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Merging the county's emergency medical service with the Sherman County Emergency Medical Service was discussed when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Friday. At the end of the discussion, they agreed to set up a meeting with Sherman County Commissioners. Dr. Mary Beth Miller, Cheyenne County medical director; Ryan Murray, emergency manager; and Duane Wright, Sherman County Emergency Medical Service director, immediately asked for 20 minutes to discuss personnel. After coming out of the session, they went back in for another 20 minutes. Coming out, Dale Patton,

commissioner, said no decision was to be made.

They then turned to discussing merging emergency services with Sherman County.

It is becoming more apparent that volunteers in rural areas are going to have trouble meeting federal guidelines, said Mr. Patton. Rural areas are having a difficult time standing alone because of the cost as well as finding volunteers.

We need to move on this matter as soon as possible so we can provide the best emergency service as possible to our residents, he said.

A meeting with the Sherman County Commissioners will be set as soon as possible. The meeting will be open to the public, and the

county's emergency medical service board will as urged to attend.

Resignation

Terry Miller, clerk, told the commissioners he had sent a letter to the governor, telling that he planned to resign May 31. He had also informed the Republican party chair. Members of the party planned a meeting on the following Monday.

Mr. Miller said he had recommended the deputy clerk, Deb Lindsten, to finish his term. Deb, he said, has been training to do his job and she will do well. It will be a smooth transition, he said, noting that he assumed the party would appoint her. In the meantime, Mr. Miller will continue to be the clerk until he leaves.

Road and bridge department

Dave Flemming, public works director, reported he had purchased a 2006 Caterpillar 950H loader for \$74,800. The final price, he said, had been cheaper than he had anticipated. The loader will need to be paid for before the next meeting, so the commissioners agreed to allow a check to be written.

Mr. Flemming recommended that the commissioners sign a permit for Tom Hnizdil so he can bore under a county road to run an electric line.

Emergency medical service

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, asked for 20 minutes executive session to discuss financial matters of a third party. When coming out, Mr. Patton had a bill which had come from Citizen Medical Center in Colby. The bill was for providing ambulance service to a patient that had been delivered to the center. The bill was cleared to be paid.

Mr. Patton said that the county could be held accountable and it was

the county's financial obligation. The bill for \$2,798 was approved to be paid.

In other business

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- The date was listed as 2014 instead of 2013 on the contract for law enforcement in Bird City. The date was corrected and will be sent back to the Bird City City Council for signing.

- An application for a state grant to the Cheyenne County Health Department was signed. Mr. Patton noted that at a recent state meeting he had attended, Mila Bandel, county health nurse, was highly commended for doing the best job in the state.

- Keary Carman had applied to the Cheyenne County Incentive Plan. They were not sure what Mr. Carman's business was, but thought it was a halfway house, of sorts, for veterans. They signed the agreement.

- Natalie Stahlecker, clerk of the District Court, presented Resolution 14-04, which would allow the district court to add 17 percent to bills submitted to the Kansas Set Off Program, part of the Kansas Department of Revenue. The program has been successful for the district court in collecting bills, Mrs. Stahlecker said, however, they charge 17 percent of the total collected. If 17 percent were added to the bills, they would regain the majority of that collected.

- Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, asked for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. No decision was made.

Next meeting

The next meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on Friday, March 14, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Veterans' art sought for special art show

Cheyenne Center for Creativity, St. Francis, is seeking art by veterans for a show, which will open Memorial Day weekend, called "What is War?" The purpose of the exhibit is to show how art can bridge the gap of understanding that exists between the veteran and civilian worlds. The art can be in the form of poetry, prose, music, sculpture, photography, painting, drawing and other creative media.

All veterans are invited to submit work for consideration in this exhibit by March 15. Send information describing the work, (a photo, if available) to: jjocarman@hotmail.com or mail to CC4C, 1625 Road G, St. Francis, KS 67756, or call 785 332 3569 for more information. Include the artist's name, address, and other contact information in this application for consideration. More details will be

given if work is accepted.

