

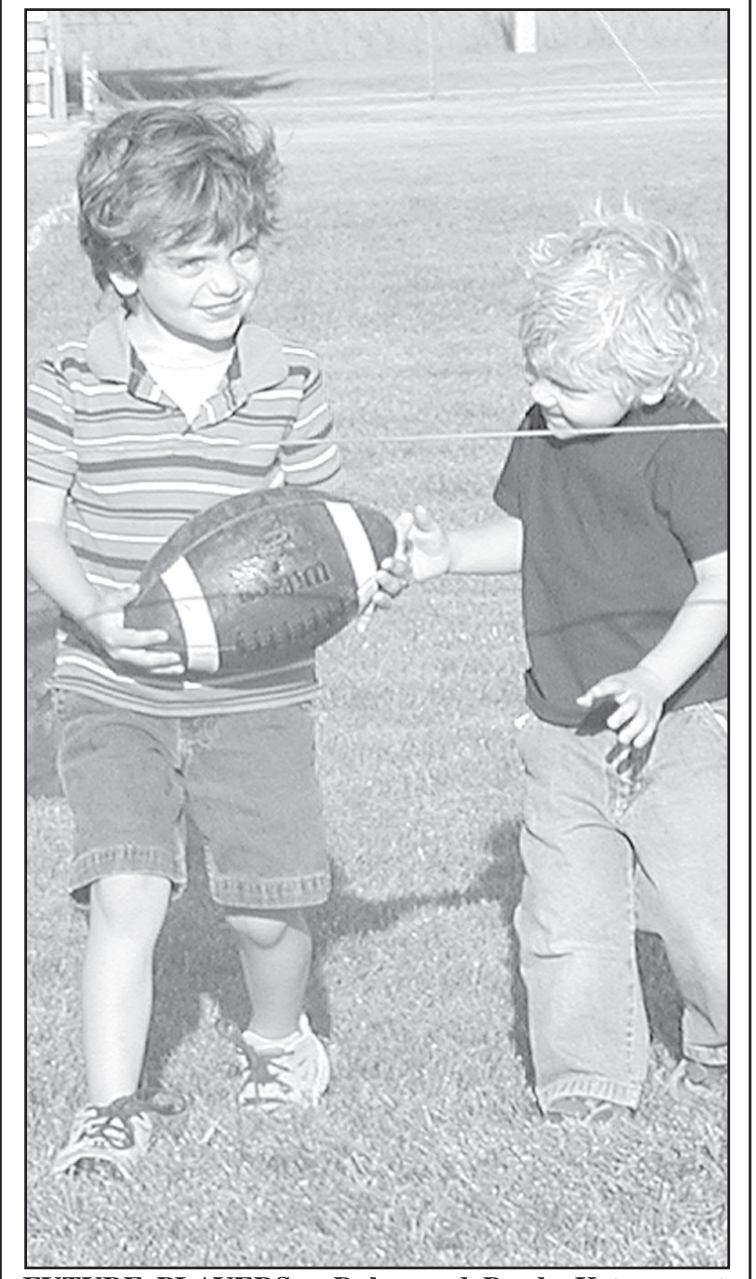
Hospital buys monitoring system

By Karen Krien
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 A cardiac monitoring system was purchased when the Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Sept. 25.
 Tenille Lee, director of nursing, had a presentation on the cardiac monitors. She said the current equipment is obsolete and the only replacement/repair parts the staff can get are refurbished.
 The nursing staff has reported interference with the wireless system that is now found in some areas. Mrs. Lee said the new equipment would operate off a designated frequency so the staff would no longer have the interference.
 She had information on four different companies: - Nihon Kohden, \$80,988; Welch Allyn, \$108,652.71; Datascope, \$121,539.20; and Fakuda Denshi, \$74,647.08.
 She recommended the Nihon Kohden for several reasons:
 • The software is user friendly.
 • It has the 72-hour storage.
 • It has a 5-year warranty.
 • It has a smaller footprint.
 The system, she said, has the range of features the nursing staff wanted on the monitoring system. Also, Goodland, Oakley and Tribune's hospitals are using this brand and type of equipment and are very satisfied with it.
 The board agreed to purchase the Nihon Kohden monitoring system.
 In the future, Les Lacy, hospital administrator, said there may be a need to look at upgrading the CT machine. The CT was purchased in September 2004, and was on a 5-year lease which is up next year.
 Our current model, he said, uses single slice technology. He showed the board images from the hospital's machine and a 16-slice machine, indicating that the next machine would need to be a step forward in technology.

