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was distributed for area wildlife.

"With the harsh conditions, 8,000 pounds of grain was provided to wildlife," Mr. Stimbart said. "This project was spearheaded by Bob Bixler."

The focus of the organization is on future sportsmen.

"We try to keep young people interested in the outdoors," Mr. Stimbart said. "We give them an avenue for recreation."

During the evening's activities an award was presented for the Sportsman of the Year. This year's honoree was Roger Lauer of St. Francis. Kerby Krien and Kyle Schultz kept busy preparing 297 prime rib dinners. They were served by Deanna Nelsen, Avis Hazuka, Denise Keltz and Diana Carson.

The event's auctioneer was Tom Quiggle and Robin Peterson was the sales clerk. Tending bar were Dr. Judy Baxter, Kathy Biggs and Rick Frisbie.

Raffle tickets were distributed by Andrea Holzwarth, Jenice Hartman, Cassie Dankenbring and Dara Lloyd.

Many door prizes were handed out and every kid got a pick from a special table that included Red Rider BB guns, pocket knives, fishing rods, sleeping bags and other sporting goods.

Some of the auction items were: a Marilyn Frisbie painting, prints and a painted saw blade; Tobe Zweygardt deer silhouette; two-person pheasant hunt from Ringneck Country; custom-made knives by Tony Howard; novelty fishing lures by David Nelsen; and a All-In-spoker-chip set from Ross Manufacturing. Over 80 businesses and individuals provided other prizes and



ANDREA HOLZWARTH holds up one of the pictures to be auctioned off at the Wildlife Banquet. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

donations.

One special item was a Marvin Dowdy custom-made knife, provided by his widow, Wanda Dowdy. "This marks the last year a Dowdy knife will be auctioned at the banquet," Mr. Stimbart said.

The officers for the 2006 Chey-

enne County Wildlife were Mr. Stimbart, president; Francis O'Leary, vice president; Hal Sager, secretary and Gordon Ross, treasurer. Other members of the Board of Directors are Dustin Gilliland, Kyle Schultz, Martin Hilt, Richard Walters and Duane Wilkens.

Grandson on Eagle's list

Sean Jantz, grandson of Joyce Thompson, was recently named to the Wichita Eagle All Class All-State basketball team. Sean is a senior at South Gray High School in Montezuma.

The Montezuma Press, in the March 22 issue, noted that Sean joined a team of larger school basketball players. South Gray is a 1A school. The other players on the All-State Team were from Highland Park, Bishop Miege and Burlington.

Sean, his mother Shelley and coach Mark Applegate attended a luncheon banquet and photo shoot session for the All-State team.

Sean ended his high school basketball career when the South Gray team earned a victory and the State title over Centralia. The Hutchinson News wrote that the 45-41 victory didn't come easy and the battle with Centralia had been a tough one.

According to The Hutchinson News, Sean began a game-opening 9-2 run by South Gray when he knocked down a three-pointer. At half-time, he had five points. However, his strongest effort came on the defensive end with seven rebounds at the half.

Although he was only four of 16 from the field, Sean proved to be

"Mr. Clutch" when he hit his second three-pointer of the game with 2:47 remaining.

Sean also came through in a pinch at the end of the game when he converted three-of-four free throws to deliver the victory. He finished the game with nine rebounds and tied for team-high scoring with 13 points.

Sean said that he had worked on free throws since he was a kid.

"You always dream about hitting free throws for a state championship and I got to do that," he said in The Hutchinson News article.

PROJECT

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discussed the kitchen remodeling, they had planned to do without an architect but Mr. Lacy said that if the hospital receives the tax credits, then an architect will be a requirement.

The application for tax credits will need to be submitted to the Kansas Community Service Program by May 4. If the hospital receives authorization for the credits, all donations will need to be in by Dec. 31, 2008. The community can help with letters of support and commitment for the tax credit project. Mr. Lacy said he would send out a letter requesting this support to people who had participated in the past.

