



DENNIS BURKE, long time resident of the Atwood Housing Project, attends Donna Johnson's retirement party. His mother, Agnes Burke, was also there.
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Veterans to receive gifts

Cheyenne County residents may want to share a Christmas gift with a veteran and this is possible.

Veterans Day is a special day for America and Americans. A special way to celebrate the day is to share a Christmas gift for a veteran or members of their family. This comes early because of the early mailings for these gifts. Not only do you have a chance to salute the men and women in the U. S. military who are risking their lives but you can remember them with a Christmas gift.

Gifts from this area go to the Colmery O'Neal Hospital in Topeka where the patients are able to choose gifts for their family members with the help of volunteers. This is a very

special time of year for both the patient and volunteer with mixed emotions of joy and tears.

"We are asking that anyone in the county who can share a gift, especially a teenage gift, to do so and you will be appreciated and loved as well as blessed for your generosity," said Hulda Dorsch, Bird City American Legion Auxiliary member. "Please extend your Christmas gift list to

include a gift for a veteran who may be struggling with devastating physical wounds, lasting emotional scars, or just a healing time which is being provided for a short or long term."

All gifts, cash gifts welcome, must be in by Monday, Nov. 12 at the American Legion Hall in Bird City where the Auxiliary will pack and mail them.

Club Clip

American Legion

The American Legion met on Friday, Nov. 2. There were 10 members present.

For the roll call, they each shared recipes for Thanksgiving, or some serving utensil that they enjoyed using during the holidays. This was really interesting with lots of good ideas for the coming holiday meals.

At 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, members will pack gifts for the Veterans Hospital, Culmery-O'Neil Hospital in Topeka. These gifts have to be mailed early this year. Bring gifts to the Legion Hall and have them marked as to age group and price that was paid—or the original price before mark down, can also send Cookies that are individually wrapped can also be sent. If you can help, please be there by 10 a.m.

Members will be selling tickets at bingo this Saturday night and on other bingo nights for the beautiful afghan from the American Legion Auxiliary. These tickets will sell for \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. The name will be drawn when at the Christmas Dinner at noon on Dec 7.

Wanda Dowdy brought an article about the History of Veteran's Day. This was really interesting and had some information that members never

Board discusses how to make improvements

By Karen Krien

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Needed improvements at the hospital and how to fund those improvements was on the agenda at the Thursday, Oct. 29, Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting. More information is needed before any decisions can be made.

The board and administration had four areas of improvements they would like to see made in the future. Most pressing is the delivery room; next on the list is the remodeling of the hospital's kitchen and dining area. In the future, new cardiac monitors will be needed and, lastly is making a parking lot on the east end of the hospital grounds.

Delivery room

Shawna Blanka, administrative assistant, reported on the delivery room. She said the delivery room consists of combining two rooms into one. The project came in way over budget at \$207,000. The big cost is the separate heating and cooling unit. She said that when there is a lot of activity in the delivery room, the temperatures need to be cool, but as soon as the baby is delivered, the heat needs to come up quickly.

The project needs to be rebid but that will take time. In the meantime, Dr. Rebecca Allard already has 10 expectant mothers with babies due to start coming in February. The administration is working on solving the issues. The board said, if the price can be brought below \$150,000, Mr. Lacy should take it as it is important to get the project completed as soon as possible.

Kitchen

Remodeling the kitchen has been on the board's agenda for several months. State inspectors reported that the kitchen was very clean and safe but, it doesn't meet the codes. Because remodeling plans are underway, the inspector was satisfied that code issues will be fixed.

Much of the kitchen is the same as when the hospital was built in the 1950s. There is poor traffic flow for kitchen staff as well as employees who eat there. The cupboards and floor needs replaced; the dining area needs to be larger and there needs to be a separate area for the kitchen office.

Three plans had been drawn up. One would barely meet the needs for now but, in the future, there would need to be more remodeling;

the second would work well for the kitchen staff but the traffic flow was still not good; the third plan, which was more of a long-term, permanent fix, completely takes care of the flow of people and enlarges the dining area, which will take a part of the medical records office.

It was pointed out that, with new electronic medical records, space is less of an issue but it remains an important one. Still taking part of that office would work out by shifting room use. In all plans, the kitchen office would be established in the old chapel.

