

Residents prepare to return home

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Almost five months to the day, Good Samaritan Village residents will begin returning to the renovated facility.

Jeff Paulsen, Village administrator, reported the fire marshal, on the last visit, had found only a few minor details which were repaired. On Thursday, he had received permission from the state for residents to start returning on Monday, March 14.

On Oct. 19, a fire started in the middle-wing attic. It was afternoon and a warm fall day. Residents were removed and later transferred to different nursing homes in the area.

Cleanup and renovation has been on-going since November but the burned wing, at this time, will not be opened for residents or staff. The west wing, which suffered the least damage, will be

open for 22 residents.

When the Good Samaritan Society has finished with phase 2 of their remodeling, there will be beds for 10 more residents. They will also create an 8-foot wide corridor down the middle wing which will better allow the staff to move from the kitchen area to the west wing.

Many of the staff will be returning to work at the Village. During the last five months, a few were employed by the Society, some traveled to other nursing homes to work and others had enough time built up to wait out the duration.

An open house was held Sunday, Feb. 27, and around 250 people attended to see the facility. Janet Siegfried, director of nursing, said the staff plans to have a homecoming party for the residents.



WORKING ON THEIR ENTRY for the planned bed races. Dustin Andrist (left) and Roger Neitzel, along with teammate Brock McAtee (not pictured) are among those going to participate.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Bed races planned for March 19

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Interest is building in the upcoming St. Francis Bed Race. Roger Neitzel, Dustin Andrist and Brock McAtee have started their bed and said they know of another competitor who is also planning to enter.

The bed races are set for 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, at St. Francis. It will be held two days after St. Patrick's Day but the races are being held in honor of St. Patty's Day.

Uptown Market, which is near Sawhill Park where the races are held, is selling corn beef sandwiches, Irish potato salad, cookie and drink. Customers can also order sandwiches off the menu.

St. Francis businesses are urged to have "green" sales to bring people to their stores before and after the races.

Joyce Russ is the coordinator of the bed races. The fee to enter is a canned or boxed food item from each participant or \$1. All donations will be given to the local Food Pantry. Entries must be completed 30 minutes prior to the race. A trophy will be given to the first place team and a traveling trophy will also be given for display.

Mr. Neitzel said he had watched the bed races during the 125th celebration in Bird City. He thought they looked like lots of fun. He was excited when he heard there was going to be a bed race in St. Francis. I hope we have some of the Bird City beds racing over here, he said.

To be a racer, there needs to be a bed that moves on wheels. A team is formed, the bed is constructed and brought to the park on race day. Each team is comprised of five people (four for pushing and one

for riding). The rider, generally a light-weight person, is pushed to the end of the block where he/she puts on a two-piece pajama, then rides back to the finish line. This could be a wild ride!

Volunteers are needed for

official timers and bed setters as well as collecting the food items. To volunteer or get more information, contact Mrs. Russ at 785-332-2118 or go to jeruss@eaglecom.net for entry forms and a waiver of liability form.

Breastfeeding grants have been awarded

The Kansas Public Health Association, Inc. reported that Breastfeeding Grants have been awarded to 18 public health departments in Kansas, through the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund of Hutchinson. Cheyenne County was among those receiving grants and will receive an average of \$10,000 to

implement their initiatives.

The purpose of the grants is to support improvements in breastfeeding duration and increase breastfeeding initiation rates in their communities. One of the most highly effective preventive measures a mother can take to protect the health of her infant and herself is to breastfeed.



Workman

Karly Marie Workman

Karly Marie Workman, daughter of Mike and Stephanie Workman, was born on Jan. 13, 2011, at 6:06 mountain time at Wray Community Hospital in Wray, Colo. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 3/4-inches long.

Grandparents are Carl and Gina Hunt of St. Francis, Danny and Cindy Workman of St. Francis and Alan and Teresa Taylor of Venango, Neb. Great-grandparents are Dave Merklin of Benkelman and the late Arlene Merklin and Charles Workman of St. Francis and the late Nadine Workman.

Club Clip

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met the at the community room at the Cheyenne County Clinic. A delicious lunch was served by the kitchen employees.

Mr. Lacy, hospital administrator, gave the program regarding the functions and operation of the hospital

Thirteen members were present.



IDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT RJ-3

Vacancy Announcement

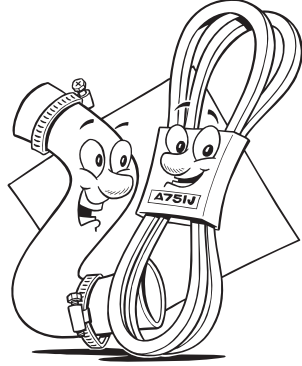
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St. Francis Equity



Station 785-332-2421
Feed Store 785-332-2129
Office 785-332-2113

Owned by the farmers and ranchers of this community since 1913

Texas Red's BBQ

will be at St. Francis Super's
Tuesday, March 8
thru
Saturday, March 11

Beef brisket, smoked
pork, turkey breast,
ribs & sausage



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Coming Soon

I am thrilled to announce that I will be opening my own little flower shop "The Classic Rose". We are working diligently and hope to be open by March 17th.

Your support over the past years while I was employed with Goodell Greenhouse & Floral, The Prairie Rose, and with my recent plans in opening my own flower shop has been Greatly Appreciated. I look forward to serving our community with quality floral arrangements and plants for years to come.

My team will include: Lee Busby with 45 years of formal floral design experience, Iva Krien with 6 years floral experience, Bonnie Zwegardt our Master Gardener, Geri Lampe as our florist in training, Jeanine Peter whose Design expertise has been instrumental in helping me decorate, and myself with 11 years of floral experience.

Once again, I must give a big "Thank You" to all of my customers, employees, friends, family, and the community for your continued support.

Rose Mary Bierig- "The Classic Rose"