Hospital beds

At the February meeting, the board had discussed the purchase of new beds and room furniture. The board president, Jerry Toler, requested that more information be brought to the March meeting before the decision was made.

The administrator had information including pictures of two different types of beds: a Hill-Rom and a Stryker. Tenille Lee, the director of nurses, and other nurses had recommended the Hill-Rom. Mr. Lacy said the Hill-Rom was a heavier, more sturdy piece of furniture.

The cost of 12 beds and mattresses, as well as bed stands and over-bed tables was \$72,000, this price was taken down to \$ 65,189.00. The total was around \$3,000 more than the Stryker furniture but it was the consensus of the staff that this was the better buy for the hospital.

The money for the furniture will be taken out of the Memorial Fund. The Memorial Fund has only a few donations which have been given for a specific project. The construction of a memorial garden on the hospital grounds will also be taken out of the Memorial Fund.

Obstetric room

Shawna Blanka, administrative assistant, and Brenda Hays, nursing staff supervisor and the obstetric manager, had traveled to St. Catherine's Hospital in Garden City to see the layout of the facility's obstetric rooms.

They brought back a plan which will require turning rooms two and three in the old part of the hospital into the obstetric room. Dr. Rebecca Allard, who will be coming to practice at the hospital in August, had seen the plan and had approved it.

The cost to renovate the rooms will be \$40,000 to \$50,000. This does not include the equipment but it was noted that the bed had been purchased.

Money had been budgeted last year for this and not used.

X-ray storage

The hospital had contracted with a facility in Kearney, Neb., to store the digital images (X-ray) but the staff in that facility had not been able to meet the contract requirements. Administrator Lacy said it may be necessary to purchase the equipment to store the images. To meet the needs of the hospital, the equipment could cost \$66,000. Money had been budgeted last year for this and not used.

Veterans Administration Clinic

Administrator Lacy said he had submitted a proposal for the Veterans Administration clinic to be located in St. Francis. He said that, reviewing the criteria, the drawings for the specified business model was not workable for the county.

He said that to submit a proposal, he had put together an alternate business model. The Veterans Administration is interested in renting an empty clinic facility that otherwise meets their needs.

Maintenance at the hospital

Bill Wilger, maintenance super-

visor, met with the board to tell them what he does at the hospital. He said he does everything from changing out light bulbs, to minor construction, to monitoring the heating/cooling systems (which he said is new and computerized). He also takes care of the outside maintenance including mowing and removing snow.

Earlier, he took the training to remove asbestos. As a certified asbestos remover, he has saved the hospital a great deal of money.

He said maintenance at the hospital has gotten a lot easier since the facility has been remodeled and a lot of the equipment updated. He said the parking and sidewalk areas need to be repaired but he really enjoyed having the heat system in the newer run cement.

Strategic planning

Following the regular meeting, the board went into a strategic planning meeting. The members will review the plans before making a final decision.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.

FIRE

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Benkelman firemen to respond with the Cheyenne County departments.

"Since the agreement, this is the third time we've worked together," Chief Hickert said, "We had two grass fires and now this house."



PARK

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woman Carla Lampe, noted that First National Bank was in the process of setting up a trust foundation for the donations. This would prevent any of the funds from being sent into KAN STEP when the project is complete. The funds could then be used other ways to benefit the building.

CIA

Councilman Roger Jensen said that, in preparation for the Cheyenne Initiative Association (CIA) forum to be held Friday, the pamphlets have been distributed and posters hung throughout the community. Members of the committee have also given talks to the senior center and high school students.

Superintendent report

Superintendent Landenberger said the engineer out of Goodland had begun shooting the elevations concerning the water issues from Parkway Street to the southeast of town. He said those planning on attending the Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA) meeting March 27 through 29 were himself, John Larson and Earl Hankins.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had reimbursed the city \$5,116 for the 48-hour period when there was a heavy snow storm.

Police report

Chief of Police Troy Gardner updated the council on the activities of the department.

