

# Commissioners talk about Village

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The Good Samaritan Village administrator, Jeff Paulsen, met with the Cheyenne County Commissioners on Friday. They talked about the installation of a heating and air conditioning system. The system would take care of 16 rooms, or the majority of the west wing of the nursing home.

A bid for installation had come from CB Heating and Air Conditioning, Colby, for \$31,200. Brett Poling, commissioner, said Ed Marin at Heartland Air Conditioning and Heating, St. Francis, was going to submit a bid. He wondered if he still had time to turn in a bid. At least, he said, we would have a comparison. We don't know if \$31,200 is a reasonable bid or not.

The bids are already closed, said Dale Patton, commissioner. He

also noted that the Colby company was licensed and insured.

They agreed to accept the bid for the installation of the units. The money will come out of the Home for Aged fund.

Mr. Paulsen said that the remodeling of the west entrance was taking shape.

Dr. Poling, at the last meeting, reported on a headline in the Oberlin Herald that claimed the nursing home was making \$132,000. Mr. Paulsen said he had talked to the administrator of the Oberlin home, and she said the headline was incorrect; that, in fact, they had lost money.

**In other business**

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• Dr. Poling talked about the possibility of bringing a motorcycle museum to St. Francis. It would bring in a lot of people, he said.

• Karan Thadani, county attorney, said an expert in the Leanna Windell case will testify for the county.

• Randy Nelsen was appointed as the county's emergency services safety officer.

• The Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado Railroad had sent correspondence that the company would settle the lawsuit against the county for \$85,000. They had originally wanted \$200,000, claiming that the county had been responsible for a train derailling several years ago.

I don't feel that this was the county's fault, said Mr. Patton. The railroad should be fixing their lines.

• The loader purchased by the road and bridge department has arrived. Dave Flemming, public works director, said it was in good shape and well worth the money paid for it.

• Three permits were signed so Murfin Drilling could put electrical lines under county roads northwest of St. Francis.

• The commissioners discussed businesses that could be separating cardboard for recycling but are sending it to the landfill. The landfill, they noted, is filling up fast.

**Next meeting**

The next commissioners' meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 31, in the commissioners' room.

The commissioners will also travel to Goodland in the near future to meet with the Sherman County Commissioners concerning emergency medical services.



A NEW RECYCLING TRAILER was installed Monday afternoon by city crewmen, Brad Schneider, in loader, and Sam Hengen, the newest city employee. Residents will now have to break down the boxes before putting them in the trailer.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien



Kennadie Boggio

**Introducing**

Craig and Brittany Boggio announce the birth of their daughter, Kennadie Ashlyn Boggio. Kennadie was born on March 6, 2014, at 11:25 p.m. at Goodland Regional Medical Center. She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18-inches long.

Kennadie was welcomed home by big sister Addison and big brother Braden. Her grandparents are Royce and Darci Kehlbeck, Bird City, and Dwight and Roxie Boggio, Red Lodge, Mont. Great-grandparents include Dan and Dot Stang and Elaine Kehlbeck, St. Francis, and David and Marlene Boggio, Red Lodge. Great-grandmother is Irene Kehlbeck, Colby.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In addition to my clinical duties at the Bird City and St. Francis clinics, the hospital, the ER, the nursing home, county health, home health, EMS and coroner, I am also medical director in these settings as well. Clearly, I cannot do all this were it not for good systems and leadership in place.

When those systems fail, then as medical director, I have to make changes as I can't manage that on my own. We have had to peer into the future and evaluate where EMS services are going on a statewide basis, as well as what was or wasn't working in our county. To the end, I have started a systems change in our current EMS organization.

The current EMS volunteers are an impeccable group of tireless, very civic minded people that give of their time, both from work and family. They also invest heavily of their physical and emotional energy. They see circumstances most of us would shy away from and wouldn't sleep at nights after. These represent the best of what our community has to offer.

As I implemented the changes in EMS, I have inadvertently caused these people to feel that

they are not valued. This was a grave mistake on my part and I very sincerely apologize to them. I am very excited at where we can go with the new EMS plan and I fully expect that these volunteers will be a very important part of it's success.

I also know that our

commissioners, who give of their time and energy, also have been disparaged as a result of these changes. I also apologize to them for the heat they have taken. I took a problem to the commissioners and they did the work to help us get things changed. Their job is thankless and I made it even

more this month. I appreciate the leadership they show when things are hard.

I know there are concerns, real and imagined. Please feel free to come speak with me about these anytime.

Mary Beth Miller, M.D.

## Health Fair offers lab draws

By Amanda Miller  
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The Cheyenne County Spring Health Fair is scheduled for March 24 through 26 in St. Francis and March 27 and 28 at the Bird City Clinic.

Sponsored by the Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department, lab draws will be done March 24, 25 and 26 from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Cheyenne County Health Department. March 27 and 28 from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. lab draws will be done at the Bird City Clinic.

No appointment is needed for the lab draws, and you can take your prescription medication and drink water prior to when you go

in. Do not eat any other foods or drink anything other than water after midnight the night before the law draws.

The lab work available includes: a Chemistry Panel (with TSH and Lipid panel) Hemoglobin A1C and PSA (for men). The fee is due at time of service and will not be billed to insurance.

The health fair services are being offered at a much reduced cost for the blood draws and exams, said Mila Bandel, county health nurse. They will offer a female exam that includes a breast

and pelvic exam with pap smear.

The male exam will include a prostate check. The men's and women's exams will be done April 14 through 18 at both the St. Francis and Bird City Clinics. Those wanting to have an exam should call the clinic, 332-2682 (St. Francis) or 734-2306 (Bird City) to make an appointment. These health fair exams are only done by appointment.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Bandel at 785-332-2381.

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**Annual Banquet**  
**Saturday, March 29**  
**6 p.m. (doors open)**  
**American Legion Hall**  
**Bird City**

Tickets can be purchased at  
Bumper to Bumper,  
Republican Valley Auto  
Parts, Owens True  
Value, Frontier Arms or  
any board member

**Participate in the Cheyenne County Health Survey**  
March 20-31, 2014  
Help Cheyenne County improve access to quality health care!

The Cheyenne County Taskforce for Healthcare Improvement needs the help of the entire community. Please complete the online survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DHY-HC> or contact Carol Sloper at 785-332-2104 x170 for a paper copy.

**Kendal's Kutz**  
**-MARCH SPECIAL-**  
**All Haircuts - ONLY \$10**  
Call for appointment  
Tuesday through Friday - 785-538-2225  
106 Jewel Avenue, McDonald

**FARMER'S NIGHT**  
Sponsored by Bird City Community Club  
**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 pm**  
**American Legion Hall**

The public is invited to attend a delicious 'whole hog' style meal, followed by entertainment.

Cheylin Schools, City of Bird City and Bird City Century II Development Foundation will all give brief updates on current happenings and projects in the works.

*The Public is Invited...*  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cheylin Entrepreneurship Fair**  
**Thursday, March 27, 2014**  
**Cheylin High School Gymnasium**

Stop by the E-Fair and check out the students' business projects.

**9:15am - View participant projects and visit with resource partners**

**10:15am - Speaker**

**11:00am - Announcement of Award Winners**

Any person or business interested in creating their own award, monetary or otherwise, and judge the participants with their own criteria, can contact Bird City Century II for additional information on how to make it happen!!

**Support our youth...our future!**  
\$500, \$300 & \$200 Scholarship Awards presented on behalf of Bird City Century II Development Foundation