

County commissioners receive report on Good Samaritan's fire inspection

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At the June 17 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting, Jeff Paulsen, Good Samaritan Village administrator, reported the fire marshal's inspection had required more sprinklers be installed. The sprinklers, used in case of a fire, are to be installed in the new west entrance. The entrance is constructed of wood.

Mr. Paulsen had two quotes, one from Pryor Automatic Fire Sprinklers of Great Bend for \$8,330 and one from Precision Safety Technology of Emporia for \$8,497. However, the quotes were inconsistent and left questions. Mr. Paulsen said the fire marshal had said the work needed to be done by June 27. He had requested a waiver for the end of July but the commissioners met in special session on Monday, June 23, where they selected Pryor for a lower bid of \$8,329.

Another deficiency were relays for two doors. The commissioners agreed to have Percision rewire and install two new 24 AC relays for door hold opens on the south hall and dining-activity area fire doors. The cost will be \$720.

Brett Poling, commissioner,

asked that Mr. Paulsen to check with local contractors when work needs to be done.

The booster heater for the dishwasher was replaced for \$1,468.

In other business

- Byron Moberly, landfill supervisor, and Dave Flemming, public works supervisor, met in executive session to discuss personnel problems concerning the landfill. No decision was made when they adjourned.

- Ryan Murray, emergency manager, was present to have an emergency declaration signed. The storm on Saturday, June 14, had caused enough damage that it could be declared as an emergency. It could help county businesses and individuals receive reimbursement.

- Cody Beeson, county sheriff, reported he had talked to the St. Francis City Council and was working out details for coverage for the city with Shane Guggenmos, city police chief. He figured it would cost the city approximately \$45,000 if they decide to contract the county for part-time coverage. The city, he said, will be responsible for weekends.

He asked for executive session to discuss personnel with no decisions being made when coming

out of the session.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8

a.m. on Monday, June 30, in the commissioners room in the courthouse.

Hospital gives report

Hospital representatives were present at the Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on June 17 to give a financial report for May. Les Lacy, interim hospital administrator, was unable to attend, so Heidi Tice, chief executive officer, was the spokesperson.

Mrs. Tice reported there were 2,810 outpatients seen at the hospital in May, and there were 28 patients stays in the hospital. There were 61 emergency room patients, 599 rural health clinic patients; four surgeries, and 92 specialty clinic patients.

The last St. Francis Clinic manager had quit after a couple of weeks, so the clinic was advertising again. We have had some interviews, she said, and hope to have the position filled soon.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, asked about the hospital administrator's position. Mrs. Tice said Mr. Lacy has had a number of applicants and plans to have some of the candidates meet with the hospital board soon.

In other business:
• The new dexa scan is up and

running. There were 22 scans in May.

- There were no capital equipment purchases made in May.

- The hospital is hiring one Registered Nurse for the night shift and one person is needed in house-keeping.

The hospital's "Swing Fore Your Health" golf tournament is scheduled for July 19. Mrs. Tice pointed out that the money raised will be used to help purchase a neo-natal continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine. The medical equipment is used to help newborn infants breathe.

In these cases, the baby wears a device that sends a stream of air into the nose and down the trachea. It creates a small amount of positive pressure in the airways, holding it open and allowing the baby to breathe.

The cost for the machine is \$7,500. So far, the hospital has raised \$2,625.

Also accompanying Mrs. Tice were Shawna Blanka and Dr. Shara Johnson, representing other departments in the hospital

From hometown girl to missionary

Naomi Reeh, the daughter of the late Bob Reeh and Jolene Reeh of McDonald, is going to be a missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), but she is not moving to another country. She is going to be staying in America where there is a great need. The college campus is one of the most dangerous places in our culture and Naomi has faced this personally in her college experience.

"I am very blessed to be from a loving, Christian home in the McDonald and Bird City community. I grew up to love Jesus and to be strong in my faith, but this was tested in college. There were many pressures! I could have fallen away from my faith and made decisions that were not the best for my life, but a FOCUS missionary reached out to me and encouraged me to stay strong in my morals and in my faith. This event changed my life

and has inspired me to become a missionary to help and support other college students. I believe that by working with college students we can change the world for Jesus Christ."

College is where the future leaders of our world are being formed. She wants to introduce college students to know Jesus Christ personally in their lives and to know God's great love for them. She wants students to enjoy their college experience to the fullest without having the harmful pressures that are in the college culture.

Naomi says, "I would love to tell you more about this amazing mission that is changing so many lives. If you would be interested in helping change the world by bringing Jesus Christ to students on college campuses, please email me or call me at naomi.reeh@focus.org or 785-626-5777. God bless you!"

Veteran art show opens

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The opening ceremony of Folleh Tamba's, "A Grunt's War Diary", an art installation housed in 500 S. Benton, St. Francis, will be held Thursday, July 3, at 7 p.m., for the public to attend. Interactive art pieces, video and audio compiled by the Purple Heart recipient fills the old church building for the viewer to experience the feeling of combat.

The installation communicates first hand documentation of the combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, as seen through the eyes of a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps.

Folleh Tamba joined the Marines out of gratitude and respect. The Marines helped his family find refuge in Liberia during a dangerous civil war. He and his family returned to the United States and escaped the refugee camp when he was a teenager. Once he graduated college, he enlisted in the Corps.

Tamba was deployed multiple times to Iraq and Afghanistan over an 8 year period. With a degree in the fine arts, he used his education to collect video, audio and stills, documenting his time deployed. He also filled his diary with poetry and prose during the war.

The installation consists of interactive video, audio, sculpture, poetry, and prose that Tamba collected and created during his many deployments. The artist will be available during the opening to provide insight into his specific experience in war, and how art has helped him during the transition to civilian life.



TAMBA is pictured during one of his depolyments to Iraq.

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WINDELL

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There was an agreement between the prosecution and defense to a sentence of 176 months if Windell pleaded guilty to second degree murder. Judge Showalter said that he would honor that plea deal. Otherwise the case would have to go to trial.

He looked at Windell and told her that she will face a judgement one day far greater than today.

Windell was sentenced to 176 months in prison. She will get credit for time served. The maximum good time credit will be 15 percent of her sentence. She does not have the right to expunge her record.

Judge Showalter then looked at the family and friends of Brad Figgins and said he was sorry he could not do more, and impose a longer sentence on Windell. He said as a judge everything he does is about equity, but there is nothing he can do to return Brad Figgins to his family and his children.

"Brad was, in fact, a peacemaker," Judge Showalter told the court.