

Teff field day held at 9 a.m. on Saturday

On Saturday the Solomon Valley Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. and the Kansas Black Farmers Association will host a Teff Field Day at and near Nicodemus. The field day will begin at 9 a.m. at Nicodemus National Historic Site Visitor's Center. Field day participants will car pool to Gary Alexander's teff field west of Nicodemus where the Flail Vac Harvester will be exhibited. The group will return to the visitor's center for presentations by Dr. Bruce Anderson and Dr. Dipak Santra.

Dr. Anderson, Professor of Agronomy and Extension Forage Specialist, has been with the University of Nebraska in Lincoln since 1979 working with pasture and hay crops. He will share information on "Using Teff as a

Forage." Dr. Santra, an Assistant Professor and Alternative Crops Breeder for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be speaking on "Teff research in University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Panhandle Research and Extension Center."

Teff, a grain native to Ethiopia, has been grown in Graham County since 2005. In 2007 the Solomon Valley Resource Conservation and Development was awarded a three-year Conservation Innovation Grant to grow and market teff. There are currently 95 acres of teff being grown in Osborne, Rooks, Graham and Phillips counties. Teff is gluten free and known to be both flood and drought tolerant.

The public is welcome to attend the Field Day. For more information please contact the Resource Conservation and Development at (785) 425-6647.



DEAL OR NO DEAL — Students pick a brief case and answer the questions. Kelsey Miller shows her parents, Dawn and Brian Miller how it works Monday night. *Times staff photo by Linda Schneider*

Board talks about exchanging keys

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Considering compromises with the St. Francis city law enforcement and council was at the top of the agenda when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Friday. They discussed exchanging keys to the city and county facilities but no decision was made.

Kari Gilliland, county attorney, had recently met with the 911 Dispatch Board including Mike Day, city attorney. Mrs. Gilliland said one of the main points the city law officials would like is a key to the courthouse so, after the courthouse closes, they could still visit with the 911 dispatcher face to face. The commissioners didn't like the idea of additional keys out which could be lost and/or copied and the building could be entered unknowingly.

Dale Patton, commissioner, suggested that, maybe keys could be exchanged so the county law officers could use the city's jail facility overnight instead of having to transport people to the Goodland Bastile to be held overnight.

Mrs. Gilliland said she thought it was an excellent suggestion and would pass it on to Mr. Day.

The commissioners then talked about an idea which had been made when the 911 dispatch office had been moved to the courthouse. The suggestion included installing a camera and buzzer/lock release on the handicap door on the west side of the courthouse. This would allow the dispatcher to see who was at the door and let the person in if he/she wishes.

The commissioners agree to look into the cost of such a system.

Incentive plan

The commissioners had received a letter from the St. Francis City

Council asking that the city not be included in any of the county's incentive plan for new businesses. The commissioners took the request as a sign the city did not want to work with the county in bringing in new business to St. Francis.

The commissioners asked Terry Miller, clerk, to make an appointment for Chuck and Diane Krebs, directors for the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, to attend a commissioners' meeting and have the plan revised. Mr. Miller suggested that the wording be simplified and easier to understand. He said he had people asking about incentives and the county's plan was hard to explain. Andy Beikman, commissioner, also felt like there were incentives which were not necessary.

The matter was tabled until the commissioners could meet with the Krebs.

Road and bridge department

Dustin Daniels and Bob Johnson, Martin Tractor representatives said Martin Tractor in Colby was being purchased by Foley Equipment Company, located in Wichita. Because of the exchange of owners, the commissioners

needed to sign amendments to the current contracts so all contracts would be honored by Foley.

Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, and Mr. Flemming were given permission to attend two different meetings. Mr. Schlittenhardt will also be picking up a vehicle for the Road and Bridge Department as well as returning a vehicle part.

Mr. Flemming was given approval to purchase an excavator planetary for \$2,500. He had originally thought it would be \$4,500 and thought it was too much.

He also discussed three pre-stress concrete bridges where he plans to insert steel beams. This will, he said, make them stronger. They were built in the 1970s before trucks were being made as big as they are today.

In other business

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The commissioners reviewed a letter from the Kansas Attorney General's office concerning the Bill Dungan's complain about Dave Yost feeding cattle near his land. The letter stated that criminal charges were not warranted and suggested if Mr. Dungan wanted

to pursue the civil liability, he should contact a private attorney. The commissioners then went into executive session to discuss legal matters for 5 minutes with no decision being made coming out of the session.

The commissioners approved \$4,256 for July insurance write offs for the ambulance department.

Sheriff Van Allen was given permission to sell the 1997 GMC Jimmy at sealed bids.

The commissioners had received a number of favorable comments about the fairground road which was paved using incorporated millings from the recent highway paving project.

The commissioners were invited to attend WebEx session regarding cash management and fraud attacks held at First National Bank on Sept. 15. The presentation will highlight ways computer criminals are hacking into business systems, including government entities.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will start at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



KITCHEN SUPERVISOR, Avis Hazuka, serves students as they come through for lunch. *Times staff photo by Linda Schneider*



REECE LEONARD helps Pedro Gutierrez with leg stretches before flag football begins. *Times staff photo by Linda Schneider*

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