The cost of a long-term permanent fix for the kitchen would be anywhere from \$150,000 to \$200,000. They also talked about having much of the work done by the maintenance crew.

More information was needed but it will be back on the agenda at the November meeting.

Cardiac monitors

The cardiac monitors, which the hospital is now using, are serviceable but they are over 10 years old.

"We can still get them repaired but it is something that we need to be looking at," Administrator Lacy said.

Parking

There is a need for more parking around the hospital. There are also some issues with the east side of the hospital that will be taken care of when the parking lot is put in. But, for now, parking is on the bottom of the board's "needs" list.

The board talked about applying for more tax credit dollars as well as trying to get United States Department of Agriculture grants and loans that are low interest. No decisions were made.

Strategic plan

The hospital's strategic plan was updated in October. It was noted that one of the goals is to increase the market share or the number of people coming to the hospital. The key to bring numbers higher is to focus on good customer services. The hospital has added specialty physicians in psychiatry, dermatology and orthopedics to the services. They are currently looking for urology and ear, nose and throat doctors to come to the hospital.

Financially, the members plan to build board reserves to \$600,000 by December 2011. Since 1996, the hospital has been able to build reserves on a decreased amount of

local tax dollars. However, due to the impact of inflation and the need to establish new provider practices, as well as handling the load of county health and obstetrics, it may be necessary to re-evaluate what the hospital needs.

Funded depreciation has been stable in the \$600,000 range for several years and will fall slightly this year, said Mr. Lacy.

The plan calls for establishing or use an established foundation to provide for the hospital's future capital needs. They would like to accumulate \$500,000 for the hospital's needs by December 2011.

The hospital failed a tax credit application this year but will be approaching this issue next year.

In other business

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- Cristy Tygart and Dee Wilson met with the board to tell them that they were interested in pursuing their education in the nursing field. Both were approved for the Kansas Nursing Scholarship Loan Program.

"The board can be very proud of the hospital — it is very up scale," Mrs. Wilson said.

- Dee Epperson, health information manager, said she had been in the department for 7 1/2 years. She said the computers have been the biggest change in the department and having Trish Harkness as a

full-time technician has been a great help. Others working in the department are Jackie Ritchey and Rita Keeker. The biggest future expense will be scanning and archiving records.

- Priscilla Prentice has taken the clinic's medical assistant position. The administrator said that candidates are being interviewed for the county health administrative assistant. He is also looking for a replacement for the ward clerk position.

- Administrator Lacy announced that Warren Harkness, X-ray technician, had resigned. The hospital has also been using a temporary lab tech to cover for two employees who were injured in an automobile accident.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the hospital board has been rescheduled to 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19, at the clinic meeting room.

2006 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Published in The St. Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, and the Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas, Thursdays Oct. 25, Nov. 1, and 8, 2007. (44-46) In accordance with 19-547 local general statute 1982 Kansas, the following Personal Property 16/20M Truck tax warrants were returned by the Sheriff of Cheyenne County, KS to my office this October 2007.

DAY, BETTIE JANE (SUSPENSE)	3238 E DES MOINES ST	MESA	AZ	85213	47.42
DAY, SAM (SUSPENSE)	3238 E DES MOINES ST	MESA	AZ	85213	56.28
JB WELL & TRENCING SERVICE	PO BOX 564	BIRD CITY	KS	67731	469.39
MILLER DAY ISELI ENERGY CO.	14917 SE 142ND AVE	CLACKAMAS	OR	97015	179.99
MOSLEY, FRED	PO BOX 888	ST FRANCIS	KS	67756	118.86
SHANE EVERSOLE	HC 67 BOX 36	HAIGLER	NE	69030	329.48
TRUETT, MARY	13305 NE 9TH COURT	VANCOUVER	WA	98685	58.20
VOORHIES, ROBERT KENT	1481 ROAD 34	MCDONALD	KS	67745	19.35
WILLIAMS, LYLE	PO BOX 158	BIRD CITY	KS	67731	10.03
ZWEYGARDT, ALVIN R.	221 BIRCH	ST FRANCIS	KS	67756	662.89

*** NOTICE ***

THE FIRST HALF OF TAXES ARE DUE DEC. 20TH WITHOUT PENALTY.

Please be sure to bring your bar code slip(s) to pay your taxes.

