

# Commissioners look at the 911 options again

The possibility of having 911 and Enhanced 911 options was considered by the Cheyenne County Commissioners when they met on July 17.

Troy Gardner, Cheyenne County Sheriff, said a map company had told him they would write a grant proposal for getting the county 911 and Enhanced 911. All they asked was that their company be considered when it was time to map the county.

The commissioners felt this agreement would be acceptable.

The sheriff needs to replace six radios and presented three bids. Video Kingdom was the accepted bid. The radio cost will be \$435 per radio.

Commissioner Jane Brubaker asked Sheriff Gardner to make sure this is a reliable radio as the Bird City Fire Department and Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Service had problems with this model.

The sheriff checked with a repair company and was told it is a reliable radio. He will order six radios which will be paid for from the 911 Fund.

**Noxious weed department**  
Noxious Weed Supervisor Danny Schlittenhardt attended the meeting at the request of the commissioners. They said they had received complaints that the highways were not being treated for bindweed and asked the supervisor about the situation.

Supervisor Schlittenhardt told the commissioners that the thistle season had gone on longer this year and he was still spraying private properties. He said that the season to treat bindweed is late July into August.

Supervisor Schlittenhardt said he had spoken to the Kansas Department of Transportation officials in Atwood, and they were okay with this timetable.

The supervisor asked for permission to sell some old prairie dog equipment as he had an offer. The commissioners agreed to let him sell the equipment.

Mr. Schlittenhardt also wondered if the commissioners had considered increasing the mileage rate allowed. They said they've thought about it, but no decisions were made.

**Recycling**  
Roger Jensen, member of recycling board, attended the meeting to discuss recycling within Cheyenne County. He had attended a Kansas Department of Health and Environment meeting and updated the commissioners with information he took from the meeting. He offered to help the county landfill write its 5-Year Solid Waste plan when it was time to submit it.

Mr. Jensen noted a large part of space in the landfill is taken up by cardboard from businesses. He asked for any help or support in getting it out.

## St. Francis News

Brian McCumber is visiting his grandparents, Neil and Nancy McCumber. Brian will be here through the fair.

Janice Cowart from Pennsylvania was here visiting her mother, Pearlina Rath, for a week.

ting local businesses to start recycling more of their cardboard. The commissioners understood the problem and will lend any help they can.

The paper mache system for covering landfills was discussed. Gove and Norton counties use this system. Commissioner Andy Beikman had heard discussion about this system at a landfill meeting and it was estimated that this type of covering could extend a landfill life by up to 75 years.

No decisions were made.

**Ambulance service**  
Janelle Bowers, interim ambulance director, submitted June write-offs for signature. The write-offs totaled \$1,021.55.

Mrs. Bowers asked about an IV class in August and said paperwork needed to be in two weeks in advance of a class being taught. Commissioner Brubaker suggested Mrs. Bowers talk to Dr. Miller and get input from her regarding the class and come back to talk to the commissioners on July 24 when they are in session to talk with the auditor.

Mrs. Bowers said she would talk to Dr. Miller.

She told the commissioners that she had received one of the new radios, but it had to be sent back as it had been programmed wrong.

**Courthouse chimney**  
Clerk Terry Miller updated the commissioners regarding the courthouse chimney and what the Kansas State Historical Society had to say.

In talking with the Historical Society, 64 entities put in for state grants and only 17 were funded. The grants are very competitive and must be matching on the county's part.

There is a possibility of using tax credits to fund any courthouse project. The clerk is to receive information in the mail regarding instructions and options. No decisions were made.

**In other business**  
In other business:  
• An employee agreement was signed for Craig Van Allen.  
• After research since the last meeting, the commissioners agreed to pay a warrant to Thomas County for 15th Judicial District Coroner charges.  
• The commissioners allowed Mike Antholz to use a county loader to help the Catholic Church clean up some property the church owns. The commissioners have allowed churches to use county employees and equipment in the past and agreed to allow it in this instance, providing a county employee operates the equipment.

**Special meeting**  
County auditor Jack Eldridge was in St. Francis the week of July 17-July 24 and had asked to meet with the commissioners on Monday morning, July 24, to go over any budget recommendations he may have. That meeting was held as scheduled.

