

Firemen need new equipment

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After a hot, dry summer of putting out more fires than usual, George Harper, St. Francis fire chief, was at the Feb. 28 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting. He listed the equipment that need replaced, re-certified or repaired.

He said the Bauer Air Compressor which they acquired in 2005 needed to be serviced. Because it is used to fill the Scott Paks, it is important that it is working correctly. Scott Paks needed to be re-certified and others replaced.

He said they needed to replace bunker gear which includes a coat which costs \$815, and pants, \$650 at a total of \$1,465. Mr. Harper would like to see the department replace two sets a year. He said he has applied for Forestry grants which pay for one-half the cost. The remainder of the cost can be split between the county and the city of St. Francis.

Two reel hoses are needed at a

cost of \$900. The 1984 Dodge rescue unit needs to be replaced and there could be grants available for this unit.

He and the commissioners talked about attaching a grab bar behind the rural fire trucks as it would protect the lights and give the firemen a place to hang on when riding on the back.

Dale Patton, commissioner, said the county now has grant writers who could look into possible grants for the needed gear and equipment. Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development coordinator, asked Mr. Harper to get her a list and she would see what she could do and she would also check into other grants with different entities.

Mr. Patton also asked Mr. Harper to contact Loren White, Bird City fire chief, and see if the departments could coordinate in getting the needed gear with grants.

Karan Thadani, county attorney, said he has diversion funds which could be put toward equipment.



BARB EWING, center, was having fun teaching students to right, Stephen Nelson, Mrs. Ewing, Casey Keller, Tyler Raby, Zach Gienger, T.J. Douthit and Foster Grant.

Drama students learn the Charleston

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It was time to dance the Charleston and, who better to teach it than Barb Ewing.

David and Talley Morrow's drama class was getting ready to perform "Pistols and Posies." Mrs. Ewing was invited to come talk to the class, telling students how she learned the dance and, at 91, can still dance it today.

My parents, Mrs. Ewing said, loved to go to the dances at the American Legion and my sister, Belva, and I would tag along. I was only 8 when Harry Slick, who ran the dry cleaners, asked my parents if he could teach Belva and me the Charleston. Little did he know that she would be doing the Charleston 83 years later.

Through the years, she has performed for groups, placed in a competition at the county fair and danced just for the fun of it! She has had many dresses which she wears when she does the Charleston but she told the students that her outfit isn't complete without the full-body tights, the beads and shoes.

Every day, she gets out of bed and touches the floor with her palms. That, along with her dancing probably accounts for the fact that she can be seen walking quickly down the street and always dressed to a "T" in matching and/or coordinating outfits including jewelry and shoes (generally heels) to complement the outfit.

The audience will want to see what influence Mrs. Ewing had on the students when they watch "Pistols and Posies" on Sunday, March

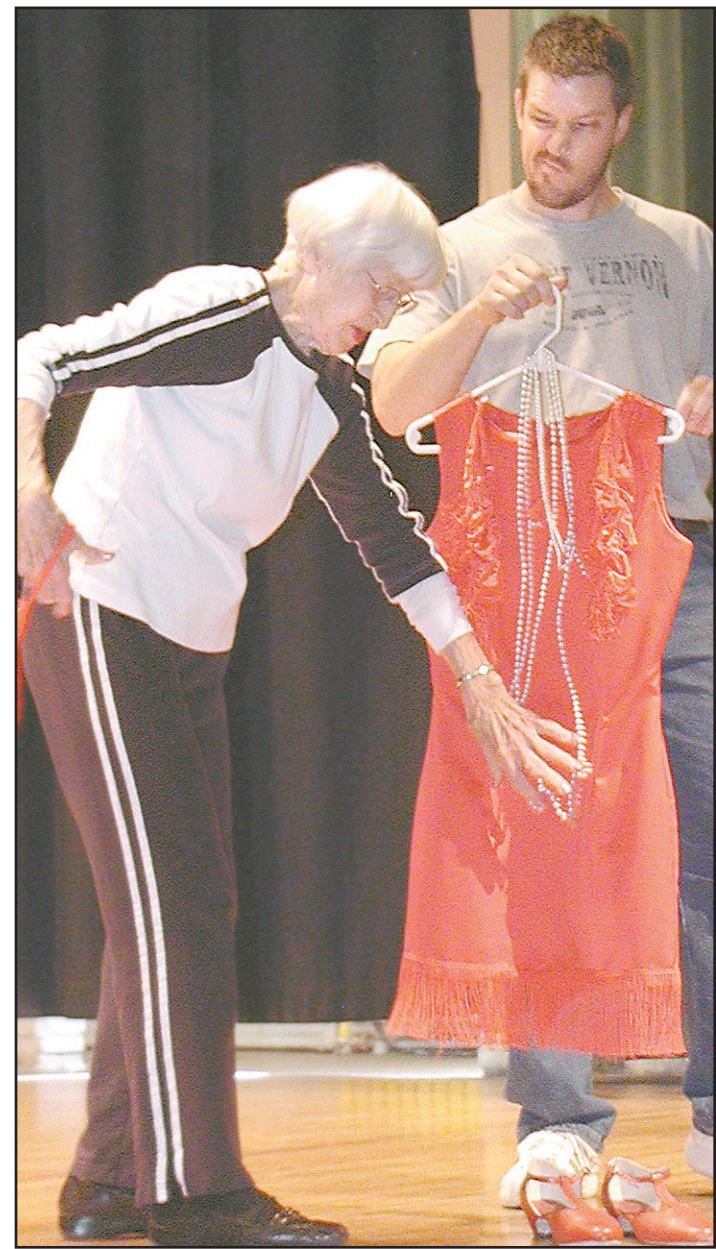
24, and Monday, March 25. The doors open at 6:30 both nights with the production starting at 7. Tickets are only available at the door.

