Beecher Island. The 108th Beecher Island Reunion was held motorhomes were there.

FLAGS PROUDLY FLY at the monument for the Battle of $\,$ last weekend. Large crowds attended the event as over 50 $\,$

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Beecher Island Reunion successful

By Casey McCormick

scmccormick@nwkansas.com The 108th Beecher Island Reunion was held last weekend Island. across the state line at the site of the famous Indian battle. Large groups attended the festivities on both days which featured an appearance by historian, Dr. J. Jefferson Broome.

Mark Mahlberg, coordinator of the reunion, reported a great turn-

"Over 50 motor homes came and there were more kids on Saturday for the games than in past years," Mr. Mahlberg said. "It was a darn good weekend."

Entertainers included "The Call of the West" and Loretta Thompson's singing and fiddle playing, as well as the Swinging

"The musical acts were well received," Mr. Mahlberg said.

Dr. Broome spoke Sunday afternoon and discussed the events of the Plains Indian Wars that happened around the Battle of Beecher Island. He included the story of Susanna Alderdice.

Mrs. Alderdice was captured and held hostage by a band of hostile, Indian Dog Soldiers, in Lincoln, on May 10, 1869. She was later killed by her captors at Summit Springs in the Colorado Territory. This happened as the U.S. 5th Cavalry attacked the Indian camp she was in on July 11, 1869.

Mrs. Alderdice's capture and death is detailed in Dr. Broome's book, Dog Soldier Justice.

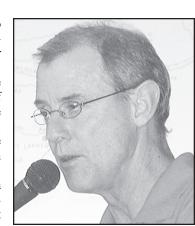
Her husband, Tom, and brother, Eli Zeigler, were scouts under the command of Brevet Colonel George Forsyth and Lieutenant Frederick Beecher. These are the men who fought the Cheyenne war leader Roman Nose, and up to 700 Dog Soldiers, from Sept. 17-25, 1868; the Battle of Beecher

Dr. Broome also discussed the Fetterman Massacre and Battle of Washita, as well as some of the well known names of the time. Along with General George Custer were Bill Cody, Lt. Lyman Kidder and General Hancock.

Beecher Island was part of a conflict between the Plains Indians, United States government and the settlers who were brought to the area by the Homestead Act

1864 to 1890," Dr. Broome said.

Dr. Broome earned his doctorate from the University of Colorado and currently teaches his- Benkelman. tory and philosophy at Arapasummer of 2008.



Dr. J. Jeffeson Broome

'This (Indian Wars) lasted from encampment where Custer and his six-company, column of 7th Cavalry stayed in the summer of 1867 along the Republican River near

Much of Dr. Broom's research hoe Community College in has come from countless hours at Littleton. His next book, about the National Archives and Custer, will be available the Records Administration in Washington, D.C., looking over re-He has spent time studying the quests for compensation by set-Kidder Massacre and located the tlers as a result of Indian attacks.



Good Bye Summer ... Hello Fall!!! ... and it's "that" time again!

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gested that she talk to Gary Rogers, emergency manager, about the purchase. He will not order them for her but needs to know what she will be

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plans being made

Training class

By Karen Krien

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ongoing problem in Bird City. When they met on Friday, the Chey-

enne County Commissioners were

Goodland in the very near future. Jannelle Bowers, emergency

the class, contact Mrs. Bowers at

those who do not fulfill their obli-

the commissioners agreed that this

needed to stop and, if a person does

not fulfill their obligation, they

about the lack of emergency medi-

cal technicians in the Bird City area. She said the majority of the techni-

cians are farmers and will be in the

fields until after the crops are

planted and harvested. She was

given permission to be in Bird City

one day a week to help cover calls

New radios

Mrs. Bowers said the department

needs three new radios as they are

old and two cannot be repaired. She

when they come in.

should reimburse the county. Mrs. Bowers was concerned

The shortage of emergency medical technicians has been an

> Insurance adjustments for August were \$2,367 which the com-



Mildred Kroeger

Card shower for 90th

Mildred Kroeger will celebrate her 90th birthday later this month. She was born in Cheyenne County on Sept. 28, 1917, to Paul and Magdalena (Andrist) Schultz. Cards will reach her at 2425 Folkways Blvd. 144, Lincoln, NE 68521.





: Annual Fall Community Health Fair:

Monday, Oct. 22 - 5:30-7 p.m. MT **Wray Rehabilitation Activity Center**

Sponsored by: Wray Community District Hospital, Wray Clinic and Lions Club

Optional blood testing available prior to the Health Fair. Cost is \$20 (Must fast 12 hours prior to this test & drink plenty of water) Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) - \$10

Blood draws will be performed at the Wray Community District Hospital from Oct. 1 thru Oct. 17 ~ 6-9:30 a.m. MT. Blood draws also available at the Idalia Visions Center, Oct. 4 & Oct. 16 • 7-9:30 a.m. MT.

> For appointment for the blood test call the Wray Hospital at 970-332-4811

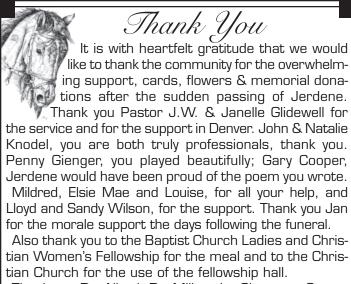
James E. Reeves, DPM Podiatrist/Foot Specialist Reconstructive Surgery Foot & Ankle Injuries For appointments call: **Rawlins County Health Center** 785-626-3211 Wed., Oct. 10 **Cheyenne County**

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Colby (p.m.) CSMC, 175 S. Range 462-332 CMC, 100 E. College Dr. 462-7511

Atwood (a.m.) • 626-3211

Fri., Oct. 12 Atwood - All Day



Thank you Dr. Allard, Dr. Miller, the Cheyenne County EMTs and Hospital staff for the wonderful care given.

Barbara Barnhart, Delbert Barnhart family; Doug Barnhart family; Debbie Blakeman family; Donald Barnhart family and Daryl Barnhart family.



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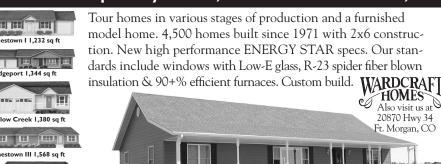
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