

Spring shows are on the agenda for county youth

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Spring Livestock Shows were held in Thomas County and in Oakley over the weekend with a number of Cheyenne County youth attending.

Other locations in the near future where shows will be held include Curtis, Neb., Tribune and Goodland.

St. Francis will be the site of a show in the later part of May.

The Thomas County show was held in Colby on Saturday with the following results:

Matt Raile: placed third in senior showmanship, second in his Gelbvieh heifer class and third in his Balancer heifer class.

RL Walz: first in his heifer class, Reserve Overall Champion; first in his steer class.

Grady Brunk: senior showmanship participant; fifth in commercial heifer class: Grand Champion in Shorthorn steer class.

Garrett Brunk: junior showmanship participant; fifth in commercial heifer class.

Laura Brunk: intermediate showmanship participant; second in commercial heifer class.

Janae Glidewell: Chi Main heifer, Grand Champion; Angus steer, first in class; participated in senior showmanship.

Gavin Cooper: participated in intermediate showmanship/fifth in Maine heifer class.

Another spring show was held in Oakley on Sunday with the following results:

Laura Brunk: fourth in intermediate showmanship; second in commercial heifer class.

Garrett Brunk: second in junior showmanship; fifth in commercial heifer class.

RL Walz: steer, first in class Grand Champion overall; Heifer first in crossbred class - Reserve Champion.



"AH, THE DREADED cell phone symphony returns to our crucible of learning! We have zero tolerance for cell phones during class. so, we'll get to know each other at detention. Please, please...and welcome to East High!" Students, Sarah Guthmiller, Corbin Sherlock, Cara Hunt and Shaina

Gohl reluctantly hand over their cell phones to eccentric Drama teacher, Ms. Darbus (Lauren Zwegardt). High School Musical will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday at the high school auditorium.

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County bridges put on plan

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County bridges to be replaced and the damage to another bridge were talked about when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Monday. Four bridges will be put on the five-year plan but the damaged bridge will be replaced this summer.

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said that 10 days ago, the stringers on a bridge northwest of St. Francis on Road W, were broken when a gas drilling truck attempted to cross it. The bridge is an 18-foot span. Mr. Flemming had talked to Tom Roelfs, gas company representative, who said the company would be willing to pay for part of the costs. Mr. Flemming said that there is a lot of oil and gas activity in the area and a better bridge will be put in place.

The new bridge will be 18-feet wide and 24-feet long. The commissioners agreed to raise the price for taking the big farm tractor tires at the landfill from \$10 to \$15 each. It is also costing more to have the concrete pieces crushed so the price for concrete will go up.

Mr. Flemming had found a 1990 excavator for \$30,000 which will be used for pumping gravel. He said it sounded like it was a good deal but would do some testing and have an inspection report made. The excavator is at a gravel pit north of St. Francis. Prairie Land Electric was given permission to set 1.5 miles of poles on the county right-of-way west of the Rawlins-Cheyenne county line on Road Q.

Park/band shell

The city of St. Francis planned to put Sawhill Park on the Kansas and National Historic Register but

found out that the county owned the property. J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, asked that the county sign the forms so the paperwork could be sent in.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, pointed out that when places are put on the register, the repairs and construction are limited.

Terry Miller, clerk, said that this is true but the structures are publicized and draw tourists to town.

The commissioners signed the papers.

Radio for Bird City Fire House

Gary Rogers, emergency manager, had two bids for a mobile radio for the Bird City fire department. Prairie States, Imperial, bid \$850 while Nex-Tech, Hays, bid \$791. After consideration of the bids, the commissioners decided to go with Prairie States as the company handles the majority of the county's radio business. The purchase money will be taken out of the 911 Fund.

The radio has an antenna which is similar to those on vehicles. If this antenna does not work, a bigger antenna can be put up. The radio allows calls to be made through it.

In other business

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- Representatives with High Plains Mental Health asked that the commissioners fund the organization by paying \$4 per person living in the county and it would come to approximately \$10,000.

- Troy Porter, contractor, had told the county clerk that his bill for the sidewalk and curb work in front of the steps had amounted to \$9,200.

- Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical director, had a mutual aid agreement between Dundy and Rawlins counties for the commis-

sioners to sign. She said that Michael Hansen is attending school to become a training officer. When completed, he will be able to re-certify emergency medical technicians.

- Ben Leibbrandt, St. Francis, was representing his son and wife, Chris and Heather Leibbrandt. He asked that the county maintain his drive so their foster children will be able to attend St. Francis schools. The county road and bridge supervisor, will look into the matter and bring more information back to the commissioners.

Adam Jones, St. Francis, recently purchased land southwest of Wheeler. They have access to the land but Mr. Jones would like to have a different road. The commissioners agreed to keep it as it was.

- Thirteen people representing the Cheyenne Initiative Association talked about what the organization is doing and what it stands for. David Butler, new coordinator for the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, discussed what the commissioners expected from this organization. See related article.

- The sheriff talked about grants for 911, relocation of the 911 department and the hiring of Cody Beeson as the deputy to cover the Bird City area. See related article.
- The commissioners approve the cost of \$13,000 to re-roofing of the airport hangar. See related article.

Next meeting

The commissioners will meet again at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



PRAIRIE HERBS and Treasure store is now open and selling goods year around. Laura Reeser and Jo Hagney put the finishing touches on the sign.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

An open house planned as business goes year-round

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Between St. Francis and Wheeler on the north side of the road is the

new Prairie House Herbs and Treasures store. It will be open all year long selling a variety of items.

On Saturday, owners, Jo Hagney and Laura Reeser, will be holding an open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be samples of their jams, jellies and herbal seasonings. Visitors will also have the opportunity to sign up for door prizes.

Last year, the women had a roadside stand but are glad to be able to move indoors. They will have their fresh eggs, vegetables and fruits throughout the season. Goat milk is available but must be ordered in advance. They also offer a variety of plants that are not generally available elsewhere in the county.

They honor special requests such as homemade noodles, specialty breads and desserts. The specialty jalapeno peanut brittle is a seasonal item only.

The owners also hold "Taste of Cooking with Herbs" dinners. These meals give people the opportunity to taste different herbs in appetizers, entrees, desserts and drinks (non-alcoholic). Many say their iced tea is "to die for."

"We are hoping everyone comes out to see our herbs, vegetables and flowers that we have ready for planting," Ms. Hagney said.

And, for those city dwellers who need a bit of nature's therapy, the herb girls always have weeds to pull!

Eating Facts

Cool salads are appealing during warm weather; to ease effects of soaring temperatures, here are some tips to help you eat smart:

- Eat smaller portions.
- Skip high-fat foods and sugary desserts.
- Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Cook during the coolest part of

the day cover and refrigerate food to eat later in the day.

- Taking your lunch? Don't leave lunch in hot car. Place insulated cooler in a shady spot. When temperatures are above 90 F, food left out more than an hour should be discarded.

For more information on health and safety, contact the county extension office.

Guess who is going to be 65!

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