

MOVING DAY - The old scanner was removed at the Cheyenne County Hospital and the new one installed in its place on Friday. Many hands were needed for the move but this is a great addition to the hospital.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

New, improved CT scanner arrives at hospital Friday

The new CT scanner was moved into the Cheyenne County Hospital on Friday. The scanner replaces the old scanner which was bought in 2004.

The old scanner is a "single slice" scanner. This scanner doesn't meet the requirements needed today.

The new scanner is a 16-slice GE Bright Speed CT scanner. The hospital staff can perform new clinical applications with leading CT technology. The room which the old scanner was housed, is now able to house the new scanner without any construction changes. Now patients will not be

required to hold their breath as long. Automated dose optimization features allow lower patient dose of radiation. It still delivers excellent images and a full suite of applications to assist in the examination of the head, abdomen, spine and chest.

Workshop planned for April 1

Rawlins County Home Town Competitiveness (HTC) and Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development will be holding a "Sustainable Agriculture Workshop" from 12:30 to 4 p.m. on April 1 at the Rawlins County 4-H Building, North Highway 25, Atwood. Topics covered will be high tunnels, community gardens on-line marketing local food, community supported agriculture, and aquaponics developing sustainable food systems.

Set the date aside and plan on

joining us for this informative and timely workshop. This will be a great educational opportunity, in conjunction with the Rawlins County Home Town Competitiveness Entrepreneur Fair, where all the speakers and presenters are involved in sustainable agriculture practices. The wide range of topics covered will introduce current opportunities, trends and practices that are part of a new emerging agriculture. Admission for FFA students and teachers is free and for the general public there is a

fee. For additional information or to register, contact Chris Sramek (785) 626-8066 chris@decisionweather.com or Kurt Dillon (785) 626-0078 kdillon@usd105.org

Insurance plan accepted

The county's health insurance has been brought up at the last two meetings of the Cheyenne County Commissioners and, at the Tuesday, March 15, meeting, the insurance's representative was present to answer questions.

Tim Carson, representative for the Corporate Plan Management, explained the health insurance. The commissioners were concerned that the payments made to the company were above and beyond the county's monthly obligations.

Although the county has paid extra funding, Mr. Carson explained that the money was sent back to the county after the hospital settled the bill. The extra payment allowed the county to get discounts on services.

The last two years, he said, were high claim years for the county.

He told them how to budget, based on worst-case scenarios. In that case, the county is prepared and if the claims are low, he said, the carryover can be used by the county to lower the next year's cost.

After considerable discussion, the commissioners agreed to stay with the current rates and to accept Corporate Plan Management's renewal.

Report from the appraiser's

Bruce Webb, county appraiser, talked about land values and the continued decrease in value.

The contract with R&S Digital Service, the company which maintains the county's splits and combination maps, was discussed. Mr. Webb said the money for the fee of \$6,154 had been put in the budget as an expense. The commissioners approved the contract.

The same company will create a base map of the county for other purposes such as taxing districts, fire districts, cemetery districts, oil and gas well locations and board member district. These are just a few of the layers that can be added to the base map.

The appraiser's office could then print these maps and sell them, if they want.

The commissioners told Mr. Webb to get the specific costs and a contract and they will discuss it at a later meeting.

Noxious weed supervisor's report

Justin Lohr, noxious weed and prairie dog supervisor, talked about the areas he has treated for prairie dog control. He discussed several meetings he planned to attend and said that he is doing household hazardous waste training online.

Road and bridge supervisor's report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, presented his expense report and noted that the county now has 90 bridges. A highway permit allowing Lobo Productions to bore under Road 7 was signed.

Mr. Flemming asked for 15 minutes of executive session to discuss personnel. No decisions were made.

In other business

In other business:
• The commissioners approved that

the county clerk attend mandatory election training in Salina.

• A plate of cookies was given to the commissioners from the Solid Rock Baptist Church women. They send the cookies in appreciation for the work they do.

• A resolution and the vote dealing with the county taking over the Good Samaritan Village long-term care was discussed. Kari Gilliland, county attorney, will create a resolution.

• A resolution for extending the Enterprise Zone for two years was signed.

• Ambulance write offs in the amount of \$1,328, were signed after acceptance.

• Ashley Lang, St. Francis, was approved as a new fair board member. She will replace Jared Douthit.

Vote for St. Francis

Have you voted for St. Francis and the Good Samaritan Village?

St. Francis has been included in the second round of the Reader's Digest, We Heart You America contest and is in the running to win \$40,000 for the Good Samaritan Village nursing home.

We got a good start, said Rita Stephens, one of the people who made people aware of the Reader's Digest contest. But, she continued, it doesn't seem that we have the steam we did on the first round.

She said she was able to shake a few voters loose with a streamlined version of how to start voting. Since the URL we have been listing in the paper may be too long for people to remember or to accurately type, she recommends people follow these steps:

- Go <http://www.rd.com>
 - Look for We Heart You America and Click here to Follow Us.
 - Next, look for Cheer Now For Your Town, click in the box to the left of the word "Cheer." Enter 67756 and click Cheer!
- New users**
- New users should next enter their name, address, and email

address, and uncheck the two boxes if they do not desire further ads from Reader's Digest.

• Next click Cheer. After one cheer, a window will pop up with the offer to share with others through email or social media. Those not wishing to do this can simply click the "x" in the upper right corner of that window and it will disappear so that the voter can enter his next nine votes without interruption.

After clicking cheer 10 times, take a moment to add that webpage to "Bookmarks" or "Favorites" to streamline the process for voting in the following days.

Anyone having ideas in getting people to vote or letting more people know about the contest, call Mrs. Stephens or The Herald office.

I was dismayed Monday morning, Mrs. Stephens said, when I heard on the KLOE Marketplace that Burlington, Colo., was looking for voters! This contest has certainly taken the Midwest by storm!

Everyone is urged to go to their computers each day, bring up the contest and "Cheer for St. Francis" by voting 10 times.

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Recap Of Tuesday, Mar. 22, 2011

Steers:	Heifers:
320-350# — \$164.50 - \$167.00	400-500# — \$140.00 - \$144.00
400-500# — \$147.00 - \$159.00	500-600# — \$128.00 - \$132.50
500-600# — \$142.00 - \$154.00	

Baby Calves: \$125.00 - \$350.00/hd

Weigh Cows: High yielding \$74.50 - \$80.00
Lower yielding \$64.50 - \$71.00


Bulls: \$85.00-\$90.00

Tuesday, March 29: Regular Sale, selling all classes of cattle.
To consign phone 970-332-4873

X

Vote for Norman Morrow

I am Norman Morrow and am asking for your vote for school board member, Position 2, USD 297. Since filing for this position, I have received many comments that make me wonder that if I get it my success will be because of my friends or my enemies. Either way, I hope to win but can only do that with your vote. May your vote be a friendly one, hoping that I can help maintain the good system we have. Please vote on April 5



(Pd for by Norman Morrow, candidate for USD 297 school board position 2.)

March 25, 2011

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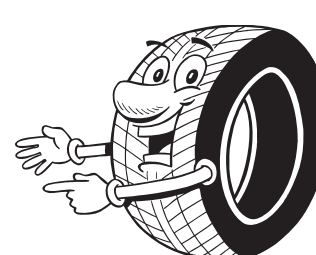
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