

Nursing home's contract on agenda

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Monday meeting, were supposed to meet with the Good Samaritan Society's director of operations concerning the nursing home lease. However, at the last minute, Randy Fitzgerald, director, had contacted Kari Gilliland, county attorney, saying that he would be unable to be there.

Mrs. Gilliland said she had received the newest lease from the Society but there were still corrections that needed to be made and the wording in Item 15 had changed. The Society had said the commissioners, if they wanted to, could sign the lease as it was but with the understanding the necessary changes would be made. The commissioners agreed that they did not want to sign a lease contract that was not correct.

There were three items that need correcting. The land description which included the nursing home, apartments and home health office had not been verified as the land had not been surveyed. Jeff Paulsen, nursing home administrator, had a drawing which showed that a small section of land which the home health office sets on is all that the Society will keep - that the rest of the land goes with the transfer.

Item 15 in the lease had been changed to read that the Society (lessor) agreed to furnish all furniture and equipment for the furnishing of bedrooms in the facility. It should

read as the "lessee" which is Cheyenne County.

The third item concerned the inventory list, which Mr. Paulsen said, the Society had asked for and he had sent.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said he had talked to Kody Krien, owner of Krien Pharmacy, who was concerned about the paperwork he had to fill out to be able to furnish their medicines. The commissioners talked about how government regulations are making it almost impossible for many small businesses to operate and there are many small pharmacies that will be in the same position as Mr. Krien. Mr. Paulsen said that the nursing home has no intention of taking meds away from the local pharmacy.

Dale Patton, commissioner, said Ryan Murray, emergency manager had, said that when the county takes possession of the nursing home facility, they will need a person trained as a national incident manager to fulfill FEMA regulations.

Tom Keller, who was there as a concerned citizen, said federal regulations are happening everywhere including farming and banking to name some.

Mr. Fitzgerald told Mrs. Gilliland that the commissioners could wait until the first of February to sign the lease. The commissioners figured that it will probably take that much time to find a surveyor and get the land surveyed.

Center Church holds Christmas gathering

The annual Country Christmas celebration sponsored by Center Church Association was held at the Bird City senior center on the evening of Dec. 7. Members sat down to hobo stew and finger foods prior to the singing of carols and Christmas devotional sharing time.

Billy Pope Duncan addressed the members with teachings from the Christmas story found in Luke Chapter 2. Poems and reading were delivered by Gerald Wright

Santa's Surprise Party," Rosemary Powell, "Story of the Three Kings;" Irma Deeds, "The Man in the Very Front Row;" Marsha Magley, "Joseph's letter to his Mother"

Special words and greetings and best wishes were given by Arnold Jr. and Sandra Magley, Carol Duncan, Lucille Wright, Hollis Dapron, Shirley Watson, Marcea Weaver and Merna Dautel.

The wonderful fellowship time closed with prayer, love and best wishes for a Merry Christmas



THE WESELYAN CHURCH puts on the production of "The Innkeeper," Pictured in the back row from left to right are, Brianna Vandike, John Serrano, Josiah Beck, Conner

McPherson, Harley McPherson, Joseph Augusta. Front row; Emily Serrano, Hallie Antholz, Natalyn Bursch, Junior Warford. It was directed by Cristi Anholzt

Christmas program includes a Lab dog

Wesleyan Church had a dog in church for the children's Christmas program on Sunday evening. During the dress rehearsal on Saturday he wandered around knocking down the stage props, but portrayed the perfect part of a sleepy-eyed dog during the production of, "The Innkeeper," a short drama based on the poem by John Piper. As Mr. Piper recited the poem, Kent Banister portraying the part of Jacob, the innkeeper, appeared on the stage with his dog, Shem, portrayed by Hal Antholz's dog, Boomer.

Cort Antholz portraying Jesus walked down the aisle recognizing all the children. He stopped to pause by Brianna Vandike and drew a camel on the carpet. As the young lass came and sat down on the floor to examine it he asked her, "What's this?"

Her reply was "A camel sir," and pointing to the bulging back, she said it has a hump. In response to Jesus' question as to who made this camel with a hump the lass replied, "God did." Jesus then continued to search the place where he was born.

As Jesus approached Jacob, Jacob told him how when the inn was full he would send late arrivals, especially the poorest to the stable in the back. Jacob then told him not to mind old Shem; he wouldn't bite a Roman soldier in the night.

As Jesus sat down Jacob waved

the stump of his right arm, then swept the floor with his cedar rod. He then told the story of Jesus' birth; the slaughter squad from Herod's coming and killing his son and all the children two years old or less. When they came for his son, Rachel his wife refused to relinquish him, so they killed her and with the thrust of a sword cut off his arm. This was his cost for housing the Messiah.

Jesus then told the innkeeper he was the one Herod wanted to destroy, and in two weeks they would crucify him. After three days, he said, He would rise from the dead, and place his foot upon the head of him who has the power of death.

During the pantomiming artwork was shown on the wall sketched by Glenn Harrington.

The innkeeper and the children portion of the program were conducted by Cristi Antholz. After the welcome and prayer by Pastor Dan Carson; John Serrano, Josiah Beck, Connor McPherson, Harley McPherson, Emily Serrano, Hallice Antholz, Natalyn Bursch, and Junior Warford sang "Isaiah 9:6-7." Brianna Vandike and Joseph Augusta joined the group with "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

The youth group consisting of; Connor Hazuka, Alex Hazuka, Casey Vandike, Derek Vandike, Brianna Vandike, Nakita



"THE INNKEEPER" Kent Banister, sits with "Shem" .

Schneider, Ivan Kemp, Joseph Augusta, Heath Churchwell, and C.J. Antholz sang, "Isaiah 53." Pastor Carson had a brief message and the congregation

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