



Time changes at 2 a.m. Sunday

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-saving 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.

New oxygen storage being constructed

By Karen Krien

Pouring the cement for the oxygen storage pad and building a shelter for the oxygen tank were discussed when the Cheyenne County Hospital Board met Wednesday. The board consented to have the administrator and board president look into the project and if the price was \$20,000 or under, to proceed with the plan.

Les Lacy, hospital administrator, had looked into the regulations of where the new oxygen pad could be located and it appeared that it could be placed on the northeast corner of the hospital campus. Rueben Schultz, board president and Administrator Lacy had further looked into the cost and regulations.

The money, which was donated by the Calhoun Township when it disbanded, had been budgeted for this project and the administrator and Mr. Schultz, board president, thought it should be built as the new

addition was going in on the west side of the hospital.

"We are grateful to have the Calhoun Township donation to complete such an important project," Administrator Lacy said.

As of Monday, the flags had been set marking the pad for the project so it appeared the project could be completed for the specified amount.

Clinic landscaping

Board members, Traci Neitzel and Joy Anderegg had been appointed to work on the landscaping of the triangle in front of the clinic in St. Francis. They proposed that a flag pole be installed and the ground be covered with red rock and pavers placed for sitting pots of plants. The board members suggested that a light be installed so it will shine on the flag at night.

Oxygen

President Schultz had been contacted by a patient who recom-

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METH LAB BUST took place Friday when St. Francis Police officers and the Cheyenne County Undersheriff and drug dog conducted a search in St. Francis and Wheeler. Pictured are: front (l to r) Tom Raile, Mark Davidson and Jason Ryan; behind, Doug Whitson, Sherman County Sheriff.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Police shut down two meth labs

On Oct. 17, the St. Francis Police Department, in conjunction with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, obtained and executed search warrants for suspected methamphetamine labs in St. Francis and Wheeler.

Officers arrested Kathy Woodcox, 45, St. Francis, for manufacturing of methamphetamine,

possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of pseudoephedrine, possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unlawful container, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Also arrested was Cindy Robinson, 38, Wheeler, on charges of possession of methamphetamine,

marijuana and paraphernalia. Both parties were transported to the Sherman County Bastille in Goodland.

Chief Jason Ryan commented that his officers had been investigating the two for several months and that he was happy that, with the help of the Kansas Bureau of Investiga-

tion, "We were able to get rid of another active methamphetamine lab in Cheyenne County."

Chief Ryan also added that he appreciated the help from the Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson and Cheyenne County Undersheriff Clifton Flock who helped in the execution of the search warrants.

Commissioners want more information before signing

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Commissioners met for an extremely short session on Wednesday, Oct. 15, where they mostly discussed the easement agreement for the St. Francis lift station.

The question was: "Where is the lift station going to be placed?" The old lift station, which is part of the city's sewer system, is west of the ball diamond on the fairground

property. J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, was called to the meeting but was unable to attend so he will be at the next meeting.

Until they know the location, they will not sign the easement.

Agreement

Carol Rogers and Ilene O'Leary, county representatives to the High Plains Mental Health board, presented an agreement

which will be distributed to all of the counties in the program. There is a slight change in wording that will add two more board members to the organization.

After reading and discussing some of the other wording, the commissioners signed the agreement.

Letter

Commissioner Jane Brubaker said she still planned on sending letters to the state

Emergency Medical Service personnel concerning their testing and lack of accuracy in grading.

The concern came after two of Cheyenne County's residents had taken the emergency medical technician course and the grading of the written test had been inaccurate. The commissioners agreed that a copy of the test should have at least been sent to the coordinator, Larry Gabel.

"Something needs to be brought to the attention of these people," Commissioner Brubaker said.

In other business

In other business: • Kevin Berens, county attorney, was appointed to serve as a representative to the Northwest Kansas Community Corrections board.

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BE PREPARED TO BE FRIGHTENED!!

