



ANNA TEEL will be retiring from the Good Samaritan Village at the end of the month. A retirement party was held in her honor on Friday. Mrs. Teel, center, visits with residents, Linda Hilt and Florence Peacock
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Retirement party planned

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Anna Teel has been working with the Good Samaritan Society for the last 20 years. She has been at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis since 1997. Prior to that, she worked at the Society's nursing home in Atwood.

Mrs. Teel began her career as a certified nurse's aid in Atwood. Mrs. Teel said she had always wanted to be a nurse and when her kids were out of school, she was working in Atwood. She said she decided if she was going to work that hard, she had better get a degree.

She earned her associates in nursing degree at Colby Community College in 1996. She was 54 years old. She was 6 months older than her oldest instructor.

At the Village, she has worked all three shifts but has worked

the 2 to 10 p.m. shift the most.

Mrs. Teel has six children (five girls and one boy) with her first husband, Duane Knapp. She also has five grandchildren. Mrs. Teel married John Teel and added five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Teel has many hobbies to keep her busy. She makes angels with her counted cross stitch. She enjoys her comput-

er, Eastern Star activities, taking photos and her tom cat. The first part of June, Mrs. Teel and her sister, Emma Rogers are taking a long-planned cruise to Alaska.

"Anna has been a wonderful nurse for us and we have appreciated her many years of faithful service to our residents and the community," said Rick Reeser, Village administrator.

Looking Back

25 years ago-1983

Evelyn Creach, local Bird City Times Editor, receives the PRIDE award from the Kansas Press Association.

Bird City Centennial Publicity Committee appreciate Dorthy Mast and the team effort to research Bird City history from the

County Historical Society workroom.

Fun Facts

- The wood stork, also known as the wood ibis, is the only true stork native to the United States.

- The first holes-in-one scored by both a father and son in the same game of golf were shot by Charles H. Calhoun Sr. and Jr. on August 24, 1932.

- Prior to Cornelius Vanderbilt's donation of \$1 million in 1873 Vanderbilt University was known as Central University.

Airport Authority planning airport runway extension

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For several years, the airport and runway have been receiving improvements with the help of a 95- to 5-percent grant. The county Airport Authority is now planning the airport runway extension.

Dave Yost, Airport Authority, told the commissioners at the Thursday meeting that there is some delay in getting the appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration. The Authority has bills totaling \$32,650. Mr. Yost and the commissioners discussed several ways of providing the money until the Aviation Administration has the matter straightened up. Clerk Terry Miller talked to the auditor and it was permissible to use funds from the Airport Long Term Capital Outland Fund to pay the bills.

They talked about the need for the runway extension. Mr. Yost said he is called regularly from hospital plane pilots wanting to know when it will be complete.

Land and right-of-ways need to be acquired. They are looking at three tracts of land. Mr. Yost said it was "complicated." He said that there was never a master plan for the airport until the grant helped pay for it. When they started planning the runway, there was a house which would need to be moved. Mr. Yost said had there been a master plan, the house would never have been placed in that area. Mr. Yost will keep the commissioners updated on the progress.

Appraisers session

Randy Sangster, county appraiser, called 25 minutes of executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made when coming out of the session.

Mr. Sangster had presented a voucher for mileage reimbursement that former employee, Kathy Graf, had submitted. The commissioners agreed that they would like to have Ms. Graf come to a future meeting so they could talk to her.

Ambulance service

Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, said the state inspector would be in the county to check the ambulances.

She said that the technicians and she would have the ambulances at the schools and preschools to show the kids what is in the ambulances and let them ask questions. This is in

celebration of National Emergency Medical Service Week. Each of the children will be presented with a sack of items. The items were paid for through donations and cost less than \$3 per student.

She said Craig White had taken an emergency medical technician class in Goodland in 2007. He didn't pass the test and the time frame has passed to where he could take the test again. Cheyenne County paid the class fee as well as the mileage to Goodland. Mrs. Bowers asked for 10 minutes of executive session to discuss personnel. Chairman Andy Beikman said no decisions would be made when they came out of the session.

911 dispatch

Carol Gamblin, dispatch director, said the city had ordered the tornado siren and was to have been installed on May 1. She also talked about the city police's letter saying that, because of limited resources, the officers would no longer be taking care of wild animals within the city limits. See related article.

