

Road and bridge department hires another part-time employee

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Commissioners had a brief meeting on July 15 with little listed on the agenda. Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, was allowed to give a department report, noting that Helene Landenberger had been hired for part-time mowing. The board signed the wage agreement to make it official.

Supervisor Flemming said he was still investigating the road dispute between Frank Sowers and Troy Burr. Mr. Sowers was at the last meeting and said Mr. Burr

was blocking a county road. The supervisor said he had looked at the road in question and said he still needed to talk to Mr. Burr.

Supervisor Flemming had two highway permits for the commissioners to sign. The permits will allow Kenny Richers and Rosewood Resources to cross the county right-of-ways.

The commissioners also gave permission for the Cheyenne County Road and Bridge crew to help the state department of transportation with dirt excavation on the K-161 bridge project north of Bird City.

Sheriff's report

Ray Lee, deputy sheriff, had turned down receipts while using the credit card and the amount had totaled \$81. Earlier, the commissioners had set a policy that all vouchers required an itemized receipt before the commissioners would approve them. Clerk Miller

said that letters had been sent to department heads but not to part-time help. Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring said that the memo had been sent out shortly before Deputy Lee had made the prisoner transfer and he didn't think about telling him the importance of keeping receipts.

The commissioners reviewed the dates of the credit card receipts and decided that they would pay the vouchers this time but to tell him to keep all receipts from here on out.

Bonnie Jones was present. While she wasn't on the agenda, she was given an opportunity to speak after the executive meeting. She was unhappy with undersheriff's ebay sales of porn videos. She had a letter to the editor which she said would go to the newspaper unless something was done about the undersheriff. Commissioner Tim Raile said that

"good will prevail."

Later the sheriff informed the newspaper that the undersheriff had been released but shared no further details.

Clerk Miller said he had called the SBC phone company about the cost of the sheriff's office phone bill in Bird City. Clerk Miller, while talking to the phone company representative, was told that there would probably be a decrease in the next phone bill because of a misunderstanding.

Following the prior meeting of the commissioners where the Bird City sheriff phone bill was discussed, Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring had informed the clerk that there were two phones in that office: one for phone calls and the other is for internet service.

Health insurance

The commissioners discussed why the county's health insurance payment was higher. Clerk Miller said the insurance representative said it was because a number of big claims were made within a month. The total the commissioners will have to pay is \$72,806 which includes the \$15,000 the county pays each month. The commissioners agree to pay the amount but asked that representative Tim Carson come to a future meeting to further explain the policy.

In other business

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• Carol Gamblin, part-time deputy, thanked the commissioners for allowing her to attend the training academy. She is now a certified deputy

• Larry Gabel had turned in a mileage bill which the commissioners rejected. In 2001, the commissioners had set a rule that mileage would be paid to and from Bird City. In Mr. Gabel's case, he had heard an ambulance call while enroute to another town. He had turned around to answer the call and felt he should be reimbursed for that mileage.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on July 30 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Clerk has ballots on Internet

By Karen Krien

Cheyenne County Clerk and Election Officer Terry Miller recently made the news in the Hays Daily News.

In an article written by Joy Leiker, she wrote that Mr. Miller decided to put copies of the county's ballots on the Internet. The Secretary of State's official had simply ask that he make sure the scanning ballots were clearly marked as a "sample."

It is less than two weeks before the Aug. 3 primary election and county clerks in Kansas are accustomed to spending lots of time on the phone and next to the fax machine — handling inquiries from journalists all over the state about what's going to be on the local ballot.

Mr. Miller found the Internet as a way to "beat the system" and speed it up a little bit.

"Before the election, we ended up sitting at the fax machine," he said in the article.

He normally handles queries from journalists in both Kansas and Nebraska. Every time the reporter asks for a copy of the ballot.

He has never tallied the costs of those faxes, but in the end he thinks putting the ballots on the Web will pinch a few pennies. It also makes them available to any county resident or anyone who has an interest in the election.

The ballots are listed front and center on Cheyenne County's new Web site, www.cheyennecounty.org.

Mr. Miller admits he's not much of a "techie" and the whole Web site is a work in progress. In the beginning he simply had a couple of sample ballots online, enough so that both county commission districts would be represented. Not, all eight versions of the ballot — one for every township in the county — are listed separately. That way, Mr. Miller said there's no confusion over what will appear on what ballot.

"I just started it," he said of the Web site that is only a couple of months old. "I'm doing everybody's offices. I told them all to get me information."

Other clerk's offices haven't necessarily joined the Web site bandwagon, but the clerks in Decatur and Sheridan counties have switched from the standard faxes to another can't-live-without-it technological advancement — e-mail.

Ladies compete

Riverside Recreation was the site of a Four-Ladies golf tournament held Saturday, July 17. Forty-four golfers were entered in the event on a hot July day.

Winning the Championship Flight with a score of 70 was the team of Rummel, Rummel, Haigler, Haigler, Placing second right behind them with a score of 71 was the team of Moore, Elliott, Warren and David. Two teams tied for third place, the team of Rogers, Bauman, Confer and Vernon and the team of Barrett, Scott, Grafel and Seymour.

The team of Peter, Andrist, Frohlich and Morris won the First Flight with a score of 79. Placing second was the team of Gienger, Driver, McGinley and McGillevray. Placing third was the team of Dinkel, Gilliland, Monasmith and Milliken.



Mailbox News

The United States Postal Service has issued a four-set, 37-cent friendship commemorative stamps. Featured on the stamps are characters from Walt Disney movies.