By Karen Krien

It will be dark, creepy with many surprises which will be scary!

The Association for the Benefit of Cheyenne County members are again preparing for their annual haunting of the old Equity building on the corner of Washington and River streets in St. Francis.

The sign in the window, "Expect the Unexpected!!" has been warning everyone that the Nightmare on River Street will be open again this year on Oct. 29 through Oct. 31 and again on Nov. 1. See ad for times.

There will be surprises around every corner, in every room and nook, in the cemetery and the freight elevator that will take those attending down to the maze. Each has been created by the Association members including the "Flying Crank Ghost."

"I love Halloween—even more than Christmas," said Chris Mastin, an Association member.

He has spent hours pulling up sites on the internet which gives the directions for making these scary, ghoulish characters and creating frightening situations.

"Almost everything is made from plywood and PVC pipe," he said. However, it is hard to believe when these characters seem to come to life.

Last year, the Association mem-



CHRIS MASTIN enjoys dinner with his lovely companion at the Nightmare on River Street haunted house. The haunted buildings will be open for scaring on Oct. 29 - 31 and Nov. 1.

bers spent about \$1,500 on supplies. Ed Garner at the landfill, reported if certain items such as old motors came through, he saved them for the Association and they were able to pick them up for little or no cost. Eric Hook at Bandel Home Center, and Brent Rueb at Tri-State Lumber and Tubing, donated items and there were also donations of cash and materials from other businesses and indi-

viduals. The Equity allows the Association to set up the hauntings in the building which is used only in the summer. The haunted items are moved to the back and the basement where they are stored from year to year.

"We probably couldn't put it (haunted house) together if the Equity didn't let us use the building," Mr. Mastin said.

It takes any where from five to 15 people to keep the production operating in its scary fashion. This year, there have been some more additions to the Nightmare on River Street but much of the preparation work has been "fine tunings" some of last year's props.

Last year, most of the money made at the "Hauntings" was



FLYING CRANK GHOST is so scary. Staff photos by Karen Krien

spent paying off the materials and equipment. This year, there are still expenses but the money made will be used for community projects which the Association for the Benefit of Cheyenne County sponsors throughout the year. If enough money is made, members will also be looking at spending some for the July Fourth fireworks display.

The Association members will be donating four evenings of their time to host the Nightmare on River Street. Everyone is urged to stop by and enjoy the hauntings.

Playoffs begin on Saturday

The Northwest Kansas League Tournament is over, as is the pre-tournament fall volleyball schedule. Sub-state tournaments will be taking place all over the state this weekend, with many teams entering with the hope of being one of eight teams in each classification that advances to the State tournaments beginning Friday, Oct. 31.

St. Francis, with a 2A classification, is scheduled to play at WaKeeney-Trego Community on Saturday. Other teams at this Sub-state include Ellis, Hill City, Hoxie, Leoti-Wichita County, Oberlin-Decatur Community, Quinter, WaKeeney-Trego Community. The remainder of 2A schools in the state will be playing at either Blue Rapids-Valley Height, Claflin, Herington, McLouth, Satanta, Sedan or Stafford.

St. Francis coach Kent Kechter feels that the Lady Indians will probably be playing Oberlin at 2 p.m. on Saturday although seeding for the tournament was done at 10 a.m. Wednesday which was too late for the Herald's deadline.

As always the coach and team appreciates support from St. Francis fans, a number of whom plan on being there. See PLAYOFFS on Page 7A

By
Opal
Collicott



American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 134 of the American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting on Oct. 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Golden Inn. The meeting was called to order by President Pat Gardner and opened in its usual form. Roll call, "Favorite Fall Activities", was answered by five members. Reports were given and correspondence from District and State was read. Members were reminded that all dues need to be paid for the year 2004.

Last year, Nebraska was short of small poppies for Unit orders and had to go out-of-state to fill these orders. If any female or male veteran would like to make 2004 poppies, they can be made in your own home. The Poppy Kits will be provided.

