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Thursday, August 27, 2009

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

Valley Resource Conservation Professor and Alternative Crops and Development Area, Inc. Breeder for the University of and the Kansas Black Farmers Nebraska-Lincoln will be speaking Association will host a Teff Field on "Teff research in University of Day at and near Nicodemus. The Nebraska-Lincoln's Panhandle field day will begin at 9 a.m. at Research and Extension Center." Nicodemus National Historic Site Visitor's Center. Field day has been grown in Graham County participants will car pool to Gary since 2005. In 2007 the Solomon Alexander's teff field west of Nicodemus where the Flail Vac Development was awarded a three-Harvester will be exhibited. The year Conservation Innovation group will return to the visitor's center for presentations by Dr. There are currently 95 acres of teff Bruce Anderson and Dr. Dipak Santra.

Dr Anderson, Professor of Agronomy and Extension Forage both flood and drought tolerant. Specialist, has been with the University of Nebraska in Lincoln attend the Field Day. For more since 1979 working with pasture information please contact the and hay crops. He will share Resource Conservation and

On Saturday the Solomon Forage." Dr. Santra, an Assistant

Teff, a grain native to Ethiopia, Valley Resource Conservation and Grant to grow and market teff. being grown in Osborne, Rooks, Graham and Phillips counties. Teff is gluten free and known to be

The public is welcome to information on "Using Teff as a Development at (785) 425-6647.



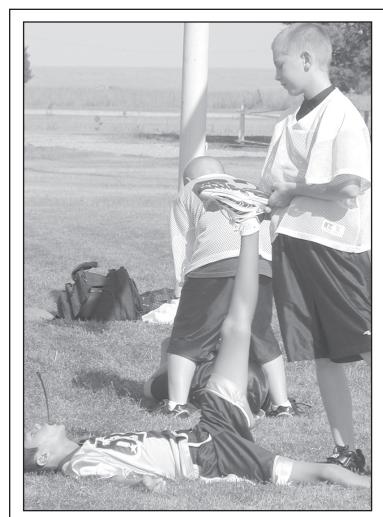
DEAL OR NO DEAL - Students pick a brief case and answer the quesitons. Kelsey Miller shows her parents, Dawn and Brian Miller how it works Monday night. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider



KITCHEN SUPERVISOR, Avis Hazuka, serves students as they come through for lunch.

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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

incentive plan for new businesses. The commissioners took the 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

said Martin Tractor in Colby was being purchased by Foley Equipment Company, located in

Council asking that the city not needed to sign amendments to the to pursue the civil liability, he be included in any of the county's current contracts so all contracts would be honored by Foley.

Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious request as a sign the city did not weed supervisor, and Mr. want to work with the county in 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 received a number of favorable \$4,500 and thought it was too much.

He also discussed three prestress 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 Dustin Daniels and Bob Johnson, a letter from the Kansas Attorney Martin Tractor representatives General's office concerning the Bill Dungan's complain about Dave Yost feeding cattle near his land. The letter stated that criminal Wichita. Because of the exchange charges were not warranted and of owners, the commissioners suggested if Mr. Dungan wanted

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 comments about the fairground road which was 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.



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

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

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