



TASTING THE SOUP — Mitchel and Terry Jensen decide which one they like the best. Times staff photo by Melinda Basnett

County representatives look for office in the courthouse

The talk about moving National Resource Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency offices out of the county continues. This matter brought members of the Cheyenne County Conservation District to talk to the commissioners about a courthouse office.

Roger Orth, Randy Rueb and Jeanne Dunn, all representing the Conservation District, attended the Tuesday, Oct. 31, meeting of the Cheyenne County Commissioners. They first thanked the commissioners for the funding for the Conservation District then went on to explain that the state is proposing to close offices across the state. Cheyenne County offices are among those listed for closing and they will be merged with surrounding counties.

With the closing, the Conservation District will lose its office which is now located with the National Resources Conservation Service. Those present were asking if there would be a space in the courthouse for the office?

Sheriff Troy Gardner was present at the meeting. He said that the now vacant sheriff's office in the courthouse will most likely be used as a 911 center in the near future.

Both the ambulance barn and emergency preparedness office will be vacant once the new building is complete. These building were mentioned as possible sites.

The representatives urged the commissioners to call their congressmen and representatives and voice their support of keeping these offices local. The decision could be changed if enough people were to call.

Drugs for prisoners

As the commissioners looked over the vouchers to be approved, Jane Brubaker, commissioner, was upset that there was a voucher for over \$800 to pay for the prescription drugs used by an inmate in the Sherman County Bastille in Goodland. One prescription for 60 tablets was \$600 and there were other prescriptions which, she felt, could be either generic or over-the-counter drugs.

She asked that Justin Barrett, county attorney, look into the matter.

First of all, she thought there had been talk that drugs for prisoners would not cost any more than that paid by Medicaid. Secondly, if it was absolutely necessary that this inmate take these drugs, then they should be purchased in Cheyenne County as the county was having to pay for them.

The voucher warrant for the drugs was not approved until the county attorney checks further into the billing.

Sheriff's report

Sheriff Troy Gardner said that Thomas County has a team of sexual assault examiner nurses. The team of nurses is asking each county to pay \$500 toward the use of these

nurses. The commissioners said that it would be more fair to pay on a per-use basis rather than a flat fee from each county. The sheriff said that Cheyenne County would still have access to this service even if the county didn't pay a fee.

There was discussion about 911 dispatch location and cost. Sheriff Gardner asked if Chairman Andy Beikman would be willing to attend a meeting with the mayors of both cities to discuss the future of dispatch in Cheyenne County. Chairman Beikman said he would attend.

Kansas Department of Transportation had a "Click It or Ticket" program in which Cheyenne County had participated. In doing so, the county was awarded a \$1,000 grant. The commissioners signed the certificate of completion stating that the program had been completed.

Road and Bridge Department

Road and Bridge Department supervisor Dave Flemming presented his department's monthly budget and work schedule.

He said the River Road project had been let and the winning company was Venture Corporation. The bid was \$470,684.

Dave said the Olofson Bridge project start date has been set as the first Monday in February.

County Incentive Plan

Cheyenne County Appraiser Randy Sangster, Deb Smith, and Bonnie Zweygardt talked to the Board about the Cheyenne County Incentive Plan. Randy gave examples of what other counties were doing as far as setting up and implementing these types of plans. Commissioner Brubaker is on the Incentive Plan review group and she said she would take the ideas and examples that were discussed and relay the information to Carol Redding and the group.

Dorothy Smestad was in attendance to discuss the Cheyenne County Incentive Plan. Dorothy talked to the Board about setting up her business and the goals she had for the future.

In other business

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- Prairie Dog Supervisor Danny Schlittenhardt discussed prairie dog control. It was decided to have him purchase Rozol at a wholesale price and pass that cost savings along to the landowner. Mr. Schlittenhart was told to send certified letters to those landowners that have had complaints registered against them.

- Troy Porter, contractor, discussed the front steps of the courthouse and gave an estimate of what he felt the project would take. The commissioners asked Carl Williams, maintenance person, to get more bids, if possible.

They thought the project needed to be started by Nov. 1.

- Cheyenne County Health Nurse, Susan Roelfs, presented the Public Health Preparedness and Response Grant for \$10,668. Chairman Beikman signed the grant.

Next meeting

Canvass of votes from the Nov. 7 general election will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 13. The commissioners decided to move the regularly scheduled meeting up from Nov. 15 and have the meeting after the canvassing. The time of the meeting will be 9 a.m.

Since Attorney Barrett did not have a chance to look over a proposed oil and gas lease, the issue will be discussed at the meeting.

Editor's note: The above article was taken in part from the unapproved minutes of Oct. 31 Cheyenne County Commissioner's meeting.

