

Commissioners meet new manager

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners formally met the new emergency manager at the Aug. 16 meeting.

Gary Rogers, retiring manager, introduced the commissioners to Ryan Murray. Mr. Murray was selected as the new emergency manager several weeks ago but the announcement of his hiring was not released until he had given his former employer two weeks notice.

Mr. Murray, who has worked at the Cheyenne County Hospital, was the emergency coordinator at the facility. Through his work, he has already met a lot of the people in the state who he will be working with and comes to the position with experience.

Cheyenne County shares the emergency coordinator with Rawlins and Sherman counties. Conference calls were conducted with the commissioners and those in the other counties and it was the consensus that they approved of the new arrangement. The emergency management office will continue to be at the St. Francis Emergency Building located on U.S. 36.

Rawlins and Sherman counties also pay part of the expenses which includes salary, mileage and other expenses. Mr. Murray will not receive the same salary as Mr. Rogers so the pay from each of the counties was lowered from \$1,175 per month to \$1,100.

Mr. Murray will be replacing Kari Gilliland as the county representative to the Regional Homeland Security Council and Terry Miller, county clerk, will notify the security of the change. He will also write a letter to the Kansas Division of Emergency Managing notifying them of Mr. Murray's new position with the three counties.

The commissioners discussed

radio changeovers, phone numbers, disasters and mock disasters with no decisions made.

Treasurer's office closed Sept. 21

Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, reported that there are a lot of changes coming for the treasurer's office staff. In January, the office will be switching to a new driver's license system and there will be a training in Colby on Sept. 21. This would be the closest training and she asked that she, Deb Patton and Melissa Tabor be allowed to attend the training. Taking all three employees out of the office would mean that the office would need to be closed that day.

The commissioners, after discussion, decided that she could close the office that day but asked that she try to let people know. Clerk Miller said he could answer the phone and take messages that day.

Noxious weed report

Justin Lohr talked about his work in the county. He said he had taken care of 92 acres of burr ragweed north of Bird City. He had spent around \$2,000 to \$3,000 in chemicals. Commissioner, Ernie Ketzner asked that he keep on top of the situation. Mr. Lohr said he was also starting to spray cemeteries, once in the fall and again in the spring. He said he was using special chemicals in this area.

He was given permission to purchase a new temperature/wind/humidity meter for \$195. He was also given permission to attend the West District Weed Directors Association meeting in Garden City on Aug. 26.

Emergency medical service report

The commissioners approved the insurance write-off of \$4,224 presented by Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director. She said that Medicare

is now only writing off 81 cents compared to the \$93.38 cents they were writing off previously. The commissioners asked that Mrs. Bowers keep track of what the difference is.

A new regulation in billing runs is to have the exact mileage, up to 10ths, listed on the bill.

She will be ordering supplies including a new thermometer.

Mr. Ketzner said he was asked if technicians could carry pagers instead of radios. Mrs. Bowers said the technicians need to be able to talk to each other. The technicians will need new radios in 2013.

Mrs. Bowers was given permission to attend a training in Oakley on Aug. 28 and 29.

In other business

In other business: A letter was received from the city of St. Francis saying that the fund for the Emergency Building is \$2,700 short. There was no decision on what the commissioners will do.

Pete Kinen, St. Francis, did not call in a controlled burn so, when it was called in, firemen responded. Commissioner Andy Beikman said George Harper, fire chief, said it was the second time it had happened. A resolution states that controlled burns are to be called in. If the burn is not called in, a fine will be imposed. Kari Gilliland, county attorney, said she would talk to Mr. Kinen.

A pipeline agreement was signed for Noble Energy to cross the airport land after the county attorney had reviewed and approved the agreement.

Jennifer Padgett, communication director, said the new con-

sole had been installed as well as the 800 MHZ radio. She said the sound quality is improved. She is applying for a 2011 grant. The 2010 grant will cover the upgrades needed in the communications equipment and software. She asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel with no decision being made after coming out of the session.

Mila Bandel, county health nurse, picked up an amended contract with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the county health department which the commissioners had signed.

The commissioners presented Mrs. Bandel with a plaque from the Kan Be Healthy Immunization program honoring her for work with immunizations.

The county landfill had two deficiencies when it was inspected the last time. Deficiencies were failure to collect litter and some non-permitted items in the burn pile. The commissioners noted that with Kansas wind, there is litter almost immediately after a city trash truck has dumped and it would take someone full time to pick up papers which have gotten away.

Peggy Pratt with the Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services, gave a letter to those in the room which was written by a girl telling about the positive experience she had through the service. The county pays \$1,000 to the service and she asked that the county continue this amount for the next year.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Tuesday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Kinen

Couple travels to the Bahamas

Meaghan Priest and Tanner Kinen exchanged vows and rings in a ceremony on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at the St. Francis United Methodist Church. Pastor Morita Truman officiated the wedding assisted by Father Meitl.