Mrs. Gamblin also wanted to respond to a rumor that dispatch isn't dispatching criminal calls to the city of Saint Francis. Mrs. Gamblin said the dispatch is not receiving any criminal calls and the last one they received, was dispatched to the city.

"We are not 'hiding' calls," she said.

Vouchers questioned

Vouchers questioned by the commissioners included: 16510, \$150, CLIA Laboratory Programs, for certificate fee for ambulance department; 16518, \$25, to the Cheyenne County Hospital for blood draw; 16589, to Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, for \$1,130 promotional kit, taken out of memorial funds for Emergency Medical Service week promotions; 16535, \$112, Nancy Semler, cleaning/restocking the ambulances; 16541, \$378, Colby Glass Company, handicapped door in courthouse; 16546, \$722, American Legion Emblem Sales, 24 bronze grave markers (by the law, the county is to pay flags on vet graves at the cemeteries); 16558, \$2,080, Sam's Electrical Service, wiring for county shop for fuel tanks.

In other business

In other business:

- The commissioners signed an oil/gas lease on property the commissioners own in case the company ever wants to drill.

- The commissioners agreed to pay the \$1,000 rental reimbursement and \$90 sign reimbursement for the L.A. Accounting incentive plan. David Butler, Cheyenne County Development coordinator, had given the clerk the reimbursement bills for the business. They asked Clerk Miller to see if Mr. Butler had re-written the incentive plan to place a cap on the sign reimbursement.

- They agreed to send Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed manager, to a school concerning Round Up and other sprays. It was noted that weeds are starting to show some resistance to the sprays. It was also noted that Round Up has tripled in price from last year.

- Abatements were signed for Midwest Gas, Southwestern Bell, and Petroleum Development Corporation. These abatements were made mandatory statewide and all counties had to comply.

- Because of the rising costs, the commissioners discussed that some counties are going to four-day week for their employees. One of the counties considering this action is Gove. No action was taken.

- Road and bridge supervisor, Dave Flemming, said he'd like to implement a Personal Protection Equipment Policy. The commissioners thought it was a good idea.

- Peggy Pratt, director of the 15th Judicial District Northwest Kansas Juvenile Justice Services, attended the meeting to detail the services the center provides. She also asked that the commissioners consider \$1,000 in funding for the 2009 year. No decisions were made.

- Sheriff Craig Van Allen asked for 15 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made when returning to the regular meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Friday, May 30, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Public Notice

Cellular company to build shelter

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PUBLIC NOTICE - NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY

Verizon Wireless (VAW) d/b/a Verizon Wireless proposes to build telecommunications equipment shelter on expanded water

tower compound 312 S College, St. Francis KS--39° 46' 15" N, 101° 47' 45" W. Any interested party wishing to submit comments as to effect proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to Nancy Crow, Bureau Veritas, contractor for Verizon Wireless, 8717 W. 110th St., Ste. 480, Overland Park, KS, 66210 (913)451-3600 22008-008063.01

National EMS Week – May 19 - 25

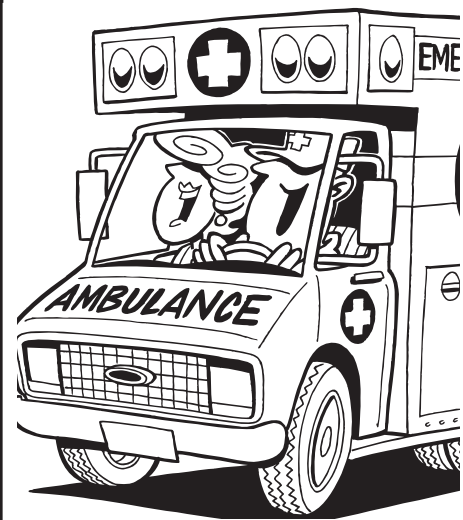


Back row: Ben Smull, Dee Wilson, Jannelle Bowers, Rod Young, Stacey Hazuka, Mike Hanson, Reid Raile, Randy Wieck, Wade Krien, Melva Douthit, Nancy Semler, Charlene Wieck, Mark Mills, Steve Nolan, Wendy White, Tammi Sherlock, Clayton Janicke, Loren White, Cynthia Poling. Not pictured: Ed Marin, Gary Brubaker, Lanee Carpenter.

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