

Sheriff department losing office in Bird City Hall

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The county sheriff reported at the Thursday Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting that the department's office in Bird City has been taken away and it could cause some problems.

Sheriff Craig Van Allen said the sheriff's office which has been located in the city hall, was going to be used by a Small Business Development Center which is being brought in by Century II.

The sheriff's office provides law enforcement for the city of Bird City. Each year, the county and city sign a contract for \$33,000 which covers the city's law enforcement.

He said they had not been able to use the Bird City office much of the time as the city hall was being remodeled and the office was being used by the city clerk. He said the city had proposed to set the department up in a portion of the city shop.

However, he said, there are many regulations that will need to be met and it is going to be cost prohibitive. In the city hall, the sheriff's office was "grandfathered" in and it was not necessary to meet many of the regulatory and safety issues. The officer(s) also need a place to interview in a controlled environment.

Sheriff Van Allen said since the renovation of the city hall had be-

gun, they had made transfers to St. Francis when a person was arrested. This, he said, can continue but it is costing the county additional money. When the sheriff could see that, in the near future, the office in city hall would be available, he didn't think it was necessary to bring up the matter of the extra trips but if the transfers were going to be ongoing, he felt that the commissioners should be informed.

The commissioners discussed drawing up a new contract. Sheriff Van Allen said that he would still continue to cover Bird City and the county outside the cities until the commissioners came up with a plan.

Utilities at new emergency building less than expected

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The first of the new year meant looking at the expenses paid to the city of St. Francis' Emergency Building. The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Thursday meeting, checked over the utility budget provided by the city clerk.

The county pays three-fourths of the utilities as it utilizes about that much in the storage of fire engines, ambulances and offices.

This was the first year that the building had been available so the St. Francis City Council was guessing at the cost of the utilities. The county was paying \$9,000 a year and the city was paying \$3,000. But, now that the year has ended, the ending balance showed an accumulated \$7,162.

The commissioners didn't mind that there was a little buildup in the fund but they thought that \$7,000 was more than necessary.

They agreed to send a letter proposing the county pay half of last year's amount and pay it monthly. The county will be paying \$375 each month if the city agrees; the city will pay \$125 a month.

Bonuses and raises

Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, presented the ambulance account's balance showing \$29,530 left. She said the bills had been paid up to date and asked that the emergency medical technicians be given a bonus.

Mrs. Bowers said she was not asking for a bonus for herself as she had already received one but she would appreciate the bonus for the technicians.

She had a list of the technicians and the runs they had made throughout the year. The commissioners reviewed the list and agreed that the technicians, who are volunteers, deserve a bonus. It was nice, the commissioners said, that the service had been able to make some money.

The commissioners also agreed to move Mrs. Bowers from a level two pay rate to level three.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, brought in his monthly work report and what had been spent.

He said he needed a new radio. Prairie States Communication, Imperial, had told him that the type of radio now being used in the department will be obsolete in 2013 with the implementation of narrowband voice channel. It was decided that a refurbished radio would be purchased for now.

They talked about repairing the supervisor's pickup which had hail damage last summer. The insurance check expires in February.

Attorney's report

County attorney, Kari Gilliland,

after thanking the commissioners for the Christmas bonus, reported she was cleaning up some old cases. Judge Showalter had given the attorney a list of things that needed to be taken care of from last year. She also briefly discussed a case that was coming up.

In other business

In other business:
• The commissioners looked at several warrants, pulling one from the sheriff's office for \$748 for ammunition but it was pointed out that the ammunition was ordered in May. There was also one for \$500 for folding chairs and tables but this was a purchase made by Cleveland Run Township with left over money.

Over all, the commissioners said they were pleased with the department heads in making the adjustments to help the financial situation at the end of the year.

• Mary Morrow, register of deeds, said the office is getting new equipment and she will need another desk. She said it will cost over \$500 which is the dollar number that will need approval from the commissioners. The commissioners approved the purchase, noting that it was important to get what is needed.

• Craig Schoenrogge's, St. Francis, visit at the last meeting was briefly discussed. Until his case with the city is completed, the commissioners feel that there is nothing for the commissioners to discuss with him.

• The commissioners approved that the workers in the 911 dispatch office have a key to Judge Robert Van Allen's office.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will start at 8 a.m. on Monday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Introducing

Adriana Grace Weeden

Gabriel and Kristina Weeden announce the birth of their daughter, Adriana Grace Weeden, at 10:52 p.m. on Jan. 1, 2010. She weighed 6 pounds, 9.5 ounces and was 20-inches long. Adriana was born at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt.

Grandparents are Roland and Rosemary Martin, Hartford, and Dennis and Sonja Weeden, St. Francis. Great-grandparents are C.R. Martin, Jr., Hartford, Gaylen and Dorothy Weeden, St. Francis, and Mary Glad, Green Valley, Ariz.

Great Tips

Reopening envelope

If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Voila! It unseals easily.

Conditioner

Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's a lot cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair...

