

Weather perfect for riders in Cheyenne Trail Ride

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The weather was perfect for the 14th annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride, which was held southwest of St. Francis on the Douthit Ranch. Riders were able to enjoy the autumn colors of the trees along the Republican River bottom.

Sunday morning, Oct. 9, had been a little chilly and, shortly after the horses were loaded following the 2.5-hour ride, it began to sprinkle as a cold front moved into northwest Kansas. There were 59 riders, a few less than in year's past. Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators of the ride, reported he was happy with the number of riders and blamed part of the low attendance on the cost of gas. "Another reason for the low attendance was the earlier weather forecast which called for rain,"

Cooper said. "However, it wasn't too hot and it wasn't too cold — it was a nice, nice day for a trail ride. "I was a little worried because there was a place in the river where horses would need to cross but there were no problems," Cooper said. "Everyone seemed to have a good time and several people had stopped by on Monday to tell me how much they had enjoyed the ride." Linda Elfers, St. Francis, one of the riders, said it was one of the best rides she had been on, and she thoroughly enjoyed it. Sharon Olofson, coordinator and organizer of the St. Jude Children's Hospital collection, reported a little over \$350 was donated. This year's ride had been dedicated to Thad Douthit who died in August. Mary Lou Douthit had donated a sizeable amount in her husband's name noting that Douthit would have enjoyed seeing the kids

and adults enjoying riding on his land. Halfway through the ride, members of the Cheyenne County Historical Society provided refreshments. "It was delightful," Olofson said. "It gave us time to regroup and refresh." The next Cheyenne County Trail Ride will tentatively be held the second weekend in October but next year, the ride will be in the hills instead of the river bottom. Coordinators for this year's trail ride were Cooper, Olofson, Martin Hilt and Gail Yonkey. Jamie Nemecheck, 6, (right) daughter of Jerry and Penny Nemecheck of Goodland was one of the riders in the Annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride. Photo by Karen Krien The St. Francis Herald



County will not finance new baler, courthouse repairs, new bridge

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ing in as well. Rasure said the income is about \$415,000 each year. Tiede and Thomas said it would be better to handle the costs without financing. Rasure suggested holding off until the end of the year to see where the fund balances are. "We will have more money coming in by then," Thomas said. Rasure asked about the courthouse repairs and the bridge. He said the proposal was to use four-

year notes at 4 percent interest, and sell them to the local banks. He said it might be better to wait on a bond issue until they knew what was going to happen on the proposed city-county road project. Thomas said they might look at another bond issue when they decide what to do about the law enforcement "complex" that started out as a storage building. "I don't think we are ready to go overboard on a law enforcement center," Tiede said. "We have paid for the courthouse

and bridge," Rasure said. "We could reimburse road and bridge and go on without doing any financing." The commissioners agreed to reimburse the road and bridge fund for the match on the new bridge. In other business, the commissioners: • Clarified the minutes from Oct. 18, when it was said the county would not be grading County Road 17. Rasure said what Public Works Manager Curt Way meant was that someone other than the county had been grading the road and taking

gravel off. Way said he did not want the county to grade the road until the issue was resolved. Rasure said someone had read the minutes on the county web site and asked a question. Way said he had told his crews to make sure Road 17 was on the list to be graded, and that it had not been his intention to say it would never be graded again. • Tiede reported that Mike Miller of Miller Construction, who owns the building where the Sherman County Health Department has its office, had fixed the doors so they were more accessible, and that things seemed to be better. He said

department employees asked about having a sidewalk put in to tie the handicap parking in with the main sidewalk. Tiede said this is the year the building is supposed to be painted, but the staff had already done the interior and asked if this could be traded for putting in the sidewalk. Tiede said Miller was agreeable, but wanted something in writing. The commissioners agreed, and a document will be drafted for his signature. • Approved the contract with the city library to allow Sherman County residents to use the library. The county pays \$15,000 a year for the service.

• Approved memos about holidays for next year and requesting employee evaluations. The commissioners are trying to do the evaluations and salary decisions on time this year. • Went into close session with Way for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel issue. No action was taken. • Approved mid-month bills for \$138,411. The next meeting will be 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the commission room on the first floor of the courthouse. Agenda items and minutes are available on the county web site at www.Sherman.kansas.gov.com.

Library searched for robbery suspect

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"and asked about the armed robbery. The detective said they had a good photo of the robbery suspect, but did not know who he was. "I asked them to send me the photo. My deputies and I identified the man in the Pueblo photo as Maldonado, and sent them a booking photo we had of him and his information. "I didn't hear from them, but then heard he was in town. We got the warrant from Pueblo and found we

had two local warrants out on him. "We went to his girlfriend's home at No. 15 D'Lao Apartments, but the neighbors said they had seen two people drive away in a green car. "Police officers found the girlfriend parked outside the library and thought he might be in the library. "She told the officers that he was at her place and gave us permission and a key to search the apartment. Maldonado was found hiding under a blanket in a child's bedroom and was arrested without any trouble."

Butts said Maldonado was wanted on a bench warrant from Goodland municipal court for failure to appear on a theft charge, and there was a warrant from Sherman County District Court with a bond of \$75,000 for criminal damage, possession of pseudoephedrin, drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct. "He is in the Bastille," Butts said, "and will stay here until the Kansas charges are satisfied. Then there will be an extradition hearing to send him to Pueblo County."

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