reported from her own experience in the labor/delivery room. She said the staff and facility was great and it was a good experience.
 She mentioned that, by the time everyone and the equipment arrived, the room seemed small. Even though it was cramped it was very organized, she said. She can see the need for a separate location for a labor and delivery room.
 Jerry Toler, board member, also reported from his recent visit to the hospital that it was an emergency situation and the staff did a great job.
Financials
 Administrator Lacy reported that the accounts receivable is up due to the higher volume.
 The funded depreciation has been repaid \$300,000. However, the hospital still owes the account \$142,000. He said he hopes to be

able to repay this slowly following the interim cost report.
 The Medicaid and charity care contractals have gone up a little too, he said. The St. Francis Clinic net patient service revenue was up as were expenses.
Administrator's report
 The administrator's report included:
 • The MRI truck will start coming to the county on a weekly basis starting in October. The truck will be parking on the west end of the hospital.
 • Mr. Lacy has been appointed by the governor to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on Trauma.
 • Robert Stiles from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will be in St. Francis in mid October to review the Primary Care Clinic grant progress. Mr. Lacy reported that the hospital

staff is on track with the timeliness and work plan that Erika Zimbelman has set up.
 • Susan Roelfs has returned to work as the quality coordinator and will also be doing utilization review and infection control.
 • Heidi Tice, chief financial officer, has begun the budget process for the coming year.
Education
 Shawna Blanka, administrative secretary, presented a power point on the employees working at the hospital.
Executive session
 The board went into executive session for personnel issues for 5 minutes with no decisions made.
Next meeting
 The next hospital board meeting has been set for 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.



FUTURE PLAYERS— Dylan and Brady Ketzner get ready for a little one-on-one football.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Ambulance bid is accepted

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 The Cheyenne County Commissioners accepted a bid for a new ambulance when they met on Oct. 15.
 Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, had reviewed the bids which had been submitted a month ago. She said she and the other technicians had studied and compared them closely. The lowest bid was \$127,155 but did not meet the bid specifications. The second low bid was \$130,100 for a 2008 Road Rescue ambulance.
 The bid was for a 2008 model but none were left so the bid in-

creased to \$132,600 for the ambulance. She and the commissioners talked about the differences in the ambulances and, in the end, agreed to accept the low bid of \$132,600 from Motor Vehicle Professionals. Rocky Mountain Emergency Vehicles had the next bid for \$138,877 for a Life Line ambulance.
 The ambulance was purchased in part with a Community Development and Building grant for \$73,000. The county will pick up the remainder.
 Mrs. Bowers had \$1,206 in ambulance write offs which the commissioners approved. The commissioners had heard the emergency

manager and emergency medical service director would be able to move into the new St. Francis Emergency Building within the next week or two.
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Voting information told

People wanting to cast their vote early can go to the clerk's office in the courthouse where a voting booth has been set up. People will be able to vote in the booth until Monday, Nov. 3.
 On Tuesday, Nov. 4, voters will be able to mark their ballot at Peace Lutheran Church at Jackson and College streets in St. Francis. As in the primary election, all township voting will be held at the church. In Bird City, voters will need to go to the American Legion Hall. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 This is a presidential year and most people will be glad when the campaigning ends. Besides

the choice of president and vice president, voters will be able to check boxes for United States senate and house as well as the state senator and representative.
 There is only one local race and that is for a seat on the county commissioner board. Ray Lee (R), incumbent, and Dale Patton (unaffiliated). One of the men will be the winner in District 2.
 Others listed on the ticket are: Terry Miller, county clerk; Dolores Jenik, treasurer; Mary Morrow, register of deeds; Kari Gilliland, county attorney; Craig Van Allen, sheriff; Robert Van Allen, district magistrate judge District 15 Position 1; Scott

