



Profit share vetoed by the Society

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For over a month, the Cheyenne County Commissioners have been talking about the nursing home in St. Francis and the lease with the Good Samaritan Society, the company which owns the home. Following a long discussion at the regular meeting on Friday, they decided more information was needed and the county attorney would contact Randy Fitzgerald, region supervisor for the Society.

Terry Miller, county clerk, said Mr. Fitzgerald had been at the courthouse earlier that week, noting that he was on a tight time schedule and had little time to talk. His main reason for being there was to tell the commissioners that his board was not interested in profit sharing with the county.

Following the fire at the Good Samaritan Village on Oct. 19, 2010, the Good Samaritan Society agreed to remodel the west wing

and restore the burned area, but instead of resident rooms, there would be only three private resident rooms, three offices and a hallway.

However, they no longer wanted to own the facility. They offered the nursing home and the independent living apartments to the county for \$1. In exchange, they wanted a 5-year lease to run the nursing home, with the county picking up all expenses.

There was also some talk about the county having a plan in place to build an assisted living facility on the grounds, which the Society would also lease. At one time, Mr. Fitzgerald said that would be a requirement but, later, said the county would not be held to having the assisted living plans.

At an earlier meeting, the commissioners agreed that the county would pay the expenses but thought there should be some sort

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GROUNDWORK BEGAN for the new restaurant and bar in Idalia. The money to build the restaurant was raised by donations and shares. The facility is to be opened by Aug. 1. Herald photo by Chuck Wright

Easter Egg Hunt set for Saturday

There will be candy, prizes and the Easter Bunny at the Easter Egg Hunt set for 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, in the St. Francis Grade School gym. Children should bring their baskets to collect the candy and prizes.

Be sure to bring a camera as there will be opportunities for parents to take their child's pic-

ture with the Easter Bunny.

There will be four age divisions: 1-2-year-olds; 3-4 year-olds; 5-6 year-olds and 7-8 year olds.

The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Ross Manufacturing, Ken and Gloria Bracelin Farm and Milliken Law Office.

Idalia restaurant to open by Aug. 1

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On Friday, ground breaking followed by groundwork began on the new Idalia restaurant. Planned and built by the Idalia residents, the restaurant should be open in August.

Only a month ago, a group of Idalia residents formed the Idalia Restoration LLC with the purpose

of building a restaurant and bar in Idalia. In that month, they raised \$210,000, but, said Rev. Chuck Wright, that number changes every day.

The projected total cost for the restaurant will be around \$280,000. The deadline for investing in the project is April 15.

The building, located on the

west side of Idalia on U.S. 36, will have an area for dining and a bar. There will be a large, dividable back room for meetings and receptions that will be able to open up to the rest of the building.

The name will be voted on by the investors sometime after April 15. A grand opening will be held in September. Rev. Wright said the

tentative plans are for Governor Hickenlooper to come and cook as part of his "Pedal the Plains" bicycle tour of eastern Colorado.

The new restaurant and bar will be open before the construction starts on the new school.

For more information or to buy a share, contact Wayne Weyereman, 970-630-2107.



LAILA RADWAN meticulously puts the finishing touches on her sculpture hoping it will be ready for the art show. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Students get ready for league art show in Hoxie

St. Francis students, kindergarten through 12th grade, will head to the Northwest Kansas League art show Wednesday through Friday in Hoxie. The show opened Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m., and will run Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

The league art show is a chance for all area students to show off their hard work. St. Francis students will be showing an array of artwork, ranging

from kindergartners' clay projects to senior-level string art.

I am always proud of the students and the work they produce, said Mary Beikman, art instructor. Every student has artistic potential and they shine during the league and state art shows.

Everyone who can is urged to travel to Hoxie and see the many art pieces from St. Francis students along with the other students in the league.



LEA KELLER goes over the script with cast members, Gary Leach, left, one of the apostles, and Chad Hendricks, who plays Jesus. Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Men portray Last Supper

The congregations of Immanuel United Methodist Church of Bird City and St. Francis United Methodist Church presented a dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's painting of "The Last Supper" this week.

The first performance was at the Good Samaritan Village on Sunday. On Wednesday, they were at the Methodist Church in St. Fran-

cis. The last performance was at the Methodist Church in Bird City starting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the presentations.

The cast for the Living Last Supper has been preparing for this presentation the last couple of months. Several cast members have chosen to grow beards and to let their hair grow longer.

Those who are in the cast from the Bird City church are: Gary Leach, Stuart Johnson, Radean Wright, Tom Bailey, Chad Hendricks and Ken Beougher. The participants from the St. Francis church are: Travis Jensen, Tim Burr, Warren Cico, Spencer Schlepp, Tom Keller, Mickey Graves, Marvin Zimelman and Lea Keller.