

# County receives grant for runway

The Cheyenne County Airport has received a \$273,693 grant to redo the runway. Funding comes from the Airport Improvement Program, which is administered through the Federal Aviation Administration.

"We need to do everything we can to keep air travelers safe," Congressman Jerry Moran said.

"This funding will increase the safety of airfield operations at Cheyenne County Airport." St. Francis applied for assistance through the Airport Improvement Program, which reinvests revenues collected from the aviation industry and air travelers to improve the capacity and safety of U.S. airports.



**HAPPY RETIREE - Carl Williams never turned down dry donuts so Deb Lindsten gave him a box telling him they were 'dunkin' donuts.**

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Retirement party held maintenance man

**By Karen Krien**  
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Carl Williams was honored at a retirement party on Friday. Cookies, tea and coffee were provided for the many people who stopped by to wish him well in the future. Cheyenne County Commissioner chairman, Ernie Ketzner presented him a plaque. Many times during the morning, Mr. Williams was touched to the point of tears.

Mr. Williams was the maintenance guy at the courthouse for 17 years. His day started at 5:30 a.m., getting the floors swept, cleaning bathrooms and offices. Many weekends were

spent waxing the floors or, when it snowed, clearing the walks. Of course, the courthouse yard and walk were also his responsibility.

Mike Day, St. Francis, after the plaque was presented, told that many people commented on the cleanliness of the building and lawn.

Mr. Williams was diagnosed with cancer last summer. While it is now under control, he is taking it easy. He said he and his wife, Connie, may do some fishing this summer and is looking forward to entertaining his four grandchildren, one who comes from Texas every summer to see "Grandpa Kansas."



**GROUND IS BEING BROKEN for the new Western State Bank building in St. Francis. The new bank will be located at the corner of Washington and Francis Streets**

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Club Clip

### Classy Classic Red Hat Ladies

Fifteen of the Classy Classic Red Hat ladies met at the Cheyenne Manor on Wednesday, Jan. 21, for a night of games and delicious finger foods. Queen Laura Pugh and Queen Kate Jenkins gave a Queenly welcome to all as the group ushered in the 2009 new year.

Queen Laura explained that Red Hatters heavily support one sport as a group...shopping! With a few laughs they all realized this was going to be a fun-filled year.

Queen Kate introduced the idea of "A Team of Two"...two Red Hatters "taking a party" to a shut-in, a new neighbor, or a friend that needs her spirits lifted (along with an extra Red Hat...of course!)...to be a blessing to others.

The night had been deemed "Ugly Earring Night," so a vast array of earrings were modeled. Ilene O'Leary won the Ugly Earring contest with an amazing pair that had been purchased during the 50s in a store in Bird City. The Queens appreciated the ladies for being good sports and exhibiting earrings that probably came from the bottom of their jewelry box!

After a light meal of finger foods, the group played several rounds of bingo, then smaller groups played pinochle, Old Maids, and there was a roaring game of Aggravation. Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

Next month's meeting will be the group's Valentine Dinner to be held on Monday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 at the Cheyenne Manor. The Queens will be preparing a special meal for the group. There is an \$8 cost for the meal and respond please (RSVP's) need to be called to a Queen no later than Feb. 6. There will be an "Ugly Shoe" contest and everyone is welcome to participate with their creations.

"Minnie Pearl" will be attending to instruct members on "how to catch a man" along with other entertainment, so the Red Hat ladies are not going to want to miss this one.

Red Hatters are women celebrating life at 50 or older. Women under 50 are considered Pink Hatters and would be a real asset to the Classy Classics Red Hat group. All are welcome.

For more information about the group, contact a Queen; Laura Pugh (phone) 332-2066 or Kate Jenkins (phone) 332-2513.

## Vandalism told over weekend

**By Karen Krien**  
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When Donna Stevens came to work Monday morning, she found a rear window in Donna's Gift Palace broken. No one had entered the building.

Mrs. Stevens wasn't the only person finding damage. Shane Guggenous, St. Francis Chief of Police, said there had been four vandalism cases reported over the weekend.

Saturday evening, Officer Norman Granger found several juveniles breaking out the windows and taking the parts off of a parked vehicle near the ag department at the high school.

Saturday, Jett Fromholtz discovered broken windows in vehicles parked on his lot near the railroad tracks. Kary Zwegardt, owner of Zeros, found a window broken out of the back door of the business.

Chief Guggenous said all of the cases may be connected to the same juveniles but, as of Monday, the case was still under investigation.

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