

Building project causes hospital concerns

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met Oct. 17 with some serious business to discuss concerning the hospital renovation project.

When the secondary estimate was received, it was higher than the board had planned. The news was received from the architect after the mechanical and electrical engineers had been in to carefully survey the building and look more closely at specific issues which needed to be corrected.

Part of the increase revolved around installing the heating, air conditioning and vent system which would involve taking out the basement ceiling. This system is separate from the primary remodeling project but rather than tear out the ceiling and put it back, only to tear it out months later to install the heating, air conditioning and vent system, it seemed that the reasonable and most economical way of installing the system was to put it in when the remodeling is done

the first time.

"The ceilings in the basement needs to be finished to meet fire regulations, requiring either a patch or new ceilings, and this project driving the cost up," said Les Lacy, hospital administrator.

The architect reported that the building market is extremely volatile at this time and felt he needed to be conservative in his estimate based on that fact.

The \$1.4 million primary estimate

by the architect had increased by about 20 percent at this point. It has been carefully pointed out that this was not a hard number at this time and would not be until the bidding process is completed. At that time, the board will be able to negotiate with the low bidder to get to a price and project that will meet the hospital's needs and be on target for available resources.

"It will be very important to fill the hospital's tax credit program as this project moves on because the money

will be needed to do the heating and air conditioning, and this will make it possible to use tax credits on these future projects if that should be necessary," said Administrator Lacy.

"The board and administration are taking a close look at resources available and the hospital's building, capital equipment, and operational needs to be sure they are taking the most conservative approach toward completing the project at hand."

The administrator and staff have

been making some contacts on the tax credits, a program which allows county taxpayers to give part of their state income taxes to the hospital instead of paying it to the state. The goal is to reach \$100,000 by Dec. 31. Those interested should contact Administrator Lacy at the hospital 785-332-2104.

A special meeting was held with the architect on Tuesday to work out some conflicts before the hospital plan proceeds further.

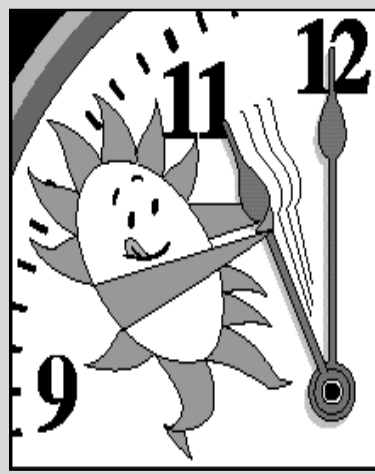
Time falls back this Sunday; don't be early for church

At 2 a.m. on Sunday, residents will observe a ritual that began more than 200 years ago as a way to cut down on the cost of candles. Before going to bed on Saturday, everyone should set their clocks back one hour.

It was Benjamin Franklin who, as minister to France, suggested in 1784 that an extra hour of daylight would save French shopkeepers 1 million francs per year.

It was not until 1918, however, that daylight-savings time was first implemented in the United States.

Those in favor of the daylight-savings time say that there is more time for recreation, reduced energy demand, decreased crime and increased traffic safety. Those against daylight savings time have consisted mainly of farmers,



whose hours are set by the sun instead of the clock.

Remember, "fall back" one hour on Sunday morning or you will have a wait before church begins.

Annual 4-H craft fair set for Saturday

Saturday, Oct. 26, has been scheduled for the annual Holiday Fair craft show. The Go-Getters 4-H Club is hosting the event. It will be held in the Cheylin School gym from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the Holiday Fair. The building will be open at 8 a.m. for participants to set up. Food booths are also accepted.

A good turnout is expected as there will be a large variety of items displayed for sale.



Members of the Cheylin Choir practice for their production of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." Performance dates are November 15 and 16. Tickets are now on sale for the Saturday evening dinner theatre performance. Pictured left to are: Alex Hengen, Tyler Knapp, Chase Krien, Andy Smith, Kelly Ray Simmonds, Jay Poore.

Courtesy of Cheylin Yearbook Staff

County to acquire drug dog

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Sheriff officials are asking for donations to purchase a drug dog.

"We would like to get a drug dog to slow down the drug traffic in the county," said Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring. "The dog would also benefit the people of the county by cutting down the availability of drugs to the youth of the county."

Recent studies are indicating that because of the heavy law enforcement on I-70, that drugs are now making their way down U.S. 36.

"There have been several times that a drug dog would have helped us in finding drugs in a vehicle," the sheriff said.

