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Breaking story ...

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but too early to hold for the next one



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Kirk Knox bequeaths nearly \$1.6 million to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter



Seated: Lois Mottonen (left) and Holly Hansen of the Animal Shelter Board with check. Behind are other Board Members and Cheyenne Animal Shelter staff

Few afternoons in recent memory have been as joyful in the local Animal Shelter as the one earlier this day.

With few media representatives in attendance to record or chronicle the historic generosity, the Personal Representative of the Kirk Knox Estate, Lois Mottonen, made a startling announcement and presentation. After a brief recitation of the life and career of Kirk Knox, Lois introduced the Estate's attorney and Kirk's personal financial adviser.

Then she made the shocking announcement.

She had a check in the amount of \$1,590,220.00 to present to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter from the Kirk Knox Estate. That presentation to Board representative Holly Hansen was accepted with tears and joy.

Donations and bequests in this amount are rare in Cheyenne. It is the single most generous one in many people's memories. Kirk Knox, longtime reporter and columnist for the Wyoming Tribune-Eagle, had few passions in life. Animals were one and the Cheyenne Animal Shelter was the beneficiary today. One million five hundred ninety thousand two hundred twenty dollars.