**Next meeting**  
The next regular meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on July 31 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.  
*Editor's note: The above article about the July 17 commissioners' meeting was taken from the clerk's unofficial minutes.*



**KIDS MAKING A CONNECTION COALITION** was awarded \$300 for day care project. Among the day cares receiving \$56 in free play materials was **Jill Bracelin's Tiny Tikes Day Care.**

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Providers receive new play materials

The Kids Making A Connection Coalition was awarded \$300 for a Cheyenne County Day Care project by Smart Start mini-grant proposal in April.

Five out of eight child care provider centers responded to the survey to promote a child's "natural" mode of learning.

The Kids Making A Connection Coalition has purchased appropriate play (work) materials to support and promoted early child education which plays a significant role in helping to develop their interest, motivation and social/information processing skills. Due to the interaction of the

surveys with the five child care centers, each day care has been awarded \$56 in free play materials for the 3 to 5 age groups.

The coalition would like to recognize Gram's Rocking Chair Day Care, Tiny Tikes, Cynthia Henderson Day Care Home, Head Start and Heartland Child Care

Center for participating in the grant project. The day care centers were given a play tent, tanker truck, alphabet block set and a cootie game.

"Remember, play is learning no matter how old you are!" said Susan Roelfs, Kids Making A Connection Coalition coordinator.

# Obituaries

## Herman Frederick Gerard Antholz

Feb. 4, 1953 - July 19, 2006  
Herman Frederick Gerard Antholz, 53, died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at his home outside of McDonald, Kan.

He was born Feb. 4, 1953, in Atwood to Carl and Rita (Pianalto) Antholz. He attended grade school at McDonald Elementary School and Bird City Elementary School. He graduated from McDonald High School in 1971.

On June 2, 1973, he married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Ann Frisbie, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City. The two settled on a family farm outside of McDonald where they lived for 33 years and raised their three children, Shane, Travis and Kelly.

He worked as a farmer and rancher. He loved football as well as hunting and fly fishing with his family and friends.

He served his community through three separate terms on the Cheylin School Board (1981-83, 1993-97 and 1998-2001), and was board president from 1999 to 2001. He also served on the Cheyenne County Conservation Board, The St. Joseph Catholic Church Council and the McDonald Equity Co-op Board.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Rita and Carl, and his sister, Susan Clare.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; three children, Shane and wife, Misten of Portland, Ore., Travis and wife, Amber, and granddaughter, Emerson "Emme" of Lincoln, Neb., and Kelly and husband, Bymer, of

Lincoln; two brothers, Michael of St. Francis and Eric of Riverton, Neb.; eight sisters, Cecilia Cooper of Colby, Kathy Russell and Mary Volk, both of Goodland, Sylvia Hubbard of McDonald, Ann Parcel of Meade, Barbara Murphy of Girard, Lisa Meriens of Merino, Colo., and Joan Grace of Kansas City; and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 22 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Roger Meitl and Father Norbert Diaval officiating.

Casket bearers included James Maroney, Mark Roesener, Ron Johnson, Kent Banister, Dan Hubbard, Robert Alexander, Hal Antholz, Eric Churchwell, Don Marshall and Robert Winter.

Graveside service and interment were held at the Grace Cemetery in McDonald.

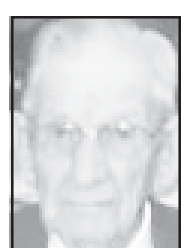
Memorials are suggested in his name to the St. Joseph Catholic Church and Cheyenne County Conservation District - Memorial Fund.

Williams Funeral Home of Atwood was in charge of the arrangements.

## Pete Schlichenmayer

Dec. 25, 1913 - July 15, 2006

Pete Schlichenmayer, age 92, died at Family Health West in Fruita, Colo., on July 15, 2006. He was born Dec. 25, 1913 (the fourth of ten children) to Gottlieb and



Schlichenmayer

Magdalena Schlichenmayer

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Weisshaar Schlichenmayer on the family homestead north of Bethune, Colo.

