

# Medicine device is available

The Good Samaritan Home Health Care has discovered that many elderly people in the home have difficulty with medications and unintentionally take the wrong dose, the wrong medication, forget to take their medications in a timely manner, or don't refill a medication when the physician intends the medication to continue.

"This can cause exacerbation of a condition requiring re-hospitalizations and, at times, can be life threatening," said Vicki Reuber, HRN and director of the Home Health care facility in St. Francis.

Mrs. Reuber said that some of the problems caused with the difficulty in medications arises from poor vision, fatigue, forgetfulness, confusion over medication dosages and complicated medication regimens that can even challenge a nurse.

"We are hoping to be able to offer electronic medication dispensers to the community," Mrs. Reuber said.

The dispensers run on electricity with a battery backup and dispense the medications at a programmed time with a loud beep that continues until the medications are removed from the machine. If the client is hard of hearing, there is a flashing light attachment available. One of the machines will even call the agency if the medication is not removed from the machine.

"If Home Health purchased



**VICKI RUEBER checks out the new pill dispenser available to the elderly.**

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

these, the client would rent the machines for \$45 to \$80 a month which is prohibitive to many," she said. "Therefore, we are requesting donations from the community to enable us to only charge for the nurse visit to set up and fill the dispensers."

There are two machines that are appropriate for in-home use. The weekly dispenser is \$580 and the bi-weekly or monthly (depending on

the number of doses needed per day) is \$650.

"If there is an individual or an organization interested in contributing a tax-deductible donation to this service, please call me at 785-332-3588 or sent your donation to: Good Samaritan Home health Care, Box 1048, St. Francis, 67756," Mrs. Reuber said. "Your generosity will benefit and be appreciated by many in the community."

### Service man's address

LCPL Powers, T.J.  
HML/A 167 MAG 26 A/F  
PSC Box 21014  
Jacksonville, N.C. 28545  
This is also a change of rank.

### Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, in the commissioner's room in the courthouse.

### Courthouse closed

The Cheyenne County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 in observance of Presidents' Day.

### City Council

The St. Francis City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the city building.

### Bingo Saturday

There will be bingo starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the American Legion hall in Bird City.

### Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet in special session at 8 a.m. on Friday in the clinic basement to discuss the clinic's remodeling progress.

The next regular meeting of the board has been set for 7 p.m. on Feb. 20 in the basement of the hospital. However, the meeting place could be the basement of the clinic, depending upon how remodeling is coming along in that facility.

### Commodities to be distributed

The emergency food assistance

program has commodities to be given away from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the senior citizen center in St. Francis. Commodities include: peanut butter, canned salmon; cranberry juice concentrate, raisins, corn cereal, canned pears, canned cranberry sauce, dried cranberries, frozen peaches. If you are homebound and unable to pick up commodities call (785) 332-3463, leave name and address.

Guidelines are as follows: household of one - \$960; household of two - \$1,294; household of three - \$1,628; household of four - \$1,961; household of five - \$2,295; household of six - \$2,629; household of seven - \$2,962; household of eight - \$3,296 each additional family member \$334.

### Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

### Taxaide

People Helping People Income Tax Assistance volunteers will assist you in preparing and filing your tax return. They will be at the St. Francis Public Library from 2 to 5

on Wednesdays and at the St. Francis Senior Citizens Center from 2 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays. For appointments call Annette Erskin at 332-2304; Rowland Roelfs at 332-3490 or Wayne Keeker at 332-3428.

### Hospice Service

Hospice Services Inc., has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning, and other related topics. Hospice Service, Inc. is available to provide programs for groups and organizations. For more information, please call 800-315-5122.

### Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon date change

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2168 or 332-2078.

### Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour 7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

### Need a Helping Hand

The Cheyenne County Helping Hands Coalition can help. Call the SRS office at (785) 332-2021.

## For the Record

### Sheriff Department

18 Motor vehicle inspections were made.  
4 Subpoenas delivered.  
8 Summons made.  
2 Garnishments made.  
1 Citation for contempt issued.  
1 Speeding ticket issued.  
5 Warnings for speeding.

Jan. 29: Transported prisoner from Sherman County Bastille to the dentist in St. Francis and then

back to the Bastille.

Jan. 30: Transported prisoner from Sherman County Bastille to court, then back to the Bastille.

Jan. 31: Juvenile check made.

Jan. 31: Transported two emergency medical technicians to Bird City.

Feb. 1: Juvenile check.

Feb. 3: Blocked traffic for wrecker pulling truck out of ditch at K-27 and Road E.

Feb. 3: A call was made for vehicle in ditch on Highway 161 north of Bird City.

Feb. 6: Assisted with call about a death northwest of Bird City. Called the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to investigate. Death was ruled of natural causes.

Feb. 9: Called to one vehicle wreck which occurred Feb. 8 but was decided wreck was in Rawlins County.

### Real Estate

Ronnie G. Krien, et ux, to Gordon

R. Ross, et ux, a tract of land in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Sec. 27-3S-40W in Cheyenne County.

### Corrections

The names will not be reported again but all of those listed in the Municipal Court news last week were cited for going 60 in a 45 mile-per-hour zone.

The snow plow bought by the county road and bridge department cost only \$800 instead of \$8,000 as printed in last week's Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting article.



## Authority talks about buildings

Old buildings and new buildings at the airport were discussed at the Feb. 4 Cheyenne County Airport Authority meeting.

The airport's block hangar had been repainted during the summer and the metal had been added to the front to replace the badly deteriorated wood. Robert Grace, Grace Flying and airport manager, had photos taken during the renovation of the hangar.

He also had photos showing the new road sign which had been erected to minimize motorist confusion when entering the airport grounds.

The Airport Authority's policy toward new hangar construction on the airport was discussed. It was decided that the procedure would be to form a three-person committee chaired by Rodney Bracelin and the committee will formulate guidelines that would then be presented to the Airport Authority for approval. Following that, the guidelines would be presented to the commissioners for their approval.

Commissioner Jane Brubaker indicated that since the hangars would be located inside the city lim-

its, it would be necessary to meet all city building codes and permit processes. Both Mr. Bracelin and Commissioner Brubaker agreed that this process could and should be implemented without delay.

The discussion of the final details of the recent runway resurfacing project and it was generally agreed that despite the delay, the final product was of high quality and that the

county had obtained a bargain in terms of quality for dollars spent. It was also speculated that the county's timing had been good since the continuance of similar state funding now maybe in doubt due to the state's declining financial condition.

Richard Grace complimented Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, and his crew.

## School Menu

February 17-21

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday: breakfast: sausage and pancake on a stick, orange juice, cereal assortment, milk; lunch: macaroni and cheese or ravioli with meat sauce, green beans, hot roll, applesauce, milk

Wednesday: breakfast: coffee cake, cereal assortment, apple juice, milk; lunch: tacos, lettuce and tomato, salsa, corn, orange or apple, cinnamon roll, milk

Thursday: breakfast: school McMuffin, sausage, eggs and cheese, grape juice, milk; lunch:

Italian dunkers, cheese max sticks, peas, peaches, cookie, milk

Friday: breakfast: hot or cold cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; lunch: bacon cheese burgers, pickles, macaroni salad, potato chips, fruit cocktail, milk

Monday/Friday: junior/senior high salad bar



The Cheyenne County Courthouse will be CLOSED Mon., Feb. 17 in observance of Presidents' Day

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