

# Commissioners discuss building

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 The cost share for the St. Francis Emergency Building with the city of St. Francis was on the agenda when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

The county keeps the county ambulances and fire trucks, along with having offices for the emergency medical service and emergency management directors. They had originally agreed to pay \$450 a month for the county's share. However, the St. Francis council said the expenses and repairs ran more than the budgeted amount so the commissioners agreed to pay an additional \$2,858.

At the beginning of the new year, the commissioners agreed to go back to paying \$450. The commissioners meet with the city council every quarter. The next time the two entities meet, the commissioners agreed that this would be something that needs to be discussed. They also felt that there should be detailed reports of the expenses at the emergency building.

**County's health insurance**  
 Tim Carson, the chief operating officer with Corporate Plan management, the company which handles the county employees' health insurance, reviewed the past year's insurance activity. There were a number of increase in claims which had pushed the county's payments up. Because of the claims, the county's health premiums will be increasing approximately 17 percent in 2011.

**Emergency medical service report**  
 Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, reported that ambulance 7A was now back in service. All repairs had been covered under the warranty. The commissioners approved the write off amount of \$5,254. Mrs. Bowers noted that the department had put more money back into the general fund than had been spent.

She said cost sheets were needed for the gurneys and the request to buy them was approved. It is time, she said, to update the cell phone. She said she didn't want a Blackberry, just another dependable cell phone.

The Gene Young family had given a memorial which was earmarked for updating the meeting room in Bird City. The expenses will be paid from the memorial fund.

The department has several radios which will not switch to broadband. In regards to the number of radios out, Mrs. Bowers said the emergency medical service board is in the process of updating the list of those technicians who are active and inactive. She also is rewriting a Emergency Medical Services Revolving Grant.

**In other business**

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 • The Bird City Firemen received a matching grant to purchase equipment costing \$48,000. The city of Bird City and the county split the match with each paying \$1,200.

• Carol Rogers, High Plains Mental Health representative, invited the commissioners to an orientation in Hays on Jan. 27. Mrs. Rogers said her term as president of the board will expire in January, but she will continue as the county's representative. The commissioners thanked her for her service.

• Rodney Neitzel, St. Francis, discussed the taxation process and shared his own personal property taxes in comparison to his real estate taxes.

• Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, presented the culvert bids with the low bid of \$8,372 coming from J and J Drainage. The bid was accepted.

• The bids for hospital board candidates were reviewed. Appointments will be set up for interviews at the Dec. 31 meeting.

**Next meeting**  
 The next meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



**JODIE HILT** plays defense during the game against the Oberlin Red Devils.  
*Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller*

## Lady Indians suffer loss to Red Devils

**By Betty Jean Winston**  
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 The Lady Red Devils from Decatur Community High School defeated the Lady Indians on the basketball court on Friday, Dec. 17, by the score of 66-54. The game, which was a Northwest Kansas League contest, was played in St. Francis.

Eight Ladies contributed to the scoring for St. Francis with Kaitlin Figgins having 11 points from three field goals and five free throws. She was 83 percent from the line making 5-of-6 attempts. Christina Hilt had the best field-goal percentage as she made 2-of-2 from three-point range and 3-of-5 from closer range for 60 percent.

As a team, Sainty was 63 percent from the line (10/16) and 33 percent from the field (20/60).

"Unforced turnovers hurt us this game," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "We just couldn't seem to hold on to the ball during a 6-8 minute stretch of the game. That, unfortunately, probably cost us the game."

"In the end we had to foul to get the ball back, so the score is a little deceiving. But we'll be back after Christmas, hopefully playing smarter."

Sainty had 30 turnovers compared to nine steals.

Under the basket, Figgins led in rebounding with nine, six of them defensive. There were no blocks but 11 assists were recorded with Sarah Trembly and Shayla Hilt each having three.

Sainty had one slow period of scoring, the second, which put them behind 30-19 at halftime. They came back after the break with 19 point in the third quarter to reduce the deficit and trail by only three points after the third (41-38).

Scoring: Figgins 11, S. Hilt 9, C. Hilt 8, Aly Marin 8, Jalyn McCauley 5, Jodie Hilt 5, Trembly 4, Mikaela Grace 4.

Rebounding: Figgins 9, Marin 6, Grace 5, C. Hilt 5, Trembly 4, McCauley 3, S. Hilt 3, J. Hilt 1, Jenna Hill 1.

# Food co-op holds annual meeting

The High Plains Food Co-op members will be holding their annual meeting, a "Meet-Greet-Eat," on Jan 8 at the Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES) - Habitat for Humanity meeting hall, 3425 Elliot Street, Denver.

The High Plains Food Co-op is a member driven organization whose mission is to support local agricultural producers, build economic stability and increase access to local food products. These food products will increase the health of individuals and families along the front range of Colorado.

