

Medical technician bridge classes to be held in Sainty

By Karen Krien

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The commissioners, at the Friday meeting, agreed to have an emergency medical technician bridge class in St. Francis.

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, and Wade Krien, emergency medical technician, asked about having an emergency medical technician bridge class in the county. At the last meeting, Mrs. Bowers said there was one first responder interested in attending a class in Colby but there would be the costs incurred and, in the end, only one person would be trained.

There were four, possibly five, county first responders interested in the class if it would be held in the county. Gary Winter, Sherman County, has agreed to teach the class for \$7,700. She thought a grant could be written to cover part of the costs and having these people get the needed training would be very helpful. The class will start Feb. 22 and end the last part of April.

Mrs. Bowers asked for five minutes of executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made after coming out of the session.

Emergency building expenses

The county's share of the St. Francis Emergency Building expense was once again on the agenda. At the last meeting, the commissioners had written a letter back to the city stating that they felt the \$7,264 left over in the account at the end of the year was more than needed and suggested that the county's amount be \$375 and the city of St. Francis would pay \$125 a month. This is half of what the two entities paid last year.

However, Scott Schultz, St.

Francis Mayor, replied to the commissioners with a letter stating that the year-end total was high because insurance amounting to \$1,885 and the building sign, costing \$1,376, had not been paid. There were also boiler concerns.

The commissioners agreed that they pay for the insurance on all of the vehicles kept in the building and, Andy Beikman, commissioners, said the commissioners had no input on the building sign. As far as the boiler, first of all, it should still be under warranty, and secondly, the boiler was not a responsibility of the county since the building was city owned.

The commissioners asked that Mr. Miller get the latest list of expenses on the building and the balance from the city clerk, Mary Lampe, so they can review it at the next meeting.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, gave his report, noting that the crew had been graveling in the northern part of the county. Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said there were two areas in his district that needed some work.

Mr. Flemming talked about purchasing a mower. The commissioners told him to get a couple of bids.

He also talked about a landowner who is going to take his land out of Conservation Reserve Program and will need one-half mile of county road opened. Mr. Flemming will look into the matter.

Emergency preparedness report

Gary Rogers, emergency preparedness director, asked the commissioners for their signature on the 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant Application. The county will receive \$17,185

with the grant and up to \$1,500 for travel reimbursement.

He said a proposed swat car being placed in Russell which can be used by other counties if needed has caused some controversy.

Mr. Miller said Mr. Rogers was recognized for his work at a foreign animal disease meeting.

In other business

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- Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, said he plans to retire this year and would help train the new person. An agreement was signed with the state to have the supervisor treat noxious weeds along the highways in Cheyenne County.

He said the annual noxious weed supervisors' meeting would be held in March. The commissioners agreed for him to attend.

- There were only two bids for the 1984 Ford fire department van: one for \$5 and the other for \$177. The commissioners denied the bids and agreed to run the ad again in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* for two times only this time, requiring that the bid be no less than \$200.

- Joni Guyer with Prairie Rose Floral, St. Francis, had applied to the county's incentive plan for help and the commissioners signed the application. The Cheyenne County Development Corporation will be asked about progress on incentive plans.

Bruce Webb, county appraiser, was given permission to purchase a new plotter for \$5,635. If the purchase is made by the end of February, the county will receive a \$1,000 rebate.

- Craig Van Allen, sheriff, was given permission to purchase a new portable radio for \$430 and a mobile radio for \$850. Both radios will replace failing radios and will be paid for out of the 911 Fund. He was also given permission to purchase four new winter coats for the full-time deputies.

- The county agreement to provide law enforcement in Bird City was reviewed and signed. The agreement is \$33,500, up \$2,000 from last year.

- Jennifer Padgett, communications director, asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made coming out of the session.

Next meeting

The commissioners' meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 16, instead of Feb. 15 because the courthouse will be closed for President's Day. The meeting will start at 8 a.m.



GIRLS SCOUTS held bake sale to raise money for earthquake victims in Haiti.

E-waste to be held Tuesday

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Earlier, e-waste collections were held only in St. Francis but, on Tuesday, an e-waste collection has been set for 10 to noon at the Bird City city shop and, then, from 12:30 to 2:30, it will be held at the St. Francis Recycling building.

E-waste collections are a place where people can bring computers, monitors, microwaves, televisions and other electronic items which the

landfill will not take.

There are only three remaining free collection dates scheduled after Tuesday's collection: April 20, June 22 and Aug. 24. The storm date for Tuesday's collection is Tuesday, Feb. 23.

