

Commissioners ask to use landfill

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners were asked about using the county landfill for dumping deer from Decatur County when they met on Thursday. After discussing the matter, they decided they needed more information before a decision could be made.

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said three deer with chronic wasting disease had been found in Decatur County. The Decatur County Commissioners had asked permission to dump not only the three diseased deer but those taken for testing. Cheyenne County has a permit to dump animals where Decatur does not.

The commissioners wanted to have more information including fees and the number of deer they planned to bring to the landfill before making a decision.

In other business, Mr. Flemming said he had been asked why the county does not charge a fee to put a gas line under the road? Colorado charges a fee.

The commissioners said that, while the extra money would be nice, there would be some people who would not want to pay the fee and would run the line under the

road without the county knowing about it. They agreed that they would continue not charging for under-road permits.

The county will be selling, for bids, a 17,000-gallon fuel tank at the shop.

They talked about the prices of tractors but nothing has been bid. Supervisor Flemming will seek bids to bring to a future meeting.

County attorney's report

County attorney, Justin Barrett, said he had met with the St. Francis city attorney, chief of police and sheriff to begin working together in solving issues. One of the issues concerns jurisdictions. He noted that either entity can investigate crimes that occur within the city of St. Francis and, that anything happening in the county is covered by the sheriff's officer. However, if there is a need for backup, the city officers can be deputized.

He said all 911 calls are routed through the dispatch office and the calls will be dispatched to the proper departments.

Commissioner Ray Lee said it was important that everyone work together because someday, they may need each other.

Emergency management

Gary Rogers, emergency man-

ager, said there is a workshop in Goodland on Feb. 11 and invited the commissioners to attend.

He was given permission to purchase a new desk for \$190 from Biers' Hometown Store. The desk will be used for the office in the new St. Francis Emergency Service building. The commissioners wondered if a similar desk would work for the emergency medical service office?

Mr. Beikman had information concerning fire trucks being sold by the state of California. Because of an accident, the type of fire trucks used in the state are being replaced and the old ones are sold for very little. Mr. Beikman said he would find a website where Mr. Rogers can get more information.

Bird City's strategic plan

Cathy Domsch presented the Bird City Strategic Plan for the commissioners' signature. She talked about the town meetings that had been held where they had discussed the housing project. The project will be funded with a government grant and will include two single homes and two double (duplex) houses.

She asked for a copy of the county's incentive plan. They also discussed the turnoff on U.S. 36 at the Bird City Dairy's entrance. She said there will be dirt available for the dirt work when the new lagoon is dug. The big expense will be for the asphalt.

Radio equipment

Deborah Farland, St. Francis City Police Chief, had talked to Prairie States, Imperial, about installing the radio equipment on the new police car. However, the company was much higher than the sheriff in Sherman County who offered to put in the equipment.

After much discussion about what would qualify for 911 funds, the county attorney said that the equipment needed by the chief qualified. The commissioners told her to submit her bill when the equipment had been installed.

911 dispatch center

Sheriff Craig Van Allen represented Carol Gamblin, communication technician, concerning the 911 dispatch center. He said a grant had been written for the county which would take care of upkeep costs for the system for 5 years. There are no matching costs.

The center has been moved to the third floor of the courthouse. If someone needs into the courthouse after hours, the dispatcher cannot leave the center to open the door.

Sheriff Van Allen said the dispatchers were wanting to installing a camera and a buzzer system for the side courthouse door. The dispatcher could buzz the door open if the highway patrol or other people needed in.

Sherman County has a similar system. The commissioners asked the sheriff to look into the costs and what it would take to install the equipment.

In other business

In other business: Attorney Barrett said a phone company is planning on erecting a 150-foot, self-supporting cell tower just outside the city limits east of Lorraine Street, St. Francis. The company representative is getting clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration before going ahead with plans.

The commissioners were informed that the county had received a Community Development Block Grant for a new ambulance. The county's share is \$71,000 and the grant will cover the other \$71,000. The ambulance will go to the Bird City service. Terry Miller, clerk, will be attending a mandatory grant acceptance and assistance training.

The commissioners decided that no political posters and advertisements will be posted in the courthouse.

The Airport Authority agreed to upgrading the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) and will pay the extra \$300 a year to maintain the system.

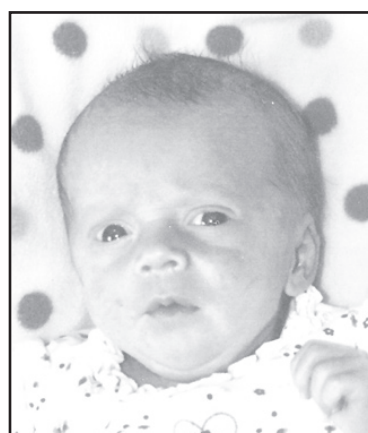
A letter had been received from the Kansas State Department of Transportation informing the commissioners that Doug Austin, St. Francis, was cleaning up his property on U.S. 36. Mr. Ketzner said he would take the letter to show Bob Yost.

The commissioners agreed to stick to the employee policy and department head, John Garner will get comp time, not pay, for working during his vacation. They noted that they did appreciate the work that Mr. Garner does at the landfill.

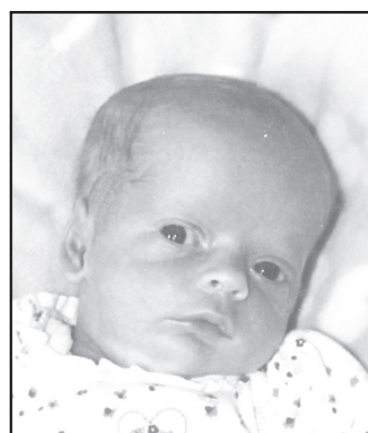
Next meeting

A road tour to check out proposed bridge repair and replacement will be held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 8. The commissioners and clerk will be traveling with Supervisor Flemming.