It was decided to give a \$5 gift for the Dollar Days Veterans' Home and to send \$20 for the Christmas Gift Assignment. Its was moved to have Mildred Stute be in charge of making the bibs for the Scottsbluff Home.

No further business came before the Unit and the meeting closed in its usual form.

Irene Day gave the lesson on education.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Golden Inn. Program will be Public Relations by Pat Gardner. Roll call will be a Thanksgiving poem.

Trick or Treat

Come ride the hayride for UNICEF. Meet at the Haigler Zion Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31. Join in family fun for everyone while you trick or treat for UNICEF. All ages are welcome. Soup and sandwiches will be provided afterward. Any question, please call Leslie at 297-3263 or Carol at 297-3459.

90th birthday

Lillian Mahon will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Sunday, Oct. 26. Her family will be honoring her with an open house at the Golden Inn in Haigler from 2 to 4:30 p.m. mountain time.

Rainbow Family, Community Education Unit

A favorite rice dish was the roll call topic when Rainbow Family, Community, Education Club met at the home of Melba Harford on Oct. 16. The meeting was called to order by Virginia Harford. The Collect was read. Lillian Mahon, health leader, gave information about nutrition needs as people grow older. Melba read articles of interest as reading leader. Virginia presented the lesson about cooking rice. She has made most of the recipes printed in the lesson manual.

A pleasant time of visiting occurred as refreshments were served. Irene Day will host the November meeting.

Jeannie Zuege brought her parents, Richard and Laura Pearl Wall home on Oct. 14 following a visit to the Zuege home in Hot Springs, S.D., and northwest Nebraska. They had visited Emogene Workman and family at Oshkosh; Chimney Rock Museum; Agate Fossil Beds; Pastor Inez Foster at Harrison, Chadron State College; Dwight Wall at Lewellen and of course, a few antique shops. Sophia Zuege went home with Jeannie for a few days. Al and Zachary brought her home and spent the weekend at Haigler. They were Saturday dinner guests in the Wall home.

Lucile Corder accompanied her daughter and son-in-law, Leigh and Terry Renzelman of Parker, Colo., to Michelle, S.D., and spent the weekend at the home of their granddaughter and daughter, Tobie Cloe and family. They returned home on Sunday evening, Oct. 12.

Caleb Wall and Sherry Isom of Chadron, Neb., were Monday morning visitors in the Richard Wall home.

Matthew and Mitchell Collicott of Benkelman and their mother, Melissa, visited Saturday evening of last week in the home of the boys' grandparents, LaVoine and Opal Collicott.

Karen Harford took a road trip the last week in September through the first week in October to visit friends

and family. She was able to spend a night with her cousin, Anne Eichorn, and her husband, Duane in Lincoln. There she played her first Keno, but didn't win a thing. She then traveled on to Dayton, Ohio, where she spent several days with son Sean, his wife, Sarah and the grandchildren, Barrett and Gwen. Barrett is in kindergarten and Grandma Karen had the privilege of walking him to the bus stop and then getting him off the bus at the end of the day. Karen's next stop was in West Lafayette, Ind., where she house sat for a friend while her friend, Linda Harp, attended to business in Denver. Karen saw to it that the needs were met for her friend's mother who has Alzheimer's and her 14-year-old son. They enjoyed the meals Karen fixed and a good time was had by all. Karen then went to Downers Grove, Ill., (a suburb of Chicago) where she spent a couple of days with her college freshman roommate, Sara Homberg. Lots of memories were shared which afforded a lot of laughter. It's fun to share those old times. The last night was spent in Omaha, Neb., with another cousin, Jeanie Thompson and her husband Bill. Karen returned home on Oct. 7 after driving around 2300 miles. It's good to spend time with friends and family - life is too short to do otherwise.