Originally, the sheriff officials had planned to purchase the dog in 2003 but they had been in contact with an owner who had several dogs for sale and one was reasonably priced.

The cost of a drug dog is around \$1,500 however, there will be additional expenses such as training for Cliff Flock, undersheriff, and supplies, pushing the total up to around \$3,500.

"We decided to try to raise the funds through donations because of the budget crunch," Sheriff Dankenbring said. "Donations have already started coming in but we still have a ways to go."

Sheriff Dankenbring and Undersheriff Flock will be talking to individuals, businesses, clubs and organizations seeking help in purchasing the dog.

For more information, contact the sheriff's department at 785-332-8880.



DONATED BOOKS from the area were delivered to Hatton, N.D. after their library had burned. Stan Dorsch volunteered to drive the books to Hatton and help unload them.

Books donated and delivered to Hatton

The Bird City Public Library received a request from Hatton, N.D., this summer for books. Their library had burned and they were trying to restock their collection. Stan Dorsch volunteered to deliver any books the Bird City Library could donate to Hatton. Mr. Dorsch also spearheaded a drive through the Northwest Library System for book donations.

The Northwest Library System encompasses the 14 counties of northwest Kansas. Hopes were that possibly 12 to 14 boxes of books would be collected. The Dorsches

made several collections to collect books from donating libraries. To their amazement they ended up with 62 boxes for a total of 1,860 books. Weight wise they had 1,680 pounds of reading material. Member libraries were extremely generous. Hardback books, paperbacks, videos, cassettes and reference books were donated, not only by the libraries but also by individuals in the Bird City and McDonald area. Libraries that donated were Bird City, St. Francis, Goodland, Oberlin, Norton Public, Northwest Kansas Library System, Hoxie, Wakeeney, Oakley, Grainfield, and Jennings.

The Dorsches left for Hatton, Oct. 10, and delivered the collection to surprised Dakotan. The Dorsches stopped in Goodrich, N.D. to view property Mrs. Dorsch's dad had owned in the 1930s. The countryside was colorful. Drought conditions were extremely evident until you traveled north of Interstate 94. Some of the sand hills north of North Platte showed evidence of drifting.

After the delivery the Dorsches routed home through Minnesota and Iowa stopping to see friends and family on the way back to Bird City.

Century II hosts dinner for residents

Come join Century II for an evening of fun and entertainment. Nov. 2 is the date with a free meal at 6:30 p.m. followed by entertainer Roger Welsch, former CBS Sunday morning host of "Postcards from Nebraska".

Century II will be answering questions you might have about the foundation. Dinner tickets may be picked up at First National Bank in Bird City by Oct. 25. You may also pick up tickets directly from one of the following

Century II Board Members: Brad Waters, Stan Dorsch, Rod Young or Tom Sawyer.

Roger Welsch first appeared on "Sunday Morning" in 1988 and continued regularly for 13 years. His segment was called "Postcards from Nebraska." Occasionally he still does a piece. The last one he did was for the 9-11 disaster. Also, he has done occasional television specials, voice-overs, and more recently, some PBS projects.

Little spooks parade on Halloween day

On Halloween Day, Cheylin Student Government will be helping sponsor the Elementary Spook Parade at 2:30 p.m. in Bird City. Little "spooks" will be parading from the elementary school to the intersection of Bressler Ave. and Bird Ave. (the four way stop).

Any businesses or individuals inter-

ested in participating in a goodies handout, please contact Babs Antholz at 785-734-2341 ext. 113, so they can plan how many to expect.

In case of bad weather, the parade will be moved to the high school gymnasium. Please come and make the elementary students' day special as a spectator or participant!!

County historical society holds auction at museum

The Cheyenne County Historical Society is sponsoring a fund-raising auction at the Cheyenne County Museum on U.S. 36, St. Francis, during the Spooktacular on Saturday. The auction, which will include local historical projects will start at 3 p.m. The auctioneer will be the surprising part of the fun of the day.

Donated items for the auction will be accepted and appreciated on Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon at the museum.

Items at the auction will be collectors items, sculptures by Tobe Zwegyardt, bricks from the 1888 local brick factory, pies, white elephants and other surprises.

Characters from the past may pay the auction a visit sometime during the day.

"After all, it is that time of the year," said Dorothy Mast, one of the coordinators. People are asked to watch for an antique car shuttle from downtown to the museum during the day sponsored by the Tri-State Auto Club.