



Budget passes without protest

By Karen Krien

There were two hearings held when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met Friday. There were no audiences for either the county budget hearing nor for the Community Development Block Grant which the county is applying for. Consequently, the budget passed and the Community Development

Block Grant hearing was closed.

Budget

The county had a loss of a little over \$100,000 in state revenue this year which, combined with intangible tax dollars going down, caused the county mill levy to go up.

The mill levy went from 47.185 mills last year to 51.286 mills this year (a 4.101 mill

increase) which, in dollars, is \$36,234,870 taxes collected in 2003 and a proposed collection of \$36,410,523 — up \$175,653 in 2004. The valuation stayed about the same.

The commissioners and department heads made serious cuts with the road and bridge department going from \$772,000 last year to \$760,000 this year and bridge build-

ing went down \$14,000 (\$53,000 in 2003 to \$39,000 in 2004).

The hospital budget went from \$575,000 in 2003 to \$525,000 however, bond and interest for the hospital was \$294,000 in 2003 and will be \$305,000 in 2004.

Clerk Terry Miller had received information from the state clerks, where 21 out of

the 105 counties had reported budget information. Seven county commissioners had raised levies between 1 and 3 mills with the majority of the county commissioners raising the mill levy between 4 and 5 mills. One county was up 7 mills and another was up 9 mills.

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Four yards on tour

There will be four gardens open to the public when the second annual St. Francis Chamber of Commerce Garden Tour will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon at the city park Lions Club shelter where tickets will be on sale and refreshments will be served.

"The tour will start at 1 p.m. but people can join the tour anytime before 3," said Deb Harper, committee chairperson.

All proceeds are for the maintenance fund of the new road signs on U.S. 36.

"If you haven't seen the new signs yet, this would be a great time to drive out and see them," Mrs. Harper said.

Signs are located 6 miles east and 7 miles west of St. Francis.

"Donations are always welcome for this fund so that we can keep these signs nice and hopefully add two more signs on K-27."

Those yards featured will be: John and Bethany Bartlett, 111 W. Emerson; Roger and Janet Jensen, 412 E. Spencer; George and Deb Harper, 305 S. Quincy; and the garden of Jim Milliken and Elton Keller at the end of East Spencer.

The high temperatures and lack of moisture have been a challenge to those trying to maintain their gardens and yards. However, visitors will see some lovely yards, learn some history of the yards and homes as well as finding some new and interesting ideas for their own yards.

"We are hoping for some lovely weather to show off these beautiful yards," said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary.

Yards and gardens

George and Deb Harper: A Victorian flower garden with over 30 roses and many perennial plants awaits visitors in the Harper's yard. The front yard garden began 15 years ago by taking out a small area of lawn and adding an ornamental tree and shrubs, then the following year a little more lawn was removed to add just a few flowers. And as visitors will see, there is now very little lawn and mostly flowers. Deb finds that flower gardening is very relaxing and would rather tend to

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GARDEN TOURS, sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, will feature four yards including the yard of John and Bethany Bartlett, above, at 111 W. Emerson.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

1906 home has unique yard

The plan when John and Bethany Bartlett restored the 1906 Josiah Crosby place on Emerson Street was to make the yard a secluded place for birds, animals and grandchildren. So they planted a lilac hedge from the house to the west and a snowball hedge from the house to the east.

In the west lawn behind the lilacs is a place for playing croquet, badminton and volleyball and a long bench for watching. In the southwest section is what they call "the informal country garden." Poppies, native phlox and orange daylilies were already there. Pink phlox were added. Mr. Bartlett laid a brick walk in the area.

In the northeast corner of this section, he made a pool with an arch over it. Water from the arch trickles down into a bowl held by a terra cotta statue of St. Francis of Assisi. Roses and daffodils are planted around the pool. In the southwest corner, he made a brick post with a sun dial on top saying "Grow old with me, the best is yet to be." There are hollyhocks, hibiscus, alliums and tulips planted here.

In the southeast part of the yard is the great American elm tree with a girth of 152 inches. Mrs. Bartlett named the tree "Father Abraham." Under the tree are bleeding hearts, caladium, violets, foxglove and lilies of the valley. Under the wonderful shade of the tree is plenty of room for picnic tables for entertaining. Mrs.

Bartlett is getting ready for an Americana theme salad luncheon for the Ramblers Club. Hanging from a limb on Father Abraham are the grandchildren's swings.

In the spring, the tulips and grape hyacinths bloom in front of the fence. Clematis grow over the arch and honeysuckle are over the south arch. A wisteria vine hangs over the original outhouse. Bittersweet and trumpet vines are on the trellises by the old garage. Shrubs in the yard are Austrian pine, forsythia, Rose of Sharon, mock orange and Daphne.

