

Training class plans being made

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The shortage of emergency medical technicians has been an ongoing problem in Bird City. When they met on Friday, the Cheyenne County Commissioners were told that there is a basic training class for technicians being held in Goodland in the very near future.

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, said the cost is \$1,000 per person plus the mileage. Those wanting to take the class need to keep in mind that they must be at least 18 years old to take the test.

For more information or to take the class, contact Mrs. Bowers at 785-332-8888.

The commissioners talked about those who do not fulfill their obligation to serve as a tech for two years after passing the test. There are several who have taken the class at the county's expense and then left the area. No decision was made but the commissioners agreed that this needed to stop and, if a person does not fulfill their obligation, they should reimburse the county.

Mrs. Bowers was concerned about the lack of emergency medical technicians in the Bird City area. She said the majority of the technicians 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 when they come in.

New radios

Mrs. Bowers said the department needs three new radios as they are old and two cannot be repaired. She also needs one or two more at the ambulance barn in case one of the other radios go down.

The commissioners thought there was money in the 911 fund but sug-

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 getting.

Insurance adjustments for August were \$2,367 which the commissioners signed off on.



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.



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FLAGS PROUDLY FLY at the monument for the Battle of Beecher Island. The 108th Beecher Island Reunion was held last weekend. Large crowds attended the event as over 50 motorhomes were there.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Beecher Island Reunion successful

By Casey McCormick

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The 108th Beecher Island Reunion was held last weekend 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 turnout.

"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 Seniors.

"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 Island.

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 of 1862.

"This (Indian Wars) lasted from 1864 to 1890," Dr. Broome said.

Dr. Broome earned his doctorate from the University of Colorado and currently teaches history and philosophy at Arapahoe Community College in Littleton. His next book, about Custer, will be available the summer of 2008.

He has spent time studying the Kidder Massacre and located the



Dr. J. Jefferson Broome

encampment where Custer and his six-company, column of 7th Cavalry stayed in the summer of 1867 along the Republican River near Benkelman.

Much of Dr. Broome's research has come from countless hours at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C., looking over requests for compensation by settlers as a result of Indian attacks.



Mark Mahlberg

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

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Colby (p.m.)
CSMC, 175 S. Range
462-332
CMC, 100 E. College Dr.
462-7511
Fri., Oct. 12
Atwood - All Day

Thank You

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we would like to thank the community for the overwhelming support, cards, flowers & memorial donations after the sudden passing of Jerdene. Thank you Pastor J.W. & Janelle Glidewell for the service and for the support in Denver. John & Natalie Knodel, you are both truly professionals, thank you. Penny Gienger, you played beautifully; Gary Cooper, Jerdene would have been proud of the poem you wrote. Mildred, Elsie Mae and Louise, for all your help, and Lloyd and Sandy Wilson, for the support. Thank you Jan for the morale support the days following the funeral. Also thank you to the Baptist Church Ladies and Christian Women's Fellowship for the meal and to the Christian Church for the use of the fellowship hall. Thank you Dr. Allard, Dr. Miller, the Cheyenne County EMTs and Hospital staff for the wonderful care given.

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