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Samaritan Society on Tuesday at their regular meeting. Pictured are (1 to r) Brett ments will take place on July 1.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SIGNED the 5-year lease agreement with the Good Poling, Ernie Ketzner and Dale Patton. The transfer of the nursing home and apart-

Commissioners sign 5-year lease

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners ed it. The vote was unanimous. signed a 5-year lease agreement with the Good Samaritan Society at the Monday commissioners' meeting. With the signing of the lease comes the ownership of

Ernie Ketzner and Brett Poling, were open. present at the meeting. After a brief dising each commissioner to vote as they community and county.

thought best, Dr. Poling made the motion

I am in favor of the agreement going through, mainly, Mr. Ketzner said, because I want Good Sam to stay open. This could have been a negative thing for the the nursing home and apartments for the community and, down the road, we will have some options. But, he said, at this All three commissioners, Dale Patton, point of time, we need to keep the facility

cussion and Mr. Patton, chairman, advis- it could have been a big impact on the

He also thanked Jeff Paulsen, Village also confirmed that this profit was after to keep the doors of the nursing home to sign the lease and Mr. Ketzner second- administrator, for the time he had taken the \$10,000 per month taken out for fundin seeing that information was available. ed depreciation. The other commissioners also thanked

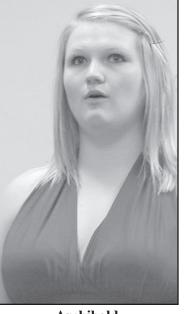
> deed. The commissioners assured him that this was taken care of by Sondra numerous times.

The acceptance of the facilities came with many months of studying what Mr. Paulsen had several questions con- would be involved when and if the county cerning the title insurance and warranty would become the owners. It was a matter of "due diligence," Mr. Patton repeated

Due diligence was not only referred to He also presented an accounting report in making the right decisions but also in Had the facility closed, Dr. Poling said, for the last three months. It showed that how the tax money was spent. The votthe nursing home and apartments com- ers had agreed to have 6 mills or approxitions for the Society, will be at the May bined, had a profit of \$1,732. Mr. Paulsen mately \$200,000 levied yearly to be spent 15 meeting for the official exchange.

There had been questions as to who would have control of the money and how it was spent. In the end, the commissioners and the Society agreed that the county would have control of the money, allotting money to the Society as the monthly budget was presented. There will also need to be money available for necessary repairs and equipment.

Randy Fitzgerald, director of opera-



Archibald





Merklin

Sainty students place well at state music contest

Francis Community High School sic instructor. Wichita on Saturday.

solid performances and did an Merklin, junior, vocal solo. Sydexcellent job of representing our ney Sundstrom, freshman, re-

Four soloists from the St. school," said Debbie Fiala, mu-

music department performed at Earning medals for I ratings the1A State Music Festival in were Sarah Whitmore, senior, flute solo; Taylor Archibald, "All of the students turned in senior, vocal solo; and Bailey



Sundstrom

ceived a II rating on her trumpet

Woman prisoner appears in Cheyenne County court

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Leeanna Windell was held on Wednesday, April 24, at 4:40 p.m. in Cheyenne County District Court. The hearing was held to determine the ability to hold Windell without filing formal

Windell was arrested in connection with the death of 45-year-

old Brad Figgins.

ney general working for the State to Monday, May 6, at 10 a.m in Attorney General's Office, asked Cheyenne County District Court. A probable cause hearing for that she have seven days to gather the evidence.

Windell's court appointed lawyer, Charles Peckham, said it had evidence to lower the bond at a already been three weeks since separate hearing. Figgins' death. That, he said,

er evidence. days requested by Romine. He 10 days but he thought, realistiset the first appearance date but cally, it may not be held for 90 to Nicole Romine, assistant attor- later, the court date was changed 100 days.

Bond for Windell was set at \$1 million. Her lawyer will be given the opportunity to present

Judge Scott Showalter said should be sufficient time to gath- after the first appearance, a preliminary hearing will be held. He The judge allowed the seven said that normally it would be in

City council continues to work on city-wide cleanup

By Karen Krien karen.k@nwkansas.com

City cleanup was again on the agenda when the St. Francis City Council met Monday evening. At the last meeting on April 15, the city superintendent had asked that the council select five properties which they felt were at the top of the list for needing cleaned up.

Letters had been sent and Jerry Toler, whose property was fifth on the list, was present at the meeting. He told the council that he agreed that his property needed to be cleaned up but medical problems limited his ability to clean up and it was also a financial burden.

agreed to help him one day a week the property to Wayne Ritter who

the city limits to park his vehicles. Stull lives in Colorado but has been His problem, he said, was cleaning up and moving vehicles within the 15 days stated in the letter. I am requesting more time – 35 to 40 days, he said. I will get it done for sure.

Mike Day, city attorney, said the letter read that he could request a hearing to visit the council, which he had done. J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, said that as long as there is obvious progress, However, if he ran into trouble, Mr. Toler needs to let the council

Mr. Day reported on the Richers He had found one person who property. Kenny Richers had sold

and he had found a place outside had sold it to Timothy Stull. Mr. working on the property, having emptied the contents of the house

and removed shrubs. Others in the top five included the Neitzel property on South River Street; the old Woodshed on Main Street and the Houtman properties on Main and Quincy streets.

Bud Houtman, when Scott Schultz, mayor, and the city superintendent had talked to him, the council will work with him. said he had just gotten out of the hospital but would try to get the vehicles moved outside the city limits. There were no other responses from the owners of the other two



LONESTAR STORAGE recreational vehicle storage is already up and more storage is yet to come. Check the progress on College Street.

Storage business expands

Lonestar Storage is expanding.

Owner, Pastor David Butler, recently purchased the lot at 340 N. College, just north of Dr. Melvin Dunn's office. He is installing four recreational vehicle (RV) units as well as 23 storage units that are

bigger than the units at his lot on West North Street. When Pastor Butler built the first storage units 18 months ago, he thought that would be plenty. However, he said, those units are full and people have been calling wanting to rent another unit.

He also saw there was a need for recreational vehicle storage. These units on College Street, he said,

Those wanting more information on the units can

call him at 785-332-4345.