Yvonne and Royce Clemans of Burlington, Colo., were guests in the home of her parents, Dale and Dode Faylor, from Thursday to Sunday. Other guests in the Faylor home were their granddaughter, Yvette and husband, Dave Korbek of Kansas. Visitors on Friday, Oct. 17, were Tim and Mary Kiefaber of Tyrone, Okla. On Sunday, Oct. 19, all of the above-mentioned attended a church reunion at the Senior Citizen Center in St. Francis. This was greatly enjoyed, as the Faylors knew many of the people who were in attendance. Dale Faylor also visited his mother, Vinnette, at the Good Samaritan Village.

Beecher Island News

By
Bessie
Dent



There were 42 at Sunday School. Austin Willard was to have the special number but talked Logan Willard and Ben Jones into doing it for him. Next Sunday there will be a Missionary speaking followed by a potluck dinner.

June Richers spent several days in Parker visiting her sister, Virginia Wallden.

Last Sunday, Oct. 5 the Hymn Singers and Music Group met with Mr. and Mrs. Walt Smith. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sharp, Willie Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hicks, Merna and Nathan Andrews, Leonard Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen, Dorothy Isaac, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver.

Boni Osmus was an overnight

guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman and family. They watched grandson Brady play in the soccer game Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ekberg were Sunday overnight guests of Norma Ekberg.

Monte Mansfield took Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield to Loveland to see Sharon Mehl who is in the hospital. They also visited Bill Mehl and returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Wisdom and family stopped by Tuesday to tell Norma Ekberg good-bye when they were leaving for Costa Rico.

Dave and Deb Smith were card playing guests of Rex and Gwen Shaver Oct. 4.

Jeannie Zuege of Hot Springs, S.D. visited at the Robert Simmons home

Thursday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively spent Thursday evening until Sunday evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bowman and family at Owasso, Okla. They were able to watch Zackery play football.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Klie took Norma Ekberg and Norene Perry out for lunch Thursday. Norma visited Susie Shively later in the afternoon.

Mrs. Larry Allen left last Tuesday to spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mudd and family in Farmington, Minn.

Merry Lu Simmons met Robin Neergaard and Amber Simmons in Fort Morgan Friday. Amber returned home with Merry Lu for a few days.

Betty Boone was a Wednesday visitor of Norma Ekberg. Russell and Jean Moore visited Saturday afternoon.

Boni Osmus spent Monday and Thursday in Yuma with Mr. and Mrs. Perk Salvador.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively attended the funeral of Raymond Beachley in Fort Collins Tuesday.

Jim Fanden of Fort Collins spent the weekend at the Robert Simmons home.

Last Sunday, Oct. 5 Ralph and Cheryl Datema hosted dinner in honor of Charlie Shively's 89th birthday. Others helping him celebrate were Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively, Loahna Brenner and Vincil Shively.

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mended that the hospital supply oxygen when a patient is transferred from the Cheyenne County Hospital to another hospital but is not transferred by ambulance.

At the present time, the hospital cannot supply that type of oxygen and the staff recommends a supplier. However, the administrator said that he will be looking into ways that the hospital could better handle the situation and be safe for the patient.

Administrator's report

In the administrator's report, he said:

- The number of those using the hospital had been up and outpatient numbers were also good.

- The hospital had been able to meet its cash needs since the last board meeting.

- That Terry Miller, county clerk, and a number of other people had worked to get the surveys in and the county was eligible to apply for the Community Development Grant.

- State tax credit donations are still needed to meet the goal of \$300,000 to replace the air conditioning and heating system in the old hospital.

- The recent surge in the number of people using the hospital together with planned and unplanned changes in nursing staff availability, the hospital has been using a traveling nurse but they expect the situation to be resolved sometime in January.

- He would be attending several meetings where he will be working on physician recruitment. There are several doctors who might be interested in coming to the county.

