

Road and bridge supervisor presents 5-year upkeep plan

By Karen Krien

The matter of county roads and their maintenance is always a concern of the commissioners and, at the Friday meeting, they were interested in the 5-year plan for roads and bridges as well as the grading of the roads.

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said Kansas Department of Transportation personnel had traveled the county and said it was time to update the 5-year construction program for fiscal years 2005 through 2009. If the county has the plan in place, the Department of Transportation will pay for 80-percent of the costs in most cases.

The supervisor presented the proposed year plan to the commissioners which included: 2004 — a bridge and changing the road 12.5 miles west and 6.5 miles south of St. Francis. The project is already underway with the bridge costing \$137,000 (federal funds will take care of \$126,000) and the road costing \$189,000 (federal funds are \$174,000).

In 2006, there will be grading and a bridge replaced .5 mile north and .5 mile west of St. Francis. Better known as the "Olofson Bridge," the project will cost \$251,000 with fed-

eral funds covering \$173,000.

In 2007, the plan shows overlaying the oil and extending the oil 1.25 miles on the River Road southwest of St. Francis. The cost is \$320,000 with federal funds picking up \$294,000.

In 2009, the supervisor is considering replacing the Kay Runzel bridge west of St. Francis but the preliminary engineering will need to be done to see if it meets the requirements to receive federal funds.

Supervisor Flemming was still concerned about the county roads people have started using as a detour since K-161 has been closed. He said there is a lot of truck traffic on those roads. The commissioners said it was up to the sheriff to stop some of those trucks which are cutting across and there are signs so the drivers know they are on roads specifically used for county residents and trucks which are traveling to or from a location in the county.

He also said there were some areas where trucks with well digging outfits have torn up the road. The commissioners discussed the taxes that these wells brought it. Terry Miller, county clerk, said a recent update of

wells by the appraisers found a number of wells not previously recorded and they will probably bring in \$12,399 net taxes which the county had not received last year.

The commissioners OKed the purchase of a used New Holland disk mower from Demi Shahan for \$1,000.

The commissioners were concerned about the county roads and insisted that the county crew, when grading the road, made three passes down the road — first pulling the dirt up from both sides of the roads and then, going down the middle to smooth it out. They were also concerned about the widths of roads and wanted all highly-traveled roads to be 24-foot wide. The commissioners felt that this work needed to be done in the months before the weeds and grass started growing along the sides of the roads and if people in the country thought the county wasn't moving fast enough on getting roads graded, they should come to talk to the commissioners.

Ron Krien, commissioner, said he still had some low spots where water was collecting after the rain. The supervisor said the crew was working on these areas as they occur.



SUMMER'S BACK! The junior high gym class took advantage of the warm weather. Kaedra Dixson gets ready for her turn at batting.



LEFT: LINCOLN POCHOP gets set for the ball as Coach Dick Martgset, gym teacher, winds up for the pitch. Times staff photos by Casey McCormick

Committee announces less money

Declining interest rates have left less money for scholarships. The Greene Scholarship Fund is also seeing the results.

The Greene Scholarship Selection Committee is telling applicants that new distribution rules have been established for this year's graduating seniors. The committee will be offering only two \$2,000 scholarships. These will be paid at \$500 per semester for two years.

There will be 12-\$1,000 scholarships which will be paid \$500 per semester for one year. This year, the committee will not be offering four-year scholarships.

If interest rates increase, the committee hopes to return to the original

distribution amounts. The previously awarded scholarship amounts for 2003 and prior will not change.

On Feb. 25, 1981, the Garnette E. Greene and Ethlyne R. Greene Memorial Scholarships Fund was established under the last will and testament of Ethlyne Greene. For many years, the Citizens State Bank and Cheyenne County State Bank served as co-trustees of the trust and later Bankwest served as sole trustee.

Beginning in 2003, First National Bank was named sole trustee when Bankwest made the decision to close its trust department.

This trust has assisted many high school graduates. For the graduating classes since 1998, the following has been distributed to students: 1998 -

\$46,100; 1999 - \$35,600; 2000 - \$42,200 seniors; 2001 - \$35,600 juniors; 2002 - \$17,400 sophomores; and 2003 - \$22,000 freshmen.

Ladies compete at Sainty

The Cheylin Ladies Track team traveled to St. Francis on April 27 and finally had beautiful weather in which to compete.

Due to illness, one member was absent, so the tiny trio had a lot of work to do. Sara Moore did a fine job taking second in the shot put and the discus earning a "personal best." She also had her personal best in javelin, placing fourth.

Samantha Beeson participated in the discus, javelin and the long jump where she earned a personal best.

Tiffany Antholz bettered her times in the 100 and 400 dashes and competed in javelin and shot put.

It was a beautiful day for track and coach Mary Moore was pleased with the personal bests and placings.

Individual results were: Antholz - 100 m dash, 15.72, 400 m dash, 1.14.

Beeson - long jump, 8 foot 10.5 inches.

Moore - shot put 33 feet, discus 108.6.5, javelin, 91 feet.

The Ladies competed in Logan on Tuesday.

Library display pictures

The Bird City Public Library is honored to house the art work of Deb Smith of Bird City.

Mrs. Smith is displaying 18 framed and matted counted cross-stitch samplers which are exquisite. The 18 pictures are displayed throughout the library so people should count them as they view them so as not to miss any of them. The display will hang until the first part of June.

The May quilt on display is a denim quilt made by Dee Dorsch. Mrs. Dorsch utilized old jeans from her grandson, Joshua Dorsch. Joshua lives in Apple Valley, Minn. It gets cold there so this utilitarian quilt is made to keep him warm this

winter. Mrs. Dorsch has many clever and unusual items on this quilt.

A new book at the library is Dan Browns "Angels and Demons" donated by John Alden from Highland Ranch, Colo. Lavaughn and Dick Cemensky donated some decorating books. Loren and Wendy White also have three new DVDs, "Philadelphia," "Driving Miss Daisy," and "Ghostbusters." Another recent book purchase is the "Cheyenne County Veterans Book."

Stop by the library, read a magazine, check out a video or a book but be sure and see Mrs. Smith's counted cross-stitch display.

LET'S PLAY BALL!

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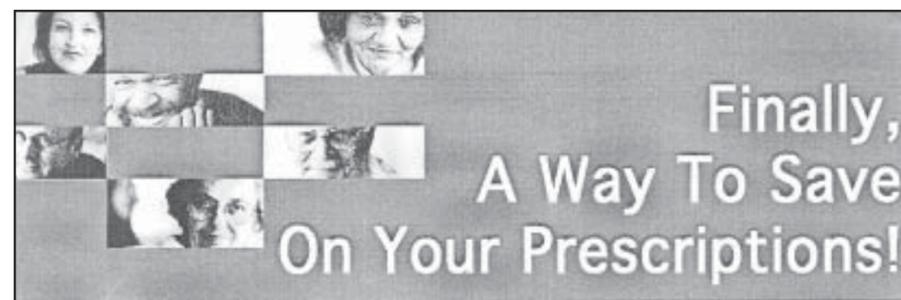
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