

Council

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into city pound options.
Old business

Kansas Department of Health and Environment city audit is in September. Mrs. Diers has contacted St. Francis to get a recommendation on hiring an auditor. Mrs. Gilliland mentioned that someone who is familiar with municipal and city audit would be a wise decision.

Lagoon and wastewater treatment

The Procurement Policy, Code of Conduct Policy and Fair Housing Policy. were approved. To learn more about these policies contact city hall.

Mayor Burr met with Miller and Associates and two contractors from Kansas Department of Health and Environment dealing with project construction and water to go over the building of the lagoon and wastewater treatment. Everyone agreed to start construction in approximately two weeks.

The mayor had a recommendation to award Midstates Engineering and Testing Corporation the contract for quality assurance testing required for the project. Midstates had the lowest bid of \$7,640. Chris Miller, Miller and Associates, had estimated the cost to be around \$10,000. The awards were approved.

Next item concerned the fence around the present water treatment facility. Contractors will have to remove it to demolish the facility. The question is if there is any future use for it. Mayor Burr purposed getting measurements of the fence and opening up for bids on it. It would be ready by Sept. 1.

Craig White, city maintenance, mentioned that it could become

a hazard if it is just rolled up and stored, it could be years before anyone gets back to it.

Wade Carmichael, council member, spoke up and said he was in favor of selling the roll of fence. Mr. White would get measurements and bring to next meeting.

Midwestern Electric will be removing the power line that goes to the present treatment facility, unless the council wants to keep it. It will cost \$15 per month.

Discussion from the council centered on future use of electricity from that line and was the \$15 worth the expense of having it just in case.

The council concluded there would be no further use for the line. However, members wanted to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion on how to fill the new lagoon with water and the cost. Would the city have to build a new well at \$45,000, to be abandoned after use (the well was voted down immediately), or use one of the city's existing wells and have the cost of \$5,000 for the electricity to pump the water is the area. Many other areas of concerns were discussed about where the water will come from.

Deb Smith, council member, suggested getting an estimate from Midwestern Energy and bring the results to the next meeting.

The city has hired Brad Schneider as the new city maintenance employee. He will have a 90-day probationary period and during that time, Mr. White will be the interim superintendent.

Mr. White will decide the day-by-day activities and be responsible

for the administrative reports. Mr. Schneider will be learning what the city's needs are. Moreover, both will be directed by the city council. Mr. White added that he is still learning what needs to be done.

Handouts

The council agreed to accept Bruce Nickel to be the contracted operator on a month-to-month basis until the city has someone licensed to do the municipal water and wastewater treatment checks and reports.

Council Committees

Mr. White reported that he decided against buying the used 10-foot blade discussed in the last meeting, instead that he will continue to look for one in the \$3,500 range. He also mentioned it was time to look into buying a mower for the park.

Mr. Carmichael talked about benches, tables and trash receptacles for the park and the possibility of them brought as memorials by the public. The price would include engraving.

Mr. Gilliland said that contributions can be from the public, but that there needs to be a separate category for them.

City clerk items

The council approved to have a second line installed at city hall for \$28.20 extra a month. The council also approved to buy a phone that would accommodate the extra line.

Due to the increase at the state level, court fines are now \$70.

Phyllis Carson, city treasurer, will be instructed to pay Mr. White out of the city's street funds, and Mr. Schneider and Mr. Nickel will be paid out of the city's water and sewer funds.

Next meeting April 7.

Tornado

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are down, the electricity is off and the utility companies must be able to access the roads in a timely and orderly manner to make repairs.

The reality is that tornadoes are on the increase. The National Weather Service reported that in March 2005, the nation had 62 confirmed tornadoes; in March 2007, there were 171 confirmed tornadoes.

"When the tornado warning sounds, take it seriously, even if the tornado breaks up or changes directions," said Loren White,

assistant fire chief and emergency medical technician.

Our Emergency Service teams from Bird City and the neighboring towns work together to keep everyone safe. They are men and women who put their lives on the line every time they respond to a tornado warning. Moreover, residents that prepare for the unexpected will help them focus on rescue efforts and have a positive impact on how their community "weather" severe storm conditions when they arise.



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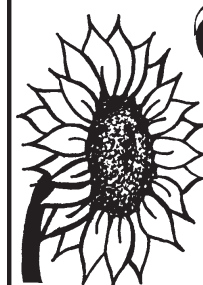
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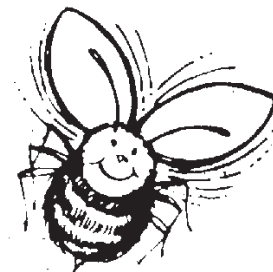
before the pool must be replaced. The reason, she explained, is so the Foundation can start to set aside money.

Wade Carmichael, council member, asked if the council would be able to see the results of the study that was recently conducted concerning the feasibility of moderate housing in Bird City.

Mrs. Domsch replied that she had been in contact with someone from the organization and the study will be complete and an announcement made end of April.

Mrs. Gilliland said she has received three or four calls about housing and have referred them to Mrs. Domsch.

To learn more contact Century II Development Foundation.



Lions

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now under 10, as best as Mr. Wingfield can recall and he has not served actively for a few years.

The Lions Clubs have tried to understand the reason behind the lack of community involvement and have not come up with a good reason.

"Declining population in the area and schools providing more activities for families may be some of the reasons for the drop," said Mr. Wingfield.

Mr. Wingfield and Phyllis, his wife, are life-long residents of McDonald. Both have played important parts in community events over the years. Owen's family owned The Peoples State Bank for many years and he served as the fire chief for McDonald as well.

