

Commissioners discuss wind energy at meeting

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on Thursday was short with the majority of the business being taken care of before the public hearing to approve a resolution at 9 a.m.

Terry Miller, clerk, said Chuck Geiger with Idaho Wind Energy had been in St. Francis to measure wind in the county. Mr. Miller said he had come on Tuesday, April 13, when the wind was blowing steadily with gusts of 70 miles per hour. Commissioner, Dale Patton, took his e-mail address and said he was going to contact him. Mr. Patton has attended several meetings on wind farms.

Mr. Miller had information which listed Kansas as third in the nation with tremendous wind energy resources.

Although California gave birth to the modern U.S. wind industry, 16 states have greater wind potential stated the information from the Pacific Northwest Laboratory.

Installed wind energy generating capacity is now over 20,000 megawatts. The installed wind power fleet is expected to generate an estimated 48 billion kilowatt-hours of wind energy in 2008, just over 1 percent of U.S. electricity supply, powering the equivalent of over 4.5 million homes.

By contrast, the total amount of electricity that could potentially be generated from wind in the United States has been estimated at 10,777 billion kilowatt hours

annually — more than twice the electricity generated in the United States today.

Germany is the world leader in terms of installed wind power with over 22,000 megawatts installed. Yet, it has only a fraction of the wind energy potential that North Dakota has. North Dakota is listed first in having the wind energy potential. Texas is second; Kansas is third; South Dakota, fourth; Montana, fifth; and Nebraska, sixth.

Public hearing

At 9 a.m., the public hearing to change a road to minimum maintenance was held. No one was present for the meeting but Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said Ben Leibbrandt had called to find out exactly which roads were involved. The supervisor noted that the changes in road maintenance did not concern Mr. Leibbrandt when he found out were they were.

The roads are located in the southwest part of the county.

The resolution was approved. Mr. Flemming said he will erect the signs stating that these roads are minimum maintenance.

Emergency medical service
Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, was unable to attend the meeting but had \$5,537 in insurance write-offs which the commissioners approved. It was noted that \$4,575 grant money had been received from the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Service and will be used for the emergency medical technician-B bridge class.

Information showed that there had been 20 runs in March with 19 being made in St. Francis and one in Bird City.

In other business

In other business:
• The commissioners signed a form with Justin Lohr being the nominated employee for Weed Supervisor. Mr. Lohr will also be going to the Household Hazardous Waste training in April.

• Mary Morrow, register of deeds, will attend a meeting in Colby.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 30, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



THE SECRET OF YONDER MOUNTAIN — Left to right: Rhinestone Fred (Brandon Keeker) and his partner Goldust Gertie (Agathe Boudon) question the disguised Cyril Twigbucket (Trevor Reed). Evesdropping from behind the piano is Alaska Al (Robbie Herman) and Persephone Proudheart (Alyssa Lee).
Photo courtesy of Debbie Fiala

Music students to present melodrama

"ALASKA" or "The Secret of Yonder Mountain" will be presented by the St. Francis Community High School music department at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 3, in the high school auditorium.

The evening of melodrama takes place in Alaska Al's Saloon in the Yukon River Valley during the 1890s.

The story begins with the heroine, Persephone Proudheart

(played by Alyssa Lee), searching for her true love, Cyril Twigbucket (played by Trevor Reed), who is lost and feared dead in the mountains while looking for gold.

Cyril returns with a bag full of gold that he has discovered in yonder mountain, but runs into the villainous Rhinestone Fred (Brandon Keeker) and his charming but greedy companion, Goldust Gertie (Agathe Boudon).

Alaska Al (Robbie Herman), and the Widower Proudheart (Brandon McGinnis) add to the action. The audience will be invited to boo the villain, cheer for the hero, and sigh for the heroine as the

plot unfolds.

Band and vocal students will be presenting musical numbers during the melodrama as Saloon Girls and Gold Miners. They will also be presenting comic skits and jokes between scenes of the play.

"ALASKA" or "The Secret of Yonder Mountain" was written by Robert Fulton Kennedy. It is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Englewood, Colo.

Tickets for the melodrama will be available at the door. For more information, check the advertisement located in this week's issue of *The Herald*.

Helpful Hints

Bed Sheets

After drying sheets, put both sheets and one pillowcase in the other pillow case. Fold neatly in a square. Next time you change sheets, you just take the one pillow case and all the sheets and pillow case are inside. No need to look for matches.

Clean your glass shower

To clean the glass in your shower easily, apply lemon juice to the glass with a sponge. Then, take newspaper and wipe the lemon juice off the glass. It will be clean and sparkle with no scrubbing!

Association to hold final season concerts

The Western Plains Arts Association will be holding its final two concerts of the season this week.

Colby Community College Jazz Ensemble

They are proud to present the Colby Community College Jazz Ensemble, directed by Tony Schroer, on Thursday in Qunter's High School auditorium. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will showcase 15 students from the Kansas and Nebraska area.

They will perform several traditional swing charts, blues, and up-tempo more modern jazz, so there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Admission is by season

ticket or at the door.

The Kansas State Brass

The association will hold its final concert of the season on Sunday at 3 p.m., in the Hoxie High School auditorium.

The Kansas State Brass will perform a lively concert of varied selections. Admission is by season ticket or at the door.

Next season

The Western Plains Arts Association sincerely hopes members will join them again next year, as they already have 16 shows lined up for the Fall 2010/Spring 2011 season.

You are invited to a
Come & Go Bridal Shower
for **Tiffany Anderson**
Bride-elect of Robert W. Ochsner
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Saturday, April 24 • 2-4 p.m.
At the Kathy Roelfs residence
1545 Rd O, St. Francis

The St. Francis Music Department will be presenting an evening of melodrama.
"ALASKA" or "The Secret of Yonder Mountain"
Monday, May 3,
7 p.m.
High School Auditorium
Admission is \$5 and tickets will be available at the door

Part-Time Help Wanted
Rawlins County Communications is seeking part-time dispatcher to work 24-32 hours a week. Successful candidates will be trained to answer 911 calls and dispatch the City and County police, etc. Applicants should have a high school diploma or GED, must be able to work with the public, be able to pass and maintain NCIC certification and must have clear criminal record. RCC is an EOE and provides employees with great benefits. Persons wishing to apply may pick up an application at the Rawlins County Court House, 607 Main St., Atwood, Ks. 67730. Applications to be reviewed upon receipt. This position will remain open until filled.

Moving Sale
Saturday, April 24
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
617 S. River Street, St. Francis
Household items, furniture, collectibles and miscellaneous items.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION
Saturday, May 1, 2010 @ 10 am CT
Auction Location: Western Auction & Real Estate Auction Pavilion, West HWY 36, St. Francis, Ks
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