Lines From the Library

By Pat Leibbrandt

The library has the following new books: *Popped* by Carol Higgins Clark; *Blow Fly* by Patricia Cornwell; *Lord John And The Private Matt* by Diana Gabaldon; *Midnight Flight* by V.C. Andrews; *Stone Cold* by Robert Parker; *A Perfect Day* by Richard Paul Evans; *Hello Darkness* by Sandra Brown; *Sisterchicks On The Loose* by Robin Jones Gunn; *Beachers* by John Grisham; *The Note* by Angela Hunt; *The Last Exile* by Charles Durham; *Men To Match My Mountains* by Irving Stone; *What*

OXYGEN

Several surgeons were looking at the hospital including two orthopedic surgeons and a general surgeon. He said that Dr. Pfoff, ophthalmologist, who has come to the hospital for a number of years, had announced that he would no longer be working at the smaller hospitals. The administrator pointed out that the hospital still offers the services of Dr. Uyemura.

In other business

In other business, the board:

- Recommended that the commis-

sioners make the third pay application to Rhoads Construction for work on the hospital renovation. The amount is for \$155,087.

- Discussed additional parking, suggesting that angle parking be arranged on the west side of the hospital. No decision was made.

Next meeting

The next hospital board meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. on Nov. 17 in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

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- Danny Schliitenhardt, county noxious weed supervisor, was approved to go to the district weed meeting.

- Undersheriff Cliff Flock's overtime was approved.

- Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, reported that he will probably be out of gravel before the first of the year. The commissioners agreed that he should look into renting an excavator from Martin Tractor. The supervisor also said that the present time is a good time to excavate gravel as the water level is so low.

- The commissioners briefly discussed mileage of the Silver Haired Legislator, Elmer Kellner but agreed that they could not increase his present mileage as he is not an employee of the county.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commis-

sioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Oct. 31 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse in St. Francis.

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ing at WaKeeney Saturday. In single elimination tournaments, teams which suffer a loss will be out of play.

The semi-final rounds and the championship match will follow the opening rounds.

A first and second place plaque will be presented at the conclusion of the championship match.

The first place team will travel to Hays the following weekend to represent the WaKeeney Sub-state in the 2A State tournament.

Sharon Grollman; *Dromatic Knitting* by Mary Weaver; *Book Of North American Birds*; *Holiday Celebrations Cookbook, 2003*; *Full Speed* by Janet Evanovich.

The following new books have arrived in the children's department: *The Big Red Detective* by Gail Herman; *Cookie Crazy* by Hail Herman; *The Case Of The Shipwrecked Tree* by John R. Erickson; *Minnie and Moo and the Potato From Planet X*; *Why Do Horses Neigh?* by Joan Holub.

Plain Sense

to both physical and emotional health. Here are some suggestions that can be helpful

- * Limit exposure to bad news through the media. Watching events on television related to war has become "addictive" for many people, so make an effort to turn the media off more often.

- * Take good care of yourself; get enough sleep, eat properly, exercise.

- * Don't isolate yourself. Make an effort to spend time with others.

- * Positive actions such as just being nicer, or volunteering time to help others are great stress reducers.

- * Before stress, anxiety and anger become overwhelming, seek professional help.

Contributed Ron Speier, MS, LMLP, LCP, Manager, Hays Outpatient Services

Cheyenne County Forecast for October 22nd - 28th

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
87/49	89/43	63/30	46/28	48/29	50/30	58/32
Normal High	61	Sunrise	8:03 to 8:10am			
Normal Low	33	Sunset	6:49 to 6:57pm			
*Time changes 12am Sunday remember to fall back 1hr.						

Unseasonable warmth will continue through Thursday, and then a cold front Friday will be the gate swinger to cooler more seasonal weather up to Halloween. There is a chance for rain showers mixing with a bit of snow Friday night and early Saturday morning as a storm tracks out of the Rockies. Today's computed storm track pushes most of the moisture along and south of the area Friday night and Saturday then south into Oklahoma and Texas Saturday night and Sunday. Another disturbance from the north Sunday night and Monday will bring a second shot for some rain or snow.

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