Cheyenne Center for Creativity was launched in St. Francis May 2, 2012, for the purpose of inspiring and promoting the growth of a creative community through exhibits, recitals, workshops and classes. The center recognizes that the creative community extends beyond Cheyenne County to include the Northwest Kansas and tri-state areas.

In 2013, the center rented gallery and classroom space at 109 N. Quincy and established Quincy Gallery. Since that time, the gallery has hosted art exhibits, dramatic presentations, piano and instrumental recitals, an Irish "craic," as well as classes in glass fusing, acrylic painting, pottery and children's activities.

Quincy Gallery recently received an entry for the "What is War?" exhibit from a Viet Nam veteran in Illinois. This submission shows how music played a part in war. It is titled "The Silver Flute", and features the story and photo of a family artifact, a life or silver flute, which belonged to a great-great-grandfather who was a Yankee prisoner of war during the Civil War. (More details of this story will be revealed at the exhibit, which begins May 26.) Every generation of this family includes veterans, from the Revolutionary War to the war in Afghanistan.

Food drive underway

CHS Agronomy Center is gathering donations of money, food and crops to help fight hunger. As part of CHS Harvest for Hunger food and fund drive, the company will accept contributions from March 1 through March 20 at its locations in Quinter, Colby, Selden, Brewster, and Burlington, to benefit local food banks.

"Hunger is a reality for more than 50 million people in America. That's one in six who doesn't have access to enough food," says Jeff Kahle, general manager, CHS Agronomy Center. "We're working together to make a difference for those in need."

Financial donations are encouraged because they enable food banks to leverage their buying power to provide nutritious food at deeply discounted rates.

"Our local communities benefit even more when CHS Country Operations makes a contribution to help friends and neighbors right here in our community. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to multiply the impact of every donation we make," she said.

Donations can be made at your local CHS Agronomy Center locations listed able or call Jennifer at (785)754-3318 for information.

Public Notice

Landowners reminded control noxious weeds

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GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Multiflora Rose and Bull Thistle are County Option Noxious Weeds declared noxious by the Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Cheyenne County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
2. Filing criminal charges for non compliance. Conviction for non compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Cheyenne County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 109 S.W. 9th, Topeka, KS 66612.

Property ordered sold by U.S. Marshal office

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2-4132-RDR-DJW

DOROTHY SEMLER and HAYS MEDICAL CLINIC, INC.,

Defendants

NOTICE OF UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an Order Of Sale Of Real Estate issued out of the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, at Topeka, Kansas, in the above entitled case, I will, on Friday, the 14th day of March, 2014, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., at the front door of the Cheyenne County Courthouse, St. Francis, Kansas, offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the right, title and interest of Defendants above-named in and to the following described real estate, located in Cheyenne County, Kansas, to-wit:

The West Half of the East Half (W1/2 E1/2) and the West Half (W1/2) of Lot Two (2), and the East Half (E1/2) of Lot Three (3), in Block Thirty-eight (38), in the original town, now City, of St. Francis, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Payment must be in the form of Cash, Cashier's Check, Money Order or Certified Check made payable to the United States District Court and will be accepted as follows:

Less than \$25,000 Entire amount due at conclusion of sale;

\$25,000-\$100,000 10% down with the remainder delivered to the United States Marshal's Service Office by close of the business day;

More than \$100,000 10% down with the remainder delivered to the United States Marshal's Service Office within five (5) working days

The contact person regarding inquiries about the above-property is Kent Colwell, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, (785) 628-3081.

Said real property is levied on as the property of the defendant above names and will be sold without appraisal, subject to any unpaid real property taxes or special assessments and with a three (3) months month right of redemption, to satisfy said Order of Sale

United States Marshal's Office, Topeka, Kansas, this 28th day of January, 2014

CRAIG BEAM
Acting United States Marshal
District of Kansas

Petition filed; people should file defenses

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

) ss: No. 14-PR-2

Vada M. Burkhalter, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 25th, 2014, a petition was filed in this Court by Rodney L. Young, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Vada M. Burkhalter," deceased, dated March 6th, 2013, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 24th, 2014, at 10:30 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Rodney L. Young, Petitioner

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