



**DESPITE THE COLD WEATHER** lots of people were at Keller Pond for the fishing tournament held on Sunday. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

# Commissioners agree to pay their share of cost

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Judges, county attorneys and clerk of the district court had a bid for a recording system for the courtroom in the courthouse. After the presentation, the Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Friday meeting, agreed to pay for their share of the costs.

Judges Scott Showalter and Robert Van Allen, attorneys Mike Day, Kevin Berens and Kari Gilliland and Sharon Elliott, district court clerk, were present. Judge Showalter suggested getting only two bids for the programs.

The FTR program is in use in Thomas County and costs \$6,400 plus the county would be required to get a computer (probably when totaled, the cost would be around \$8,000)

The second program, Smith Audio Visual, would cost around \$7,500 and they would need to purchase only the computer monitor.

Mr. Showalter said the Smith program is being purchased in Sherman County. If Cheyenne and Sherman counties purchased this system, it would cost \$1,000 less and the company would send trainers the third week in March. They would train in both counties at that time.

Mrs. Gilliland, county attorney, said through the diversion fund, she would donate \$2,800; the local Bar Association agreed to give \$1,000 and Cheyenne County would pay for the remainder, approximately \$2,750, out of the general capital outlay.

#### Contracts for fairgrounds

Mrs. Gilliland had drawn up simple resolutions concerning the sale of liquor on the fairgrounds. The resolution stated that the person renting the exhibit building must have the permit to sell before the building will be rented. The fair board would also need to let the commissioners know what was going on.

The other resolution dealt with renting the facility when liquor was not involved.

The resolutions will be reviewed by the fair board.

Dale Patton, commissioner, expressed concern about accountability.

#### County attorney's office

Mrs. Gilliland talked about some remodeling that needs to be done in the county attorney's office located in the basement of the courthouse. Terry Miller, clerk, said he had checked some lighting problems in the office and said some rewiring needed to be done and some new light fixtures replaced.

She said that the copier in the office needs to be replaced. She will be checking with two businesses, looking for what is needed. She said it is important to have professional looking copies and, that a lot of copies are made in the office.

The commissioners agreed that she should have the copier. It was also noted that, because it will be able to make colored copies, other courthouse offices might be able to use it. Mr. Miller said he would be willing to pay for a portion of the costs out of his budget for the use of making colored copies.

Mrs. Gilliland said she had talked to Craig Schoenrogge about a problem he has with county roads being either opened or closed and obstructions in the roads. She will be studying the matter and hoped to get it resolved.

#### Development Corporation report

Chuck and Diane Kribs, Cheyenne County Development Corporation coordinators, had sent a thank you note in appreciation for the county's support for the appropriations \$10,100

Mr. Miller said Mr. Kribs had been in his office and it appears they are doing a good job. Mr. Kribs said they have two businesses that are considering locating in the county.

#### Emergency medical service report

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, was unable to attend because of weather conditions. She had told Mr. Miller that the five emergency medical technicians who had taken a class had passed. She also said there were \$2,650 in insurance write-offs last month.

#### Century II director's questions

Cathy Domsch, director for Bird City Century II, also could not make the meeting due to weather conditions, but the commissioners talked to her via a phone conference. She

said there were plans to have the old Bird City lumberyard demolished. She was hoping to get a discount on fees or even have fees waived at the landfill. The commissioners asked if the building could be used as a county fire department exercise. Mrs. Domsch said she would check with fire departments. If this isn't feasible, the commissioners said they'd reconsider waiving fees at the landfill.

Mrs. Domsch asked if the county had any control over burning within the city of Bird City and if concrete could be taken from the site and used on private farm ground. As far as burning within a city, they agreed this would be a city decision. They agreed that concrete could be placed in a private pasture, as long as the disposal site was obtained legally.

#### Road and bridge department report

Road and bridge supervisor, Dave Flemming, presented his bills paid to date. He said he had hired Gilbert Carroll to work part time and he hired Calvin Semler to work full time. He presented three bids for the trench at the landfill but was waiting for one more bid. The Board agreed to allow him to take the lowest responsible bid and then move forward with the engineering process.

#### In other business:

- The commissioners signed a letter of support for Colby Community College to start a wind technology class.

- Mr. Miller was given permission to purchase the new terminal and monitor for the AS400 networking. The cost is \$678.

- The commissioners agreed that John Garner, landfill supervisor, should go to a landfill meeting on March 19.

- The audit contract with Anderson and Eldridge for \$12,900 plus mileage was signed. Mr. Eldridge will also help prepare the budget and the commissioners noted that he is always willing to help when needed.

- Kelly Frewen and Roxie Neitzel went over the county's insurance.

- Mrs. Gilliland was appointed to represent the county on Northwest Kansas Community Corrections Board.

## Staff is at appropriate level

At each Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting, one of the hospital's department heads reports on activities in their department. At the January meeting, Tenille Lee, director of nursing, was the speaker.



Lee

Mrs. Lee has been the director for three years and has worked at the hospital for seven years. She said her nursing staff is at an appropriate level and when more nurses are needed, there is a "calling tree" that is activated to call in more staff.

There has always been a good turnout and teamwork when it is activated, she said.

Cardiac monitors have been installed and the nursing staff likes them. She said the company provided training to all the staff, both day and night shifts. Electronic medical records for inpatient documentation has been implemented. In February, the electronic medical records will also be used for outpatient and operating room documentation.

