

Reid Raile, network administrator, told the hospital board on Thursday that he was on his 90th day of work at Cheyenne County Hospital. This department is a one-person department.



**Raile**

Since he has been at the hospital, he has implemented new help desk software to track each request for assistance and document volume in this department. It shows how many requests are completed and remain to be dealt with.

Electronic medical records implementation does decrease error and increases the quality of care and implementing this across the hospital has and will continue to take more time, he said.

Other items Mr. Raile talked about included:

- The infrastructure of the building has the physical access controlled by a computer, the heating

and air is controlled by a computer and there is a mass notification system that is also controlled by a computer.

- The volume-driving factor in it is the number of employees and the electronic medical records.

- The Web Sense software is implemented and this allows blocking of gaming sites, face book, shopping sites from the employees.

One department challenges is the workload for one person, Mr. Raile said, but the relationship with Great Plain Health Alliance helps considerably and they can back him up when needed.

Jane Young, board member, asked if he was on call and he said he is available 24/7 unless out of town and then he has a cell phone or the employees can call Midwest Health Data Center.

Mr. Raile pointed out that the single point of failure in the hospital facility is the internet connection. With everything moving to electronic, he said, the facility relies on the internet.

"We need to work on a disaster-recovery policy and plan if we

would lose our internet connection for a long period of time," he said.

Mr. Raile said he is pushing out security updates weekly to all computers and has a computer imaging software so if he needs to move one computer to a different area, the image tells him what is needed on that computer and speeds up the reconfiguration of the computer.

In the future he would like to look at the possibility of hiring a summer intern. He said there are several policies that need to be updated and implement a new backup system. He is planning on setting up a cyclic rotation of computers and servers.

He would like to look into proximity badge authentication for nursing, clinic nurses, providers and the lab. This badge would allow "employee specific" access to computers which helps with security by preventing employees from logging in as someone else.

*Editor's note: The above article was taken from the unapproved minutes of Sept. 30 hospital board meeting.*



**HOW MANY ARE IN THERE?** Hailey and Laura Robbins make their guess on how many items are in the jars at the PTA Fall Family Fun Night. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Update planned for kitchen

Christa Brown, nutrition service manager, updated the Cheyenne County Hospital Board on her department when the board met on Thursday.



**Brown**

She said there are two full-time and two part-time employees in this department. They are looking at the remodel of the kitchen.

They are doing their best to work around things right now, she said

but she didn't feel it was financially feasible to put new flooring and new countertops in when the board is planning on remodeling and putting the kitchen somewhere else. She thought it was a waste of time and money.

The kitchen, she said, still has flooding issues when it rains. Les Lacy, hospital administrator, responded, saying that they would need to do some minimum floor and countertop work to pass a portion of inspection and current flooring and countertops were unacceptable. Administrator Lacy also noted that Bill Wilger, maintenance man, is part

way through a project that should help reduce the flooding issue.

Mrs. Brown said she would like to see the kitchen be located on the main level because it could be accessed more by the visitors and outpatients.

Jane Young, board member, asked if they plan their own menu's each week. Mrs. Brown said they do the menu planning and there is a registered dietician that comes in once a month.

Mrs. Brown said they draw an employee's name each week and they get to pick the menu for a day, and that has been fun.

The hospital kitchen serves about 30-35 employees a day plus however many inpatients there are in the hospital plus any guest trays.

Mrs. Young asked if they serve breakfast to employees? Mrs. Brown said they make breakfast burritos, cereal and breakfast bars but it is not used much, out-of-sight, out-of-mind.

"If we had a place where we could put some of these items out on display they might go over better."

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## — CheyCoDeveloping —

Another eventful week with several new opportunities taking a look at us here in Cheyenne County. New opportunities are always good, but it is the health and growth of our existing local businesses that will keep us stable in the long term.

Sadly, we will see several local businesses close shortly. Could we have kept them going with more support? We will never know.

It is really important to buy locally whenever we can. If we don't, we will suffer. When you go to a local business and ask for their support to advertise for an event, or contribute to a cause, ask yourself, "how can I support them?"

We will be posting information about a "Farm Family Host" program, which would bring city folks to us during harvest and such, so that they can see where their food comes from, and help out. And, put a little extra cash in the farmer/ranchers pocket as well.

Watch for the information — we want participants.

I had breakfast at the Bowling Alley yesterday, where Lavelle Carpenter is serving up a great one! Give it a try!

Fall is here — my time of year!  
Chuck Kribs, co-coordinator  
Cheyenne County  
Development Corporation

## — Club Clip —

### Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met Monday at the Senior Center.

The program was very informative as Sylvia Reinhart, of the Heartland Lions Eye Bank, gave a lesson on eye/cornea donation. She stated that between 2,500 and 4,000 Americans are on waiting lists for cornea transplants during any given month.

The president, Eileen Nolan, opened the meeting with 14 mem-

bers and one guest present. It was reported that the guild received \$1,000 from Sainty Super's and that money along with another \$1,000 was given to the hospital to apply to the purchase of a fetal heart monitor.

The hostesses, Anita Miller and Betty Loudon, served delicious refreshments.

The next meeting will be on Nov. 2 with Dr. Tim Poling giving updates on Dentistry.

## — St. Francis News —

Wanita and Ed Kroepin met with Wanita's children, Sue Ella Touslee, Jim and Loretta Touslee and Karen Krien in Salina on Sept. 25, 26 and 27. Many of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present including the fifth generation grandson, Logan Rankin.

Billy and Karen Krien traveled to Lincoln, Neb., to watch their granddaughter, Jessie and Jamie Krien compete in a Waverly vs Gretna golf meet on Thursday. They were guests of Troy and Jan Krien, Waverly. On Monday, Jessie placed eighth in district play, qualifying for state competition in Grand Island on Monday, Oct. 12.



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