The bride was given away by her parents, Barry and Sally Priest.

Stacy Kaup, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Erin Priest, Bonnie Glade, Sara Preshaw, Rachel Boekhout, Shanon Maurio and Lysay Harvey.

Kyle Buffington, friend of groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Trent Kinen, Jonathan Roelfs, Derek Ross, Grant Keller, Andrew Nolting and Veron Pflughoeff.

Ushers were Drew Kaup, Jason McGhee, Ryan Kennedy, and Brandon Barr.

The flower girls were Jin Wells and McKenna Glade.

The ring bearers were Brayden Kaup, nephew of bride, and Jake Rath.

The couple went to Sandals Resort in the Bahamas for their honeymoon. While on their honeymoon they enjoyed swimming, snorkeling, jet skiing, and relaxing on the beach.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Conifer High School and graduated from University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo., in 2007. She is currently teaching second grade in Idalia, Colo.

The groom is a 2005 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and attended Garden City Community College and graduated from Fort Hays State University in 2009. He is currently working for Raile Farms as well as helping his parents, Pete and Alice Kinen, on their family farm.

The couple lives in St. Francis..

St. Francis man entertains crowd in Montana

"Tumbleweed" Phil Crawford returned this past week from the 25th Adversary Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Music Rendezvous which, he said, was possibly his best outing ever.

He had 10 sessions in four days, plus several impromptu jam sessions. With a total of 76 performers they were running four stages, one large banquet room seating 200-plus and three lesser ones seating around 150.

After his first appearance in the larger room, every appearance in the other areas were filled to standing room only and on his session after lunch, they were standing in the hall. At on time, the coordinator of the event went into the large staging area. It was about one-half full and wondered where the people were. She was soon to find out, Mr. Crawford said, as she came down the hall passed the other staging areas to No. 4 where Tum-

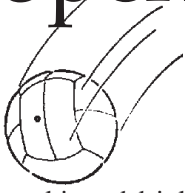
bleweed had them standing in the hall - a good half block from the area just off the hotel lobby where the bigger crowds normally are.

With exception of a few, he said, one from Washington, one from Oregon, one from Utah, myself and eight or 10 from Canada (maybe some I missed), most were from Montana. It was great to get reacquainted with old friends from year's past, especially the Canadian ones.

The latch handle has been put out for me already for next year and if you don't know the meaning of the last statement ask an "old timer," he said.

Mr. Crawford said he got home in time to get ready for Olde Tyme Saturday in Vernon Colo., where he entertained the chuck wagon breakfast crowd Saturday morning and did several short spot appearances for the day crowd through the day.

Fall sports open house held



The St. Francis Community High School volleyball/football open house is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday at the high school.

Booster Club The St. Francis Booster Club will be serving hot

dogs, chips, cookie and drink following the soap scrimmage on Friday at the high school. St. Francis Community High School students eat free. Check classified ad for adult price.

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two sons, Cutter and Colton, along with Brady Dinkel, who performed a singing number. She then called all the children who had attended the Peace Lutheran Church Bible school, representing every church in the city. They entertained the crowd with several numbers.

The survivor's talk was given by Rev. Norman Morrow, who had recently been diagnosed with cancer and spent the summer going back and forth to Hays for treatments. He spoke sincerely about how it feels to be a survivor and how this has taught him to appreciate his life more. He gave hope to all, speaking about early detection and quick treatments.

Pat Rose introduced the committee: Betty Loudon, Betty Petersen, Stephanie Workman, Tammy Grice, Allison Grice, John Finley, Sandy Frisbie, Toni Keller, Dana Rose, Christy Wurm and Susie Walz. She then introduced two of her cousins from the Sherman County Relay who helped. Kim Peach, the Northwest Kansas representative for the American Cancer Society, welcomed everyone and thanked the committee and community for such a great event.

The auction was lively and brought in a lot of money for the Relay. The highlight of the auction was a homemade queen-sized quilt, made and donated by the Common Thread Quilt Guild. This item brought a quite amount of money for the event as did all the baskets, flower arrangements and items donated by local people and merchants.

The moment all waited for was the lighting of the luminarias. The quiet night in the moonlight, the somber event and the flickering candles of the luminarias all

pointed to the moving service where Tracy Neitzel sang an inspirational song. The names were read, remembering those who had lost their battle with cancer and those honored because they survived. While the names were read, a power point presentation was shown on a large screen with all the names. The names of the sponsors were also on the screen.

At 6:45 Sunday morning, Pastor Butler held a short church service and prayer to wind up the Relay and give all hope for victory over cancer.

