Hospital will not receive

Community Tax Credit

By Karen Krien

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Board were told that the Community

Service Tax Credit application had

been denied. Had the application been

approved, the hospital kitchen would

have been remodeled and there would

have been six patient lifts purchased

Since both projects are important

for the hospital, the board and Les

Lacy, administrator, turned to figur-

ing out how these projects could be

completed. Another project equally

important is the completion of the la-

Administrator Lacy said that it is

just a matter of time before the kitchen

is declared to be out of compliance by

inspectors. Jackie John, area director

of Great Plains Health Alliance, the

company which leases the hospital, told how inspectors had been with

some of the other hospitals she over-

The hospital has been funding their

depreciation expense and so has

money available for these kinds of

projects and a limited amount of

emergency repairs. The board also

has a reserve fund and money that is

held in uncommitted status for sup-

port of the hospital. Most importantly,

people have also given memorial

A complete remodeling needs to be

done in the kitchen. The appliances

are old and the freezer leaks. It is

poorly arranged and the dining area

is too small. Moving a wall, putting

up cabinets and rearranging appli-

ances could lead to problems so Mr.

Lacy recommended hiring Kent

Carmichael, the architect who has

engineered the last two projects. He

already has experience with the build-

ing and has been good to work with.

tor to pursue bids on the remodeling

of the kitchen with Mr. Carmichael

and come back with a report. Mr.

Lacy said that October is the time

when the inspectors generally arrive

and, if he could show that plans are

being made for the remodeling, that

Free

would help satisfy them.

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The board directed the administra-

funds to help with such projects.

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bor/deliver room.

sees

The Cheyenne County Hospital



PRISCILLA GRICE HELPS to set up one of the new hospital beds.

Hospital gets 14 new beds

By Karen Krien

karenk@nwkansas.com Wednesday morning, a semi truck arrived at the Cheyenne County Hospital loaded with 14 new hospital beds, mattresses, over-bed tables, side cabinets and new visitor

New books at the McDonald Li-

brary include: McKettrick's Luck by

Linda Lael Miller; McKettrick's

Heart by Linda Lael Miller: Inno-

cent In Death by Nora Roberts;

Whitehorn Woods by Malve

Binchy; *The South Beach Diet* by

Arthur Agatson; *To Live Again* by

Catherine Marshal; *Laced* by Carol

Higgins Clark; The Marriage Game

Sunrise, Number One by Karen

Kingsburg; *Born In Death* by Nora

Roberts; Back On Blossom Street by

Debbie Macomber; Sweet Home Danielle Steel.

by Fern Michaels;

seating for the patient rooms.

The hospital staff was helping with setting the furniture up, wiping it down and getting it into the rooms.

"I was really impressed and proud of the staff and the way they worked livery suite. together to make things happen

Carolina by Patricia Rice; Simple

Genius by David Baldacci; The

Woods by Harlan Coben; Body Surf-

ing by Anita Shreve; The Blue Zone

by Andrew Gross; Invisible Prey by

John Sandford; The Last Days by

Joel C. Rosenburg; The Sabterus by

W.E.B. Griffin; *Polar Shift* by Clive

Murder On The Run by Mary

Higgins Clark; The Prince by Will-

iam Simpson; The Quickie by James

Patterson; Double Take by

Katherine Coulter; Bungalow 2 by

quickly," Les Lacy, hospital administrator, said.

Tenille Lee, director of nursing, said the new furniture also included a sleeper chair for the labor and de-

"The staff was really pleased with the new furniture — the new updated look is nice," she said, adding that patients have also been enjoy-

The old beds were old!

Most of them had been purchased in the early 1970s. The cabinets and bed tables had been bought in 1988. In the late 1990s, the Hospital Guild purchased three new beds and Mrs. Lee said that two of those beds have been kept for emergencies. She also noted that the bed in the hospice room had been purchased recently and a new bed for the obstetric suite was only a year old.

The beds are made by Hill-Rom and have more positioning options. One has a patient monitor system and a scale. The beds and furniture cost around \$72,000 and the money was taken out of the hospital's op-

recommended getting all the lifts at lar to Dr. Miller. the same time to get a better deal. He said that the hospital does have mobile lifts but after a lift is used in one be used again.

By having the lifts in each room, it will cut down on workman compensation expenses and improve the hospital's ability to recruit and retain staff. It might also help keep injuries $down\, and\, keep\, the\, employees\, on\, the$

The lifts, with a discount, will cost \$41,182. There is sufficient money for this purchase in the Memorial Fund. The board agreed this purchase would be a good way to spend some of the Memorial money.

The central component of the labor and delivery room remodeling will cost in excess of \$10,000. Mr. Lacy reported that this created a situation that the entire project will need to be bid out. Dr. Rebecca Allard, M.D. will formally begin her family practice here on Aug. 6 and will bring mation will be available in the near obsetertics to the practice as well as future.

As for the patient lifts, Mr. Lacy an array of family practice skills simi-

Mr. Lacy said the new hospital beds and room furniture had arrived.

Equipment needed is a system to room, it has to be cleaned before it can store digital X-rays and an ultra sound machine were discussed. The board discussed purchase of the equipment but came to the agreement that, when the time comes to proceed, they would like to see a lease agreement opportunity for local banks. Before any purchase is made, a special board meeting will be held.

In other business

In other business:

• JoAnn Klie, employee, gave a report on what is happening in the Risk Management area.

• The Memorial Garden is being completed. Some cement has been poured between the transformer and transfer switches. Then there will be some grading done and the grass in-

 The hospital will soon be taking over the Lifeline services. More infor-

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Kathy and Debbie Banister went with the CYO youth group on a trip to South Dakota Sunday. They will see The Passion of Christ and return home Tuesday. Linda Dewey was a weekend

guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey. On Sunday afternoon, Linda and Ellen attended the baby shower for Heather Prideaux in Atwood. Then they attended Shantel Leitner's vocal concert.

Saturday evening and supper guests of Lynn and Rita Officer were Barney and Barbara Demicell of Canyon City, Colo., and Ratha

Band (4-12)=\$10

Bethel Goltl spent most of last

week in Haviland visiting the Waters family returning home Friday.

Margie Hubbard. George and Kathy Banister enjoyed supper with Amelia Banister, Karlyne Atchison, and Kent Banis-

were weekend guests of Dan and

Roy and Jnel Hubbard of Lincoln

ter at 2 Lees Wednesday evening. Kathy and Debbie Banister were Thursday dinner guests of Karlyne Atchison, Amelia Banister, and Art

Ote and Ellen Dewey attended the

surprise birthday open house for Betty Binning at the Atwood Country Club Saturday morning.

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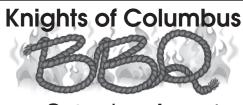
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