Club Clip

Senior Citizen News

Forth-seven senior citizens from Bird City, St. Francis and McDonald enjoyed the traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Monday, Nov. 6, at the McDonald Senior Center.

Phyllis Wingfield welcomed everyone and birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Debbie Rummel, health nurse, was present to check blood pressures, and then from 1 to 3 p.m. She gave flu shots at the McDonald Legion Hall.

Vera Kacirek read a poem about America and the pilgrims, followed by a prayer by Greg Moyer.

The tables were beautifully decorated in a Thanksgiving theme with large turkeys for centerpieces, and each place setting had a colorful turkey made by Mrs. Wingfield. Turkeys for the dinner were donated by Barb Garner of the McDonald Grocery and

were cooked to perfection.

After the wonderful dinner of turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy and ham with all the trimmings, bingo was played by all. Berniece Bandel won the blackout prize.

At the business meeting, a new slate of officers was read and accepted. New officers for 2007 are Joan Tongish, president; Phyllis Wingfield, vice president; Marlene Johnson, secretary and treasurer.

Reports were given. It was announced the McDonald gym will be open this winter from 8 to 9 each Monday, Thursday and Friday for walking.

Members were designated to prepare the Christmas dinner. All will help in the kitchen. Pastor Moyer will have the prayer, Ray Johnson will read the poem, Leonard Vyzourek will call bingo and Phyllis Wingfield will have the prizes.

Family of the Year recognized at 4-H Achievement Banquet

The daughters of Ron Curry, Cindy Burr, Cara Weeden and Christy Wurm were recognized as the 4-H Family of the Year at the Cheyenne County 4-H Achievement banquet held Sunday in Bird City. Mr. Curry had given many years to the county's 4-H program and died September 2005.

Tye Faulkender, county Extension director, welcomed everyone to the program and Sydney Busse gave the invocation. Presiding throughout the program were 4-H'ers, Amy Hilt, Aryn Sturgeon and Teri Walters.

Reports were given by Heidi Yonkey, Erica Wieck and Christina Schoenrogge. Many of those attending camp at Rock Springs told about their experiences. Steve Douthit, president of the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau, presented the Camp Counselor Recognition Awards to Ms. Wieck and Corbin Sherlock.

Francis O'Leary and Richard Walters hand out awards in the new shooting sports program. Awards went to: BB rifles - Jude Faulkender, Emily Elfers; pellet rifles - Christina Schoenrogge, Taylor Archibald; shotgun - Matt Raile, Trevor Reed and Courtney Douthit.

The best Junior Record Book winners were Jandy Dunn and Shakotah Blanka. Alecia Zimbelman had the best Senior Record Book. This award was sponsored by Farm Credit of Western Kansas.

Other special awards went to: Pleasant Hill 4-H Club for the Herdsmanship Award.

Dallas Reed received the Tillie Schleppe Memorial Gardening Award.

Kaycee Williams received the Paul and Bernice Gorthy Memorial Award.

Margo Douthit was the recipient of the Robert Pianalto Memorial Award.

Katelyn Jones received the Paul Sr. and Vera Gorthy 4-H Style Revue.

Alecia Zimbelman received the Dale Shoemaker Award sponsored by Lawn Ridge 4-H Club.

Valerie Wurm received the Kevin Wright Memorial Award which was established by the Go-Getter's 4-H Club.

Teri Orth was recognized as the Friend of 4-H.

County-wide project award winners are determined by the 4-H'er's record book that is completed. They are:

Achievement - Alecia

Zimbelman.

Arts and Crafts - Valerie Wurm, Jandy Dunn, Mariah Beikman, Kaycee Williams, Bailey Merklin, Katelyn Jones and Kyla Bandel.

Beef - Valerie Wurm, Allyson Northrup and Jude Faulkender.

Breeding Beef - Jandy Dunn and Allison Grice.

Bucket Calf - Kyla Bandel, Lakyn Pettijohn, Elizabeth Keltz.

Cats - Allyson Northrup.

Clothing and Textiles - Mariah Beikman, Valerie Wurm, Katelyn Jones, Heidi Yonkey, Jandy Dunn.

Dog - Alecia Zimbelman, Teri Walters, Kaycee Williams.

Entomology - Joshua Keltz.

Fashion Revue - Alecia Zimbelman, Allison Grice, Valerie Wurm, Kyla Bandel, Tristan Archer, Shakotah Blanka, Jude Faulkender.

Fiber Arts - Allison Grice.

Foods - Kyla Bandel, Allison Grice, Valerie Wurm, Katelyn Jones, Mariah Beikman.

Forestry - Valerie Wurm.

Gardening - Dallas Red.

Grow and Show - Christina Schoenrogge.

