

County renews insurance plan with Blue Cross-Blue Shield

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the county has to pay them and then recover the cost. Frankenfeld said the expense can be put on the county tax rolls as a way to be collected.

West said he had a recent audit with Bob Buhler from the Colby office of the Kansas Department of Agriculture Plant Protection and Weed Control. Buhler couldn't find anything that he was doing wrong West said.

Charles Krull from Kansas Blue Cross-Blue Shield came to talk to the commission about renewing the county's health insurance. He went over their current plan, which is partially self-funded.

Krull said the county pays for medical expenses under \$10,000 and Blue Cross starts paying after that on any

contract.

He said the benefits are shared pay, so benefits are all covered at 50 percent and there is no deductible. There is a \$2 million maximum per person.

Krull said last year on the county's plan, a single policy cost \$166 and a family policy cost \$374 a month. He said this year a single policy would cost \$158 and a family policy would be \$353, which would be a 3.5 percent decrease.

Krull said in the county's group, the largest decrease was in hospital charges, while the biggest increase was in prescription drugs.

"The benefit plan is an excellent plan," Krull said. "The nicest thing about your plan is the person who has a cost of \$100 will still benefit."

A motion to renew the health insurance plan carried.

American Family Life Assurance Co. representatives Kelley Milliken, Brad Shoemaker and Jody Wilson met with the commissioners to see if they would be interested in a supplemental insurance plan for county employees.

Shoemaker said what they do is work with voluntary employee benefits, so the county doesn't pay anything.

The employees would pay for additional benefits with a wide range of choices. Some of those benefits would be long-term care, cancer, disability, accident and intensive care coverage.

The commissioners tabled the matter to discuss it further.

The commission will meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday in the commissioner's room on the first floor of the courthouse.

Junior high students make honor roll

This is a list of the students from Grant Junior High School who were named to the honor roll for the second quarter and the first semester of school.

Second Quarter Supreme Honor Roll Seventh Grade

May Davis, Jordan Frazier, Brandon Hatfield, Justeen Koehler, Brett Lalicker, Courtney Ragatz, Kali Rietchek, Matthew Rohr, David Sprecker, Melissa Swager, Lisha Tedford, Morgan Titus and Janelle Wolak.

Eighth Grade

Erinn Abernathy, Jody Armstrong, Richard Bauman, Anthony Benavides, Kelsey Leiker, Craig Mason, Derrick Raymer and Drew Wilkens.

Principal's Honor Roll Seventh Grade

Heath Chatfield, Josh Colby, Katrina Cotter, Wyatt Dautel, Aaron Duell, Chelsea Gray, Andrea Grieve, Jase Herl, Jeremy Hoffman, Nick Howard, Kaitlin Lee, Julie Leiker, Josh Mills, Bryant Nemechek, Chelsea Ontiveroz, Samantha Philbrick, Lacey Ridder, Jared Robinson, Tatum Schultz, Mark Starr, Megan Stefan, Briana Taylor and Brandon Zelfer.

Eighth Grade

Ciara Abbey, Daniel Blake, Emily

Burkett, Whitney Carmichael, Amy Cebula, Gami Cloyd, Dexter Deeds, Katrina Hurst, Jacob Johnson, Shannon Johnson, David Livengood, Brock Lohr, Claudia Lopez, Ana McClung, Jenna McGinley, Abby Murray, Shannon Showalter, Mary Wieler, Aubrea Winter and Lane Winter.

Honorable Mention Seventh Grade

Derek Fenner, Abby Martin, Joe Oss, Daniel Schields, Lance Siruta, Jedediah Snethen, Sara Studer, Brandon Tatman and Tiffany Thomas.

Eighth Grade

Bailee Guyer, Joe Kaup, Megan Marrs, Jeff Moore and Megan Sheldon.

First Semester Supreme Honor Roll Seventh Grade

May Davis, Jordan Frazier, Brandon Hatfield, Justeen Koehler, Brett Lalicker, Julie Leiker, Courtney Ragatz, Kali Rietchek, Matthew Rohr, David Sprecker, Melissa Swager, Lisha Tedford, Morgan Titus and Janelle Wolak.

Eighth Grade

Richard Bauman, Anthony Benavides, Katrina Hurst, Craig Mason, Derrick Raymer and Drew Wilkens.

Principal's Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

Chris Baumfalk, Josh Colby, Katrina Cotter, Wyatt Dautel, Aaron Duell, Chelsea Gray, Jase Herl, Jeremy Hoffman, Nick Howard, Samantha Lamb, Kaitlin Lee, Abby Martin, Josh Mills, Jory Nelaimischkies, Bryant Nemechek, Chelsea Ontiveroz, Samantha Philbrick, Lacey Ridder, Jared Robinson, Daniel Schields, Tatum Schultz, Mark Starr, Megan Stefan, Brandon Tatman, Briana Taylor and Brandon Zelfer.

Eighth Grade

Erinn Abernathy, Jody Armstrong, Daniel Blake, Emily Burkett, Whitney Carmichael, Amy Cebula, Gami Cloyd, Dexter Deeds, Jacob Johnson, Shannon Johnson, Kelsey Leiker, David Livengood, Claudia Lopez, Jenna McGinley, Abby Murray, Shannon Showalter, Aubrea Winter and Lane Winter.

Honorable Mention Seventh Grade

Haley Davis, Savannah Eisenbart, Alicia Felver, Derek Fenner, Andrea Grieve, Joe Oss, Jody Roane, Lance Siruta, Miranda Smith, Jedediah Snethen, Sara Studer, Tiffany Thomas and Julian Walls.

Eighth Grade

Ciara Abbey, Bailee Guyer, Joe Kaup, Brock Lohr, Ana McClung, Michael Schields, Megan Sheldon, Mary Wieler and Ashley Wing.

Magic-Lantern show to be Saturday

The Magic-Lantern Theatre will present a performance at 7:30 p.m., Central Time, on Saturday in the St. Francis High School auditorium that will recreate a Victorian Valentine magic show.

Brought to St. Francis by the Western Plains Arts Association, admission will be by either using arts association passes or buying tickets at the door.

There will be two patriotic school performances on Friday—one at 10 a.m. in the Goodland High School auditorium for grades three through

five and the other at 2 p.m., Central Time, in the St. Francis High School.

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And, instead of canned special effects, audience participation sparks the mood of fast-paced fun with people blowing on horns, banging on tambourines and joining in sing-alongs.

Citizens complain about big-rig parking

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tions. He said officers get complaints about motor homes, campers, trailers and recreational vehicles taking up street space, but the current ordinances don't deal with those vehicles.

"We're getting the whole gamut," he said.

Pickman said the majority of the complaints he receives are about some-

one parking their trailer in front of another person's property.

Mayor Chuck Lutters, chairman of the commission, said the city's worst parking problem is on Cherry Street, in front of the high school, where students' cars block drive-ways.

After more than 40 minutes of discussion, commissioner Jim Mull said the commission was wasting time and

suggested they put the issue off until March.

"We've got a lot worse problems," he said, "than parking RVs on the street."

Commissioners said they didn't know if they could find a solution that would please everyone.

"Whatever you do," Warren said, "it's going to make someone unhappy."

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