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WAITING FOR THE STORE TO OPEN – These chickens and several others were the talk of the town as they casually strolled down Main Street Sunday morning. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Board accepts bids for installation

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansas.com The Good Samaritan Village administrator, Jeff Paulsen, met with the Cheyenne County Commissioners on Friday. They talked about the installation of a heating and air conditioning system. The system would take care of 16 rooms, or the majority of the west wing of the nursing home.

A bid for installation had come from CB Heating and Air Conditioning, Colby, for \$31,200. Brett Poling, commissioner, said Ed Marin at Heartland Air Conditioning and Heating, St. Francis, was going to submit a bid. He wondered if he still had time to turn in a bid. At least, he said, we would have a comparison. We don't know if \$31,200 is a reasonable bid or not.

The bids are already closed, said Dale Patton, commissioner. He also noted that the Colby company was ney, said an expert in the Leanna fill, they noted, is filling up fast.

licensed and insured.

They agreed to accept the bid for the installation of the units. The for Aged fund.

Mr. Paulsen said that the remoding shape.

Dr. Poling, at the last meeting, reported on a headline in the Oberlin Herald that claimed the nursing Paulsen said he had talked to the train derailing several years ago. administrator of the Oberlin home, and she said the headline was incorrect; that, in fact, they had lost money

In other business

In other business: • Dr. Poling talked about the possibility of bringing a motorcycle museum to St. Francis. It would businesses that could be separatbring in a lot of people, he said.

• Karan Thadani, county attor-

Windell case will testify for the county.

• Randy Nelsen was appointed money will come out of the Home as the county's emergency services safety officer.

•The Nebraska, Kansas, Coloeling of the west entrance was tak- rado Railroad had sent correspondence that the company would settle the lawsuit against the county for \$85,000. They had originally wanted \$200,000, claiming that the home was making \$132,000. Mr. county had been responsible for a

I don't feel that this was the county's fault, said Mr. Patton. The railroad should be fixing their lines.

• Three permits were signed so Murfin Drilling could put electrical lines under county roads northwest of St. Francis.

• The commissioners discussed ing cardboard for recycling but are sending it to the landfill. The land-

County residents urged to participate in health survey

Health care services in rural Kansas are facing challenges on many fronts, and the Cheyenne County Rural Health Improvement Taskforce is working to develop new approaches to address these challenges and improve local health care.

To assure they are doing a thorough job, the health care and community leaders on the taskforce are seeking the help of area residents in defining the various problems, especially those that pertain to "health risk behaviors," said Carol Sloper, task force coordinator. The extent of those behaviors such as little exercise, poor diet, and smoking, as well as limited access to care caused by such issues as lack of health care insurance or distance factors, can shed light on the best steps the community should take to improve overall health and personal well-being.

"This project is important to Cheyenne County so that our health care needs are not forced to be served by a model that is imposed by more urban areas that face far different challenges," Mrs. Sloper said.

Better Understanding of Area Needs

The taskforce has developed a survey based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System." However, Greg Bonk of HMS Associates, lead consultant for the project, pointed out that in rural areas such as Cheyenne County, the number of people surveyed is too small for reliable localized estimates and statistical analyses.

'We need to expand our knowledge about the community and better understand residents' concerns," he said, "then we will have the insight to target programs at the most pressing needs."

Mr. Bonk also explained this survey is particularly important because most data on a community's health is several years old and may really be more indicative of longstanding health problems and medical conditions rather than contemporary health risk behaviors which have been found to be of equal, if not greater, importance.

Survey Availability Near

The Risk Factor Survey will be County Health Fair in St. Francis conducted in late March through early April and many residents 24. may receive the survey via email or paper copy through employers or other organizations. If possible, the survey should be completed online. Paper copies can be ment Project, organized by the returned to Carol Sloper, CCH, United Methodist Health Ministry 210 W 1st Street, St. Francis, KS 67756.

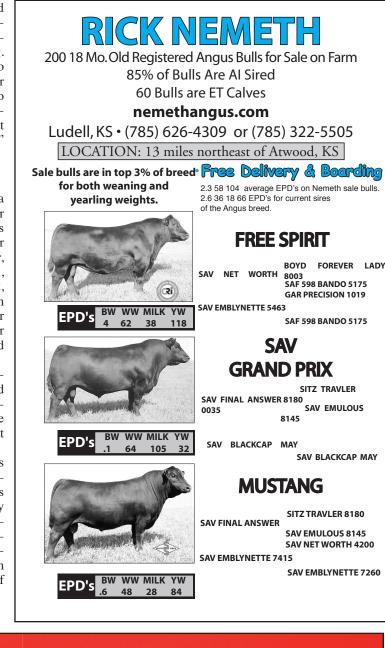
Anyone interested in participating in the survey can complete it communities in western Kansas, is online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CHY-HC or contact for-profit foundations in Kansas. Mrs. Sloper at 785-332-2104 for a paper copy. The survey will also be conducted at several area loca- in December 2014 upon request tions including: the Senior Center from Mrs. Sloper at the Cheyenne in St. Francis and the Cheyenne County Hospital.

and Bird City the week of March

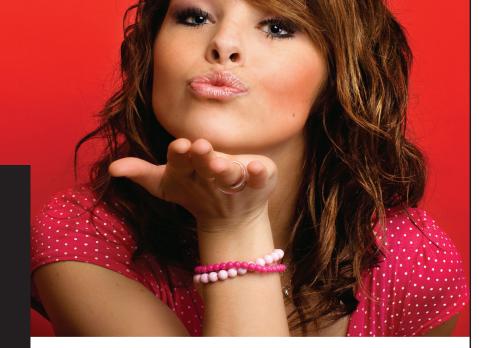
The task force is conducting the survey in conjunction with its role as a pilot program of the Kansas Rural Health System Improve-Fund, Hutchinson. The project, which also currently includes pilot programs in three other rural supported by funding from six not-

Survey Results

Survey results will be available



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