Good-bye Fruit Flies

To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass fill it 1/2" with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops

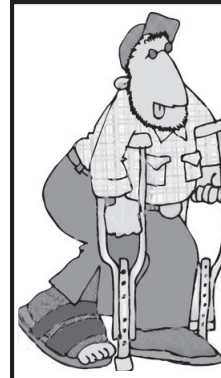
of dishwashing liquid, mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Get Rid of Ants

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home," & can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, esp. if it rains, but it works & you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

Take baby powder to the beach

Keep a small bottle of baby powder in your beach bag. When you're ready to leave the beach sprinkle yourself and kids with the powder and the sand will slide right off your skin.



It's nice to know when you ain't got a leg to stand on —Cheyenne County emergency personnel are there!

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FIFTH GRADER Katie Schmid was the month of December's 'best citizen.' For having achieved that honor, Katie gets to pick a prize from the PTA Spirit Shop.

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Students recognized for kindness

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For the last two months, there have been many students with exceptionally good manners and doing kind things for others. When recognized, they received a kindness coupon to be hung on the bulletin board in the school.

At the end of December, 60 students were recognized with one student, Mallery Mills, receiving four coupons. Those receiving three coupons were Colton Neitzel, Garin Cooper and Wyatt Hilt. Jesse Baxter, Cassi-

dy Busse, Seth Hilt, Cody Baxter, Madison Tice, Kyla Hicks, Joslyn Ketzner, Sayed Fierro, Dalton Straub, Devon Patton, Hanna Bracelin, Matthisen Witzel, McKinnley Bartels, Trey Van Allen and Mia Morrow each received two coupons.

The month of December's "best citizen" was Katie Schmid, a fifth grader. She will pick a prize from the PTA Spirit Shop.

The fourth graders did exceptionally well receiving 23 coupons.

The teachers are encouraging

positive attitudes, good manners and kind behavior toward teachers, staff and other students, said Sandy Smull, coordinator.

Those recognized with December Kindness Coupons were:

Kindergarten: Taiya Hicks, Mia Morrow and Vivian Yanez

First grade: Colton Neitzel, Brody Kauf, Kaycee Luke, Adam Krien, Kobe Tice, Garin Cooper, Lukas Zwegardt, Rylan Doyle, Jesse Baxter, Emma Johnson and Kattie Wurm.

Second grade: Cassidy Busse, Seth Hilt, Audrey Meyer, Trenton Bartels, Marlo Jensen, Zach Koger and Karly Bandel.

Third grade: Wyatt Hilt, Shalyn Zwegardt, Kyla Hicks, Lindsey Johnson, Jorge Olivares, April Fernandez, Draven Houtman, Joslyn Ketzner, Mason Schmid and Cody Baxter.

Fourth grade: Sayed Fierro, Dalton Straub, Devon Patton, Hanna Bracelin, Mallery Mills, Madison Tice, Treyton Doyle, Matthisen Witzel, Martin Beikman, McKinnley Bartels, Jyllian Laten and Kenny Adams.

Fifth grade: Trey Van Allen, JR Landenberger, Kenny Leibbrandt, Jenna Confer, Connor McBride, Katie Schmid and Jeremiah Neitzel.

Sixth grade: Alexis Frink, Kattie Jenik, Lane Hobrock, Justin Pacheco, Blake Meyer and Austin Patton.

Look for the "Best Citizen" list for January in *The Herald*. At the end of the school year, the top citizens will be honored.

Scholarship program to be continued

The board of directors of Farm Credit of Western Kansas ACA is pleased to announce the continuation of the Farm Credit Scholarship program. Each year Farm Credit choose one student to receive a \$500 per year scholarship which is renewable for up to four years of post-secondary education. Eligible applicants are area high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Farm Credit Western of

Kansas ACA members.

Interested applicants should contact their high school counselor or Cathy Hawk at the Farm Credit administrative office in Colby, 785-462-6714 for an application or visit their website at www.farmcreditkansas.com. Applications are due by Feb. 15.

The office is located in Colby and can be reached by calling 1-800-657-6048.

St. Francis News

Uncle and aunt, Ernie and Marlene Lebfron, enjoyed visiting with Jason, Jennie and Pepper Elmore at Waukomis, Okla., for a week during Christmas. Due to weather and roads

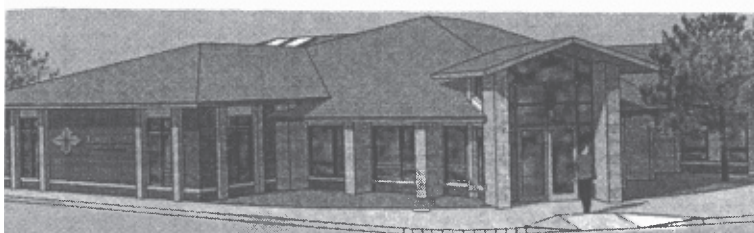
closed, Christmas was on Dec. 26, with Ben and Jo Elmore and Elgin and Jolene and Tayler Elmore at Vinita, Okla. Christmas dinner and a gift exchange were enjoyed.

OPEN HOUSE

January 13, 2010 3:00 – 6:00 P.M.



Farm Credit
of Western Kansas
1190 South Range Colby KS



You are invited to stop by and see the new Farm Credit Office Building, and visit with the Farm Credit Board of Directors and staff. Refreshments will be served and sign up for some great open house prizes.

The giant stocking winner was Garin Cooper! Congratulations!



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Quote of the Week:
Only in America do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.



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