

911 dispatch room topic at the meeting last week

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The sheriff talked about plans for the 911 dispatch room when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on May 15.

Troy Gardner, sheriff, said he was going to Salina to look at different types of dispatch equipment. At the previous commissioners' meeting, the board had been told there was a room at the hospital in St. Francis that would be available for a dispatch room. At the hospital, there was a generator and the county would not need to purchase one.

Sheriff Gardner had looked at the room and said it was a "shared" room and dispatch needed a separate room. So, the plans to install the dispatch in the old sheriff's office in the courthouse would be continued.

Some remodeling will need to be done and the sheriff said he could get an emergency generator with Homeland Security funds so the matter of a backup generator was taken care of.

Alternate ways to fund the new 911/dispatch system was discussed. At a prior meeting, the commissioners had discussed tacking on a fee to electric meters as everyone in the county has an electric meter. However, Judy Moler, attorney for the Kansas Association of Counties Council, had said a fee to fund the county could not be collected this way.

At 10:20 a.m., the sheriff and the commissioners went into private session to discuss personnel. Ten

minutes later, they came out and no decision was made.

Eagle Scout project

Jacob Riedel, St. Francis, told the commissioners that he was working toward his Eagle Scout goal by erecting an awning at the St. Francis swimming pool kiddie pool. He was asking for funds to help with the project's materials.

Clerk Terry Miller said his office sells address books and part of the funds are used for the handicapped equipment. He had recently given the Lions Club \$700 to purchase crutches and other handicapped equipment which is stored at the courthouse.

The commissioners voted to give Jacob \$100 from the fund to help with his project.

Ambulance department report

Jannelle Bowers, ambulance director, said Mike Hanson is now qualified as a "training officer one."

She said she would like to have an IV class as the county is in need of more emergency medical technicians who can monitor IVs. The class would be taught by Gary Winters, Kanorado, at a cost of \$7,000, which did not include mileage. Currently there are four people who have expressed interest in the class.

The commissioners thought the cost was high and asked Mrs. Bowers to check with Rawlins and Sherman counties to see if they had technicians interested. With techs from these areas attending, it could help defray the costs. No decisions were made.

Mrs. Bowers asked for 10 minutes of executive session to discuss personnel. The session started at 9:30 a.m. and ended at 9:40 with no decisions being made.

Mrs. Bowers said there had been a problem with bank cards from Bankwest and asked to switch to First National Bank. The commissioners approved the switch.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said the bid on an arch culvert was \$8,103. The bridge had been damaged by equipment owned by Advance Drilling and the company had agreed to pay for the culvert.

At the previous meeting, Chris Leibbrandt, in a letter, had requested help in fixing their private drive. Mrs. Moler, who had previously told the commissioners that it was illegal to put a fee on electric meters, said it was also illegal for the county to maintain private roads except in emergencies. Mr. Flemming said Mark Mills had fixed the Leibbrandt's drive.

In other business

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 • The sheriff will hire a part-time officer to help during the summer hours.
 • Carol Redding, St. Francis, attended the meeting asking that the board remember the Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services. It was noted that the county attorney, in year's past, had help fund the group with his diversion funds.



56 QUILTS were on display during the car show.

Quilts displayed at car show

The Common Threads Quilt Guild show was held May 12 during the car show held in St. Francis. There were 56 quilts brought in and 62 votes were cast for the "People's Choice."

Betty Miller, with her candlewicking quilt, took first place and claimed a \$25 gift certificate at

Sainty Stitches. Taking second place was Shirley Ochsner. She won a Moda fabric square stack.

"We were very happy with the turnout of quilts and people who came to enjoy the show," said Dorothy Smedstad, owner of Sainty

Stitches and coordinator of the show.

"We plan to hold the show again next year."

She also noted that it might have been impossible to display the quilts if it were not for the Equity loaning the new cattle gates.

Lodge school of instruction took place in St. Francis

The Rebekah Lodge School of Instruction, District 52, took place at St. Francis on Saturday, May 12.

Registration of members opened at 8 a.m., with cakes and coffee served in the fellowship room of the Masonic Hall.

The meeting opened at 9 a.m. with Mary Ruth Burkett, Noble Grand, Rising Star Rebekah Lodge, 675, St. Francis, presiding, assisted by local officers.

A welcome was extended by Patricia Confer, and responded to by Linda Lou Fossett, Atwood Lodge 331.

Distinguished visitors serving the state of Kansas were introduced: Judy Cashman, Overland Park, vice president, Rebekah Assem-

bly; School Instructor; Past Grand Matriarch, First Watch and Resolutions Committee Member, Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary; Finance Committee Member, Department Association, Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant.

