



Board discusses facility improvement plans

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A great deal of the Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting was spent talking about the facility's improvement plan deficiency list. In the end, the board members were asked to select five of the items on the list they thought were the least important.

Not being at the hospital everyday makes it hard to know what is needed or not needed, said Traci Neitzel. She suggested that the board do a "walk through" the hospital on a busy day.

There were 29 suggestions on the list. Suggestions ranged from needing more office and storage space and a remodeled kitchen to needing a bigger elevator, a separate area for the CAT scan and X-ray, to two large conference rooms.

Just because we have compiled the list, said Les Lacy, hospital administrator, doesn't mean that we plan to do everything on the list.

The administrator and staff had been diligently working on ideas to give more room to the kitchen area. Administrator Lacy said there is a garage building on the property. With the help of Bill Wilger, maintenance man, the building could be turned into Mr. Wilger's office and a workroom. Right now, the building is being used to store bio-hazardous materials prior to transport, the snow blower and lawnmower. If they were to build a 12- by 12-foot metal building, these items could be stored in that facility. An estimated cost for the building was \$7,500.

If Mr. Wilger's office were moved, it would leave the office room and the old lab for additional

space. This area could be used for record storage, thus giving more room to the kitchen/dining area.

Mr. Lacy asked permission to use \$15,000 in funded depreciation to do the remodeling and building.

"We need to be doing anything we can to free up space in the hospital," said Jerry Toler, board president.

Permission was given to use the money.

Of the items on the list, the kitchen was one of the more important places to update, along with expanding the outpatient recovery area and the labor and delivery area. Items which the board put toward the bottom of list included: more public bathrooms, employee parking, expanding the room across the hall from the nurses' station, which

is used for disoriented or very ill patients; a bigger hospice room, plug ins and lights by mirrors in patients' rooms, better ramp, two large conference rooms, another family waiting room, move the ultra sound equipment upstairs and install a bigger elevator which would accommodate a hospital bed.

Administrator Lacy said the staff will also be asked to eliminate five items from the list. Items will be categorized and the board will discuss the list again at a later meeting.

In other business

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- After considerable discussion, the board voted, four to one, to give employees the same Christmas bonus, \$50 in scrip. One board member noted the amount had been raised \$15 last year and

maybe next year, the economy will be better. There are around 70 employees.

- There will be a Christmas Ball at Riverside on Dec. 13.
- Joy Anderegg, board member, talked about providing sharps containers for needles and syringes. After discussion, Administrator Lacy said, as a community service, the hospital will begin accepting and disposing sharps containers for patients and county residents.
- Mila Bandel was introduced as

the new county health nurse. She told about the plans for the future in the county health department.

Next meetings

The next regular meeting date will fall on Thanksgiving Day. The board agreed to meet on Monday, Nov. 24. The same situation happens in December with Christmas falling on a Thursday so the board will meet on Monday, Dec. 22. Both meetings will begin at 3 p.m. in the St. Francis Clinic basement meeting room.

Public Notices

Hearing notice published

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM FRANCIS HOYT,
a/k/a FRANCIE HOYT.

CASE NO. 08-P-17
PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PER-
SONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on October 16, 2008, a petition was filed in this Court by Lenna Weisenhorn, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the

Last Will and Testament of William Francis Hoyt, deceased, dated October 14, 2004, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 14, 2008, at 10:00 A.M. in the District Court, 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.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Lenna Weisenhorn, Petitioner

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has been filed in this Court by Joseph Charles Hixon, a/k/a J. C. Hixon, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Pauline L. Hixon, deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed; that the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the Estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that he be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 21st day of November, 2008, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. (CT) of said day, in said Court in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Joseph Charles Hixon,
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You are hereby notified that on October 20, 2008, a Petition was filed in this Court by Lucile Joyce Leibbrandt, an heir, devisee, legatee and named fiduciary in the Last Will and Testament of Haddon Walter Leibbrandt, deceased, dated August 3, 1979, praying for Informal Administration. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 14, 2008 at 9:15 a.m. (CT) in this 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.

LUCILE JOYCE LEIBBRANDT, Petitioner

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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

Water program announced

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Public Notice
NW KS GMD#4 WTAP Sign-up Starts October 1

The State Conservation Commission will begin accepting applications for the Water Right Retirement Program, WTAP, beginning October 1.

