

# Pesticide cleanup offered in county

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Justin Lohr, Cheyenne County noxious weed supervisor, reports that residents will have the opportunity to get rid of the pesticide and herbicides at a cleanup at an area-wide collection.

Mr. Lohr said the chemicals can be brought to the county landfill east of Wheeler until Nov. 5. On Nov. 6, he will take the chemicals on down to the Rawlins County landfill.

This is a good chance for farmers to get rid of old herbicides and pesticides, Mr. Lohr said. The good thing about this collection that there will be no cost to the county as this is a cleanup made by the Kansas Department of

Health and Environment.

Items that can be brought to the cleanup include any current, canceled, unwanted, unused, obsolete or damaged pesticide. Although any pesticide will be accepted, Mr. Lohr said, it is important for farmers and ranchers to search their property storage areas for canceled products. It should be noted that the use of some canceled products may be illegal.

Some of the pesticides that can be taken to the cleanup are: Aldrin, Carbon Tetrachloride, Chlordane, Chlordimeform, Chlorpyrifos, Daminozide, DBCP, DDT, Diazinon, Dieldrin, Dinoseb, Ethylene Dibromide, Endrin, Heptachlor, Pentachlorophenol, Silvex, 2,4,5-T, Toxaphene, Trichlorophenol.

The pesticide dump is free to farmers and ranchers. Pesticide dealers, manufacturers or distributors with Kansas Small Quantity Generator status or non-generators can dispose of waste pesticides for a fee per pound and must provide payment on the site.

For more information, contact the engineer's office at 785-332-8840.

# Upgrade being sought for theater

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The letters have gone out to St. Francis high school alumni and others who donated when the seats were put in the Cheyenne Theater. These letters are again about the theater only this time, equipment is needed.

The Theater Committee recently decided that if the theater was going to continue showing movies, they needed to upgrade their equipment from 35 mm film to digital cinema.

Digital cinema is the newest technology for movie theaters. The movie is on a hard drive CD which means the cost of shipping the 70-pound film and canisters will be reduced dramatically, there will be no labor of threading, splicing and mounting the film and the picture quality will be superb.

Could the old 35 mm movies be a thing of the past? There is a chance, said Robert Grace, Theater Committee member. It is so much easier for film companies to make and distribute movies on a disk that they may decide to quit making them.

There were so many people who donated both time and money to get the theater back up and running 18 years ago, it would be a shame to see it close because of not being able to use

the digital equipment.

Movie tickets at the Cheyenne Theater are still cheaper than many other places. Those 12 and under can see the movie for \$3; all others pay \$5 a ticket.

The city of St. Francis owns and pays for the upkeep of the building including the cost of the movies and shipping. Paula Keller, Theater Committee member and city council member, said the theater is like the swimming pool and library — they do not make enough money to keep the doors open.

Without the city's contributions, Mrs. Keller said, they would not exist.

The new equipment will be a major upgrade, she said, and will be necessary to continue to show movies in the future. The people will need to decide if they want to keep the theater open.

The cost of the digital cinema equipment is around \$75,000 to \$100,000. The St. Francis City Council has committed \$12,500 a year in a five year understanding that future councils are not bound to this plan. Support from other sources is needed.

Complete details on digital cinema and how to donate are on the new theater website: <http://cheyennetheater.com>. Donations may be directed to the city office.

# Meeting planned for local historical group

There will be a meeting of the Bird City Historical Association at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12, at the Bird City Senior Center. The meeting is to welcome everyone of any age with an interest in sharing or learning about developing exciting historical links between generations of the past and the present. The only requirement for membership is an historical interest. Those coming are encouraged to bring an old photo with them to

learn about the story it has to tell.

The purpose and function of the Bird City Historical Association is to share information on how to archivally preserve, collect, research and document historical material relative to the early settlement of Bird City, its businesses, schools, churches, homestead, ranches and early families, with consideration of the historical interest of the individual members of the association.

# Help needed to keep rides going

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When the Cheyenne County Fair ended on Aug. 7, the carousel had a serious breakdown and was no longer able to be used.

When the gears shelled out around the top, said Greg Walz, member of the Cheyenne County Amusement Authority, it was a major breakdown.

The ride was probably made in the early 30s or 40s and, at that time, the gears were made of cast iron. Today, they are impossible to order as they need to be specially made out of steel.

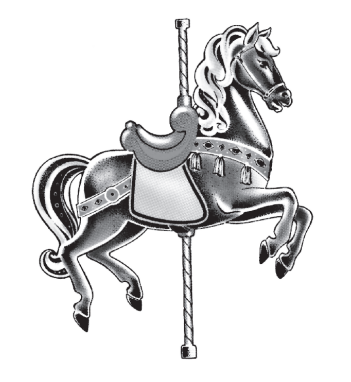
It will cost about \$18,000 to have the gears made, he said.

The order for the gears needs to be placed well in advance so they will be here in time to be replaced before the fair. There are several authority members who can install them so there will be no cost for labor.

The main concern is getting the money to have them made, Mr. Walz said.

During the fair, the authority received \$1,200 in donations specifically for the carousel. If they cannot raise the needed money, they will need to borrow it from a bank. Donations, he said, are tax deductible.