The Bartletts are looking forward to showing their "rustic" yard.

Clerk asking that surveys be returned

By Karen Krien

The county commissioners are applying for a Community Development Block Grant and part of the grant application requirements is that the county residents fill out and send back to the county clerk the survey form they recently received.

While one of the requirements of the grant application is the returning of the surveys, the other requirement is that the county residents show a need by having a low to moderately-low income. So far, the grants which have been returned have met this requirement but now the problem is that a number of the forms have not been returned.

The county commissioners, at their Friday meeting, wondered if some of the surveys which have not been returned are being held by those making more than the low to moderately low incomes and they are afraid their surveys will boost the

county out of the running for the grant.

Terry Miller, county clerk, reported that, even if all of the rest of the surveys come in with higher income levels, it will not bring the average of low to moderately-low incomes to the place where it will hurt the county's chance of getting a grant.

"We urge everyone to please send in their forms if they have not done so," Clerk Miller said.

If enough of the survey forms have not been returned, phone and door-to-door calls will be made. If there are questions, call the clerk's office at 785-332-8800.

It is important that the identification number not be tampered with or scratched out and it is also important that one side or the other of the income section is marked.

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Lions wind down calendar sales

St. Francis Lions Club members have been making knocking on doors and making phone calls in an effort to wrap up the new community birthday calendar.

The drive to contact all members of the community to see if they want the names of their family member's birthdays, anniversaries, in memory and meeting dates listed on the calendar has been on going for the last month but now it is time to send the information off to the printer.

"We thought we had talked to everyone but we are still finding people who say they had not been contacted," said Elmer Kellner, Lions Club member.

The cost is minimal with only 50 cents per name and the calendar costs \$3. Those wanting to get their names listed on the calendar should call 785-332-2950, 785-332-3424, 785-332-2939, or 785-332-3089 by Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Annual reunion offers games/fun

The 104th annual Beecher Island Reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, and Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Beecher Island Battlegrounds located west of St. Francis into Colorado. Turn north on Road LL and there will be about 7 miles of dirt road before reaching the grounds.

Two full days of fun and games for all ages will start Saturday at 6 a.m. with breakfast sponsored by the Family Community Education Club of Idalia. In fact, there will be food provided throughout the weekend, most of it being prepared by the Idalia Lions Club members.

A black powder shoot will start at 9 a.m. sponsored by the Idalia Gun Club. A kids pedal tractor pull is scheduled for 10 a.m. There will be egg-tossing and cow-chip throwing contests and last but not least, a Beecher Island highlight, the "world famous dryland turtle race" — the Kentucky Derby of turtle racing!

"Bring your turtles early for registration," said Mark Mahlberg, one of the coordinators for the event.

"We also have some of the finest live music in the tri-state area," he said.

This year, the Swingin' Seniors will be playing on Saturday afternoon. That evening, the Highway 385 band will be performing a blend of blue grass, country and much more.

On Sunday, a non-denominational service and flag raising service will be held at 9:45 a.m.

That afternoon, the program will kick off with the All Star Fiddlers doing the traditional song "Arickaree." Tina Guegler will be playing a variety of songs on the hammered dulcimer. Ms. Guegler's styles include Celtic and American traditional plus many styles of her own.

John Monnet, the author of several books including "The Battle of Beecher Island" and the "Indian War of 1867-1869," will be speaking about the history of the Island

Beecher reunion history

Beecher Island was the site of the battle between Native Americans and a group of soldiers and civilian scouts in 1860. Today, there are few sites from the Indian wars of the 1860s.

Indians had been on the warpath, murdering settlers, stealing guns, ammunition and stock. The Indians had burned 600 miles of stage stations that summer.

The Forsyth scouts led by George Forsyth had marched into the situation with no regular soldiers near. Also the Indians were better armed and better supplied with ammunitions than the scouts.

The Forsyth scouts conquered the Indians in Beecher Island in a battle that lasted about nine days.

and the Indian Wars. Mr. Monnet is the professor of history at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Campers welcome

