs. Holliman said she wanted to do something good by helping people so she just continued to serve on the board.

Mrs. Keller served as president and Mrs. Holliman as secretary/treasurer for 20 years. They traveled to meetings (at their own expense) in Colby once a month. As the years passed and Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Holliman were a little older, the board members would often meet in St. Francis so they wouldn't have to

travel. There was also the introduction of conference phone calls.

The first programs dealt with drug and alcohol prevention. Mrs. Keller said they were instrumental in getting Fred Waters, McDonald, trained as a counselor and he is still helping people today. They also started the Cheyenne County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council.

Today, the Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas offers a number of programs including: Start talking before they start drinking (underage drinking), the preven-

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911 emergency system on commissioners' agenda again

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Thursday and the 911 emergency system was again on the agenda. No decision was made but the sheriff will call a meeting of the present dispatchers so there will be more information available

in the near future.

The duties of the dispatchers, as well as the salaries, were discussed. Commissioner Andy Beikman said that it had been pointed out that dispatchers would make more money than many of the county employees. Sheriff Troy Gardner said that there would

be times when nothing was going on but when there was, they needed good, competent people handling the job.

At an earlier meeting, he said that the dispatcher's salary needed to be attractive enough to keep them in the county.

Mr. Beikman said he had spent consider-

able time trying to think of a service which all people use in the county which a tax could be added to help fund the new 911 system. He didn't think it was fair that landowners share the brunt of the expense. The only thing he could think of was the electricity service. It was noted that the differ-

ent services in the county would need to cooperate. No decision was made.

When there was "down time" in the dispatcher's office, the sheriff said there would be lots of paperwork, transcribing reports and dispatching calls to different

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