"With this stamp pane, the United States Postal Service honors the "art" of friendship as portrayed by Walt Disney and his studio animators," said Bird City Postmaster Sonja Weeden, "Now, with the help of some famous friends, who are also some of Disney's most beloved animated characters, it's easy to add a cheerful touch to your envelopes."

The stamps, illustrated by Peter Emmerich of New York City, went

on sale nationwide on June 24. Postal Service art director Terrence McCaffrey joined with the Disney team to represent on the stamps four distinct types of friendship:

- Mickey Mouse, Goofy and Donald Duck are the perfect fun-loving group.
- Bambi and Thumper represent childhood best friends.
- Mufasa and Simba show the powerful bond between parent and child.
- Pinocchio and Jiminy Cricket exemplify a mentoring relationship.

Library News

The Bird City Public Library was recently given a video and children's book in memory of Arlene Busse. The gift was given by the Cheyenne County Alzheimer's Group. The Martin Busse family had given the support group memorial money in the past.

The video, *The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's*, is a Public Television video. The illustrated book is titled, *What's Happening to Grandpa*, by Maria Shriver.

Both the video and book are wel-

comed additions to the library. "The library is extremely appreciative of this gift," said library director Stan Dorsch, "Alzheimer's Disease is often referred to as "the long good-bye.""

He remembers Mrs. Busse as "A very nice and caring person, fortunately she retained this loving personality to the end," said Mr. Dorsch.

Visitors are welcomed to stop by the library and check these items out.



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LEZAH DIERS SETS TO SHOOT during the summer basketball camp held in McDonald.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

South of McDonald

Sunday dinner guests of Lynn and Rita Officer were Ratha Lea Loker, Eunice Officer, Laddie and Vera Kacirek and Bud and Helene Frisbie. They all helped Ratha Lea celebrate her birthday.

Diane Montgomery went to the East coast this past week to help Jeff and Ginger Montgomery and Erin move to San Angelo, Texas.

Charlene Kramer attended the funeral of Leonard Runge Thursday in Atwood.

On Thursday, George, Kathy and Debbie Banister watched Amanda as she participated in the 4-H Style Revue in Atwood at the Jayhawk Theater.

George and Kathy Banister attended the memorial service for Cheryl Wilkens in Stratton, Neb., Saturday.

Ty and Teryn Carmichael were Friday guests of their grandparents, Jim and Cheryl Banister.

Theresa Prochazka is here spending a few days with her parents, Henry and Eldean Cahoj.

Bethel Goltl visited Friday at the Good Samaritan Home in St. Francis, with Irene Kehlbeck, who had just been discharged from the hospital.

On Saturday, Amy Waters and children of Haviland arrived at the Lavern and Bethel Goltl home to visit for a few days. They will be visiting Doug and Karen Flemming also.

C.W. and Sandra Antholz were Saturday morning callers at the Lavern and Bethel Goltl home.

Daphne Roberts was a Tuesday morning caller at the Lavern and Bethel Goltl home.

CHEYLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #103 BIRD CITY

Enrollment for Cheylin students will be held

Tues., Aug. 3 • 2-7 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 4 • 9 a.m.-noon/1-3 p.m.

GRADES K-12 WILL ENROLL AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY IN BIRD CITY

ALL FEES WILL BE PAID IN THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE ENROLLMENT FEES

Book Rental (K-5) = \$15 Book Rental (6-12) = \$25

Family Limit of \$50 for Book Rental

Band = \$10 Chemistry = \$5 Biology = \$5

Vo Ag Classes = \$15 Physics = \$5 Project Biology = \$5

Industrial Arts = \$5 College Biology = \$5 Mechanical Drawing = \$5

Activity Fee=\$15 (6-12 students will be allowed admission All home events)

Elementary Meal/Milk Tickets

15 Day Milk = \$3 20 Day Breakfast = \$12 20 Day Lunch = \$28

Middle/High School Meal Tickets

20 Day Breakfast = \$13 20 Day Lunch = \$30

Reduced Price Breakfast 30¢ Reduced Price Lunch 40¢

Applications for free/reduced price meals may be obtained from the office. Reduced price meals are the same for K-12 students. Applications are also available in Spanish.

FIRST SCHOOL DAY - TUESDAY, AUGUST 17 - KINDERGARTEN 1/2 DAY

Kindergarten students will need to have their Certified Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, and Current Health Assessment when they register.

Classes will begin at 8:15 a.m. and will be dismissed at 4:15 p.m. Kindergarten students will attend school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. also.

The first two weeks of school, kindergarten students will have class from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. They will eat lunch at school. Kindergarten students will ride the buses in the morning to school with other students. Parents will need to pick up their child at the elementary school in McDonald at 12:30 p.m. and in Bird City at 12:15 p.m.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Bird City, Kansas, County will meet on the 13th day of August, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. at Lebow Manor for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at East Highway 36 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2005 Expenditures and Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2005 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuations.

Fund	2003		2004		Proposed Budget 2005	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax
General	1,064,300	0.793	1,677,200	0.815	1,820,600	9870
Totals	1,064,300	0.793	1,677,200	0.815	1,820,600	9870
Total Tax Levied	9870		9870		9870	
Assessed Valuation	124,521,133		1,211,874,300		1,211,874,300	
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1						
	2002	2003	2004			
G.O. Bonds						
No-Fund Warrants						
Lease Purchase Principal						
Total	none	none	none			

* Tax Rates are expressed in mills.

Phyllis D. Carson
Clerk