Patrick Cress, 675, Past Grand Master and Legislation Committee Member, Grand Lodge of Kansas, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Grand Scribe, Grand Encampment; Department Commander and Past Department Commander, Department Council.

Vicki Cress, 675, Past President, Parliamentarian, Membership Committee Chairman and Page to the Vice President,

Rebekah Assembly; Color Bearer, Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary; Past President, Secretary, Department Association, Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant; Lodge Deputy, Rising Star, 675; Past District President (1986, 2007).

Ruth Moore, 675, Past President, Past Treasurer, Advisor to the Grievance and Appeals Committee, Rebekah Assembly; Past Grand Matriarch, Courtesy Committee Member, Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary; Past President, Finance Committee Member, Assistant Pickett, Department Association, Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant; Past District President (2000, 2003).

Marsha Magley, 675, Outside Sentinel, Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary; Honor Guard, Resolutions Committee Member, Department Association, Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant; Past District President (1996, 2006).

Linda Lou Fossett, 331, Elections Committee Member, Grand



REBEKAH MEMBERS receive their membership pins during the Lodge School of Instruction.

Ladies Encampment Auxiliary; Bazaar Committee Member, Department Association, Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant; Past District President (2004).

District Officers assumed their stations for the school: Vicki Cress, president; Patricia Confer, vice president; Marsha Magley, secretary and musician; Ruth Moore, treasurer.

A regular order of District Business ensued. Following discussion, a motion carried to accept the 2007 revised District Bylaws as printed. Miscellaneous reports were received.

At noon, School recessed for visitation and lunch in the fellowship room, catered by Main Street Coffee.

A program of dance and vocal music and poetry was presented by Allyson and Caitlin Northrup, granddaughters of Patrick and Vicki Cress, Laura Ross, Cheyenne County Young Miss (2007), and Fred Magley, Vice Grand, Rising Star, 675, at 1 p.m.

In honor of Mildred Warner and Ellen June Henderso, a Memorial Service was conducted, members joining together, also, in the observance of a beautiful Obligation Ceremony, both prepared and led by Patricia Confer.

The School resumed and an invitation was accepted to hold the 2008 School at Atwood.

Marsha Magley was appointed as Writer of Certificates. Earning Certificates of Perfection or Merit for memory work recited were Ruth Moore, Patrick Cress and Vicki Cress.

Gladys Cullum (57 years), Marlin "Bud" Houtman (52 years), Fred Magley (35 years), Patrick Cress (31 years) and Marsha Magley (30 years) were presented to the center of the floor to receive Rebekah Membership Jewels.

Demonstrations and discussions continued throughout the afternoon, the Instructor setting aside a time to address the School concerning the Rebekah Assembly President's Program and answer questions pulled from the Question Box.

Final reports of the School were accepted and the committees dismissed.

The District Officers retired and local officers closed the meeting following a prayer by Dorothy Schield, chaplain.

Cancer bridge club finishes with a potluck

The 2006-07 Cancer Card-O-Rama ended with a potluck supper at the Cheyenne Manor on May 2 for the mixed couples and a salad supper on April 26 at the St. Francis Senior Center for the ladies group.

Partners for the ladies group included DeEtta Knorr and RoseMary Bierig, Betty Loudon and Eilene Nolan, Betty Jean Winston and Dolores Kincheloe, Margaret Shay and Elaine Kehlbeck, Ethyle Roelfs and Joyce Thompson.

All games had not been played so no winners were announced. The earnings were donated to cancer needs.

Bridge players involved in the couple's group were Dolores Kincheloe and Betty Jean Winston, Neal and Nancy McCumber, Bernard and Ethyle Roelfs, John Bartlett and Joyce Thompson, Floyd and Helen Frisbie, Dale and Mary Rath, Tim and Margaret Poling; Ken and DeEtta Knorr, Billy and Gerri Lampe.

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Club Clip

Ramblers Club

Ramblers Club met on Wednesday morning, May 9, at the home of Kate Jenkins for a wonderfully delightful spring brunch. Co-hostesses were Rose Mary Bierig and Sherry Schultz.

President, Betty Loudon announced that Governor Sebelius may be making a visit to St. Francis.

Elaine Kehlbeck gave a report on the display at the library. She told members they must all try to see the

school children's art work, not only at the library but also at both banks. The students who received music awards and gave the musical at the high school were also mentioned. There is great support from the community for the wonderful students

Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and a time of visiting.

The next meeting will be in September.

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