

Fair Board holds meeting to elect next year's officers

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The Cheyenne County Fair Board met on Oct. 3. The main agenda was to elect new officers, discuss a beer garden at the fair, and the demolition derby.

The election of the officers found Dick Bursch elected for one more year as president. Nick Ketzner was re-elected as the vice president.

Ashley Buffington was nominated to serve as secretary again, but declined the position. Dani Holzwarth said she would be willing to assume the position.

Sarah Kinzer, current treasurer, asked to comment before the treasurer election. She said that the auditor suggested that the treasurer not be a member of the board but a paid position. President Bursch said that until the commissioners tell the board that is what they want, they should elect someone on the board and perhaps an assistant to the treasurer. Sarah was elected as treasurer. Mrs. Buffington was elected as the assistant to the treasurer.

Dick said that at the commissioners meeting it was decided that there would not be a beer garden. Furthermore, the fair board and mud volleyball committee will no longer be responsible for alcohol on the grounds. The commissioners will take responsibility themselves.

There was some confusion about how the commissioners can simply assume responsibility. However, Dick reiterated that the commissioners said it is no longer the fair board's responsibility and they are no longer liable. He said that he wondered about it as well, but that is the way he took it.

Several of the board members questioned who would pay tickets and fines if Alcohol Beverage Control discovered an underage drinker. President Bursch said that he will go back to the commissioners with the board's questions and concerns.

Next order of business was unclaimed checks. If a seller does not pick up their check, and does not sign it over to the fair board

as a donation, the funds are left unclaimed. However, the fair board cannot cancel the check. There are checks from 2011 that still have not been cashed or signed over for donation. There was some discussion on how the board handles the money between buyer and seller, however no decision was made.

The derby prize payouts were discussed, and a \$9,000 budget was agreed upon if there are 16 teams at the next derby, and proportionately less if less teams. The derby committee will determine the prize payouts.

Finally, a 14 year old was interested in participating in the derby. President Bursch said he will ask the county attorney and insurance agent at what age a person can participate in the derby.

There will not be a November meeting. A motion was made to pay any bills that are necessary next month. The board then dismissed to clean the restrooms at the fair building.



TYLER will be Krysta Smestad's service dog. He is a specially trained Seizure Response Dog that is trained for about a year.

Hospital achievements are mentioned at board meeting

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The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Sept. 30. The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss personnel and achievements the hospital has made.

Judy Rockwood, chief executive officer of the hospital, reported that the executive team has proposed a name change for the hospital, both clinics and county health department. The proposed name is Cheyenne County Family Health Center. After some discussion from the board, it was moved to table the discussion until further information on the expenses involved with the proposed name

change are available.

Dana Jewell is going to begin seeing patients starting Nov. 1. Ms. Jewell is a physician's assistant that came to the hospital about a position. She has worked with all the providers before and is very excited.

She comes with many years of experience and will be supervised by Dr. Matchell in Colby until Dr. Megan Brown arrives at the hospital. She has bought a house in St. Francis.

Carol Sloper is taking classes to become a certified grant writer for the hospital. This will help as the hospital applies for future grants. The clinic manager position is

still open.

The hospital was notified that they were awarded the Rural Health United Methodist Ministry Fund Grant. The hospital is one of the four recipients in the state of Kansas. The grant begins Nov. 1.

The first year the hospital will be awarded \$40,000 and will comprise of assessing the communities for improving health, quality, access to care and cost. The second year they will be awarded \$110,000.

Bittersweet was that Atwood was disqualified from the grant and so Cheyenne County Hospital will be going ahead solely with the grant.

The hospital was recognized at the state level for being a Stroke Ready Hospital. They are one of 11 Critical Access Hospitals in the state and received a plaque for the recognition.

Rick Rogers, hospital board member, moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected healthcare providers. The board came out of executive session with no decisions being made.

Mr. Rogers will be passing on contact information to Kari Gilliland, board member, for the New Light Healthcare System to present their services at the next board meeting.

The next board meeting is rescheduled due to conflicts and will be at 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28.

Fundraiser being held for local woman after injury

By Kay Shay

Life changed dramatically for Krysta Smestad, 27-year-old daughter of Randy and Dorothy Smestad, when she sustained a traumatic brain injury in January of 2011.

Krysta now suffers from chronic seizures and must be closely monitored. She once had a job and home of her own, but now Krysta lives with her parents in St. Francis.