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



Jullian Hope Caseday



Carli Faith Caseday

Introducing

Jullian Hope and Carli Faith Caseday
Dr. Matt and Kalisa (Leach) Caseday welcome Jullian Hope, 4 pounds, 7 ounces and Carli Faith, 3 pounds, 14 ounces on Jan. 7, 2008, in Denver, Colo.

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Patti (Johnson) Leach of Menola. Great-grandparents, Jim and Lois Lockmore of McDonald and late Tom Johnson, Robbie and Merikay Caseday of Greeley, Bill and Vada Leach of Bird City and Helen Belander.

Oliver Matthew Likens

Greg and Erika Likens of Leawood are happy to announce the birth of their son, Oliver Matthew, on Friday, Dec. 7, 2007 at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20-inches long. He was welcomed home by his two big sisters Audrey Lee, 5, and Amelia Lyn, 2.

Grandparents are John and Darla Deeds of Bird City, Nancie and Tom Stelle of Lenexa, and Chris and Cynthia Likens of Leawood.

Great-grandparents are Richard and Darlene Brubaker of Bird City, Joan Hatch of At-



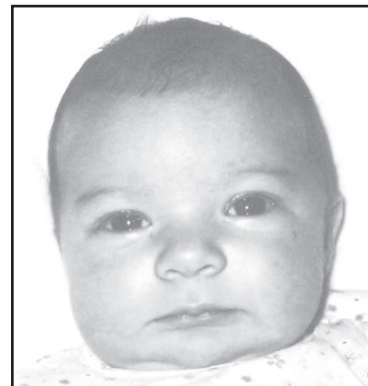
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wood, Peggy Likens of Overland Park, and Wade and Connie Bauer of Clay Center.

Alexis Nicole Mullen

Alexis Nicole Mullen was born Dec. 6, 2007, at St. Luke South Hospital in Overland Park. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and measured 18 3/4 inches long. Alexis was welcomed home by her brother Brady. Parents are Chris and Lindsey Mullen of Garden City, Mo.

Grandparents are Ron and Arlene Haack of Lutz, Fla., and Richard and Jan Mullen of Marysville. Great-grandmothers are Vernetta Haack, Bird City, Joan Clowe, Beattie, and Vonnice Mullen, Blue Rapids.



Alexis Nicole Mullen



Prairie dog control was topic of interest

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Prairie dog control was once again on the agenda when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Thursday.

Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed and prairie dog control supervisor, said the winter snow had left many of the roads in poor traveling condition, snow drifts were in the fields and the cold temperatures kept freezing up his marker. Andy Beikman, commissioner, was concerned that there is only six weeks left to treat the dogs. The board encouraged the supervisor to get as much treating done as possible.

They had received excessive complaints about prairie dogs living on lands belonging to Merle Mills, Ben Leibbrandt, Tom Hering and Gary Winter.

Mr. Schlittenhardt said that Mr. Mills had been working on the borders of his land to keep the dogs controlled. He also said Mr. Leibbrandt had purchased bait but the commissioners were wondering how much he had bought, noting that there were many prairie dogs to treat.

The commissioners said there are a lot of people concerned

about the prairie dogs and, if there isn't some distinct results by the next meeting (unless there is a big snowstorm between now and then), they will begin enforcing county policy to keep the dogs down.

Mr. Schlittenhardt asked to attend the annual noxious weed conference the first week of March. Because the deadline for treating prairie dogs is March 15, the commissioners suggested that he wait and see how the treating is going before making arrangements to go to the conference.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, asked for 5 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made following the session.



Sheriff News

In January, the Cheyenne County Sheriff's deputies patrolled 102 hours inside the Bird City limits. Fifteen additional hours used in investigation, office work and related duties from cases in Bird City.

There were nine traffic warnings and five traffic citations given, along with two driving-under-the-influence citations. Deputies responded to two suspicious behavior complaints.

They assisted with one funeral and one motorist; responded to several 911 hang-ups and to three dog complaints with one citation given.

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Heirs of Mary Walden, Sellers
Eldon Walden, Executor
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TRACT 1 - The North Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Five (5), Range Thirty-Eight (38) in Cheyenne County, Kansas. Acreage currently in wheat stubble.
BASE/YIELD INFORMATION
FSA Acres Wheat G.S. Corn Sunflowers 2007 TAXES
76.9 40.5/33 9.2/45 --- 4.6/1070 \$246.35
TRACT 2 - The South Half (S 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Five (5), Range Thirty-Eight (38) in Cheyenne County, Kansas. Currently in milo stalks. Boundaries to be determined with findings of a survey, if needed.
BASE/YIELD INFORMATION
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75.5 15.9/35 1.8/89 44.9/116 --- /4/34 \$222.31
TRACT 3 - A tract of land in the South Half (S 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Five (5), Range Thirty-Eight (38) in Cheyenne County, Kansas.
Known as 610 Road 25, Bird City, Kansas 67731. Approx 4.4 acres, more or less, as estimated by Cheyenne County Assessor. This tract features a nice home with near 2,100 total square, 5 spacious bedrooms with 2 baths, hot water heat system, outbuildings, a 40' x 80' Quonset with a 16' x 16' overhead door, 2-8000 bu. Grain Bins, and another that needs work. Boundaries to be determined with findings of a survey, if needed.
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