Horse, - Alecia Zimbelman, Shakotah Blanka, Jandy Dunn, Bailey Long, Allison Grice, Kaycee Williams.

Industrial Arts/Welding - Mariah Beikman, Caleb Keltz, Joshua Keltz.

Knitting - Christina Schoenrogge.

Leadership - Alecia Zimbelman, Katelyn Jones.

Meat goats - Heidi Yonkey, Bailey Long, Dale Northrup, Shakotah Blanka.

Photography - Allison Grice, Aryn Sturgeon, Bailey Long, Peyton Beims.

Poultry - Logan Lampe.

Rabbits - Laura Brunk, Garrett Brunk, Dale Northrup, Trista Orth, Ashlee Orth.

Reading - Jandy Dunn, Stephanie Busse, Taylor Archibald.

Safety - Valerie Wurm.

Sheep - Jandy Dunn.

Shooting Sports - Shakotah Blanka, Taylor Archibald, Allison Grice.

Swine - Kaycee Williams, Mariah Beikman, Valerie Wurm, Lauren Bandel.

Wood Working - Allyson Northrup, Tristan Archer, Jude Faulkender.

Wildlife/Sports Fishing - Ashlee Orth, Trista Orth.

Tag-A-Longs

Those Tag-A-Long 4-H'ers were: Regan Beims, Mandy Cooks,



FRANCIS O'LEARY is one of the people handing out the awards.

Rachel Keltz, Joslyn Ketzner, Luke Lampe, Dalton Straub and Matthisen Witzel.

Awards

Membership pins: Tristen Archer, Payton Beims, Casey Keller, Darris Keller, Wyatt Long, Lakyn Pettijohn, Aryn Sturgeon, Issac Sturgeon, Trevor Sturgeon.

Bronze pins: Taylor Archibald, Mariah Beikman, Shakotah Blanka, Garrett Brunk, Jude Faulkender, Emily Elfers, Bailey Merklin.

Cloverpins: Lauren Bandel, Kyla Bandel, Brianna Cooks, Thomas Douthit, Ashlee Orth, Valerie Wurm.

Emerald pins: Trista Orth, Logan Lampe, Bailey Long, Allyson Northrup.

Silver pins: Laura Brunk, Stephanie Busse, Jandy Dunn, Teri Walters.

Silver guards: Mikaela Grace, Allison Grice, Caitlin Northrup.

Leadership pins: Dale Northrup, Courtney Douthit.

Gold pins: Katelyn Jones, Kim Voeller.

Club guard pins: Kattie Ford, Heidi Yonkey.

The Key Award is the most prestigious award in the 4-H program. To have a Cheyenne County 4-H'er receive this award is an honor. The 2006 Key Award recipient is Alecia Zimbelman.

Club Seal awards: Go-Getters 4-H club, red seal; Lawn Ridge 4-H club, purple seal; Pleasant Hill 4-H club, purple seal; Plum Creek 4-H club, purple seal.

South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Ote Dewey returned home Sunday evening from the hospital after having both of his knees replaced. Ellen reports he is getting along well.

Kathy and Debbie Banister attended the McDonald Halloween Soup Supper.

David Banister was a weekend guest of his parents.

Colleen Shrader was a Sunday supper guest of the George Banister family.

Debbie and Kathy Banister helped serve the Hunters Breakfast Saturday morning at St. Joseph in Bird City.

Bethel Goltl attended Reformation services at Salem Lutheran Church at St. Francis last Sunday.

Bethel Goltl's niece, Rebecca Rosinbum of Albuquerque, and a friend of Wenatchee, Wash., were guests here for several days this past week. They left for Washington

Wednesday.

Amy Waters and girls, and their foreign exchange student were weekend guests of Bethel Goltl while Mike and Owen spent time at the Flemming's hunting.

Guests of Joe, Charlene, and Den-

nis Kramer to attend the farm sale were Leon Brunton of Ozawkie, Ron Harper of Meridan, and John Neill of Denver. Evening supper guests of the Kramers were all the above mentioned and Ryan and Diane Shay and family.

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek

Phyllis and Kenny Wilkinson were Friday visitors of Agnes Reeh and attended the FFA hog roast in the evening.

Ryan Wilkinson was a Saturday lunch guest of Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson.

Cheryl Wilkinson spent Sunday in McCook with Aric and Jamie Harris and family.

Bud and Helen Frisbie and Kenny

Wilkinson were last week's visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Betty Knapp spent Tuesday in Goodland baby sitting with L.J. Purvis.

Jerry and Betty Knapp were among the friends who enjoyed domino games on Sunday at the home of Owen and Phyllis Wingfield and were Sunday evening victors of Gail and Kay Miller.

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