"Truly, with Sawhill Park and the help and support of the entire community, this has to be one of, if not the best venues for any Relay for Life", said Ms. Rose. "Thanks to all who supported us and for the corporate sponsors, the city of St. Francis and each and everyone who attended and donated!"

BUDGET

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rates in 25 counties:

| County | Population | Valuation | Mill Levy | Tax per capita | Expenditures |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| Wallace | 1,749 | 24,053,399 | 0.1586 | \$2,181 | 3,362,660 |
| Elk | 3,261 | 21,229,687 | 0.1946 | \$1,266 | 3,973,210 |
| Decatur | 3,472 | 30,906,237 | 0.1589 | \$1,415 | 4,156,877 |
| Cheyenne | 2,700 | 45,194,560 | 0.1019 | \$1,454 | 4,163,251 |
| Edwards | 3,449 | 48,232,177 | 0.1364 | \$1,907 | 4,517,611 |
| Wichita | 2,531 | 27,130,552 | 0.1774 | \$1,901 | 4,604,995 |
| Chey (2011) | 2,700 | 35,773,905 | | | 4,736,524 |
| Logan | 3,046 | 37,538,173 | 0.1413 | \$1,741 | 4,794,311 |
| Rawlins | 2,966 | 28,217,907 | 0.1412 | \$1,343 | 5,108,193 |
| Clark | 2,390 | 55,976,677 | 0.1452 | \$3,400 | 5,239,741 |
| Rush | 3,551 | 33,915,552 | 0.1689 | \$1,613 | 5,265,502 |
| Ness | 3,454 | 60,269,769 | 0.1390 | \$2,426 | 5,599,750 |
| Lane | 2,155 | 44,108,715 | 0.1456 | \$2,980 | 5,621,396 |
| Trego | 3,319 | 41,496,906 | 0.1427 | \$1,784 | 5,708,691 |
| Lincoln | 3,578 | 36,064,550 | 0.1750 | \$1,764 | 5,744,376 |
| Sheridan | 2,813 | 33,853,593 | 0.1443 | \$1,736 | 5,834,494 |
| Hodgeman | 2,085 | 32,423,505 | 0.1954 | \$3,038 | 5,850,087 |
| Comanche | 1,967 | 48,106,608 | 0.1302 | \$3,183 | 5,997,350 |
| Gove | 3,068 | 44,426,450 | 0.1290 | \$1,868 | 6,105,060 |
| Hamilton | 2,670 | 67,996,435 | 0.1415 | \$3,605 | 6,304,567 |
| Chase | 3,030 | 38,633,342 | 0.1338 | \$1,706 | 6,575,112 |
| Graham | 2,946 | 51,832,944 | 0.1582 | \$2,783 | 6,668,701 |
| Greeley | 1,534 | 35,653,506 | 0.1445 | \$3,359 | 7,750,000 |
| Stanton | 2,406 | 102,389,746 | 0.1125 | \$4,789 | 9,918,784 |
| Kiowa | 3,278 | 90,398,675 | 0.1097 | \$3,027 | 10,358,287 |

Cheylin teams scrimmage Friday

School has started and so has volleyball and football practice. To kick off the Cheylin fall sports season, the volleyball/football soap scrimmage on Friday. The volleyball scrimmage will start at 6 p.m. in the Bird City high school gym; the football scrimmage will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Cougar Field.

The junior high pep squad is also practicing for the event. Squad members include Kalin

Ritchey, Diana Garcia, Elizabeth Keltz, Kelsey Miller; Danae Mag-nani, Mary Anne Orten, Allie Frisbie, Jamie Davidson. The coach is Tammi Carmichael.

The Booster Club will be serving pork sandwiches, corn on the cob, coleslaw and ice cream sundaes. (Check the ad in this issue for more information.)

Everyone is urged to come out and support the Cougars as they start school and the sports season.

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rear of the trailer.

"Our unit will not require the water purification and waste treatment system or the electric generator since that will be provided at our site, reducing the cost," he said.

The second unit will be delivered to Callicrate's. In addition to allowing Callicrate to slaughter their own cattle for Ranch Foods Direct, it will have capacity for use of local cattle.

Flat River Corporation will be working on options to allow the processing of other animals,

sheep, hogs and goats.

Cost of the unit is expected to be in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 range. The mobile unit can be part of a valuable alternative processing and distribution system connecting producers more directly to consumers.

"It should encourage more diversification with multi-species animal production and additional opportunities to increase income to rural communities," Mr. Callicrate said.

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The next course (PS-MAPP) begins **September 2** at the Goodland First Baptist Church, located at 420 S. Scott. Participants meet every Thursday, for 10 weeks, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.



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