

# Burn ban is lifted

By Karen Krien

A wet, heavy snow fell on Sunday and Monday, March 19 and 20, and, with .59 inch moisture, the commissioners agreed to lift the no burn ban in the county.

The ban was established at the Feb. 28 commissioners meeting after a prairie fire burned 23,000 acres near Wray. The area has been extremely dry and the wind has been a problem.

Commissioners Ray Lee and Andy Beikman had met on March 22 to vote on lifting the burn resolution.

The county residents can now burn but are urged to be extremely careful.

Anyone planning a controlled burn is advised to call the light plant in St. Francis and report their intentions. If the report is not made and firemen are called to the scene, whether it is a fire out of control or a neighbor who has seen the flames and smoke, the person starting the fire will be charged for the firemen coming.

# Time to set clocks up

Spring is here and before going to bed Saturday night, people should plan to set their clocks ahead an hour or they might be late to church Sunday morning.

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday. The actual time change is 2 a.m. on Sunday but most people will not be up at that hour and should take care of the clock changes a little earlier. So, if you go to bed at 11 p.m., reset the clock for midnight.

It would also be a good idea to get to bed an hour earlier than usual or you'll end up losing an hour of sack time and it could take the whole week to catch up.

While changing the time, it is a good time to change the batteries in the smoke alarms rather than to wait until there is strange sound like a bird chirping or there is an emergency and the alarm doesn't go off. Firemen suggest that by changing batteries, it could save a life.



'GUYS AND DOLLS' musical was performed Saturday and Sunday. Above, Sky Masterson (Gavin Smull) and Sarah Brown (Ashley Dowgwill) discover they are in love. Right, Miss Adelaide (Talley Morrow) sings at the Hot Box Night Club.



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# Work begins in physical therapy department

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Construction in the physical therapy department of the hospital has begun.

Les Lacy, administrator, told the board at the Thursday Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting that the walls have been framed and the hole for the therapy pool has been prepared for the concrete.

The therapy department is located in the

new basement area of the hospital. Several fundraisers including the "Swing Fore Your Health" golf tournament held each fall have helped with the installation of the therapy pool. Funded Depreciation money will be used to finish the project.

### Generator

The generator which is used in emergencies when the electricity goes off needs re-

placing. For a couple of months, the administrator has been looking into the different generators which might be the best for the facility.

He had talked to Tim Lenz, PEC engineers, the engineer who is working with the hospital's new physical therapy department and ambulance garage, had recommended a single lower cost option for replacement.

The estimate for the smaller generator would be around \$75,000 compared to \$125,000 for a larger generator. This price includes the switches, wiring and other such equipment.

Mr. Lenz pointed out that the hospital has an advantage with the city's generator capability. An upgraded hospital generator

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# Firemen hold open house on Sunday

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The St. Francis Fire Department volunteers will have an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday (weather permitting). The fire trucks and other equipment will be on display.

George Harper, St. Francis Fire Chief, said the firemen will have all

of the equipment out on display and showing them off.

"People can handle the equipment and we will even "bunker" some of the people up if they want," Chief Harper said.

Some of the newer pieces of equipment are the generator and the

light which will light up two football fields. The light is unusual and was purchased with Homeland Security Grant money. It is run by the generator or can run on 110 volts.

The new fire trucks arrived around the first of the year. The three trucks cost \$264,881 with part of the

money, \$184,446 coming from the Community Development Grant and the county paying the remaining \$80,435. Two of the trucks stayed in St. Francis and the other went to Bird City. The new trucks will be on display at the open house.



JAILHOUSESROCK features Zach Gienger as Elvis. The prison band includes (l to r) Dillion Straub, Dylan Peter and Lucas Carmichael

# Program features music students

The St. Francis Grade School music students will present their annual Spring Program at 7 p.m. on Monday. The program, held in the grade school gymnasium, will feature students in grades one through six. They will be under the direction

of Jean Ann Confer.

The first, second and third grade students will present "A Disney Spectacular." Mickey, Minnie and the whole Disney gang will be on hand to help celebrate the last 50 years of Disney's magic.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grade students will present "The Great Music Variety Show." They will sing and act to a wide variety of musical styles including: country, rock and roll, rhythm and blues, Broadway, gospel and much more.

An all-school dress rehearsal will be held at 10:15 a.m. on Monday morning. The public is welcome to attend either the dress rehearsal or the evening program. There is no charge.



GETTING READY for the Art Show was Reagan Beims.

# Oberlin to host League art show

The Northwest Kansas League Art Show has been scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Gateway, located near the junction of U.S. 36 and K-83, Oberlin.

St. Francis art students, kindergarten through 12th grade will be participating.

The show will be open to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 7 to 11 a.m. on Thursday.

The League Art Show was held in St. Francis several years ago and

people from other communities traveled to see the displays.

"We are hoping there will be many people from St. Francis going to see all the student's artwork," said Mary Beikman, St. Francis schools art instructor.

Those who can't make it to Oberlin can drop by the public library to see the elementary and junior high artwork. The high school art will be displayed at Bankwest and First National Bank following the show at Fort Hays State University on April 19.