

Bio- terrorism grant money spent and accounted for

By Karen Krien

The county's emergency manager Gary Rogers told the commissioners at the Monday meeting that the county had finally received and he had spent approximately \$4,500 in grant money.

The bio-terrorism grant was received from the Department of Justice and had a rigid area outlined where the money could be spent. Manager Rogers also pointed out that the items were to be used in the county and, while some items will be kept in certain places, if they are needed for bio-terrorism, they will be available to those needing them.

Among the items purchased were: a bio-chemical suit, rubberized suits for the hospital, gloves, four-level gas meter, chemical masks and decontaminated units for the emergency medical technicians. There were also a few other items.

Manager Rogers said that additional bio-terrorism grant funds will be received, possibly in October.

Juvenile detention center

Commissioner Jane Brubaker had attended a Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center meeting. She reported that the center's interlocal agreement had not been signed by 13 of the 28 participating counties including Cheyenne County.

One of the commissioners had warned Commissioner Brubaker that the county should not sign the agreement because if the payments on the buildings could not be paid, the county could be held responsible for helping make the payments. Whether this is true or not was not known but the commissioners wanted Kevin Berens, county attorney, to read the contract and advise them.

The commissioners discussed that in the past, the detention center had been full along with other detention centers in the state but in recent years, the centers are only one-half to three-fourths full. Commissioner Brubaker said she had been told that today, judges and lawyers use the centers as a last result.

The company which is running Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center will report back at another meeting closer to Jan. 1.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, reported that the Freightliner truck owned by the county would need to be overhauled.

A number of the bridges in the county caught logs and other debris after a recent down-pour of rain and the supervisor will be renting an excavator to remove the debris.

The commissioners asked about gravel. Supervisor Flemming said that he was still waiting for the state to approve the water right permits at several of the gravel sites. Also, that it had been around two months since the permits were applied for.

Multi-band radios

Manager Rogers reported that there are new multi-band radios now being used by the city police and the state patrol. He said that he, as the emergency manager, needs to be able to be on the same frequencies as Wray, Hale, Idalia and Yuma in case something should go wrong at Bonny Dam or there would be another emergency. While riding with the St. Francis Police Chief, he found that their radio would reach to Burlington, Colo. He will look further into the efficiency and cost then report back to a future commissioners' meeting.

In other business

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• Commissioner Ron Krien reported that a household hazardous waste clean-up will be held at the county landfill on Oct. 26. More information will be available closer to the clean-up date.

• The burn ban lift resolution was officially signed.

• An employment agreement was signed for Carol Gamblin, sheriff dispatcher, who will be paid at the first level on the pay scale. A agreement was also signed raising Clifton Flock, undersheriff, moving him from the second level to the third level.

• Danny Schlittenhardt, noxious weed director, was allowed to attend a district weed meeting in Goodland.

• Finding a candidate to participate in the Leadership Cheyenne County class was discussed. Clerk Terry Miller was asked to find out who was interested and the commissioners will make the selection.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Sept. 30 in the commissioners' room at the courthouse in St. Francis.

Blood drive set for Friday in Bird City

The American Red Cross blood drive will be held in Bird City from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday at the American Legion hall. The Bird City community is hosting the drive this year.

For more information, to donate blood or schedule an appointment, call the donor recruitment representative Debbie Kirk, 620-271-7394 or 316-259-6685 or visit www.redcross.org/br/centralplains. This year, a T-shirt will be given away.

It is estimated that every two seconds someone in the United States receives a blood transfusion. Therefore it is imperative that people in the county step forward to make sure an adequate blood supply is on hand for those who need it. The Red Cross

needs all blood types every day of the year.

People giving blood must be of general good health, at least 17 years of age and weigh 110 pounds or more.

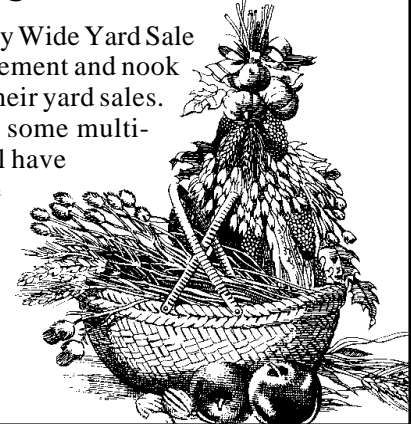
"I hope you will consider taking time out of your busy schedule to donate blood," said Ms. Kirk. "By giving a small amount of your time, you can make the difference for a cancer patient, a burn victim or someone needing."

