



Readers urged to sign petition

In an effort to tighten homeland security and prevent another 911 catastrophic disaster, federal legislation has been passed in the form of the "Real ID Act." This act creates a new federal identification card which will be issued to all United States citizens replacing existing drivers' licenses.

To implement and process this Act, one proposed option is to create regional centers that will replace existing drivers' license offices managed by county treasurers.

Dolores Jenik, Cheyenne County Treasurer, sees this move as a hardship to senior citizens, disabled drivers and the working class. All will have to take time off and travel out of county to a regional center miles away to apply for their federal identification card.

In an effort to retain drivers' license renewals in the county treasurer's office, a petition is being circulated requesting signatures.

"If you would like to continue to renew your drivers' license in the Cheyenne County Treasurer's office as opposed to a regional center, stop by the treasurer's office and sign the petition," Mrs. Jenik said.

"Hopefully a large number of signatures will convince state and federal officials to continue service as is and not move this service to a regional center."



TAKE HER HOME!! Skye Howard, Arapahoe, Colo., took the barrels in record time at the Gage Roesener Memorial held Sunday in St. Francis. However, she knocked a barrel over and added 5 seconds to her run.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick

Final papers signed for application

By Karen Krien

The application for grant funds to purchase equipment, animals and working capital for the dairy project was approved when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Friday. The grant will be considered as a loan.

Randy Hrabe, executive director of Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, Hill City, along with Ned Smith and Cathy Domsch, presented the final papers including having the com-

missioners approve the signing of a resolution which stated that the commissioners could not use the facility for official meetings.

The basic Community Development Block Grant for which the grant application is being made is for \$665,000. The dairy project, located southeast of Bird City, is estimated to cost \$9.1 million. Besides the grant, the McCarty family, Century II, Amarillo National Bank and Farm Credit of Western Kansas and

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After school event planned for kids

An after-school program will start on Oct. 12 in conjunction with the annual Lights On After School event. This will be sponsored by K-State Research and Extension Cheyenne County.

After this, the program will be held every Thursday from after school until 5:10 p.m. on full school days.

Youth grades first through fourth will meet at the grade school cafe-

teria where there will be a healthy snack available along with an activity for the day.

"This will provide kids a good place to be after school until parents get off work," said Tye Faulkender, Extension director.

In anyone would like to volunteer to help or for more information, please call the Extension office at 785-332-3171.

Director of nurses talks to the board

By Karen Krien

The director of nurses told the Cheyenne County Hospital Board about what was going on in her department when the board met on Thursday, Sept. 28.

Director Tenille Lee reported, due to recent staff changes, the hospital now has seven registered nurses and five licensed practical nurses working in the facility. When asked, she said the hospital is very competent in handling the nursing load including

the emergency room. She said there is also a high school nurses aide who is continuing to work at the hospital as a co-op student.

Mrs. Lee said the hospital has five heart monitors and six portable monitors. In the future, the staff is hoping to have patient lifts in each of the new hospital rooms.

Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, and Les Lacy, hospital administrator, told the board they were very satisfied with the job

Mrs. Lee is doing.

"She has a good manner in how she approaches the job," Mrs. John said.

Administrator's report

Administrator Lacy, in his report, said September had been a busy month at the hospital. The new ambulance entrance had gone into service on Sept. 1 and was used within an hour after opening. The front steps, ramp and pad was finished on Thursday.

Ryan Murray is now in lab school

and Kary Meyer has finished and passed the exams, giving her a Medical Laboratory Technician. Darrel Reed and Warren Harkness, with board's monetary support, are taking ultrasound education. They will each have a pay back to the board of five years.

Erika Lehman has taken the position as manager in the St. Francis Clinic and will begin on Oct. 9.

Eddie Lauer had requested putting

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Caught in the act!



Cleaning toilets was one of the job duties for Rod Lampe, left, and Mike Day. They were among the volunteers for the Roadside Park cleanup held Saturday.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Volunteers meet at park to clean up

By Casey McCormick

The roadside park in St. Francis received a face lift on Saturday, thanks to a large group of volunteers. The largest number of workers were area students.

Roger Jensen, a city council member, along with several other council members worked with the volunteers.

"It is wonderful to get area youth involved, it gives them a sense of ownership," Mr. Jensen said.

The park was built by the state in 1967. It was given to the city to maintain.

"Many travelers along U.S.36 appreciate having a clean and attractive place to stop along the way," Mr. Jensen said.

Mr. Jensen and Carla Lampe, representing the city council, went to the high school to tell the students about the workday. Principal Scott "Hoagie" Carmichael

talked on their behalf.

"Hoagie gave a great, pep talk," Mr. Jensen said.

The students who got involved were Nathan Ketzner, Keaton Frewen, Emily Mullins, BreAna Zwegardt, Kaycee Williams, Lauren Zwegardt, Taylor Spike, B.J. Killingsworth, Jacob Riedel, Gavin Smull, Kim Voeller, Chance Hobrock, Matt Whitmore and Jaycee Walz.

Several business men and other adults offered their time and services to help at the park including Carol Redding, John Finley, Janet Jensen, Donna Northrup, Dale Weeks, Rod Lampe, Mike Day, Marlin Burr and Mary Walz.

"I would encourage both young and old to get involved in community projects," Mr. Jensen said. "Please feel free to contact any city council member with your ideas."



PARTICIPATING IN CANCER Awareness event with runner Christian McEvoy, left, were St. Francis students: (l to r) Jonathan Hilty, Cara Hunt, Brady Frewen, B.J. Killingsworth, Zach Mills, Jacob Riedel and Cody Killingsworth. Photo courtesy of Kristen Coleman

Runner and crew spend time in St. Francis

By Karen Krien

Runner, Christian McEvoy arrived in St. Francis on Wednesday marking almost halfway of his 3,500 mile run across the United States. Mr. McEvoy is running to raise the awareness and needed funds for cancer survivorship programs.

On Thursday, he visited with the St. Francis junior-senior high school students. He talked to them while they ate lunch and later in the after-

noon.

He told the students about his friend's mother who had died with cancer in April. He couldn't do anything to help her but, determined to make a difference, he decided that he would not only raise the awareness of cancer survivors but also raise money to help fight the disease.

Mr. McEvoy was an English teacher in Connecticut. Both Mr. McEvoy and his friend Mathew Pierson, also a teacher, quit their

jobs to go on the run. They enlisted the help of Kristen Coleman and Leslie Estelle who are filmers and do the public relations work. While Mr. McEvoy is the runner, he says he could not do this journey without the help of his three co-workers.

Ms. Estelle, a television major, said she also quit her job to go with the cancer run.

"One of the things this run is all about is the people," she said.

She went on to say the stories they

have heard from cancer survivors or those who have known cancer patients and/or survivors are touching and often heart-wrenching.

"I have learned what is to be a cancer survivor," she said.

Along the way, Mr. McEvoy challenges junior-senior high school students to join in the run with the team. Students as well as adults were encouraged to run. For \$25, students would receive a book

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