

New artistic organization to purchase church for events

The Cheyenne Center for Creativity (CCC) was recently organized to promote artistic expression of every form within St. Francis and Cheyenne County.

This non-profit organization has started the process of purchasing the church building at 500 S. Benton Street as the physical location for the Center. As soon as some crucial renovation is completed, the building will be available for various creative activities.

The Center's vision is that the building could be used for such things as art shows, music recitals, literary readings, astronomy viewings, hair-styling demonstrations, writing workshops, photography workshops, individual art or craft shows, an "experiment with

mediums" day, Bible studies, computer graphics classes, quilt shows, small theater performances, children's art shows, voice lessons, book clubs, gourmet cooking lessons, etc.

Classes of all kind could be offered: crocheting, knitting, tatting, embroidering, soap carvings, visual journaling, watercolors, oil painting, painting with acrylics, stained glass, pottery, rock polishing, silversmithing, leather tooling, restoring antiques, refinishing furniture, international cooking, dancing, rug making, guitar lessons, etc.

After the basement of the Center is renovated, rooms will be available for office space, studio space and meetings. The possibility of having a kiln on site is also under discussion.



The aim is not to replace activities and venues already in place, but to provide a Center for those that do not yet exist.

For news about the progress of the Center and upcoming events and programs, sign up to be on the mailing list by contacting Dianna Padgett at 785-772-7404 or dianna@padgett-online.com, or stop by Jason's Computer Service, 113 W Washington. Leave your name, phone number and e-mail address. Anyone involved in a creative endeavor is especially invited to get on the list.

Donations for the purchase of the building and needed repairs can be made to "Cheyenne Center for Creativity, Inc." at the First National Bank of St. Francis or by contacting Dianna Padgett. People can also donate during the Center's first event: the St. Francis Art Walk, "Draggin' Main, A New Twist," on Friday, June 15, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Contact Janet Carman, Bonnie Cram, Susan Griffin, Louanne Isernhagen, Helene Landenberger, Carol Redding, Lucille Rossbach, or Kary Zweygardt for more details.

Livestock Show is Saturday



EMILY ELFERS and other 4-H'ers will be showing sheep along with other livestock at the Spring Livestock Show on Saturday, May 26, in St. Francis.

Historical Society awards scholarship

Jessica Turner, graduate of Cheylin High School, was named the 2012 recipient of the Cheyenne County Historical Society Scholarship. Seniors from St. Francis and Cheylin high schools competed for the \$500 scholarship. One of the requirements is that the recipient attended school in Cheyenne County.

Another requirement of the application for the scholarship is to write an essay on why it is important to know the history of Cheyenne County. The six judges all agreed that most of the essays they received this year were unusually well-written.

Jessica started her essay by saying, "I believe that though Cheyenne County is not densely populated, or wealthy in terms of worldly goods, it is indeed blessed with a rich heritage."

Later, she goes on to say, "It is very easy to become distracted by the pressures of our modern world. I feel that having a working knowledge of your history keeps your feet grounded when you are on your own in the world. There is nothing like a western Kansas sunset to put everything in perspective!"

And she concludes with, "I feel it is important to know where you come from because this helps you know where you want to go in life. Remembering the struggles and work ethic of my ancestors will remind me of how lucky I am."

Jessica plans to go to Colby Community College and then on to Kansas State University. She wants to major in apparel marketing and says, "I would like to become a clothing buyer for a larger retail store. I believe it is vital to choose a career that I am passionate about, and to pursue my dreams through continued education." Jessica is the daughter of Mike and Melissa Dart.

This is the sixth year the Historical Society has offered this scholarship. The first year Brittany Lucas was awarded \$250. The following year the society voted to raise the amount to \$500; and Jenice Hartman, Elizabeth Gienger, Brooklyn Hnizdil, and Mikaela Grace have been the subsequent recipients.



Jessica Turner

Club Clips

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met on Monday, May 7, at the senior citizen's building with 17 members and three guests present to enjoy a salad luncheon provided by the members. Joan Richard and Elaine Owens, hostesses, provided the drinks and crackers to go with the salads.

When all were finished with their lunch, Betty Loudon, president, introduced Janet Mahlberg to share with us her experiences of her double-lung transplant. She told us how she had always had trouble with her lungs since she was a baby. As she got older, she decided to put her name on the list for a transplant.

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met on May 4, at our new facility, the Century II office in Bird City. There were 10 present. At the end of the business meeting, Hulda Dorsch read some correspondence from the state and National Auxiliaries. In the correspondence was a letter from Laura Christensen of Concordia who is the Sixth District Historian Chairman. She told that the membership theme for 2012 is flowers and the Sixth District of the American Legion Auxiliary had chosen the daffodil. The national theme for Kansas is "Honoring Their Service." Laura had researched the daffodil and had found that it had many meanings that could apply to the local American Legion Auxiliary. For example:

- Faith - in our Auxiliary programs.

