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Organization helps send orphans gifts

By Karen Krien karen.k@nwkansas.com The Peace Lutheran Church Parish Education Committee is asking that other churches, organizations, and individuals join with them helping orphans overseas receive a Christmas gift. The deadline for giving is Sunday, Nov. 16.

The committee is sponsoring a "ShoeBox Gift" drive to help teach children about sharing the gospel of Christ's love. The drive is a part of Operation Christmas Child, which, last year, touched the lives of 7.6 million needy children in 110 countries.

When we told the children about the project, they were excited," said Gwen Keller, committee member.

These gifts, she said, will be a powerful tool to teach other children about Jesus.

People are urged to fill a standard shoe box with a variety of items including: school supplies, toys, hygiene items (toothpaste, 2067. tooth brush, soap) hard candy,

mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights with extra batteries or any other items that might be appropriate.

Do not include: damaged items, war-related items (toy guns, knives, military figures, Power Rangers), chocolate or food out of date, liquids/lotions, medications or vitamins, aerosol cans, or breakables such as snowglobes or glass containers.

In the box, include a personal note and photo and the sender's return address so the child may write back. Also determine whether the gift(s) is for a boy or a girl and age category (2 to 4, 5 to 9, or 10 to 14).

This, said Mrs. Keller, may be the only gift a child has ever received.

People are asked to drop off their boxes to the Peace Lutheran Church before Nov. 16. For more information, contact the church, 332-2928 or Mrs. Keller, 332-

Halloween while doing their banking. Witches left to right sanna Underwood. **Commissioners purchase equipment**

FIRST NATIONAL BANK customers got quite a scare

\$1,900

Obituary

Kenneth DeRoy Voeller July 22, 1921 - Oct. 27, 2008

Kenneth DeRoy Voeller, 87, died Good Samaritan

Village. Kenneth was born on July 1921, on 22. the family farm Cheyenne in County, Kan. He was baptized into the First

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Voeller **ChristianChurch** as a youth and

remained an ever-steady part of the church serving as a deacon many years.

He was the third of four children, born to Huber Jacob and Hazel Mae (Amack) Voeller. He completed 10 years of schooling, and then he felt his time and help was more needed on the family farm. He helped his father doing farming with horses for many years until the luxury of a tractor bara Maseberg and husband, Jack came into their lives.

Kenneth married Harriet Ellen Follett, a neighbor and school mate, on Aug. 18, 1942, in Goodland. After being married only 25 days, Kenneth started serving in Rogers, Devon Rogers, Andrea the Army on Sept. 11, 1942, at the Blair, Aaron Blair, Jaycee Loage of 21. He served his country zano, Jona Lozano and Jedidiah for over three years, stationed in Wood; one great-great granchild, Australia, New Guinea, the Admirality Islands, the Leyte Island, the Luzon Island, the Philippine his parents, Huber and Hazel Islands and Japan. Kenneth was honorably discharged on Nov. 3, 1945, in Denver, Colo. He earned the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Service medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with a Bronze Service Star and the World War II Victory Medal. Following his military service, he returned to St. Francis where Nov. 1, at the First Christian he and Ellen started their farm and family. He also helped his father farm.

Although they lived in town, Oct. 27, 2008, at the St. Francis they continued with their love of the land by growing huge gardens and keeping chickens. The produce from both of these was often shared with family, friends and neighbors.

> In 1983, he retired and then could spend full time at the love of gardening, mechanics, fishing and time with family and friends. Survivors include sisters, Gertrude Holzwarth and husband, Emil of Fort Morgan, Colo., and Ethel Blair of Montrose, Colo.; sisters-in-law, Viola Voeller of Portland, Ore., and Dorothy Hamper of Yukon, Okla; son, Gene and wife, Patty of St. Francis; daughter-in-law, Patty Williams of Wheeler; grandchildren, Sara Rogers and husband, Jim of Colby, Kenny Rogers and wife, Anita of Offerle, Danny Blair and wife, Kris of St. Francis, Barof Lincoln, Neb., Shana Wood and husband, Nate of Harriet, Ark., Julie Voeller of Hays and Kimberly Voeller of St. Francis; great-grandchildren, Michelle

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansas.com The county road and bridge supervisor, on Thursday, told the Cheyenne County Commissioners that he had found some state surplus equipment for a good price. The commissioners agreed that he purchase it.

Dave Flemming, supervisor, said he had found a snow plow for \$150 and a Land Pride mower for \$2,250 by going through the Kansas state surplus equipment list. He also had found a 50-ton detachable trailer for \$33,600. The trailer would be used to move big equipment such as the excavator.

The commissioners agreed to the prices for the snow plow and mower but asked that the supervisor talk to the seller about paying half of the \$33,600 trailer amount this year and the remainder in 2009.

He said the crew had spent the month mowing weeds, blading roads, repairing washouts removed a ditch. He said there is still mowing to do.

Steve Nolan was signed on as part-time help on the county crew. He actually began on Oct. 20.