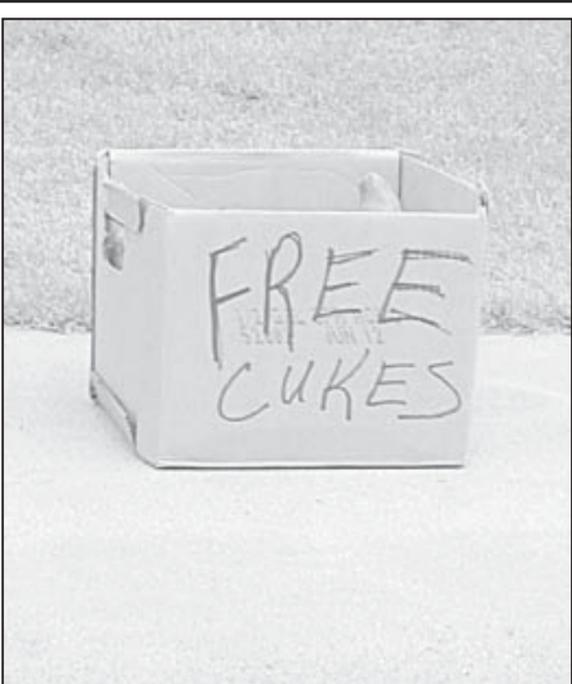
Many people come just to spend the weekend along the stream under the shade of the big cottonwood trees. Mr. Mahlberg reported there is lots of room for campers and there are clean, modern sanitary facilities.

He also noted that there is no charges for any of the activities which are sponsored by the Beecher Island Battleground Memorial Association.

Cleanup of the grounds will be held starting at 8 a.m., mountain time, on Tuesday. Lunch will be served to everyone helping and Mr. Mahlberg said that they need as much help as possible.



MARIJUANA PLANTS were found growing in a ditch north of St. Francis. Cliff Flock, county undersheriff, said the plant was over 10 feet tall. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



ONE WAY TO GET RID OF THEM — It is fall and many of the vegetables are really producing. Linda Rogers found that sitting a box offering free cucumbers helped her distribute the extra vegetables and helped others who did not have a garden.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

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At the Community Development Block Grant hearing, it was noted that out of the 642 surveys sent out, 390 had been returned. Clerk Miller reported that the surveys indicated that 64 percent of the reported incomes were low to moderately-low which, even if all of the rest of the surveys come back above the low to moderately-low income level, the county will still be eligible to apply for the grant. The commissioners were urging everyone to please return their survey forms. The grant application is to move the county health office from U.S. 36 to the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.

In other business

In other business:
• County attorney Kevin Berens had looked into the county's budget policy which had been approved at the Jan. 31 meeting. He said that department heads are not to overspend their budgets which included the line items.

• Attorney Berens was asked who paid for autopsies. He said the county is responsible if the county coroner requests the autopsy. However, if the family requests an autopsy, the family is responsible for the costs.

• The commissioners approved three employees to attend workshops or trainings: Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service bookkeeper, to attend a Medicare-transmit school in Hays; Ranae Pilkington, road and bridge/noxious weed secretary, a Weedwise workshop for billing in that department; and Cliff Flock, undersheriff, a drug awareness school in Salina. The commissioners noted that the only costs involved with the drug awareness school is the mileage and some of the meals.

• The commissioners approved 29 hours overtime for Officer Flock and ambulance write-offs which totaled \$5,205.

• J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis City Superintendent, attended the meeting to clear up any misunderstanding on two radios needed for the 911 dispatchers. He had understood that St. Francis Police officer Jason Ryan was going to order the radios. He said the radios were needed for dispatchers who carried them 24 hours a day.

• Energy windmills for the county were briefly discussed and literature was given to Susan Hobrock, Chey-

enne County Development Coordinator, to see if she or the Development Corporation were interested in pursuing the idea of having this type of energy installed in the county. They noted that there was surely enough wind in this county to run the

windmills.
• Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, reported on dirt work being done on county roads. The commissioners gave permission for Key Gas Corporation to run a pipe line in the county's right-of-

way north of St. Francis. The line will be dug at least 36-inches deep.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Sept. 15 in the commissioners room at the courthouse.

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flowers than grass.
Step into the fenced in backyard and a lovely small pond complete with fish provides a very relaxing place to sit awhile. The pond was added in the spring of 2002 which meant less plants in the ground but, now water plants!

It's been fun to do water gardening. The back yard is still a work in progress as the Harper's are still adding more landscaping.

Roger and Janet Jensen: The Jensen's backyard gives the impression of Nantucket on the Plains. Enter the blissful yard to hear the pleas-

ant sound of wind chimes. A flagstone patio offsets the lush green lawn which is bordered by a myriad of flowers and greenery. From roses to sunflowers and even a few black-eyed Susans, this backyard will make anyone feel like they're on Nantucket, but on the plains. A straight post fence accentuates the union memorabilia which adds a finishing touch to the yard.

Jim Milliken and Elton Keller garden: Plentiful and plush describes the bounty produced from the eastern side of St. Francis. On an annual basis experiments abound, some successful, some not. Mr. Milliken and Mr. Keller have coordinated efforts over the past several years to produce

enough vegetables to fill a horn of plenty, but most of all to fulfill the first graders pick of the patch at Halloween time. Many experiments continue and all are welcome to inquire and enjoy.