Family enjoys reunion

On Saturday, March 1, the L.E. (Shorty) Merklin family celebrated a potluck get together and also celebrated the birthday of the youngest member, Lenna Merklin Studer, at the home of Kenny and Connie Grieve of Goodland. The day was spent visiting, reminiscing and taking pictures. There were 56 in attendance and it was a beautiful day to be outdoors.

Those attending were:
Nadine's family: Troy and Mercy Haufwiel, Kaley, Faith and Haven of Bethune, Colo., and Courtney (Christy's daughter).

Leon's family: Leon and Darlene Merklin, Dennis Merklin, Bradley Merklin, Pat Rose and Dawson Rose, all of St. Francis.

Charles's family: Charles and Barbara Merklin, Dale and Stacey Hazuka and Alexandra, Frank and Belinda Serrano, Jacob, John and Emily, all of Bird City.

Bill's family: Vickie Coen and Jessica, Heather and Brandy LaFond of Elkhart.

Marlin's family: Marlin and Peggy Merklin of Liberal and Larry and Lori Bauerle of Nickerson.

Lenna's family: Fred and Lenna

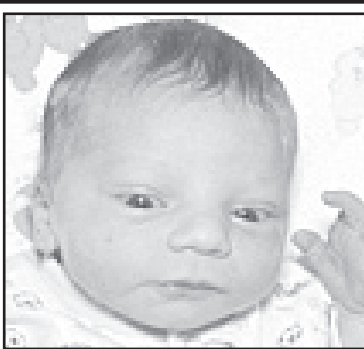
Studer, Kenneth and Connie Grieve, Andrea Grieve and Zeb Graves, all of Goodland; Leanna Peters, Tracy L. Peters, Dusty Goodwin and Madison and Elmer, all of Shawnee Mission; Deanna Denny, Joey and Aaron, Bob and Katy Denny, Karlee and Clara, all of North Platte, Neb.; Lainie and Alyssa Studer of Castle Rock, Colo., and Chris and Sara Werth, Josh and Rean of Frederick, Colo.; Fred Price and Melissa Rice of Longmont, Colo.

A very enjoyable day was spent and a bountiful meal was enjoyed.

Introducing

Breck Allen Niblock

Breck Allen Niblock was born on Dec. 30, 2007, at Hays Medical Center to Terry and Brandi Niblock. Breck weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20-inches long. Grandparents are Gary and Mary Moore of Bird City and the late Henry and Loretta Niblock. Great-grandparents are Bob and Leona Scantland of Greeley, Colo., and Willard and Dorothy Moore of Bird City.



Niblock

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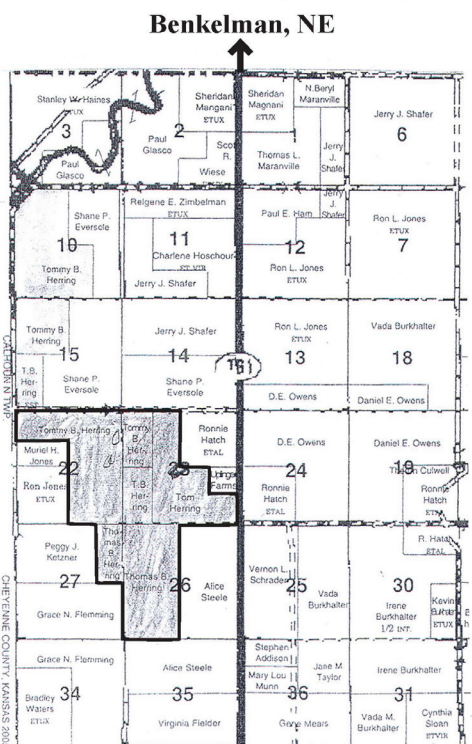
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Thursday, March 20th, 2008 • 10:30 A.M. Mountain Time
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Selling the East 1/2 & the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22;
The West 1/2 and the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 & the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23;
The West 1/2 of Section 26;
The East 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 27;
All in Township 1 South, Range 38, West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County
LAND SELLS AS ONE UNIT

Taxes: Seller shall pay all the 2007 taxes and prior year taxes.

Terms: Option 1: Fifteen percent (15%) shall be paid on the date of sale as earnest money. Balance due at closing of sale.
Option 2: Buyer has option to a land contract with the sellers whereas 15% shall be paid on the date of sale as earnest money with another 10% at the closing of the sale. The balance being due over a five year period with a 5.0% interest rate. \$25,000.00 principle payment per year plus interest with balance will be due at end of the contract. Closing is set for April 18th, 2008.

Minerals: Seller reserves one half of the minerals for 20 years.

Possession: Possession goes to buyer on the close of the sale with buyer to get all of the 2008 CRP payment. There is 152.3 acres in CRP at \$32.12 per acre to 2010. There is also 88.4 acres in CRP at \$28.72 per acre to 2010. There is approximately 999 acres of grass land.

Auctioneer notes: This is a great opportunity to buy a really nice 1,240 acre cattle ranch. The land lays 6 miles south and 1 mile west of Benkelman, Nebraska.

Title Insurance: One-half (1/2) to be paid by the buyer and one-half (1/2) to be paid by the seller.

Agency: Knopp Auction & Realty are agents of the seller.

Note: Good title is warranted. Buyer has 30 days from day of sale to approve title. All acres shall be considered U.S. Government Survey there of. Announcement made at the auction shall take precedence. All titles shall be subject to easements, roads, right of way, leases and/or all reservations.

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