New software implemented

Thursday that

he was on his 90th day of work at Chey-County enne Hospital. This department is a one-person department.

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.

Raile

Electronic medical records implementation does decrease error and increases the quality of care Health Data Center. 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 recovery policy and plan if we

trator, told the hospital board on 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

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-

Reid Raile, network adminis- and air is controlled by a computer 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.

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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

Food program deadline told

Update planned for kitchen

manager, updated the Cheyenne County Hospital

Board on her department when the board met on Thursday. She said there

are two full-time and two parttime 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

Brown

Christa Brown, nutrition service 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 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

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

cessed more by the visitors and outpatients.

flooding issues when it rains. Les 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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chase Prairie Pak first) include meat only package; or fruit and veggie pak

October specials include "Supper Coach Tina Elliott said.

tween noon and 12:30 p.m. on Sat-

urday, Oct. 24, at the United Meth-

odist Church. For more information

One way to help make the food

Land Food Program. The only quali-

fication is helping others, something

most people do every day. Volunteer

for bingo, hospital auxiliary, wor-

ship team, running fair booth, Bible

school, helping with Prairie Land

Food distribution; baby sitting and

cleaning yards for neighbors, are

Prairie Land Food is for everyone.

Included in the Prairie Pak for

October are Tyson Chicken Skillet

Creations, Springhill Bacon, beef

stew meat, cook jumbo breaded

shrimp, sweet Italian sausage plus

six to eight different items of fresh

Additional packages (must pur-

There are no income guidelines.

among things which apply.

fruits and vegetables.

The deadline for the Prairie Land Time Premium Entrees", "Baking food program for October is Mon-Special" and "Tour of Italy." day, Oct. 12. Pick up will be be-

Prairie Land Food news The community benefits from this project, too, because of the volunteer work each month.

A few answers to questions that have already been asked. The participants do not have to purchase a Prairie Pak to order the Holiday Pak.

A lot of Churches and communi-

ties are wanting to order the Holiday Pak to give away as a Love Gift to families in their communities.

Remember if someone buys a package to give away as a "Love Gift" - they do not have to do the volunteer hours. The love of them buying it and giving it to someone is all of the volunteer time that is needed.

The Holiday Pak will be available for Thanksgiving.

Junior high girls play volleyball at Hoxie

By Betty Jean Winston

betty.w@nwkansas.com Hoxie held a junior high B-team volleyball tournament on Saturday, Sept. 26, with St. Francis playing teams from Hoxie, Decatur Community/Oberlin, Trego County/WaKeeney and Norton.

The young Lady Indians scored victories over Hoxie 22-25, 25-21, 15-13, Decatur Community 25-14, 25-18, and Norton 25-20, 25-23, with their only defeat coming at the hands of Trego County 18-25, 23-25. Only one match, the Hoxie one, went to three sets.

"The girls did a really good job, they had confidence and worked together to come out with a winning day at the tournament,"

"We got to see first hand how important getting our serves are and we did a great job which shows in our scores.

Good serves vs Hoxie: Justice Wiley 12, Bailey Merklin 9, Randee Grover 8, Aly Schlepp 5, McKayla Taylor 5, Echo Jones 2, Brianna Cooks 1.

Good serves vs Decatur Community: Jones 7, Valerie Wurm 6, Cooks 5, Merklin 4, Grover 4, Ashlee Orth 4, Wiley 2, Taylor 2. Good serves vs Trego County: Wiley 8, Taylor 8, Grover 7, Wurm 3, Merklin 2, Schlepp 1, Cooks 1, Orth 1.

"I was extremely proud of how these girls played in this tournament," Coach Elliott said.

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



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 opment Corporation

Wilger, maintenance man, is part CheyCoDeveloping -

to see the kitchen be located on the main level because it could be ac-

concerning the program, call Amanda Milne Mahon, 308-297-3214 or Mrs. Brown said she would like 785-332-6371; Video Connection, 785-332-3965; Empire Motel, 785-332-2231; Lee Nichols, 785-332-3581 or 785-332-6336 or the office

of Tim E. Poling D.D.S. (Margaret). Jane Young, board member, In Haigler, contact Delores Zuege at 308-297-3675. budget stretch is with the Prairie

them?"

— Club Clip -

Chevenne County Hospital Guild

Center.

a lesson on eye/cornea donation. heart monitor. She stated that between 2,500 and 4,000 Americans are on waiting lists for cornea transplants during any given month.

opened the meeting with 14 mem- updates on Dentistry.

The Cheyenne County Hospital bers and one guest present. It was Guild met Monday at the Senior reported that the guild received \$1,000 from Sainty Super's and The program was very infor- that money along with another mative as Sylvia Reinhart, of the \$1,000 was given to the hospital Heartland Lions Eye Bank, gave to apply to the purchase of a fetal

> The hostesses, Anita Miller and Betty Louden, served delicious refreshments.

The next meeting will be on The president, Eileen Nolan, Nov. 2 with Dr. Tim Poling giving

-St. Francis News-

Wanita and Ed Kroeplin 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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