• Several officers had attended the storm spotter classes and he, along with officers Craig Van Allen and Tom Raile, had given the Cub Scout Troop a tour of the department.

• Chief Gardner talked about the recent harassing calls which several senior residents had received. He said Officer Van Allen and Officer Derek Morrow were successful in getting the number traced and were working with Sprint's Internal Security. At the present time they are waiting for additional information. Chief Gardner noted that several communities in the state of Kansas had received similar calls.

• Chief Gardner told the council that he would like to send Officer Morrow to a National Rifle Association school for firearms instructor. He said the class would be held in Castle Rock and cost \$525, \$50 range fee plus food and lodging. Chief Gardner was also interested in sending an officer to certify on rifles. This class costs \$500, \$150 range fee, along with food and lodging. The council ask Chief Gardner to check with the commissioners on paying half of the fees.

• The council reviewed an unsigned letter sent to them in reference to Chief Gardner's job performance. Several issues were raised in the letter concerning City taxes supplementing the Sheriff's Department on transfers of prisoners. Chief Gardner noted that through Clerk Mary Lampe and himself, the county does pay for the transportation. Also noted in the letter was the fact that on the badge the officers wear, Sheriff's Department is above Police Department. Chief Gardner explained that Sheriff's Department simply would not fit below and Police Department did.

Other business

• One bid was received for the

1991 Ford Pickup which has no transmission. Earl Hankin's bid was accepted by the council in the amount of \$500.

• The council approved to pay the bill of \$1,950 to Gardner Construction for repairs on the firehouse. Of this amount, the city is only liable for \$231. Insurance paid for \$968 and FEMA paid for \$750. The firehouse had been damaged from the recent snow storms.

Building permits

A building permit was approved for Ralph Wolaver, tear down garage. Steve Jenkins, addition on garage which will be approved once the contractor presents to the council proof of insurance.

Executive session

Superintendent Landenberger requested 5 minutes in executive session for personnel.

FORUM

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Commons organization. Everyone will be given the opportunity to volunteer to work on the selected projects developed from the forum.

What is the Cheyenne Initiative Association

The Cheyenne Initiative Association, along with Rawlins and Norton counties, are participating in the High Plains Regional Cluster. The Cluster is facilitated by Ogallala Commons, a resource development network for creating thriving communities in the High Plains — Ogallala Aquifer region.

Also participating in the Cheyenne Initiative Association are: The commissioners, cities of Bird City and St.

Francis, Bird City Century II Development Foundation, Cheyenne County Economic Development, St. Francis Community Foundation and New Generation Fund, Bird City and St. Francis Ministerial Alliance, St. Francis and Cheylin school districts, Cheyenne County Hospital, Good Samaritan Village and Bird City Community Club.

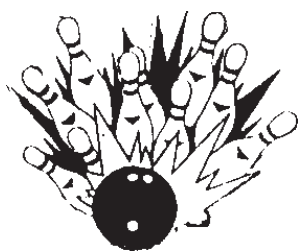
Officers of the core team are: Mr. Keller, chairman; Dan Carson, vice chairman; Cathy Domsch, secretary; Dara Carmichael, treasurer. Other members are: Troy Burr, Susan Dinkel, Kari Gilliland, Roger Jensen, Ernie Ketzner, Norman Morrow, Rick Reeser, Scott Schultz and Ned Smith.

Bowling News

Wednesday Afternoon Coffee 3-21
Team standings: Sunshine Girls 30-14, Kale's Girls 29.5-14.5, Windmill Restaurant 27.5-16.5, Lodge Sleepers 19.5-24.5, Kathy's Cater Cats 18.5-25.5

High game (scratch): Marlys Poulignot 180, Pat Rose 178, Janice Krien 167; (handicap): Poulignot 225, Rose 220, Deb Bush 217
High series (scratch): Rose 470,

Poulignot 465, Krien 450; (handicap): Poulignot 600, Rose 596, Kim Ritter 593



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