Jane Young, board member, asked about the nursing schedules. Mrs. Lee said they are set up on an eight-week schedule. During downtime or low census of patients, everyone who

is scheduled to work reports in and then, among the staff, it is decided on who goes home.

Traci Neitzel asked if nursing is fully staffed. Mrs. Lee said right now, she is doing fine and they are not using any agency nurses. Ward clerks are also certified nurses aides and they can be used in both areas. Candi Douthit is a nursing employee that is the obstetrics manager and education coordinator. She also works two shifts on the floor each week.

There are three staff members in licensed practical nursing school and they are planning on continuing on to registered nursing school. Nurses are also certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Burn Life Support, Neo-natal resuscitation, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course, Stabilizing Infant and preparing for transport and Trauma Nursing Core Course.

Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, said Mrs. Lee has been serving on the Core Team Committee for nursing documentation. She asked if Spanish-speaking patients and translations is becoming a problem. Mrs. Lee said there have been several Spanish-speaking patients and they have a commercial service that can be used to help translate. Irma Reed is on the staff and she can also help translate.

Jerry Toler, board member, asked if the nurses felt safe at night and if there were any security concerns?

Mrs. Lee said that the nurses don't like not being able to see the front door or ambulance entrance until they are right there. Les Lacy, hospital administrator, said he gave the sheriff and deputies a tour and showed them all the entrances and exits in the facility so they were aware of them.

*Editor's note: The above article was taken from the minutes of the January hospital board meeting.*

## Bowling News

#### Monday Night Mixed 2-9

Team standings: Neitzel Insurance 14-10, Cheyenne Bowl 14-10, Wrecking Balls 14-10, Majestic 9-11, Wano's 9-15, Earl's Gals 8-12.

High game (scratch): Eddie Zuege 221, Kale Zimbelman 197, Alan Rose 189, Janice Krien 164, Tammy Zimbelman 148, Sally Baird 140; (handicap) Zuege 252, Vanessa Wieck 215, Krien 214, Arrie Cox 212, Rose 212, Connie Wilger 211.

High series (scratch): Zuege 547, K Zimbelman 544, Rose 510, Krien 443, T Zimbelman 395, Erica Harlan 350; (handicap) Zuege 640, Wieck 601, Krien 593, Wilger 592, Rose 579, Cox 573.

#### Wednesday Afternoon Coffee 2-11

Team standings: Dairy King 18-10, Lodge Sleepers 16-12, Kale's Girls 12-16, Western State Bank 10-18.

High game (scratch): Debbie Bush 172, Carol Peterson 167, Linda Query 164; (handicap) Bush 229, Peterson 224, Query 216.

High series (scratch): Query 436, Peterson 430, Marlys Poulgnot 425; (handicap) Peterson 601, Query 592, Janice Krien 591.

#### Wednesday Night Mens 2-11

Team standings: Wright and Wrong 18-6, Bonny Solutions 17-7, Haigler Two 17-17, Haigler One 13-11, Wray Lumber 11-13, Cheyenne Bowl 9-15, Krien Steel Buildings 6-18, Idalia JV 5-19.

High game (scratch): Bob Lippert 200, Dean Erdman 198, Kale Zimbelman 190.

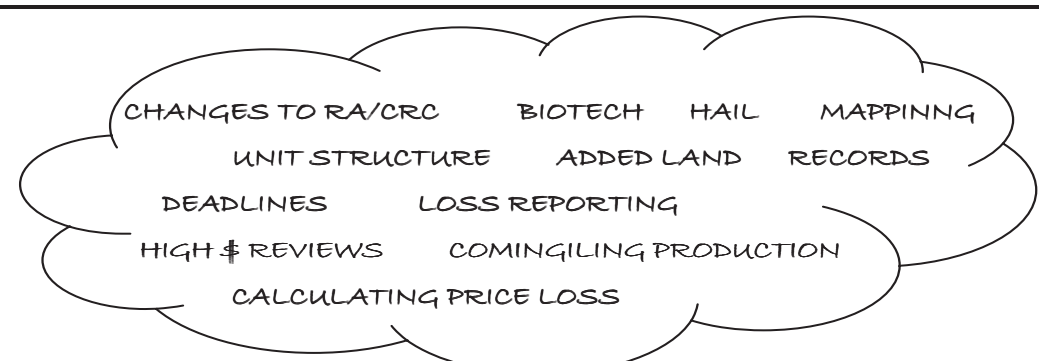
High series (scratch): Erdman 536, Zimbelman 529, Lippert 519.

#### Ladies Nite Out 2-12

Team standings: Mel's Gals 17-7, Strikers 15-9, Wright Carpet 14-10, Wray Meat Packing 13-11, Jersey Maids 13-11, Bankwest Alley Kats 12-12, Dundy Ag 11-13.

High game (scratch): Erica Harlan 201, Vicky Harford 177, Pat Confer 170; (handicap) Harlan 262, Jill Zuege 235, Harford 228.

High series (scratch): Confer 494, Boots Peterson 457, Nikki Gelvin 451; (handicap) Harlan 631, Confer 617, Gelvin 601.



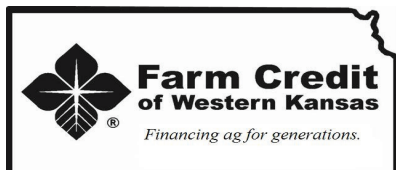
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- Feb. 24 Grainfield 4-H Building - 6:30 PM CST
- March 2 Goodland 4-H Building - Noon MST

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