For the last 28 years, the authority members have been



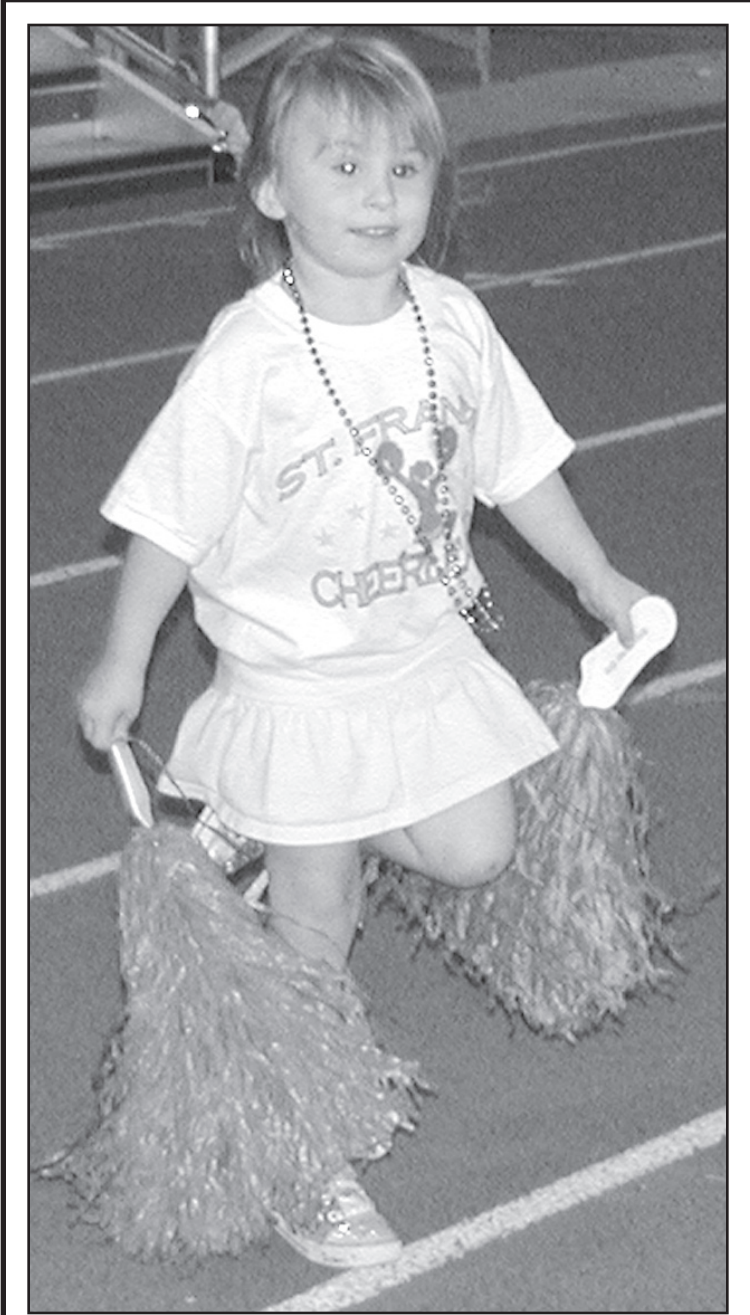
able to keep rides and games at the same price: 25 cents and 50 cents. Kids can enjoy the whole evening spending only \$5 and come home with a prize.

Mr. Walz said there are only a few carousels in the area as they are expensive to buy. A new carousel costs between \$65,000 and \$70,000. It makes sense, he said, to spend money to repair the old one.

There are also some minor repairs that need to be made and some painting to be done.

Keeping the equipment in good working order is important as people coming to the carnival will know there will be safe rides.

To make a donation, send them to the Amusement Authority, Box 814, St. Francis, KS 67756.



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**Corrected version Public Notice Constitutional Amendments on the 2010 Ballot in Kansas**

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives concurring therein:

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 1**  
A PROPOSITION to amend section 4 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Kansas relating to the right to bear arms.

**Section 1.** The following proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 4 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 4. **Individual right to bear arms; armies.** The people have the right to bear arms for their defense and security. A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose; but standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, and shall not be tolerated, and the military shall be in strict subordination to the civil power."

**Section 2.** The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"*Explanatory statement.* The purpose of this amendment is to preserve constitutionally the right of a person to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, and for all other lawful purposes, including hunting and recreation.

"A vote for this amendment would constitutionally preserve the right of a person to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, and for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose. A vote against this amendment would provide for no constitutional right of a person to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, and for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose."

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 2**  
A PROPOSITION to amend section 2 of article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, relating to qualification of voters.

**Section 1.** The following proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 2 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 2. **Disqualification to vote.** The legislature may, by law, exclude persons from voting because of mental illness or commitment to a jail or penal institution. No person convicted of a felony under the laws of any state or of the United States, unless pardoned or restored to his civil rights, shall be qualified to vote."

**Section 2.** The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"*Explanatory statement.* This amendment would repeal the authority of the legislature to exclude persons with mental illness from voting.

"A vote for this amendment would ensure that the right to vote for persons with mental illness cannot be taken away by the legislature. A vote against this amendment would continue the current authority of the legislature to take away the right to vote for persons with mental illness."

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