



GAVIN SMULL is not only a swimmer for the St. Francis Sharks but, after a knee injury, he had therapy in the hospital's new pool. He said that it was a lot harder to swim against the current than it looked.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

BOARD

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more information.

New board member
Terry Miller, county clerk, swore in Jane Young, Bird City, who will be taking the position on the board vacated by Swede Calnon.

The election of officers was held. Jerry Toler, who has been ill, was re-elected as president. The board agreed that Mr. Toler had been focused and dedicated to the position and they were comfortable with him continuing. Joy Anderegg, who acted as chairman in Mr. Toler's absence, was re-elected as secretary; and Traci Neitzel, treasurer.

Administrator's report
The administrator said Trisha Harkness, the hospital's computer network administrator, will be working with Kody Krien, pharmacist at Krien Pharmacy, St. Francis, to check orders as required by federal regulations, using the computer system. Mr. Lacy said Mr. Krien currently comes on site as necessary and has done an excellent job of working with the medical staff.

The administrator circulated two brochures showing: 1) an automated medicine controller which will offer storage of medicines and accurate dosages; 2) a computer on wheels which will bring the computer terminal to the patient's bedside. He said the hospital will need these types of equipment at some point in the future.

The clinic basement meeting room will be getting a separate heating and cooling system. The temperature is controlled upstairs in the clinic and the basement is generally very cool throughout the year. The board accepted the bid of Roger Neitzel Heating and Cooling, St. Francis, of \$1,970 for installation and equipment. The money will be taken out of the Funded Depreciation.

Great Plains Health Alliance report

Jackie John, area representative for Great Plains Health Alliance, the company which leases the hospital, said the Department of Agriculture approved Great Plains' for a loan/grant application of \$9,948,400. Great Plains and its affiliates will use the money to finance future technology requirements such as building a foundation for a medical home by bridging the gap between patients, providers, payors, employers and government.

Mrs. John said hospitals, including the Cheyenne County Hospital, through electronic medical records, have the ability to develop an electronic record within the hospital but no ability to be able to standardize and share the information with others.

In addition, hospitals are required to individually finance all upgrades in equipment and software.

"Great Plains Health Alliance believes the ability to cooperate gives us the opportunity to share the costs of initial purchase, required upgrades, plus the technical ability to make the patients' personal health information available to other health care professionals," she said.

Through the loan/grant, these services will reduce the cost to local facilities through more attractive financing opportunities.

The hospital received a perfect score in a provider "Site Evaluation" done by the locum tenens company, Docs Who Care. This was the only perfect score out of the 11 hospitals evaluated. Docs Who Care is the company that provides physicians for relief coverage when Dr. Miller and Dr. Allard need to be off. Utilization of this type of service has declined

with two physicians based in the county.

Mrs. John said she had been selected to serve on the Regional Policy Board of the American Hospital Association. She will be meeting with the board in March in Omaha.

In other business
In other business:
• Cameron Fiala is volunteering

his time to work in the hospital laundry.

• A power point presentation pictured all of the hospital employees.

Next meeting
The next board meeting has been scheduled for 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

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Barrett, county attorney; George Harper, fire chief, St. Francis; Dave Hickert, fire chief, Bird City; Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director; and Gary Rogers, Cheyenne County Emergency Manager.

Ray Wiley Memorial
The Ray Wiley memorial was once again brought up. The Wiley's daughters would like to donate two to three benches for Sawhill Park. However, since Greg Kite, former resident, is working on getting the park on a National Historical Registry, it is not clear if benches can be placed there. Mike Day, city attorney, will get in touch with Mr. Kite to check on the status.

Emergency building update
Council member Dale Weeks updated information of the KanStep emergency building:

- Sam Miller and his crew continue with the wiring.
- Ed Marin and Gene Dodd are working on the heating and air conditioning.
- Roger Jensen is working with a crew on the plumbing.

Each of these areas must be completed before the offices, bathrooms, closets, meeting room and kitchen can have the sheet rock and insulation put in, Mr. Weeks said. Volunteers have been working on insulation and sheet rocking where they can.

"A special "sneak peak" to invite the public to see what has been done is planned for Saturday.

Attorney Day reported that Chris Riha, Viero representative from Grand Island, Neb., has been in contact with him about a communication tower in the area. Mr. Riha is focusing on finding an area outside of the city. The tower will be a free-standing 190-foot tower. Mr. Day said,

"Mr Riha feels that by building a tower he could provide a service for us" Mr. Day said. "We are in one of those 'missing link areas' where not all cell phones will work for people traveling in the area."

Recycling
Council member Roger Jensen reported that the city received a new baler for the recycling center. He said Scott County has joined in the recycling group of counties. Now Cheyenne, Rawlins, Thomas, Cove, Logan, Wallace, Decator and Scott counties are working together.

Superintendent's Report
Superintendent J.R. Landenberger gave his report:

- A water main on Spencer street had broken during the bitter cold weather and was repaired.
- He asked to replace an old transformer for the business on the 200 block of Washington as Ross Manufacturing has purchased the building.

• The city will be getting a water line up to the St. Francis Emergency Services building in the next week.

Next meeting
The next city council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

BREAKS

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world's largest hand-dug well.

• Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge: These two entities make up the Kansas Wetlands Complex. They share a vital and international importance as a migratory stop for North American shorebirds.

• Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum: Dwight D. Eisenhower was the only president who also had been a five-star general thus making this display of his remarkable lifetime achievements significant.

• Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center: The Cosmosphere has one of the most significant collections of U.S. and Russian space artifacts in the world.

• Kansas Underground Salt Museum: The only underground salt museum in a working mine in the western hemisphere showcases our natural treasure, salt, 650 feet below the earth's surface.,

• Monument Rocks and Castle Rocks: These ancient chalk beds have produced scientifically significant fossils and have been highly eroded into unusual spires and shapes, making them spectacular landmarks on the plains of western Kansas.

• St. Fidelis Church: The architectural grandeur and impressive craftsmanship make this church built by the Volga German pioneers in 1911, a masterpiece.

• Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve: The preserve represents the last significant example of the tallgrass prairie in North America.

Other finalists
Other finalists besides the Arikaree Breaks were: Ball of Twine, Cawker City; Big Brutus, West Mineral; Brookville Hotel, Abilene; Chase County Courthouse, Cottonwood Falls; Cimarron National Grassland, Morton County; Constitution Hall State Historic Site, Lecompton; John Steuart Curry Murals, State Capitol, Topeka; Davis Memorial, Hiawatha; Fort Larned National Historic Site, Pawnee County; Garden of Eden, Lucas; Gypsum Hills Scenic Drive, Barber County; Keeper of the Plains, Wichita; Lake Scott State Park, Scott County; Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site, Republic County; St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Benedict

Congratulations are now in order



To Grace Anne

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