It is free to households, government offices and education institutions located in the counties that are members of the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization. Fees will be applied to items

brought in by businesses and organizations.

For more information, contact Roger Jensen at 785-332-5011 or DeAnza Ambrosier, 785-734-2616.

Tons brought in

Last year, Cheyenne County residents brought in a total of 122.2 tons of recyclable items. Broken down, the items and the tons brought included:

- Newspapers, 13.1 tons.
- Cardboard, 29.8 tons.
- Junk mail and chipboard, 21.5 tons.
- Magazines, 21.3 tons.
- Plastics, 7.4 tons.
- Aluminum cans, 1.3 tons.
- Tin cans, 3.2 tons.
- Glass, 15.3 tons.
- E-waste, 9.3 tons.

The recyclables totals brought in by all county members to the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Center located in Colby was 1,121.55 tons and 55 tons of e-waste.

Six people injured

A single-vehicle accident on Friday sent six people to hospitals in Goodland and St. Francis.

According to a Kansas State Highway Patrol crash log report, at about 8 p.m., a club-cab pickup truck driven by Austin L. Sramek, 24, Max, Neb., was headed north on Road 21 in Sherman County when the vehicle left the road and went into the ditch in Cheyenne County on Road A where it flipped on its top.

Those injured besides Sramek were Mandy S. Sramek, 17, and Maria Sramek, 15, both of Max; Pat Michael Keehn, 29, McCook, Neb., Laryssa K. Eckhoff, 17, Trenton, Neb., and Joshua John Garner, 19, Bird City.

Eckhoff and Garner were taken to the Cheyenne County Hospital. The rest were taken to the Goodland Re-

gional Medical Center. Both Mandy and Maria Sramek were flown to Swedish Medical Center in Denver. None of the occupants of the vehicle were wearing seat belts and Sheriff Craig Van Allen said alcohol was present in the vehicle.

The accident was worked by Officer Minh Huynh, Goodland.

Junior varsity boys team defeats Weskan

By Betty Jean Winston

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The junior varsity boys team defeated Weskan on Tuesday night by the score of 57-41. The game was played in St. Francis.

The Sainty team managed to score in double figures in each quarter making 24 points in the first half and 33 in the second half.

Dylan Peter was hitting the basket on this night, especially in the third quarter when he had one

three-pointer and five field goals. His total for the evening was 25 points.

The team had 22 two pointers, two three's and seven successful free throws.

S 14 10 17 16 57
W 10 8 10 13 41

Scoring: Peter 25, Jon Butler 8, Zach Zweygardt 8, Tyler Lauer 6, Joey McCormick 3, Erick Estrada 2, Gavin Cooper 2, Brooks Hobbrock 2, Cody Killingsworth 1.

James E. Reeves, DPM
Podiatrist/Foot Specialist
Reconstructive Surgery
Foot & Ankle Injuries
For appointments call:
Rawlins County Health Center
785-626-3211
Wed., Feb. 24
Cheyenne County Hospital - P.M.
210 W. 1st • 332-2104
Thurs., Feb. 25
Atwood (a.m.) • 626-3211
Colby (p.m.)
CSMC, 175 S. Range
462-3332
CMC, 100 E. College Dr.
462-7511
Fri., Feb. 26
CSMC at 9 a.m.

Gas saving Tips:

- Avoid excessive idling. Idling gets zero miles per gallon. Warming up the vehicle for one or two minutes is sufficient.
- Avoid quick starts and stops. Aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by 33 percent on the highway and 5 percent in the city.
- Consolidate trips. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much gas as one longer multi-purpose trip.

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- St. Francis - Cheyenne County Treasurer's Office City Office
St. Francis Equity Co-Op
BANKWEST, First National Bank and Western State Bank
- Bird City - City Office
Frontier Ag
First National Bank
- SRS Agents - Goodland and Colby

You may also request an application by contacting Priority Oil & Gas LLC at (303-296-3435), PriorityOG@aol.com, LaRanaLLC@aol.com, or P. O. Box 27798, Denver, CO 80227-0798.

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Informational Forum

Topic: State Funding Cuts

How will they affect Cheyenne County?

Present will be representatives of:

- Cheyenne County schools
- Good Samaritan Village
- Cheyenne County Hospital
- Cheyenne County Commissioners

Monday, Feb. 8
7:30 p.m.

St. Francis High School Auditorium
100 S. College Street, St. Francis