WTAP is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to help restore aquifers and streams in critical areas. Six "High Priority" units in the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 have been designated as eligible target areas by the Chief Engineer because of significant water level declines. They have been designated to be in need of aquifer recovery and are now closed to further appropriations of water. These six areas in Cheyenne, Sherman, Thomas and Sheridan counties are also the subject of additional management program protocols being discussed with landowners by GMD#4.

Applicants who are selected for WTAP grants are compensated by the State Con-

ceived, dated June 5, 1987, 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 Northeast Quarter of Section One (1) Township Five (5) South, Range Forty (40) West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Kansas

Be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 2, 2008 at 9:00 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.

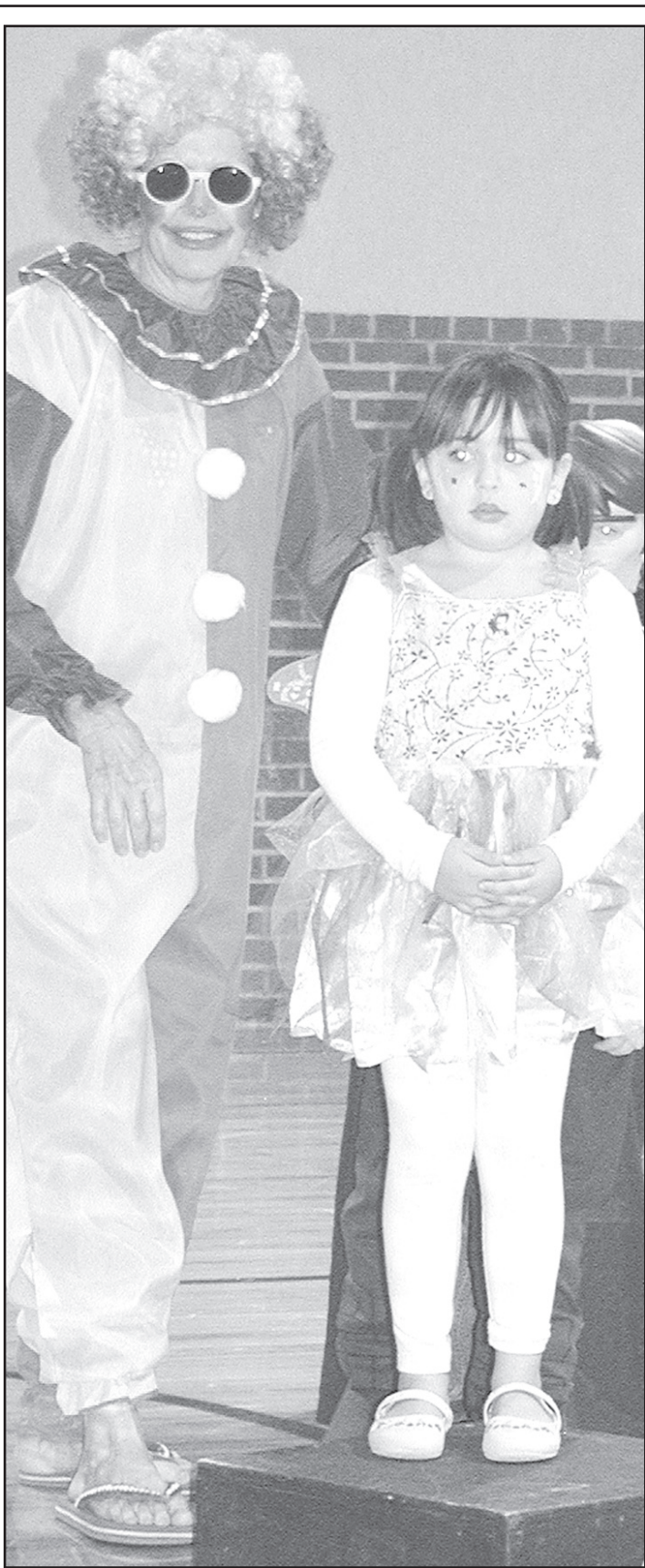
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You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Stanley R. Krien, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Dean Krien, a/k/a Charles D. Krien, a/k/a Charles Dean Krien, deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed; that the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the Estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that he be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 14th day of November, 2008, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. (CT) of said day, in said Court in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

STANLEY R. KRIEN, Petitioner

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HALLOWEEN PARADE —Sharon Hendricks, clown, and Miah Hackney, fairy, enjoy the fun.

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