(We're not responsible for missed taxes.)

or pay online by e-check or credit card at cheyennecounty.org - Treasurer's page

(fees will be charged by the service provider)

*** SIGN UP NOW TO PREPAY YOUR TAXES ***

Now's the time to enroll in our FREE prepay program!

Prepay taxes for Real Estate/Personal Property & Motor Vehicles

For more information visit our website

or drop by or call our office for forms and/or information!

PO Box 687, St Francis, KS 67756 ~ 785-332-8810

Dolores Jenik
Cheyenne County Treasurer

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT

ENDING October 31, 2007
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FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL	442,311.38
ROAD & BRIDGE	354,371.64
BRIDGE BUILDING	26,196.42
NOXIOUS WEED	16,851.96
NOXIOUS WEED SPECIAL	8,731.71
CAFETERIA PLAN	1,511.01
HOSPITAL BOND & INT	18,998.27
VIN-STATE	-6.00
RURAL FIRE	16,668.82
DIVERSION FUND	5,048.39
CO ATTY'Y BAD CHECK	790.15
REG OF DEEDS TECH	17,593.31
R V TAX	123.00
16/20 M TRUCKS	-338.29
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	2,085.75
911	62,504.18
E-911	12,399.44
UNCLAIMED FUNDS	3,734.42
AMBULANCE MEMORIAL	8,656.44
ADVANCED TAX	9,577.19
SPECIAL AMBULANCE	21,937.00
DRIVERS LICENSE	72.00
SPECIAL FIRE EQUIPMENT	5,036.00
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	6,548.18
MOTOR VEHICLE FUND	10,228.50
STATE SALES TAX	13,849.70
ATTORNEY FUND	1,854.69
FISH & GAME	66.50
MORTGAGE REGISTRATION	14.30
MAPS	140.00
BENKELMAN TOWNSHIP	620.45
CALHOUN TOWNSHIP	7,122.97
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP	763.48
JAUQA TOWNSHIP	7,307.57
HANDICAP EQUIPMENT	485.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	321,511.20
DELINQUENT 16/20 M TAXES	338.29
CCH/COUNTY HEALTH	3,207.25
GRAFFIIE DOG	3,160.48
BOND & ANNUITY	6,560.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	61,467.30
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,490,950.21

Public Notices

Petition is filed in court for estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In The Matter of The Estate of Case No. 07-PR-12 Eugene S. Laumann, Deceased.

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by James D. Owens, personal representative, praying that: the foreign will of Eugene S. Laumann, deceased, dated December 4, 2001, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Cheyenne

County, Kansas:

The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township One (1) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Kansas

be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses therein on or before the 16th day of November, 2007, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the District Court, in the city of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

James D. Owens, Petitioner

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2007 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS USED TO FUND THE 2008 BUDGETS
Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk
Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$39,528,324
(Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation)

Comparison of 2006 and 2007 levies and valuations:			
2006 Valuation	2006 Levy	2007 Valuation	2007 Levy
State	\$43,461,765	\$39,528,324	1,500
County	\$43,461,765	\$39,528,324	1,500
General	21,862	30,938	9,076
Road & Bridge	16,221	9,379	-6,842
Bridge Building	0,057	2,146	2,089
Noxious Weed	0,665	0,427	-0,238
Bond & Interest	6,560	6,560	0
Hospital	5,353	5,644	0,291
Total	50,718	48,535	-2,184

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001 City of Bird City			
2006 Valuation	2006 Levy	2007 Valuation	2007 Levy
State	\$2,330,316	2,330,283	-0,332
County	6,565,963	6,594,271	34,937
USD 103	11,462,294	10,121,637	42,370
USD 103 Rec	11,462,294	10,121,637	1,500
USD 297	29,039,137	29,406,687	33,364
USD 297 Rec	29,039,137	29,406,687	1,000
Cemetery Dist 1	12,047,050	10,642,358	9,928
Cemetery Dist 2	28,454,381	28,885,966	0,799
Rural Fire 1	30,637,129	29,794,367	0,810
Rural Fire 3	968,023	808,403	1,577
NWKS Library	31,605,192	30,603,771	1,032
Sunflower Ext. Dist. 6	43,460,833	39,528,324	2,073
Total	136,757	136,757	0

