

Society's director of operations brings lease agreement back

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The Good Samaritan Society's director of operations was at the Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on Wednesday, May 15, with the signed lease agreement. The commissioners also changed the name of the Good Samaritan Village.

Because the nursing home had the name "Village" for over 60 years, the commissioners agreed that the new name for the facility would be Cheyenne County Village. The name change will not be official until July 1.

Randy Fitzgerald, director of operations, brought the lease contract with the Society's official signatures. On July 1, the county will be the owner as \$1 is paid to the Society. With the purchase will come the nursing home and furniture-contents, apartments and some land surrounding the facilities. The home health care building on the northwest of the grounds will remain with the Society.

Mr. Fitzgerald also had a letter from Cynthia Moegenburg, executive vice president and chief operating officer for the Society, recognizing Jeff Paulsen,

Village administrator as well as the staff and advisory board, the community and the leaders and all the residents and their families who supported the center over the past 61 years, especially since the fire in October 2010.

Mr. Paulsen said there are several areas where he would like direction from the commissioners including physical therapy and certified nurse aides.

Dale Patton, commissioner, said he had received some phone calls from some people who were wanting to put a family member in the nursing home. The nursing home can keep up to 35 patients and, at that time, there were only 30 beds full.

"I know you had staffing issues," Mr. Patton said to Mr. Paulsen.

We could not take any more residents because we are short of certified nurse aides, Mr. Paulsen said. Our first concern is for the care and safety of the residents.

Mr. Paulsen went on to say that they had advertised for aides and they are even offering to train people so they are certified. We are paying well over minimum wage for a certified nurse aid.

Mr. Paulsen said he had given a presentation to high school

students encouraging them to look at the different jobs offered at the nursing home. There are opportunities for keeping people in the county, he said.

Physical therapy

Mr. Paulsen said the nursing home and home health had been contracting with an outside therapy company for physical therapists. Not only would he like to be working with the hospital's physical therapy staff but he felt that it would be less expensive. It would benefit both the hospital and the nursing home if we could work together, he said.

It would be a win-win situation, Mr. Patton said. The hospital wants revenue and the Village wants to reduce the expense.

Mr. Paulsen said he had talked to the hospital administrator and they seemed to be on board. He noted that the hospital offers only physical therapy. They would still need to go outside the hospital for occupational and speech therapy.

Mr. Patton said he would talk to Judy Rockwood, hospital administrator, to see what could be worked out. Karan Thadani, county attorney, offered to help wherever he was needed.

Cancer relay set for June 8

At 6 p.m. on June 8, the 2013 Cheyenne County Relay officially begins with the freewill donation supper being served by Jim and Pam Bolen's Hobo Snack Shack.

At 6:45, the national anthem will be sung while the survivors prepare for their victory lap around Sawhill Park, followed by the caregiver lap and the team laps with everyone then going to the band shell.

In the band shell, there will be entertainment, games and competitions followed with the auctioning of the donated baskets. The auction is conducted by Skip, Betty and Robin Petersen of Western Auction.

As the sun begins to set, the luminary ceremony will begin honoring those who are fighting

the battle and-or remembering those who have lost their battle. This year, survivors will be given a chance to purchase a caregiver luminary which thanks those who have been alongside them in their fight. The caregiver luminaries will be placed in a caregiver garden for the event.

Through the evening, the Shriners Candy Wagon will be open to purchase refreshments with proceeds also going to Relay.

As the evening progresses, teams will be involved in games, dancing with music provided by Randy Smestad, disc jockey, and an all-night awareness of the Relay as people walk throughout the night viewing the names on the luminary bags with candles

glowing through.

"The darkness and the candles during the night reminds walkers of the fight and the despair that a cancer patient faces, but the dawn reminds them that there is hope for a new day and that in their fight, they are never alone," said Pat Rose, Relay volunteer.

"At the end of the night and into the new day, both the teams and the survivors are tired, but they know that they are in it together and once again, they are not alone."

Breakfast will be served after a short closing message at 6:45 a.m. on June 9.

If you are a survivor and have not been contacted, Pat said, please contact Cara Hunt. If you are interested in forming or being on a team, contact Christy Wurm.

County health department conducts school vaccine clinic May 28, 29, 30

The Cheyenne County Health Department will be hosting a school vaccination clinic from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 28, 29 and 30. No appointment is needed.

Students will need up-to-date vaccines prior to attending camps; prior to school enrollment for kindergarten through 12th grade; and for students leaving for college. This vaccination clinic will help students get vaccinated in a timely manner and have the coverage they need prior to their busy summer schedules.

If you are not sure if a vaccine is needed, please call the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381 for assistance.

Disease prevention is key to public health. It is always better to prevent a disease than to treat it.

Vaccines can protect both the people who receive them and those with whom they come in contact. Vaccines are responsible for the control of many infectious diseases that were once common in this country and around the world, including polio, measles, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping

cough), rubella (German measles), mumps, tetanus, and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib). Vaccine eradicated smallpox, one of the most devastating diseases in history. Over the years vaccines have prevented countless cases of infectious diseases and saved literally millions of lives.

The Cheyenne County Clinic will also be conducting school physicals the week of May 28. Call the clinic at 785-332-2682 to make an appointment for that week. You must have an appointment for the physicals.

Time to sign up for the conservation program

FSA will hold a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup from May 20 through June 14, 2013. Producers and landowners are urged to take action now in considering the environmental and financial benefits of CRP. The signup period is only 4 weeks. This may be one of the few opportunities to enroll in General CRP for several years.

Producers and landowners are also encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities, including Continuous CRP. These programs are open on a continuous, non-competitive basis and provide even further financial opportunities and incentives. Most land that is enrolled under Continuous CRP does not have to meet the Highly Erodible Land (HEL) requirement for General CRP enrollments.

Rental Rates have been updated to represent the higher rental rates in the local area. Rental rates are determined based upon the soil type and the surrounding area's rental rates. Contact your local FSA Office for rental rates in your area.

The deadline for General CRP Signup is June 14, 2013. Contact your local FSA Office to evaluate your options in enrolling in CRP.

Help Wanted

Part-time PRN nursing position for RN or LPN at Good Samaritan - Atwood. Competitive wages and benefits. Day and evening shifts. Apply on-line at www.good-sam.com, or contact Shari Horinek or Pam Thomas at 650 Lake Road, Atwood, Ks. 67730. 785-626-9015 EEO



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The St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th.

Ads and copy DEADLINE for the May 30 issue will be Friday, May 24 at 5 p.m.

Newspapers will be delivered as usual.



IMPROVEMENTS IN BIRD CITY can be seen. Above, Blaine Burns and Russell Jackson, the summer help, are removing paint at the elementary school building. A new look has been added to the Senior Center. On Friday four workers from Colby Canvas installed the new awning that was purchased with a grant from Century II.



Good Luck at State Golf!



Cheylin Golf Team: Front Row (l to r): Shawn Pochop, Derek Vandike, Jacob Brubaker, Connor Hazuka, Ivan Kemp; Back Row: Coach Dennis Hengen, Ruben Razo, Luis Solis, Kenan Reeh, Ty Carmichael, Eddie Frisbie, Casey Vandike

Good Luck at State Track!

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