

# Prairie dog control among topics discussed by the commissioners

By Karen Krien  
Prairie dogs

Prairie dog control was discussed when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Friday. All three commissioners had received complaints about prairie dogs, the damage they were doing and lack of control.

The last day the dogs could be treated with the chemical bait Rozol was March 15. Now prairie dogs cannot be baited until October

With the push of farmers and ranchers, the commissioners have decided to start preparing and discussing treatments well before October arrives.

Farmers can do their own baiting with chemicals but they need to be certified. There is also a treated grain that farmers can spread but, at a previous meeting, Dan Schlittenhardt, supervisor, said that if the prairie dog eats some and does not die, he will never eat it again. The grain is only about 75-percent effective and there is also a matter that birds might pick up the treated grain.

Also, at that earlier meeting, Mr. Schlittenhardt said the snow last winter had hampered the progress of baiting the dogs.

Commissioner Beikman said he hoped Mr. Schlittenhardt could be out as soon as possible in the fall.

**Emergency preparedness**

Gary Rogers, emergency preparedness director, reported that his laptop computer had quit.

"I have totally lost my office!" he said.

Mr. Rogers not only serves Cheyenne County but also Rawlins and Sherman counties.

Terry Miller, county clerk, said he would take it home over the weekend to see if information could be saved from the hard drive.

Mr. Rogers presented a quotes from Gateway which gives a state discount. For a 15-inch screen, the

cost is \$1,355; for a 17-inch screen, \$1,555. Clerk Miller suggested he get the larger screen with a large hard drive.

The commissioners agreed that Mr. Rogers had adequate money in his budget to buy the computer that he thought necessary.

Mr. Rogers talked about raising the meal allowance. He was told that the county will pay up to \$10 for a meal and, if the cost went over that, Mr. Rogers would have to cover it. This arrangement appeared to be agreeable to Mr. Rogers.

The commissioners signed the 2007 Kansas Emergency Cooperative Agreement.

**In other business**

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- Andy Beikman, chairman, signed the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Contract. This grant is for the restoration of the courthouse steps.

- Sick time was discussed and the commissioners agreed to change the policy to allow employees to be gone for as little as 30 minutes instead of taking off a full hour as the policy now states.

- The new 911 system was discussed. See related article.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of the commissioners has been changed from Monday, July 16, to Friday, July 13. The time will be 8 a.m. and a budget work session will follow.



RED HATTER Laura Pugh's red hat won the Red Hat Ladies Choice trophy at the rally held in Burlington.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Area ladies attend Red Hat Rally

The Burlington, Colo., Red Hat Society hosted a "Red Hat Rally" June 13 to 11 chapters in the tri-state area. There were 115 Red Hatters from Burlington, Goodland, Flagler, Oakley, Brush, two groups from Atwood, Cheyenne Wells, Eads, Tribune and St. Francis in attendance. The rally was held at Old Town's Heritage Hall.

Each chapter was asked to participate in a hat contest and who would be a better person to make a hat, with all the feathers, pearls, ribbon and bangles than St. Francis's Laura Pugh. She created a hat, purple in color with a little dash of red, lot of ribbons and bows. "The Red Hat Ladies Choice" trophy was awarded to Mrs. Pugh, who represented the

Classy Classics from St. Francis. Members of the St. Francis group were proud of Laura's talents.

After an enjoyable lunch, the group was entertained by Barbara Daubenspeck of Denver, portraying the Unsinkable Molly Brown, who was a survivor of the Titanic.

Guests attending had the remainder of the day to tour Old Town and ride the carousel.

Red Hatters from St. Francis who attended included Mary Lou Munn, Elizabeth Weber, Bonnie McQuillen, Tommie Peter, Neva DeGood, Charlsie Rogers, Dolores Wiley, Ilene O'Leary, Arlene Walz, Helene Landenberger, Laura Pugh, Nancy McCumber, Kate Jenkins, Shirley Sherlock and Rose Mary Bierig.

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Darrel and Jan Drummond and son, Timothy of Gobel, Mich., and Eddy and Sherry Schultz spent Sunday evening with Helen Peter.

On Monday, Reuben and Mildred Burr spent the morning visiting with the Drummonds and Helen Peter.

Sunday visitors of Wilma Lampe were Linda Gutsch, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Gutsch Gatsby, Leah Gutsch and Mike Lehrburger, all of Denver.



## Club Clip

### St. Francis Lions Club

Conventions.

For the Sight First II campaign, it was decided to match dollar for dollar from the club treasury any contributions given by club members up to \$500.

Mr. Keihl reported he and other Lions helped feed 1,000 people in Greensburg and how thankful the people were. District 17, K-4 has

donated \$7,000 so far for the Greensburg project.

The new officers were installed by Mr. Keihl, who made it an interesting and fun time.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on July 9. anyone interested in becoming a Lion is welcome to attend.

## Wedding date set

Jaci Lynn Durr of WaKeeney and John Alan Keller of St. Francis are planning an Aug. 25 wedding at the Municipal Park in Hays.

Parents of the couple are Doug and Jo Durr of WaKeeney and Mark and Gwen Keller of St. Francis. Grandparents are Helen Durr of Smith Center and the late Dale Durr, Mary Lou Gilg of Smith Center and the late Louis Gilg; John and Karen Keller, Tobias and Ann Dirks, all of St. Francis. Great-grandparents are Albert and Vinta Keller of St. Francis.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Trego Community High School and the University of Central Oklahoma. She is employed by Kansas bureau of Investigation as a forensic scientist.



Durr - Keller

The prospective groom is a graduate of St. Francis Community High School and the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He is employed by North Central Kansas Mental Health Services as a case manager.

## Famous Quotes

• The cream of enjoyment in this life is always impromptu. The chance walk; the unexpected visit;

the unpremeditated journey; the unsought conversation or acquaintance. - Fanny Fern



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7/7/37

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