The play, set in the 1920s, finds the wife of gangster Primo Malvone thinking everything is coming up roses. She's under the impression that Primo finally got out of "the business" to become a florist! But he's in deeper than ever - his accountant has disappeared with \$50,000, rival mob boss Mama Mia wants a meeting, and important business man, Rico Linguini, is in town looking for a new supplier.

When Isabella's famous opera singer brother comes to town, she decides to throw him a party and sends Primo's henchmen off to get flowers from the warehouse. Making things even worse for Primo, Isabella then invites Mama Mia and her thugs to the party, and the conniving Mama Mia turns around and invites the cops, too!

Meanwhile, Primo's daughters and missing accountant hatch a plot to make Primo get out of "the business" and go straight, once and for all. No shooting, no drinking, no gambling - just fun colorful characters, slapstick comedy, and a surprise ending that everyone will love!!

Students involved include Taylor Archibald, Dylan Peter, Lane Hoffman, Gus Jardine, Scott Warren, Steven Nelson, Foster Grant, Tony Sipsy-Rice, Randee Grover, Zach Gienger, Sarah Whitmore, Ally Northrup, Aubrey Mills, Dillion Straub, Casey Keller, Tyler Raby, Jacob Butler, Thomas Douthit and Jacob Baxter.



'NO WAY' was the look on David Morrow's face as Barb Ewing explained how the entire flapper costume was put together.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Set your clocks ahead on Sunday

The sun is coming up earlier and the days are a little longer. However, Daylight Saving Time will arrive on Sunday, over a week before the first day of spring on March 20.

With the change, it will be a little darker in the mornings and the evenings will be lighter longer. Those itching to get out in the yard and garden after work will now have an extra hour. It will also give the golfers a little more time to hit those balls around Riverside Recreation.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, although most people spring their clocks forward Saturday night before they head to bed. If not, they might miss church on Sunday.

While time change used to come later in March, even in

April, last year was the fourth time under federal law that it began the second weekend in March.

There will still be some cold weather and even a snow storm or two, but the time change is a small assurance that spring is on the way. There have already been some 60-degree temperatures in February and over the weekend, with a chance of 60-plus degrees on Thursday. However, on Tuesday, the weatherman is calling for cooler temperatures and a chance for needed moisture over the weekend.

In a couple of months, school will be out, the swimming pool will be open and harvest will be just around the corner. Those below-zero temperatures will be replaced by 90+ degrees.

Warm to snowy days

The temperatures in the St. Francis area warmed up to 68 degrees on Sunday. It was like a spring day. Kids were in shorts shooting baskets in the park and people were out in their yards raking and getting their flower beds ready for the tulips.

However, it was a different story on Monday. It was cloudy early and the snow began to fall. First it was tiny balls of hail which quickly turned to snow flakes.

It was a wet snow which lasted into the afternoon. By evening, the sky was clear but the snow had left .02 inch of moisture.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Feb. 26	35	8	
Feb. 27	39	19	
Feb. 28	43	23	
March 1	42	24	
March 2	61	30	
March 3	68	32	
March 4	43	14	.02



HANNAH ZIMBAL loads another round during the competition. Herald photo by Francis O'Leary

4-H sharp shooter heads to state

Hannah Zimbal, a St. Francis grade school fifth grader, qualified at the Ellis County Open Invitation on March 2 and will now go on to the state competi-

tion. Hannah is a fabulous shot, said Francis O'Leary, 4-H shooting instructor. Her father, Josh, taught her well!

She placed eighth in the BB

competition and seventh in the air rifle competition. Even though she placed seventh in air rifle, she will be competing in the BB competition at state.

Commissioners meet new landfill supervisor, told to forbid scavenging

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Byron Moberly met with the county commissioners at the Feb. 28 meeting. Mr. Moberly is the new landfill supervisor, taking the place of Adam Peter whose last day was Feb. 28.

Mr. Moberly had some questions, noting that he wanted to do a good job but he wanted to have a little direction from the commissioners.

First of all, he wanted to know how the commissioners felt about getting items from the landfill. Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said he thought they could take whatever they wanted with the exception of iron. They agreed that there could be a liability issue of someone getting hurt.

They decided that there would be no scavenging allowed at the landfill. All iron would be put in a pile and the commissioners would advertise for

bids on the pile.

Mr. Moberly, who had already worked for a week, noticed that there was a problem of people not dumping where they were supposed to. The commissioners agreed to allow him to close the door to the weigh station and follow people to where they are to be dumping.

If people dump in the wrong places, he said, it is so hard to push it and pack it.

The landfill will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. If there is excessive wind, Mr. Moberly will have the authority to refuse loose litter. However, if a contractor is dumping cement shingles or trees - heavier items, then he can allow this dumping.

All we ask, Mr. Patton said, is that you try to work with the people.