



CHECKING OUT THE displays set up for the Center for Creativity open house are Joy Fisher and Helene Landenberger.

Herald photos by Carol Redding

Open house held at new location

Over 40 people attended the open house for Cheyenne Center for Creativity's new home at 109 North Quincy. This historic space is rented from the owner, Ron Wilson. It once housed part of the old Danielson Store. Mr. Wilson recently updated and remodeled the two rooms that face Quincy Street.

Guests walked through this facility, and were excited as they caught the vision of the Center's potential. The design of one room creates a spacious gallery with gleaming wood floors and a high hammered tin ceiling, perfect for displaying art. The other room serves as a space for workshops and varied activities.

During the open house Sarah and Lila Whitmore entertained visitors in the gallery with a soul-lifting performance of guitar and flute music. The audience appreciated the excellent acoustics of this space and recognized that it would provide an ideal setting for future events: recitals, dramatic presentations, book reviews, a storytelling festival, and guest speakers, to name a few.

One visitor observed that the facility could host conferences

because of the large open room and the adjacent classroom area, noting that organization's digital projector could be utilized. Others commented that the location would be ideal for small receptions. The capacity for this space is 45.

Susan Griffin announced that several classes and workshops

are scheduled for March and April. The first is Glass Fusing 101 on March 10, taught by Kim Zwegardt. Carol Redding will present information on Finance Management on March 16. Kids' Open Art Day will be held March 14. "Canvas and Coffee" and "Canvas and Chianti" by Peggy Moberly will be offered in April.

Sunday afternoons at 2 Cheyenne Center for Creativity hosts Cinema Sunday. The feature film on Feb. 24 is "Secretariat." Everyone is welcome.



ENTERTAINING at the open house were Sarah and Lila Whitmore.

Look for further details in The Herald.

The Cheyenne Center for Creativity team, local businesses and individuals have joined in supporting the Center's endeavors through sponsorships and donations including \$300 sponsorships and \$150 co-sponsorships go toward monthly expenses for the Center. Donations of any amount will help 109 N. Quincy become a high quality, multi-use facility for the St. Francis community.

Insurance discussed at commissioners' meeting

By Karen Krien

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The county's insurance agents were present at the Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on Friday.

As Roxie Neitzel and Kelly Frewen, insurance agents, discussed what increased coverage was going to cost the county, Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, wanted to know more about what it was going to cost the county if Good Samaritan Village nursing home and apartments when and if they are acquired.

Mr. Frewen said he thought the Good Samaritan Society, who will lease the facility, needs to list Cheyenne County on its liability. The commissioners agreed that insurance was again something that should be asked of the Society before the county ends up with the facility.

Dale Patton, commissioner, said he had told Jeff Paulsen, Village administrator, that he would like to see the Society lease the equipment in the nursing home back from the county.

Administrator Paulsen had an update on the financial picture of the nursing home. He said that the facility has 35 beds and last month, there were 30 of those beds filled. This had found the nursing home \$2,000 in the black for January. As of Feb. 15, he felt that there should be a small profit for this month.

Brett Poling, commissioner, questioned the two parties (the Society and county) getting out of the contract. What, he asked, if the county puts a bunch of money into the facility and, then the society wants out of the contract and wants the facility back?

Mr. Paulsen said he thought he had submitted a list of nursing home furniture for insurance purposes.

The commissioners wanted to know who is responsible if there is a personal injury. Karan Thadani, county attorney, said that may not be an issue but it was something that needed to be looked into.

Mr. Patton said that, on a positive note, we are moving forward.

County development

Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development Corporation,

questioned the hiring of a person to write grants. She said that the county already pays the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development to write grants and they do not charge for writing grants.

Mr. Patton said that he assumed she would be writing grants for things the Planning and Development service didn't write grants for such as bunker gear for firemen, training, and other such items.

I am not wanting to do anything but what is best for the county, Mr. Patton said. I would like for departments to come up with a "wish list" for what they want and need.

I would like to move forward in getting an assisted living in St. Francis, Mr. Poling said. I will donate my time and my equipment - anything to help get one here.

Mrs. Dobbs said she had been to Topeka with the Northwest Kansas Travel Commission. They had set up booths and given away samples of Monte's Jerky, a Cheyenne County product. There was also edible play clay samples available.

She noted that the motels in St. Francis are going through a tremendous amount of brochures about the county. They are doing well in distributing them, she said.

Landfill

Adam Peter, landfill supervisor,

had a quote for pro-panel for the building to house the trash compactor. Mr. Peter said he had the pipe for the frame. After considerable discussion, the commissioners agreed to have him try to get the building done before his last day on Feb. 28. They also gave him permission to use his own welding equipment at \$20 per hour.

While he is working on the building, Mr. Peter was told to get someone to run the scale. He said that if the commissioners would hire someone that could start immediately, he could help train that person while he was working on the building. Later, it was learned that the commissioners had approved of someone to run the landfill after Mr. Peter leaves.

In other business

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• Larry Fahrenbruch, Atwood, to give presentations to county employees that would help them identify theft and get attorney services. The board agreed that he could talk to those wanting the information.

• Peggy Pratt, director of the Northwest Kansas Juvenile Justice Services, told the board about the services the department offered. She said that Cheyenne County is very active in the program.

Storm spotter classes scheduled March 15

This year's Storm Spotter class in St. Francis will be held on Friday, March 15. The class starts at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The class is free of charge and open to anyone with an interest in High Plains weather. This program is conducted only once a year by National Weather Service meteorologists so consider attending this fun and educational training in St Francis. The class will discuss Wireless Emergency Alerts, new Impact-Based Warnings, thunderstorm organization and

evolution, associated clouds and their meaning, thunderstorm hazards, safety, and what and how to report.

For more information, contact the Goodland National Weather Service at (785) 899-7119. A complete listing of the 2013 Spotter Training Schedule across the tri-state area is available on the web page: <http://weather.gov/goodland>.

The class is brought to St. Francis by the National Weather Service and the Cheyenne County Emergency Management.

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