Mr. Flemming talked about the Kansas State Transportation plan, noting that the plan calls for widening of highways, making them safer. Some of the county still has narrow highways.

Crushing fees at the county land-

Francis. He needs Federal Avia- called for included: 42194 to Karen sioners that they re-consider the tion Administration approval. The move will cost between \$1,500 and 911 Dispatch report

Carol Gamblin, 911 Dispatcher

director, said Kent Allard, St. Francis, had accepted the part-time dispatcher position. She said all of the dispatchers are certified in CPR. She asked that each floor of the courthouse have a mask to put over a person's mouth

in case there is a need for a trained person to give mouth-to-mouth recitation. The masks are inexpensive and will be ordered.

She and the commissioners also talked about getting an automated external defribrillator but, while it would be good for the courthouse to have one, this piece of equipment is expensive. Commissioner Beikman thought there were grants for the equipment and would ask Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, or Gary Rogers, emergency manager, about it.

Vouchers approved

Before approving the vouchers, the commissioners carefully go through them. Vouchers which were

Flemming, appraiser's office, for workshops and data collection field check, \$311.60; 42200, Cheyenne County Hospital, X-rays for John Doe (fictitious name for a minor). \$469.25; 42240 to Brenda Nelsen, for a refrigerator for the emergency building \$400, (the money was from the ambulance memorial fund);

Voucher 42239 to Danielle Gardner, attorney secretary, for mileage to meet the county attorney, \$20.77 was held as the commissioners felt the mileage should be paid by Justin Barrett, county attorney. In other business

In other business:

· Project drawings for the courthouse steps were approved. The steps will be installed with air space beneath them.

· A parking memo was sent to all courthouse employees asking that they leave the west side of the courthouse parking for patrons coming to pay taxes. Commissioner Andy Beikman asked that Mary Morrow, register of deeds, have the oil and gas people park someplace else.

• The auditor asked the commis-

employee's sick leave and vacation time. He felt that employees should be rewarded for coming to work all the time. The county clerk will be asked to check with surrounding counties to see what their policy is on this matter.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

• The commissioners signed declaration of commitment for the Northwest Kansas Renewable Energy Collaborative. The declaration deals with wind farm energy.

• A radio costing \$815 was approved. The radio will be installed in one of the county fire truck. The money will be taken out of 911 funds.

 Western State Bank was approved as an official county bank and signature forms were signed.

 An employment agreement was signed for Bruce Webb, who will be the part-time county appraiser.

Next meeting

The commissioners will meet to count the election votes at 8 a.m. on Friday. The next regular meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 14, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



Kenneth and Ellen had three children, Nancy Lorene, Donnie Ray and Gene Edward.

When his brothers and sisters and their spouses moved to Fort David. Morgan, Colo., Kenneth and Ellen also moved there. During this time, Kenny drove a Freight Line truck. They had only lived there for about a year when they decided to move back to St. Francis.

town and Kenneth worked as a mechanic in car stations, and he Fort Riley Honor Guard. started his 31-year employment with the city of St. Francis.

Kayden Davis.

Preceding him in death were (Amack) Voeller; wife, Ellen (Follett) Voeller; brother, Phillip Voeller, brothers-in-law: Charles Blair, Cecil Follett and Miles Hamper; daughter, Nancy Blair; son, Don Voeller; grandchildren, Audrey Voeller, Marsha Lozano and Gary Rogers.

Funeral services were held Church with Pastor Jeff Landers officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were great-grandchildren; Michelle Rogers, Devin Rogers, Jaycee Lozano, Jona Lozano, Aaron Blair, Jedidiah Wood and Kayden

Casketbearers were grandchildren, Sara Rogers, Kenny Rogers, Dan Blair, Andrea Blair, Barbara Maseberg, Shana Wood, Julie Voeller and Kimberly Voeller.

Interment was in the St. Fran-Upon their return they lived in cis Cemetery, St. Francis with military graveside services by

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Business Directory

fill have gone up. The supervisor asked that the commissioners raise the fee from \$13 a ton to \$15 to cover the costs. Dan Siegfried, St. Francis, was hired part-time at the landfill

Emergency preparedness report Gary Rogers, emergency manager, talked about Graphic Information Systems (GIS), and how much of the system has been implemented in the appraiser's office. He, Jennifer Padgent and Scott Houtman had attended a workshop concerning the system. Mr. Rogers said a state official is wanting to come out and look at the county's system on Dec. 4.

Mr. Rogers asked if the new appraiser would be in St. Francis at that time? The commissioners said they thought Bruce Webb would be able to work his schedule around the visit. Mr. Rogers asked that the commissioners and others who might be involved to be at the meeting because it would be better to hear the explanation from the state official.

He said that he is still in the process of having the radio tower moved from the fire house to the new emergency building in St.

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FIRST GRADE TEACHER, Kayla Bursch helps Mr. Bones (Jackson Boyson) to the stage during the Spook Parade. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

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