Pete lived nearly all of his life in Kit Carson County, and what a life it was. Following in the footsteps of his ancestors, Germans from Russia, Pete survived the dark days of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl with strength and determination. As a young man, he farmed the homestead with his father and brothers and later worked the crops in California, getting there by riding the tops of railroad cars. One of his favorite pastimes was performing on a radio station in Greeley, Colo., singing country and western songs that included his favorite, *I Thought I Had the World by the Tail Until I Met You.*

His true calling, however, was auctioneering. He began as an apprentice at age 14 and for the next 69 years worked farm and livestock sales in eastern Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas. The culmination of his auctioneering career came in 2004 when he received a lifetime achievement award from the Kit Carson County Cattlemen's Association, only the second such award ever given. Pete never raised his commission rates and often didn't charge for his services, especially for families who would barely break even on an auction. His charitable work also included serving for many years as auctioneer for 4-H sales at the county fair and St. Charles Catholic Church's annual bazaar in Stratton, Colo.

A true gentleman, Pete was a man of integrity and honesty, who, with a tip of his signature Stetson hat and a firm handshake, made friends and

promises he always kept. A man of kind heart and good humor, he was a loving father, grandfather and husband. With his faith and trust in the Lord, he set an outstanding example for others to follow.

Pete is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jean; sons Larry (Michelle) of Fruita, and Edward (Pam) of Westlake, Ohio; daughter Ree (Michael) Thompson of Aurora, Colo., and adopted daughter Iris (Darrell) Roths of Arapahoe, Colo. His family also includes 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. Also surviving are two brothers, Rudy of Burlington, Colo., and Vernon of Chadron, Neb.

Preceding him in death were his parents, two sisters, five brothers and one granddaughter.

Services were held July 21 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Burlington, Colo., at 10 a.m., with Pastor Bill Viergutz officiating. Internment was held at Claremont Cemetery in Stratton.

Memorials may be made in Pete's name to Trinity Lutheran Church in Burlington, or Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bethune, and can be sent to the Bank of Burlington, 410 14th St., Burlington, CO 80807.

Remembrances may be sent to Jean Schlichenmayer and family, 3203 N. 15th St., Unit 307, Grand Junction, CO 81506. Friends may also go to [www.lovefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lovefuneralhomes.com) to leave a condolence for the family and to sign their register book.

Funeral service arrangements were entrusted to the Love Funeral Home in Burlington.

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## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of City of St. Francis will meet on the 8th day of August, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at 121 North Scott, St Francis, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at the City Office and will be available at this hearing.

### BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2007 Expenditures and Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2007 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2005		2006		Proposed Budget 2007		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Current Year Est of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate *
General	769,854	24.714	815,626	24.999	907,833	182,266	27.754
Library	29,000	3.794	29,800	3.754	31,145	26,270	4.000
Special Highway	105,034				143,544		
Special Parks and Recreation	529		800		3,498		
Equipment Reserve	8,000		65,000		28,589		
Capital Improvements	10,365		10,330		250,000		
Electric & Water Utility	1,418,712		1,520,673		1,749,373		
Refuse Utility	140,108		140,294		153,782		
Sewer Utility	161,993		170,875		187,007		
Theatre Enterprise	73,928		60,285		66,484		
Tourism & Convention			6,000		6,000		
Wireless Utility	66,094						
Sewer Project	529,802						
Totals	3,313,419	28.508	2,959,683	28.753	3,527,255	208,536	31.754
Less: Transfers	461,365		470,000		588,600		
Net Expenditure	2,852,054		2,489,683		2,938,655		
Total Tax Levied	185,074		188,783		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	6,492,296		6,565,963		6,567,250		

	2004	2005	2006
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,			
G.O. Bonds			0
Revenue Bonds			0
Other	0	184,165	443,760
Lease Purchase Principal			0
Total	0	184,165	443,760

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills  
Maggie Rasmussen  
City Official, Title Clerk

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# Haigler

## Bluegrass Breakdown

5th Annual

Sunday, Aug. 6 ~ Noon-6 p.m.

in the Haigler Park @ Haigler, Neb.

**Sons & Brothers of Westcliffe, CO**

**The Woodys of Nashville, Tenn.**

**The McMormore Family of Colby, KS**

**The Bluegrass Shieks of Colorado Front Range**

Presented by HIC with the support of the Nebraska Arts Council

Bring your lawn chairs.

Open Jam session following the music fest.

Meal in the park.

Free-Will Donations.

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