



POND STOCKED for fishing tournament. Tim Stimbart, left, and Martin Hilt helps a trout find his way in the water.

Commissioners to vote on whether to sign lease or not

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In two weeks, the Cheyenne County Commissioners will vote on whether or not to sign the lease with the Good Samaritan Society. If the agreement is signed, the Society will turn the nursing home facility and the independent living apartments over to the county for \$1.

If the commissioners sign, the lease will be faxed to the Society's headquarters in Sioux Falls, S.D. to be signed by the Society's representatives. Randy Fitzgerald, director of operations for the Society, will be at the May 15 commissioners' meeting.

Both commissioners Ernie Ketzner and Brett Poling said they wanted an inspection of the building for termites and electrical issues. The lease, which they have already approved, said that the county will accept the facility "as is." No matter what the inspections find, the commissioners agreed that they would not go back on the lease. They simply wanted to know what repairs the facility would need when and if they acquired it.

They discussed electricians that might be available to do the inspections. They agreed to ask Ron Wieck, Ed Marin, Sam Miller and Roger Neitzel if they would be interested in doing an inspection on the nursing home for the electrical conditions, how soon they could make the inspection and the cost.

Earlier in the morning, there had been a meeting with the commissioners and the St. Francis City Council. Roger Jensen, city councilman, had suggested that, when the county has control of the nursing home, that they would not take the lowest bid when it came to making repairs. He indicated that he thought that possibly, the October 2010 fire could have been prevented.

Dale Patton, commissioner, said he would talk to Jeff Paulsen, Village administrator, to see if a termite inspection had been done recently and, if so, what was the result. If there has been no recent inspection, then he would contact a termite inspector in Goodland.

Karan Thadani, county attorney, said Sondra Bracelin was working on the warranty deed and would have it completed by the April 30 meeting.

Carla Lampe, city council member, had asked where the commissioners were concerning the nursing home acquisition. Dr. Poling had answered that signing the lease

was looking more positive since the commissioners found out that the Society had been including \$10,000 funded depreciation costs in the expenses each month.

He also pointed out that they had made it clear that, whenever possible, money for supplies and services be spent in the county.

If we can keep the money in the county, Mr. Ketzner said, we are going to do it. We don't understand why they are contracting physical therapy out of Colby when we have the same service at the hospital.

Mrs. Lampe asked if the commissioners will meet with the Society's representative periodically? The commissioners assured her that they plan to meet with them yearly and with the administrator monthly.

Mr. Jensen, city councilman, asked about the land that will come with the nursing home and apartments? Mr. Patton said there is a legal survey of the Village campus. Terry Miller, clerk, noted that all of the content of the nursing home will also be the county's.

Both Scott Schultz, St. Francis mayor, and Mr. Jensen commended the commissioners for taking time to study the matter of the lease with the Society and making sure they were doing the right thing.

We are not stalling (in signing the lease), said Mr. Patton. We know we truly need the service, that we owe it to our older citizens to keep it here, but we want to make sure that we are making the best decision and we have a good lease.

Recycling once again brought up at meeting

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At the Monday commissioners meeting, the matter of recycling was once again brought up.

I am very proud of our county, said Dale Patton, commissioner, for the fact that our county was number two in collecting recyclable items in this area. Yes, Thomas County was number one but it's population is much larger than our county's.

"It is so important that we try to keep out as many recyclable items as possible and save our landfill."

Mr. Patton had the figures for some of the counties concerning the money they had spent at their landfills. There were also figures on what it was costing counties that have lost their landfills.

For instance, he said, last year, Cheyenne County spent \$115,981 on the landfill. Sheridan County spent \$136,369 and Wichita County, \$192,115. Those no longer having landfills and their costs were: Gove County, \$303,824 and Rawlins County, \$356,008.

The county landfill will soon dig the last possible trench and, when

it is full, the county will probably need to contract to start transporting trash and the mill levy will go up to cover the costs.

In other business

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- The commissioners questioned two vouchers: 1) That it actually cost \$25 to have a vehicle tire fixed at the Equity. They thought that St. Francis Tire and Service charged less. 2) The cost of jail care at the Rawlins County Jail for two prisoners. The cost was \$805 for a total of 22 days (11 days for a juvenile and 12 days for an adult). It was noted that, with the upcoming court costs in conjunction with last week's death, the cost will increase.
- Dick Bursch, fair board president, contacted Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, concerning a 4-Hers check which hadn't been cashed with the 60-day limit. The commissioners agreed that a new check be issued.
- Sheriff Cody Beeson asked for 10 minutes executive session for an information briefing. No decisions needed to be made when coming out of the session.

Fishing tourney to be held

The Cheyenne County Wildlife members are once again hosting the fishing tournament at Keller Pond northwest of St. Francis. This year, they will sponsor Youth Day Fishing on Saturday as well as the fishing tournament on Sunday.

Recently, Keller Pond was stocked with rainbow trout. There are some fish that must be at least 24-inches long, said Francis O'Leary, Wildlife club member.

Saturday, children, ages 0 to 14, may come fish at the pond. There will be no fee nor registration. Kids get first chance at the big fish, Mr. O'Leary said.

However, he warned, parents should plan to accompany their children, especially the younger children. And, he said, if they will need to help their child pull in a fish, they will need to have a fishing license.

On Sunday, the annual two-man team fishing tournament will be held. Those participating need to be at the Wildlife Clubhouse between 6 and 7 a.m. for registration. The tournament ends at 1 p.m.

We are looking for another good tournament and fishermen will be pleased with their catch, Mr. O'Leary said.

South McDonald News By Sandy Binning

David Banister and Boomer were Sunday evening and supper guests of George and Kathy Banister.

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Ellen and Linda Dewey attended the Creative Movements Gymnastics Invitational Saturday in Atwood.

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Service News

Army National Guard Pvt. Nicholas S. Smith has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Smith is the son of Cheryl Braun and stepson of Jason Braun, both of Fairview Hill Court, Fairfield, Ohio. He is also the son of Shane Smith of Wheeler.

He is a 2011 graduate of St. Francis Community High School.

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Dr. Sanchez

Dr. Sanchez will be seeing patients in his outreach clinic the second and third Thursday's of each month. He is a board certified orthopedic surgeon specializing in knee surgery, sports medicine surgery, shoulder replacement, and joint reconstruction. He serves as the Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver, CO. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Sanchez call Dundy County Hospital at (308) 423-2204.
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