The transplant was finally done on March 11. It has been 10 years since her transplant and is doing wonderful. She also shared other facts about transplants of any kind and encouraged all to put their names on donor lists.

Betty Loudon conducted a short business meeting where next year's officers were discussed. The officers for next year are Betty Loudon and Anita Miller as co-president/vice-president; Kathy Weber and Lea Russ as co-secretary; and Dolores Kincheloe as treasurer.

Hospital Guild will not meet during the summer months. The next meeting will be Oct. 1.

- Respect - for each other.
- Hope - for the future.
- Rebirth - the daffodil returns each spring - we need to renew our resolve toward helping our veterans.

The color yellow evokes a feeling of joy and light heartedness, a symbol of friendship and the will to move forward. Our Auxiliary programs are there for them, but many do not know of our programs unless we get new members.

After the Memorial Day Service at the cemetery on May 28, there will be coffee and donuts served by some of the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Since there was no more business, a time of fellowship and delicious refreshments that Shirley Robba made were enjoyed.

Commissioners discuss landfill

The commissioners and representatives talked about the county landfill at the May 15 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting.

Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, and Habib Ghali, representing the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, discussed how to make the county landfill work efficiently but keeping it from filling up so quickly.

Mr. Ghali encouraged the commissioners to attend the Small Arid Landfill Workshop being held in Garden City on May 30. He felt this would benefit the county. Commissioner Andy Beikman said he would attend.

Mr. Ghali discussed the landfill and noted Cheyenne County could use a Construction and Demolition Pit to relieve the landfill of volume. The pit is something the commissioners want to implement.

Mr. Flemming presented a Highway Crossing Permit to allow Steve Krug to bore under a county road. The permit was signed.

Ambulance director's report
Jannelle Bowers, ambulance director, presented the write-offs for March and April. March write-offs were \$1,745 and April write-offs were \$872.

She asked for 10 minutes of executive session so she could discuss financial matters of the third party. Upon return to regular session, it was announced no decisions were made.

Village lease
A great deal of the meeting was spent with Randy Fitzgerald, Good Samaritan director of operations, and Jeff Paulsen, Good Samaritan Village administrator, concerning the proposed lease between the Society and the county. See related article elsewhere.

Recycling
Roger Jensen, St. Francis City Councilman, and J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, talked about recycling. Mr. Jensen noted the city of St. Francis is going to hire a full-time person to help work in the recycling center and wondered if the county would help with personnel costs. After discussion, no decisions were made.

Development Corporation
Cheyenne County Development Corporation director, Helen Dobbs talked about participating in the AARP meeting in New Orleans. She said it would cost over \$1,900

to physically attend the meeting, but the county could pay \$400 and receive a list of participants at the meeting. This way, the county could send information to the addresses gained.

After discussion, a motion was made to pay \$400 to be able to participate and obtain a mailing list. Mrs. Dobbs said she will get the address of where the fee should be sent.

In other business

In other business:
• County attorney, Kari Gilliland, said she was going to research the cost of holding a county-wide delinquent tax sale. J.R. Landenberger, city of St. Francis superintendent, asked if there was anything the city could do to help with the sale?

• Coca-Cola has told the county that they will no longer allow the county to have a pop machine free of charge. The options are to purchase the machine for \$450 or rent the machine for \$225 per year.

No decision was made pending more research on the subject.

• The courthouse handicap door is in need of replacement. A motion was made to allow Dependable Glass to replace the door at a cost of \$1,800.

• Ryan Murray, emergency management director, presented the Emergency Management Proficiency Grant for signature. The commissioners voted to sign the grant.

• Les Lacy, Cheyenne County Hospital administrator, updated the commissioners on projects the hospital had completed or were working on.

Next meeting
The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Editor's note: Much of the above article was taken from the unapproved commissioners' minutes.

Beware of lightning

In her role as the director of the Kansas Weather Data Library, Mary Knapp answers many questions, including some related to lightning.

One question she was asked recently was, "Can a bolt of lightning come out of a clear sky?" she said. "The answer is yes. The phrase 'bolt from the blue' is often used to indicate surprise, as 'a bolt of lightning from a blue sky.'"

According to Phrase Finder, a reference for quotations, the earliest citation is Carlyle, 1837 - "Arrestment, sudden really as a bolt out of the blue, has hit strange victims," she said.

"Sadly, that is still true. Lightning can travel more than 25 miles from the thunderstorm itself," said Knapp, who also serves as a

delegate to the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN). "There have been numerous cases of victims being surprised by lightning from a clear sky. That is why it is important to take cover when thunderstorms are in the vicinity - even if the rain has yet to arrive. It is also recommended to wait about 30 minutes after the storm has passed to resume outdoor activities."

Information about Kansas weather is available on the Weather Data Library website: www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl/. "Weather Wonders" audio reports are available on the K-State Research and Extension News Media Web site at http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/. Information about EDEN is available at www.eden.lsu.edu.



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