



Sears home will be a highlight of Cheyenne County Trail Ride.

Gym sells for \$50,000

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intendent Marvin Selby said, it received over 7,000 hits. At the time, Selby said, the district was considering renewing the listing for another three months.

Selby said the district should realize over \$40,000 from the sale after a \$1,500 fee to Dave Rose of Salina, who listed the building on eBay, for the successful sale of the

Woman spends night in wrecked car

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About 50 yards after passing over a small bridge, her car left the road, traveled across a field and into a ravine about 350 yards away. The ravine, which runs east-west, was about 12 feet deep and full of weeds.

Because of the depth of the ravine, the vegetation, the distance from the road and the fact the accident happened at night, it was impossible to see the car from either of the roads. The car ended up partly imbedded in the south side bank.

Studer, along with state Troopers Rich Hageman and Bryon Wilson, responded to the call. Goodland ambulance personnel arrived on the scene about 10:40 a.m. and took Miller to the emergency room at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

About 30 minutes after the ambulance left, a wrecker from Alex's Radiator and Repair arrived to remove the car.

Dale Shields, human resources director at the hospital, said Tuesday afternoon Miller was in stable condition before she was transferred to Hays. She is in room 234 at Hays Medical Center.

Miller is a former editor of the *Bird City Times*.

Council plans annual meeting

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give the members an idea what the website might look like and how information can be found.

Newell said the next website committee meeting will focus on preparing a request for bids.

In other business, the board:

- Voted to allow Carolyn Applegate, the economic development director, to attend the Geographical Informations Systems for Economic Development course at Colby Community College. The council will pay for tuition and the book while Applegate pays for a computer jump drive< huh??> that is needed.

- Heard from Goodland real estate agent Tom Harrison, who said that the market for homes here was up.

Cheyenne trail ride planned for Sunday

The 14th annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set for 2 p.m. Sunday northwest of St. Francis, starting at the Faylor Red Angus Ranch and passing by a his-

torical point of interest.

"We will be riding by a house that was purchased from Sears and Roebuck by Archie Palmer in 1927," said Gary Cooper, one of the coor-

Sears home to be highlight

By Margaret Butholtz

At the end of World War I, skilled labor and lumber were needed to build homes, not only for the soldiers coming back from the war but there was also a steady stream of immigrants coming through Ellis Island. In 1918 analysts estimated that one to two million homes were needed immediately and the homes needed to be modestly priced.

At that time Sears and Roebuck had already been working with the wave of foreigners by advertising "Write your order in any language" as the company had translators to read and write in all languages. It was no wonder they started putting the "Modern Homes" in their catalogs. Not only could people order anything from clothing to household goods, but they could also order their own house.

Pre-cut lumber in the house kits made skilled carpentry unnecessary and solved the problem of lumber shortages. They offered 90 different house designs, as well as plans for chicken houses, outhouses and garages. The kits were shipped by rail car and a typical house could fit into

two boxcars. It would take about six weeks to assemble the house. Every piece of framing lumber for a Sears house was numbered at the factory for assembly at the construction site.

Sears had began offering mortgage loans in 1911. All the person needed was to pick out their home and apply for the loan. The easy payment plan was a plus but even better was the fact the application only had the person answer a few questions. There was only one financial question and that was "What is your vocation?"

Archie Palmer one of Cheyenne County's residents, ordered a Sears home in 1927. It was shipped to Haigler on the train and it cost around \$1,800. Palmer and his family assembled the house and lived at Haigler until about 1937. They decided they wanted to live in the country so they moved their home.

The Cheyenne County Trail Ride to be held Sunday, will be riding by this old house.

"It should be a rare treat for people to view," said Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators of the trail ride.



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