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Foundation exposed in near future

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The foundation of the courthouse is suspected to be OK. This piece of good news was told to the commissioners by Shelley Christensen, maintenance department head, when they met on March 31.

Ms. Christensen was present with Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor. They said they believed the problem on the east side of the courthouse was due to buried drainage pipes which could be cracked and leaking directly onto the foundation.

Several months ago, Ms. Christensen had pulled away some bookcases in the extension office in the basement of the courthouse. There was obvious water damage causing mold and deterioration of the plaster.

She and Mr. Flemming had looked at the courthouse blue prints which showed internal drain pipes. When they went to

the courthouse roof, they found a drain which was obviously not draining like it should. In fact, there was a small tree growing. They had cleaned out the drain as much as possible and it appeared that the water was slowing seeping away but not like it should.

The drain pipes which are buried are old and probably made of clay, they said. Over time, they have probably broken and filled with dirt.

Also, along the east side are bushes with large roots planted in a area of rocks which are contained by a metal edging that is holding the rain and sprinkler water.

Clerk Terry Miller had called the engineer who had designed the courthouse steps but he was busy. Feeling that the project needed more immediate attention, the commissioners agreed with Ms. Christensen and Mr. Flemming that the bushes needed to be removed. The county's road and

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EASTER CANDY was everywhere at the Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday in the St. Francis grade school. Filling their baskets were Janea Moberly, left, and Riley Burr.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT is being installed in the city park by the city crew. Pictured, left, is Eric Fiala, right, Mike Meyer. The equipment was bought by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

County could lose dollars

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The Kansas Legislature is talking about taking away \$4.8 million from the Modernization Account. Dolores Jenik, Cheyenne County Treasurer, at the March 31 county commissioners' meeting, said this money had been collected on all license renewals with the intent of implementing a new system for driver's license renewals and motor vehicle title systems.

The system would tie the counties together allowing for better information in the motor vehicle and driver's license departments. She said the office planned to go live in July 2011.

The present system in the county office is 20 years old and doesn't

work well.

The taxpayers, she said, have already paid in for the new design, program and implementation of equipment. The county could be required to buy the new equipment and end up paying again.

There are new regulations coming in to the office concerning the Federal Identification Act for which the office will need this equipment. Offices all over the state will be penalized. They have been working on getting this process implemented since 2005 and it was about ready to go.

What is sad, she said, is the amount of money the state government is taking away from these programs is an insignificant amount and will not help the government

much but will make a major impact on the people.

The people have already paid for the system and they deserve to have it, she said.

It doesn't seem ethically or morally right, said Dale Patton, commissioner. It's like working for somebody who gives you a check and the bank says it's no good!

Mrs. Jenik is urging everyone to contact their legislators. She has suggested form letters and e-mail addresses of all legislators. People can also go to www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-house/searchHouse.do. Those wanting to send an e-mail can put the addresses in their computers and all will be contacted.

For more information, contact Mrs. Jenik at 785-332-8810.

Unique business opens

St. Francis has a new business. Frontier Medical Rejuvenation, under the direction of Dr. Rebecca Allard, has opened an office at 607 South Benton Street.

She and four certified assistants will be offering hair removal, facial rejuvenation, acne reduction and prevention along with the treatment of rosacea with intense pulsed light treatments. They will also be able to remove spider veins and small varicose veins with the laser treatment as well as the intense pulsed light (IPL) treatments.

A specialized hand piece filters light from specific parts of the spectrum. Clients are asked questions which are answered with numbers as to what is the color of their skin, their hair, just to name a few. The total is added to find the correct wavelength. A test area is selected and if it passes, the process begins.

The results are remarkable and, in most cases, when the final treatment is done, the client will be rid of unwanted hair, veins, acne, pigment spots and rosacea.

The photo facials with the intense pulsed light or IPL and laser treatments will take 5 to 10 years off the client's appearance, she said. And, when finished with just the first treatment, their face is smooth as if it had a coating of baby powder on it.



DR. REBECCA ALLARD gives a photo facial pulsed light treatment on a client.

"It was painless," said Karen Krien, after receiving a facial treatment.

After putting on the protective eye cover, it was just a matter of short shots of bright light and a tingle. The calm setting of the office with soft music playing in the background made the whole experience relaxing. During the treatment, Dr. Allard talked about each step. The results were wonderful, Mrs. Krien said.

"My face was smooth and many of the imperfections were gone," she said.

Dr. Allard treated sun and age See UNIQUE on Page 10



MANNA BAKERY staff decorateS cookies in the bakery north of Goodland. Pictured, left to right, are Derek Moreland, Carrie Babcock, Crystal Ludowese, Adrienne West, Derrick Morton and Chet Redmon. Bakery goods can now be purchased in St. Francis on Tuesdays.

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Bakery products are back!

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Manna Bakery goods are coming back to St. Francis. Each Tuesday, people wanting to purchase some of the products can pick them up at Uptown Market on St. Francis' Main Street from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Or, if there are orders, Crystal Ludowese will deliver them as she comes to St. Francis on Wednesdays.

Manna Bakery is a subsidiary of Golden West Community Services in Goodland. However, the bakery is located north of Goodland on Roads 74 and 21 at the Golden Horseshoe Ranch.

The commercial bakery is li-

censed and state inspected regularly. Those individuals working in the bakery are trained and love what they are doing, said Sandi Murray, bakery manager.

The large Quonset kitchen includes several refrigerators, two convection ovens, freezers along with plenty of working space and large sinks for cleaning up.

The bakery staff produces a number of items including yeast breads (cinnamon, whole wheat, white, whole wheat sunflower flax) and a variety of quick breads; dinner rolls, hamburger buns, homemade tortillas, cream puffs, angel food cakes, homemade egg noodles, bar cookies (brownies and

coconut bars), homemade pies, sweet rolls (cherry cream cheese, pecan sticky, sticky without nuts, and plain frosted cinnamon) and a variety of cookies (sugar, ginger-snaps, oatmeal, chocolate chip, Texas pecan sandy and peanut butter). They also make pickles, jams and jellies including jalapeno jelly.

When they make angle food cakes, they need 60 egg whites. With all those egg yolks, they began making homemade noodles.

Making noodles and tortillas takes everybody working in the kitchen. The dough is made, rolled out and fried for the tortillas and. See BAKERY on Page 10