John and Bethany Bartlett: The Bartlett were surprised to be invited to be a part of the Chamber's tour.
"We are not master gardeners and our yard is not a show place," they both said.

However, those coming to mingle in the Bartlett yard will find a delightful place with something of interest around every corner. See related article for more about the Bartlett's yard.

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There is a good chance that the project will be accepted. This year, if the grant is received, the money will be used to move the home health office to the basement of the clinic. But, before it is moved, there needs to be some extensive remodeling.

The renovation, which will consist of remodeling 1,600 square feet of space into two examination rooms, laboratory, handicapped accessible rest room, waiting room, office and storage space and an egress window, will cost \$122,488.

In the future, possibly next year, there are plans to apply for grants for further remodeling of the emergency medical service building in Bird City, purchase of rural fire trucks and bridge building.

The grants will be given to some community for different projects. If Cheyenne County does not receive a grant, residents can look for their taxes to increase as these projects are needed.

Confidentiality

Clerk Miller reminds people that the survey forms are confidential.
"The surveys are held in the clerk's office and no one sees them but me," said Clerk Miller.

Resolutions 2003

Another new year and most people are planning to make changes for the better in regards to their health, and/or financial spending habits. Most will start out with the intentions of stopping smoking, dieting, or putting more money into savings. But in spite of these great resolutions, most people will fall back into their old, less desirable habits by the first of February.

Why is it that people abandon those New Year's resolutions? One reason is that it is very easy to make those plans following the holidays, after having indulged in food, wine and gifts. But within a couple weeks, the real work begins; that of commitment and change. Too many people want results quickly and soon become discouraged. Here are some suggestions for sticking to those resolutions:

Be realistic, not only in what to change, but in the fact that permanent change takes time and self-discipline. Thus it is necessary to set goals that are reasonable.

Don't procrastinate; now is as good a time as any to begin to make changes.

Focus on changing behavior rather than the attainment of a goal. For in-

stance, rather than looking at the pounds lost on the scale, look instead at the number of days the diet and exercise plan have been followed.

Accept that you are not perfect. You are going to give in to temptation now and then, just don't let transgressions result in giving up on the long-term goal.

Remember, changes in habits and behavior require a lot of work and effort! So give yourself a break now and then; relax with a good book or movie, a soothing bath, or take a walk just to enjoy nature. Allow time and opportunity for the appropriate expression of feelings and emotions; when feeling discouraged, it usually helps to talk to others. Take good care of yourself; eat nutritiously; get plenty of rest and sleep. A little personal stress reduction will help in continuing the work of meeting those resolutions of the new year.

Contributed by Karen D. Beery, LCPC, Consultation and Education Department

The views expressed here are those of the individual writer and should not be considered a replacement for seeking professional help.

Public Notices

Defenses to be filed by Sept. 11 in District Court

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of
Case No. 03-P-09
Wayne L. Sawyer a/k/a Tom Sawyer, Deceased
PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 19, 2003, a petition was filed in this Court by MSue Lamb, an heir, devisee and legatee, and a co-executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Wayne L. Sawyer a/k/a Tom Sawyer, deceased, dated March 19, 1996, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; MSue Lamb and Rolland A. Sawyer be appointed as co-executors, without bond; and they be granted Letters Testamen-

tary.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 11th day of September, 2003, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

MSue Lamb, Petitioner
APPROVED BY:
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Sheriff's sale to be held the first day of October

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS Nebraska State Bank, Oshkosh, Nebraska,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Shane P. Eversole; Shelly K. Eversole;
United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration; and Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County, Kansas, Defendants.

Case No. 03-C-12
NOTICE OF SALE
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED OR INTERESTED:

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me out of said District Court in the above entitled action, I will on the 1st day of October, 2003, at 10:00 a.m (CT). of said day, at the front door of the Cheyenne County Courthouse in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, offer at pub-

lic sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, the following described real estate situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas, to-wit:

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The above described real estate is taken as the property of the Defendants and is directed by said Order of Sale to be sold, and will be sold without appraisal, to satisfy the judgment entered in said case, pursuant to Order of Sale.

Edward Dankenbring, Sheriff of Cheyenne County, Kansas

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Will petition filed for admission into probate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of
Case No. 03-P-10
NOTICE OF HEARING
PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Peter J. Kinen, the named executor in the Last Will and Testament of Patricia A. Kinen, deceased, dated the 25th day of March, 1998, praying that the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; that Peter J. Kinen be appointed as executor without bond; that he be granted Letters Testamentary.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the

2nd day of October, 2003, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

All parties interested in the Estate will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.
PETER J. KINEN, Petitioner
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