

Council

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Application was approved for a building permit was submitted by Dwayne Gipe on behalf of the estate of Louis Gipe. New construction is for shop-shed type structure.

New business

Applications for a new employee were presented and interviews will begin. Mayor Burr, Ray Magnani, and Mr. White will proceed with the interviews and make a recommendation at a special meeting to be set in February.

The council approved to accept the bid of \$550 per month from Bruce Nichols of McDonald, to be the certified contract operator for Bird City. His duties will be to oversee the scheduled collection of water/sewer and make the necessary reports. Starting Feb. 1 on a month-to-month, as-needed contract.

Kari Gilliland, city attorney, will draw up the contract.

Mr. White suggested that city hall get an extra phone line. On many occasions he has called and got a busy signal. Jana Diers, city clerk, said that happens often because the fax line and computer are hooked up to the same line. Deb Smith, council member, made the suggestion to call AT&T, request a lower phone bill, and add an extra line. Mrs. Diers said she would.

Council committees

Mr. White talked about bids on a 10-foot blade with hydraulics. A new blade would cost \$7,000. A used one \$1,700 with a \$1,000 trade-in on the old one.

Different options were discussed from hiring someone to do the streets to rebuilding the old blade. He said \$700 would be good enough for a blade, but he would like to look it over first.

The council agreed to upgrade to a used blade contingent on the approval of Mr. White.

Gary Burbaker was hired on as an as needed employee to help Craig White on weekends and in emergencies at \$10 per hour.

City maintenance

Craig White reported on his observations of the back-up generator, water main shutoff valves, electric heater for well 7, and update on the water leak at 315 E. Third.

He wanted to know where the council members were on the above-mentioned situations. Many concerns were about the age and working order of machinery.

Solutions to the air in the water line at Ted Patch's and other locations were discussed. Nothing could be definitely agreed upon as a solution. Craig would look into a solution.

Kansas Water Pollution Control Permit

The Kansas Water Pollution Control Permit is scheduled to receive first water sample July 2008. Followed by two more monthly. If the water samples good, reports will be quarterly. All contingent on the completion of the water waste lagoon.

City clerk report

Motion made and carried to hire



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and start training Angel Pham for the part-time position of city clerk at \$8 per hour.

Court fines have increased from \$50 to \$69.50.

The next meeting March 3.

Wonders

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• Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge: These two entities make up the Kansas Wetlands Complex. They share a vital and international importance as a migratory stop for North American shorebirds.

• Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum: Dwight D. Eisenhower was the only president who also had been a five-star general thus making this display of his remarkable lifetime achievements significant.

• Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center: The Cosmosphere has one of the most significant collections of U.S. and Russian space artifacts in the world.

• Kansas Underground Salt Museum: The only underground salt museum in a working mine in the western hemisphere showcases our natural treasure, salt, 650 feet below the earth's surface.

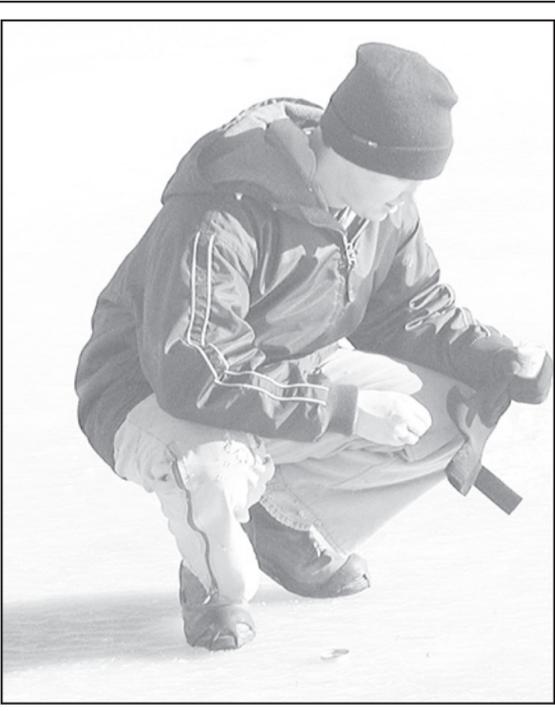
• Monument Rocks and Castle Rocks: These ancient chalk beds have produced scientifically significant fossils and have been highly eroded into unusual spires and shapes, making them spectacular landmarks on the plains of western Kansas.

• St. Fidelis Church: The architectural grandeur and impressive craftsmanship make this church built by the Volga German pioneers in 1911, a masterpiece.

• Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve: The preserve represents the last significant example of the tallgrass prairie in North America.

Other finalists

Other finalists besides the Arikaree Breaks were: Ball of Twine, Cawker City; Big Brutus, West Mineral; Brookville Hotel, Abilene; Chase County Courthouse, Cottonwood Falls; Cimarron National Grassland, Morton County; Constitution Hall State Historic Site, Lecompton; John Steuart Curry Murals, State Capitol, Topeka; Davis Memorial, Hiawatha; Fort Larned National Historic Site, Pawnee County; Garden of Eden, Lucas; Gypsum Hills Scenic Drive, Barber County; Keeper of the Plains, Wichita; Lake Scott State Park, Scott County; Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site, Republic County; St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Benedict



COMING FROM KANSAS CITY, Chad Sager teams up with his dad, Hal Sager, for some ice fishing in Keller Pond.

