



Village lease nears approval

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The lease agreement between the county and Good Samaritan Society is about ready to be returned to the Society.

At the Monday meeting of the Cheyenne County Commissioners, Kari Gilliland, county attorney, had received several questions from Jeff Paulsen, Good Samaritan Village administrator. As she read them, the commissioners answered them.

The Society plans to hand over the facility and its contents for \$1 on Jan. 1. They wanted to know if the county was setting aside money for improvements at the Village like the hospital does.

It was noted that the hospital has funded depreciation, which, said Andy Beikman, commissioner, was another word for setting money aside for equipment.

The commissioners agreed that it would be their

building and they would take care of the improvements as needed.

One of the questions asked – was the county going to assume new insurance for the property. The Society, they said, should take care of the liability and workman's comp insurance.

The commissioners had talked to the agents who carry the county's insurance but the agents were unsure as to what they would be insuring and had not given a quote. Mrs. Milliken said she would talk to the agents. Dale Patton, commissioner, wondered if the county could buy in on the Society's insurance. Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said it appeared that, from the financial figures they had received from the Society, they paid about \$20,000 a year.

Mrs. Milliken will report back on her findings at the next meeting, noting that there is now a list of Village assets.

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Board wraps up plans for the Aug. 1-4 fair

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The Cheyenne County Fair Board held their July meeting on Thursday at the fairgrounds, so that when the meeting adjourned the board members could do some cleaning and maintenance.

Marty Fear, Cheyenne County Extension agent, reported that Vicki Cress had agreed to be the 4-H food stand coordinator for this year's fair. The 4-H club clean-up day at the fairgrounds is scheduled for the July 24.

There was a request to include the 4-H shooting sports participants in the premium sale. After discussion, the board felt that it was too close to this year's fair to change the sale conditions, but would consider the matter at a later date.

The board discussed straw and wood shavings for the animal barns and tie-outs. The board also discussed better coordination of obtaining bids and shipping of the livestock after the sale.

The board authorized the president and the treasurer to pay bills that needed immediate attention during the fair without having to wait for a board meeting.

The Premium Sale was then discussed. Some clarification of rules relating to bidders, whether they were required to be present at the sale, was requested by a board member.

Gary Cooper reported that Petersens of Western Auction, who have auctioned and clerked the sale for a number of years, will not be able to do the auctioning this year. Gary had contacted Butch Ewing, who had agreed to be the auctioneer. The board discussed clerking and how to help Butch with the sale.

Dick Bursch, board president, and Gary will talk to Butch on what help he will need from the board. Gary also reported that there was funding from various donors for the \$1,000 purse for the roping premium.

The board approved the purchase of rain/bad weather insurance for the Saturday night demo derby. Should weather force the cancelation of the derby, the insurance could guarantee some income for the small cost of the premium.

Several members of the carnival committee met with the board and discussed the salary of the maintenance personnel. The fair board agreed to increase the salary of the gentleman by \$100, and the carnival members agreed to increase the lady's salary by \$50.

Tim Burr from *The Saint Francis Herald* explained their advertising history with the pre-fair and fair results supplements inserted in the paper.



FAIR PICTURES on the business windows means the Cheyenne County Fair is just around the corner. Peggy Moberly has been painting on the windows for 13 years.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



EAST OF ST. FRANCIS, the new PrairieLand building is quickly going up. The business is moving from Bird City to rural St. Francis.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr



ANNA BREWER turned 106 on July 12. RoseMary Bierig, owner of The Classic Rose, delivered Mrs. Brewer a bouquet of flowers from the Kaw Indian Nation.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

St. Francis woman turns 106

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Anna Brewer was 106-years-old on Thursday, July 12. That is a milestone in itself; however, Mrs. Brewer is also the oldest living member of the Kaw Nation Indian tribe.

In her honor, family and friends gathered Saturday at her home for lunch, visiting and taking pictures. Among those there were two of her nieces, LaVerne Greenwood, 93, and Colleen Bellmard, 85 and a great niece, Georgina Lee, 70, and her great-great nephew, Travis Cooper, 40. Her great-nephew, David Greenwood, 72, paid a visit to her at her home on her birthday.

All of three of Mrs. Brewer's sons, Wallace, Doug and Dwight, his wife, Leah, and Janice Barn-

hart were present for the gathering on Saturday.

Mrs. Brewer spends the summers in her St. Francis home and in the winter, lives in Farmington, N.M. She is active in her church there and does a lot of reading as her eyesight will allow.

Mrs. Brewer is one-quarter Indian and laughingly says her heritage is German-Irish-Indian. Her mother, Katie (Shroyer) Cooper was German, her father, William was one-half Kaw and one-half Irish.

Her father was born on Kaw land near Council Grove. When he was 2-years-old, the government moved them to land in Oklahoma near Newkirk. The government allotted half-blood Indians land. William and Katie lived on his allotted land, naming it the Cooper Homestead. It sat along

the Arkansas River 6 miles east and 4 miles north of Newkirk.

Anna was one of 14 children born to the couple. However, only seven children survived. Anna, named Annie Pearl at birth, was the youngest of the children who survived. She said there were several still-born children after her.

Her life, she said, was mostly carefree, adding that her father was well-to-do, raising wheat, corn and cattle. Their two-story home seemed large to her. The home still stands today.

The house was near a creek. Throughout her younger years, she was able to go down the hill to swing on the grape vines that grew wild, then falling into the water to cool off. She also looked for crawdads.

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Parade is only weeks away

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade is less than a month away, Saturday, Aug. 4 – still plenty of time to plan an entry, whether it be a float, an individual entry, horses, antique and derby vehicles, just to name a few.

This year's theme is "Carnival Lights and Country Nights."

"With this theme, people will be able to create amazing floats," said Carla Lampe, parade coordinator.

The floats will be judged by three people. Criteria for judging floats include: 1) unique theme creation; 2) creative use of material; and 3) originality.

There is a grand champion overall winner and three divisions: Family; Organization/Church; and Commercial.

"We are encouraging every in-

dividual, family, business and organization to make a float," Mrs. Lampe said.

"People enjoy seeing the kids on bikes, four-wheelers or their own special creative float. They also like the horses, antique vehicles, derby cars and 4-H winners, just to name a few."

There is a no pre-registration – just show up before the parade at the high school in St. Francis.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Lampe at 785-332-2145 or 785-332-2913.