Showalter, district court judge district 15 division 2. John Faber (R) and Bob Streyve (D), are vying for state representative, 120th district.
New gym
 Voters in the St. Francis school district will be voting to float a \$2.5 million bond to build a new gymnasium on the south side of the St. Francis junior/senior high school.
Kids voting
 St. Francis students, (kindergarten through 12th grade) are also encouraged to vote on Nov. 4 at Peace Lutheran Church as part of Kids Voting Kansas. Hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Fun Facts

- The ancient Egyptians slept on pillows made of stone.
- The wood stork, also known as the wood ibis, is the only true stork native to the United States.
- The first holes-in-one scored by both a father and son in the same game of golf were shot by Charles H. Calhoun Sr. and Jr. on August 24, 1932.
- Prior to Cornelius Vanderbilt's donation of \$1 million in 1873 Vanderbilt University was known as Central University.
- In 1853, William R.D. King became the first vice president to take the oath of office in a foreign country. He was sworn in in Cuba.
- During her lifetime, the novelist Jane Austen had difficulty finding a publisher. As a result, two of her works - Northanger Abbey and Persuasion were not published until after her death.

2007 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES				
DAY, BETTIE JANE	3239 E DES MOINES	MESA	AZ	85213 62.97
DAY, SAM	3239 E DES MOINES	MESA	AZ	85213 67.91
DIAMOND "R"	PO BOX 114	ST FRANCIS	KS	67756 105.51
JB WELL & TRENCHING	PO BOX 564	BIRD CITY	KS	67731 1,098.10
% BARNHART, JASON				

Public Notices

Annual meeting published

Published in The Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, and the Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas, Thursdays, October 23, October 30 and November 6, 2008. (43-45)
NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF WHEELER COOPERATIVE MERC. EQUITY UNION
 To be held in the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas, Wednesday, November 5, 2008. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meal following.
THE AGENDA:
 Reading of the annual report.
 Election of one director.
 All other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.
 To help us plan the amount of food needed for this year's Annual Meeting we need your help. Please call 785-332-2281 with the number of guests attending. R.S.V.P. 785-332-2281
 Robert Draper, Secretary

Cheylin publishes resolution

Published in the Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas, Thursday, October 23, 2008. (43)
WHEREAS:
 The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 103, Cheyenne/Rawlins County, State of Kansas, is authorized by K.S.A. 72-8801 as amended by 1988 HB 2882, to make an annual tax levy for a period of time not exceeding three years in an amount not to exceed six mills upon the assessed tangible taxable property in the district for the purpose specified in said law; and
WHEREAS:
 Board of Education has determined to exercise the authority vested in it by said law;
NOW THEREFORE:
 Be It Resolved that:
 The above-named school board shall be authorized to make an annual tax levy for a period not to exceed three years in an amount not to exceed six mills upon the assessed taxable tangible property

in such school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing and equipping of buildings necessary for school district purposes, including housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board, architectural expenses incidental thereto, the acquisition of building sites, the undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects, the acquisition of school buses and the acquisition of other equipment and for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district within 40 days after the last publication of this resolution. In the event a petition is filed the county election officer shall submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for the purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the Board of Education of USD No. 103.
CERTIFICATE
 This is to certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 103, Cheyenne/Rawlins County, Kansas on the 13th day of October, 2008.
 /s/ Jane E. Young
 Clerk of the Board of Education

Colonoscopy. The Tests No One Wants To Talk About.

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in the U.S. — and the second deadliest. If people only knew the benefits of colorectal screening, and colonoscopy in particular.
Cancer Prevention.
 Colon cancer screening and removal of pre-cancerous polyps can actually prevent cancer. Colonoscopy is a simple procedure with demonstrated effectiveness in detecting cancer or pre-cancerous polyps at a much earlier stage.
Improved Survival.
 Early detection markedly improves the chances of long term survival. If detected early, the five-year survival rate is as high as 91.4%. Survival rates drop dramatically for colon cancer detected in later stages.
Test To Detect Cancer
 If you are among the 50 % of all Americans who have not had a recent colorectal cancer screening test, talk to your physician or call Southwind Surgical to schedule a colonoscopy when we're in your local hospital. Our surgeons travel throughout the region providing outreach services.

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