The quality and healthiness of food in America is deteriorating with the emergency of large scale agriculture, falling prices and super center markets, said Jo Hagney, member. Through creative approaches, like the High Plains Food Co-op, individuals can still enjoy healthy local products from thriving family farms.

This elimination of the family farm in the United States is not an inevitable fate, she said. There is a growing demand for local, fresh agricultural products offered in a convenient and affordable manner.

"The Co-op is an instrument to create income generating opportunities for family farmers while supplying the trend toward sustainable agriculture and local food movement in the Denver area," Ms. Hagney said.

The Co-op promotes and markets fresh produce, meats, baked goods, coffee, eggs and more

from small farms and businesses within the high plains region.

Currently, the Co-op offers over 500 items from 38 farms. The unique position of the cooperative is the online ordering system that brings the farmers' market to the customer.

On the website, each farm tells about their food and how it is being raised. Orders open on the website the first of each month and close the second Thursday.

Purchased items are sorted and delivered on the third Thursday of each month to five locations throughout Denver and Northwest Kansas. Locations are downtown near Denver University in the 32nd and Lowell area, 41st and Kipling area and the DTC at the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Office, St. Francis and Atwood.

For more information, go to [www.highplainsfood.org](http://www.highplainsfood.org). To see the producer storeis, items and prices, click on the shop tab, then go to the link where non-members can view the information.

Those interested in being a members need to click on join and fill out the new members form. There is voting lifetime memberships and non-refundable non-voting annual memberships.

The Co-op is looking for volunteers who would like to start pick-up points in their communities. For more details on the High Plains Food Co-op or to attend the annual meeting, go to the website [www.highplainsfood.org/getting\\_started.php](http://www.highplainsfood.org/getting_started.php).

## Baby shower held to help new mothers

The Cheyenne County Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual Pro-Life baby shower during the month of January. All during the month they will be collecting items that are needed to raise an infant.

All the items that they collect will be donated to the Mary Elizabeth Home for Unwed Mothers in Hays. They do an excellent job in helping unwed mothers by teaching them how to take care of an infant from before birth through 1-2 years of age.

Most of these mothers are young teenage mothers that have nowhere else to go and everything they do is done through donations.

Some of the items which are

needed are diapers, bottles, clothing for infants, infant bathing supplies, blankets and any other items needed to raise an infant.

They can also use office supplies.

If you have any items that you would like to donate they may be left at the Catholic Church in Bird City or St. Francis or contact either Dennis Wright (785) 734-7044 in Bird City or Mike Antholz (785) 332-3482 in St. Francis.

Those who don't have any items to donate may also make a cash donation if they wish. If an item is purchased to donate, please leave the price tag on the item for the report that is needed to send to the state at the end of the month.

## Student News

**Fort Hays State University**

Audrey Kehlbeck, a Cheylin High School graduate, Matt Brown, Danielle Flemming, Dallas Michelle Friedli, Katherine Jones, Dara Loyd and Heath Owens, St. Francis Community High School graduates, are among the 923 students named to the deans

honor roll at Fort Hays State University for the fall 2010 semester.

To be eligible, students must have enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60 for the semester.

**LeTourneau University**

Erika Lacy of St. Francis was named to the president's list and recognized for outstanding academic accomplishments for the fall 2010 semester.

LeTourneau University Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert W. Hudson said being named to the president's list is a significant academic achievement and honor.

"LeTourneau University's rigorous curriculum and high academic standards are highly respected throughout our country and beyond," he said. The university is well known for its quality education. To obtain such a high grade point average for academic performance is, indeed, most commendable.

## Program for young children and mothers

Young children and moms will be treated with fun at the St. Francis Public Library.

Pat Leibbrandt, librarian, will be hosting the "Mom and Me" program starting at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays beginning with Tuesday, Jan. 11.

This program, Mrs. Leibbrandt

said, is for mothers and their children, ages 0 to 3. There will be stories and finger plays. It is also an opportunity to acquaint young children to the library.

There is no enrollment and the event will last for 30 minutes. Those having questions may call the library at 332-3292.



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**Steers:**  
 450-500# — \$122.00 - \$130.50  
 575-625# — \$115.50 - \$120.25

**Heifers:**  
 600-650# — \$104.00 - \$107.50  
 718# — \$108.00

Bred Cows: Better Short Term: \$675 - \$750/hd  
 Weigh Cows: High Yielding — \$59.50 - \$65.00  
 Lower Yielding — \$52.00 - \$57.25

**Tuesday, Jan. 4: regular sale**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 11: special calf and yearling sale along with regular run of all classes of cattle**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 18: special bred heifer and stock cow sale along with regular sale. To consign phone 970-332-4873**

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