According to Randy and Dorothy, after Krysta's accident she couldn't even spell "Cat" or use her cell phone. Krysta can no longer drive or bend over, and can handle only one noise source at a time. While she is much improved, doctors say there is nothing they can really do for her seizures, nor the impact of the head injury.

"Because Krysta's seizures are so severe, it takes a strong person to help her. They leave her in lots of pain," Randy said.

In order for Krysta to gain some independence, she and her parents began to look into obtaining a service dog specifically trained to help a person who experiences seizures. A service dog may make it possible for Krysta to spend time alone and possibly to move into a travel trailer for more personal independence.

The specially-trained dog is

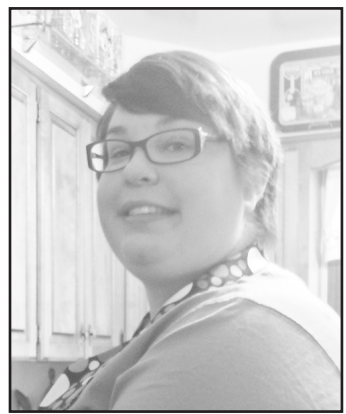
called a Seizure Response Dog. These dogs are not referred to as "pets" because of their extensive training and their need to perform duties without distraction.

Service dogs are trained for about a year and are thoroughly evaluated for temperament and health traits. The American Disabilities Act states that a trained service dog can go anywhere with its companion. This includes movie theaters, restaurants, buses, airplanes, school and work. Each service dog is trained to meet individual needs.

Krysta's response dog is named Tyler. He will be a fully-certified service dog. Tyler will be trained to alert her family that Krysta has had a seizure, to move objects out of the way, to bring medications or a pillow, and to carry a backpack for service identification along with Krysta's medical treatment. Tyler will also offer Krysta comfort and therapy.

"Tyler will be an extra pair of eyes," Krysta said. "This is going to help my mom and dad, too, by taking stress off them."

Krysta and her parents have learned that if they had gone through a different organization they would have spent at least three years on a waiting list or would have had to pay the full price for a service dog, around \$30,000. However, through Canines 4 Hope, Krysta will be able to purchase Tyler for around \$9,000



Krysta Smestad

(full price is \$9,650).

Tyler is being trained in Palm City, Fla. In order to finalize Tyler's certification, Krysta and Tyler must pass a public access test, which requires her to be in Florida for at least a few days around end of February.

"I hope that Tyler benefits not only my family, but everyone in this town," Krysta said.

Fundraiser

A baked potato bar fundraiser and silent auction will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Church of Christ to help raise funds for Krysta's seizure response dog. Thrivent will provide matching funds up to \$1,000. The entire community is invited to attend.

Courthouse News

Real Estate

Erica Harlan to Enrique Lopez; lot-22, 23, 24 blk 9 Park Hill addition, also known as 321 West Second Street city of St. Francis.

Floyd E. Jensen and Elaine R. Jensen, et ux to Trent G. Kinen and Nicole D. David; lot-12, 13, 14 blk 66 Sunny Hill addition, city of St. Francis.

Dolores Wiley to S & C Northrup Revocable Trust lots 7, 8, 9 blk 41 also known as 322 South Benton city of St. Francis. Dorothy L. Smestad and Randy Smestad, et ux to Kelly L. Frewen and Ellen Frewen, et ux; lots 6, 7 blk 27, also known as 113 W. Washington city of St. Francis.

Dawn M. Rogers to Bernadette Luncsford; lots 43, 44 blk 1 of Park Hill addition, also

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H. Keith Petersen and Betty Petersen, et ux to CWB Properties, LP; lot 1, 2 blk 5 in Park Hill addition, city of St. Francis.

Travis Milne and Jennifer Milne, et ux to Chase R. Grice; lots 3, 4 blk 23 Park Hill addition, also known as 605 South Quincy city of St. Francis.

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Roger L. Moore to Kris Rice and Ken Rice, et ux to Carl M. Jenkins and Lillian K. Jenkins, et ux; lots 9, 10 blk 37 city of St. Francis.

Bankruptcy

St. Francis Wright, David L., Juanita Wright, aka Jenny Wright, liabilities \$314,844, assets \$34,020, Chapter 13.



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for Krysta Smestad's seizure response dog

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