South of McDonald

Tru Stephen Dewey, son of Tom and Kelly Dewey, was baptized Sunday morning, February 3, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Atwood. Godparents are Linda Dewey, and Tyrel and Heather Prideaux. The grandparents, Godparents and Tom and Kelly, Tayten and Tru all enjoyed dinner after church at Park Hill.

Kathy Banister helped with the Regional Scholars Bowl at Brewster Thursday.

Elaine Johnson and Bethel Goltl traveled to Wamego Wednesday. They attended Elaine Johnson's sister, Esther Spomer's funeral Thursday in Wamego. Bethel and Elaine returned home Friday. She was a sister-in-law of Bethel.

Pam and Dan Thomas attended the Phillipsburg Panther Classic Wrestling Tournament Saturday. The Norton Blue Jays took first with 173 points and Phillipsburg took second with 130.5. Alex placed first at heavyweight with a fall over Salmans of Hoxie in the finals.

Kathy and George Banister attended the Cheylin - Atwood basketball games Tuesday evening in Atwood to watch Debbie play and on Friday

they attended the Cheylin - Wheatland- Grinnell basketball games in McDonald.

On Saturday, George, Kathy, and Debbie Banister drove to Salina to visit David Banister. That evening they enjoyed supper with Amanda Banister and Brandon Winter, and Brandon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Winter of Andale.

Mark, Catina, Jaden and Lindi Montgomery of Denver were weekend guests of Lindon and Diane Montgomery.

Bethel Goltl returned home this past week after staying in Haviland and visiting her brother and family in Wichita.

Bethel Goltl helped Elaine Johnson of Bird City celebrate her 80th birthday Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Thomas attended the Mid Continent League Wrestling Tournament in Norton. Alex Thomas placed first in the heavyweight division. The Norton team placed first with 204 points. Smith Center was second with 190 points.

Obituaries

Joseph Arnold Mlinek

June 20, 1922 - Jan. 29, 2008

Joseph A. Mlinek died Jan. 29, 2008, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan, Kan.

Joe was born June 20, 1922, on the family farm 2 miles southeast of Collyer.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army Air Corps on Nov. 11, 1942, and he received his basic training at Shepard Field in Texas. He received radio operator/mechanic and advanced radio mechanic training at Scott Field in Illinois. He joined World War II at Port Moresby, New Guinea, on March 24, 1944, was assigned to the 68th Army Airways Communication Squadron, and installed and maintained ground-to-air communications systems. When a commanding officer learned of the engine mechanic skills developed on the farm, he was dispatched to a number of other locations to rebuild and maintain diesel generators. Joe was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign War and American Legion.

Joe married Hilda Dietz on May 15, 1948. She preceded him in death on Jan. 27, 2007.

Survivors include sons, Dan Mlinek and wife, Judy, Spring Grove, Pa., Kirk Mlinek and wife, Donna, Aurora, Colo., and daughter, Wendi Krishock and husband, David, Manhattan. He is also survived by three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and four grand dogs.

Joe began his 30-year career with the Federal Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service in 1949 in Trego County as a field man. He served as county executive director in Norton County from 1955 to 1964 and in Cheyenne County from 1964 until his retirement on June 30, 1979.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 4 at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Officiant was Pastor Ken Hart.

Casket bearers were David Krishock, Chris Mlinek, Andy Mlinek, Wayne Krug, Ed Schauer and Pete Jensen.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery. Military Rites were by Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Francis Senior Center, 322 W. Washington Street, or the Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Lynda L. Franklin

Dec. 12, 1944 - Jan. 21, 2008

Lynda L. Franklin died at her home in Atwood, Kan., on Jan. 21, 2008. Lynda was born on Dec. 12, 1944, in Gadsden, Ala., to Lynn O. Franklin and Mary E. (McPherson) Franklin.

She attended school in Atwood, graduating in 1962. She attended business college.

Lynda and William E. Draper were married in 1963, and to this union two sons were born, Neal L. Draper and Nolan E. Draper.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lynn O. Franklin, and her first husband, William E. Draper.

She is survived by her mother, Mary E. Franklin of Atwood; sons, Neal L. Draper and wife, Tammy of Ford and Nolan E. Draper and friend, Lisa of rural Atwood; her sister, Becky Isern of Boise, Idaho; four grandchildren, Megan Mentlick of Colby, Chance and Braden Draper of Ford and Emma Draper of Atwood; niece, Jennifer (Isern) Harris and husband, Ted of Bellevue, Wash.; nephew, James Isern of Boise and numerous friends and relatives.

Her hobbies included music, painting, drawing, pottery, cooking, photography, needlework and writing. Her love of animals included dogs, cats, raising and breeding angora goats.

She was a member of the Atwood Arts Council and Courts of Praise Church in Atwood.

A memorial has been established in her name and donations can be left at Williams Funeral Home, Atwood. A memorial service will be March 1 at 2 p.m. at the Courts of Praise Church in Atwood with inurnment at Atwood Fairview Cemetery.



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