Most medications are not cause for deferral. Those with diabetes or high blood pressure may donate as long as their condition is controlled by medication and they are feeling well that day. Potential donors are reminded to drink plenty of fluid prior to their blood donation.

Bird City to hold city-wide yard sale

Participants of the Bird City-City Wide Yard Sale are digging into every closet, basement and nook and cranny getting prepared for their yard sales. To date, there are 15 yard sales, some multi-family, to attend so everyone will have a big choice of items to choose from.

Maps showing the locations of each sale will be available at the entrance to Bird City. The sale will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.



'I pledge allegiance to the flag....' was said by those attending the remembrance ceremony held Sept. 11 at the St. Francis Grade School.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Business lady ready for change

Rita Koros of Main Street Sweets, said, "Change is a good thing" after deciding to move her sweets to another location.

Ms. Koros said that anytime a new business opens in a small community many benefit from it.

"It has been absolutely wonderful how the people of St. Francis have welcomed me to the community. How fun it has been to have many of them, young and old, men and women, sit on my patio, telling their life stories while enjoying a cold drink, cup of coffee, a

piece of chocolate or a rumor or truth in the heat or breeze that northwest Kansas offers while having a lovely view of Main Street," she said.

However, she still believes that change is good!

Ms. Koros will be joining forces with "The Lady In Red," Eloyce Pettijohn, owner of the Tasteful Treasures.

Ms. Koros said that since she arrived in St. Francis, she really has not had a day off to herself but now she will.

"Eloyce has a lovely store and it offers an atmosphere that many find home and a place to get together on a daily basis," Ms. Koros said. "She has worked hard to build and offer the people of St. Francis quality pastries and gifts that are not competitive with others doing business in the same small community."

Now there will be more items to choose from and all in one place. Ms. Koros said to not expect to see her working behind the counter but she hopes to see many of her friends and customers while sitting and enjoying a cup of coffee, a piece of chocolate and/or a pastry.

Again, Ms. Koros says many benefit from change. There is always that trickle-down effect to those who sell lumber, plumbing, electrical, landscape, not to mention permits, taxes and hook-up fees for utilities and phones and the local contractors who will have a chance of bidding on or landing the job to remodel.

"Unfortunately, the Main Street Sweets patio will be closed for now and the building will be sold," she said.

"Again, change is good! I hope that the community will continue to support the local businesses of St. Francis and those of us who take the risk to offer something more."

The business change will take place on Oct. 1.

Newspapers receive top awards at national contest

Nor' West Newspapers won three awards in the National Newspaper Association's 2002 Better Newspaper Contest, with *The Goodland Daily News* receiving a first-place award in the best breaking news story category. Steve Haynes, co-owner of Nor' West, said he doesn't remember the last time the newspaper chain won a national award. Nor' West comprises three daily newspapers and three weeklies in northwest Kansas.

Along with the first-place award, *The Daily News* received second place in the best sports feature story category and *The St. Francis Herald* took second for best sports photo. The winners were announced at the association's annual convention in Portland, Ore., last week.

The judges reviewed more than 2,800 entries from more than 300 newspapers across the nation and 402 awards were presented to 166 newspapers. *The Daily News* was judged with daily newspapers under 10,000 circulation and *The Herald* with weeklies under 3,000 circulation.

The Daily News took first for a story Managing Editor Rachel Miscall wrote on a chase which ended in the fatal shooting of a 19-year-old Indiana man, and second for a story Miscall wrote on former Goodland High School quarterback Jayci Stone. *The Herald* received second for Dale Rose's photo of a boy trying to hold on to a sheep during a Mutton Bustin' contest at the county fair.

The photo and first-place story are featured in a special section of the Publishers' Auxilliary, a nationwide publication.

Here's what the judges had to say about the entries.

Of the chase story, the judge said: "Excellent well-written story and photos of an extremely dangerous chase."

The judge said about the quarterback story, "A girl on the boys' varsity team football team. What a great subject! And you present the information well; it sounds like this young lady was forced to leave the team."

And on the photo, the judge simply put, "Ready for the ride of his life."

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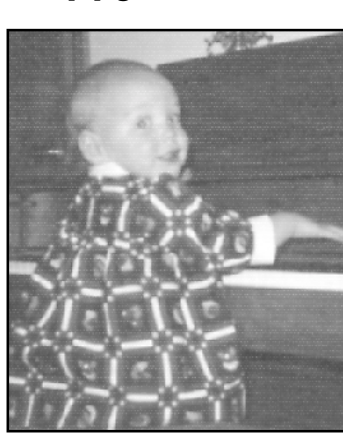
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