

Incentive plan is reviewed at commissioners' meeting

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The county's incentive plan which might help bring new businesses into the county was reviewed and revised at the Monday Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting.

Chuck and Diane Kribs, Cheyenne County Development Corporation directors, met with the commissioners to go over the present plan which had been put into more simple terms but there were still issues which the commissioners questioned.

How about the incentives for a business putting up a sign? They had already been asked twice about where the county stood on the matter. After discussion, they agreed that the county would pay 20 percent of a business sign up to \$1,000.

They talked about what would really help in assisting the owner of a business with land acquisition. Most people, Mr. Kribs said, want an acre on U.S. 36.

He said that when a business does come to town, he strongly urges the owner move to the town and support it.

Terry Miller, clerk, said he had been asked if the county would offer a utility incentive?

If someone is serious about bringing in a business with five employees, then I think it is time to sit down and talk about negotiations, said Andy Beikman, commissioner.

Mrs. Kribs asked if the county was willing to add waiving landfill fees to new businesses. They thought this might be alright but, because of the uncertainty of how much a business would add to the landfill, they thought this should be on a case-by-case decision.

Mr. Beikman also thought that there needed to be an agreement that the commissioners are interested in working with people wanting to come in.

Mr. Kribs suggested a letter of intent which could be attached to the front of the list of incentives.

Mr. Kribs talked about the progress being made in the

Development office. He said they have a grant to build homes in Bird City. He said he would like the commissioners to write a letter of support for two projects Mike Callicrate is working on. The letter would help in getting grants for the projects.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said he had been contacted by J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis city superintendent, helping the city clean up undesirable property. If the county would help with the cleanup, it would go toward the landfill's fine for not following regulations.

Mr. Flemming talked to Cathy Domsch, Century II director, Bird City, about areas that might need cleaning up in Bird City. She was going to look into the properties and what would qualify.

Mr. Flemming said that there were 672 roofs in the county that would need replaced because of the summer hail storms. That would be tons of old shingles that will be going into the landfill.

He had checked with the head of the department of health and environment officials and it is possible to use shingles instead of dirt or the papier-mache to cover the landfill trash each night. This would put good use to the shingles and, while it will still go into the landfill, there will not be the added covering. The shingles are being put to the side as they are brought in.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said he had been asked about waiving the landfill fee for a person whose house is being re-shingled by community and church volunteers. The commissioners agreed that if they waived the fees for one individual, they would be opening up a "can of worms" for others wanting the free fees.

Radio communication

Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, and Reid Raile, Cheyenne County Hospital technician, talked about the lack of radio communication between the hospital and the

ambulances. They had nine runs on Saturday and the hospital had not been able to hear what was going on.

Mr. Raile said the hospital is going to multiple base radios. Mrs. Bowers asked that the ambulance be equipped with a microphone and speaker in the back. All hand-held radios will be shut off when the ambulance is in route. The commissioners agreed to the purchase of the equipment, noting that the \$591 for the equipment will be taken out of the 911 fund.

Mrs. Bowers talked about problems at the repeater located east of Wheeler. She also said she had ordered batteries for radios. The batteries were 6 or 7 years old.

In other business

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- A new deputy started Sept 1. He wants to move to the rural area and will sign a 2-year contract.

- An insurance adjuster looked at the sheriff's vehicles damaged by hail. Sheriff Van Allen had talked to Marty Church and Troy Meyer who both said the company's paying about one-third of what it will cost. The adjuster will be back to the county.

- The sheriff had a bill from the WaKeeney Juvenile Detention Center. The county didn't make the arrest so he said, the county is not responsible for it. It will be sent back to the city department.

- Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, said he had attended a meeting on prairie dog control bait. He said the price on Rosol is going up 5.5 percent.

- Vouchers looked at included: 160 days prisoner care, \$6,400, to Goodland Bastille; \$3,110 to Justin Barrett for court-appointed attorney fees; \$86 to Brett Palmer for First Responder Training; \$278 paid to Danny Schlittenhardt for picking up a pickup in Cimmaron.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the commissioners' room.



DONNA JOHNSON enjoys an ear of corn during the **Booster Club barbecue** before the soap scrimmage held on Friday evening.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Celebration volunteers meet

The first meeting of the volunteers for the 125th celebration for Bird City was held at the Bird City hall Thursday.

The meeting began with selecting officers and organizing committees. Ken Krien accepted the position of chairperson. Dee

Dorsch will be the secretary and Sherry Carmichael is the treasurer.

The group had many ideas and suggestions for the quasiquintennial (125 years) celebration. The date set is tentatively for June 12. The logo

for the event is presently being developed and will be included in future press releases for easy eye catching reading.

Committees have been formed and are Activities, City Beautification, Entertainment, Finance, Fund Raiser, History, Memorabilia, and Publicity. Anyone desiring to be a part of this once in a lifetime celebration by getting on a committee can contact Mrs. Dorsch at 785-734-2785.

Also discussed was locating relatives of the original families, old photographs, and any other historical information. You can contact Mrs. Dorsch.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

David Banister was a Wednesday through Saturday guest of his parents, George and Kathy Banister.

Bethel Goltl, Don Bruder, and Charles and Val Coleman attended the funeral Saturday of Del Daire in Alma, Neb.

Dennis and Lila Howard were brief callers Sunday afternoon on Joe and Charlene Kramer. David Banister was a Wednesday through Saturday guest of his parents, George and Kathy Banister.

Introducing

John Herbert Walters, son of Kevin and Angela (Eggers) Walters, Hays, was born July 23, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. He was 8 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces. John was 21.6 inches long.

Grandparents are John and Yvonne Eggers, Salina, and Herb and Jan Walters, Hays.



John Herbert Walters



Pancake & Sausage Feed

To benefit the Bird City Golf Club. Hosted by Cheylin Recreation Commission to assist with operations of the Bird City Golf Course.

Thursday, September 10th

Serving 6pm-7pm

American Legion Hall, Bird City

***City of Bird City Town Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on the CDBG-R Housing Rehab Grant**

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Draw for % off purchases (except consignment)

Will be closed Wed. Sept. 2nd and Friday, Sept. 4th to get ready for celebration!

2nd Beginnings Thrift Store

Wednesdays: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon

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Do You Have Any Unwanted Products Stored at Home!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Cheyenne County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on **Saturday, Sept. 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Cheyenne County Landfill.

Materials accepted include paints, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, aerosol cans, batteries and used oil. Automobile lead acid batteries will be accepted. Please have the materials in sturdy boxes for easy and quick unloading. Have your used oil in disposable containers. Farm chemicals, appliances, tires, yard waste, explosives, school lab chemicals, medical waste, radioactive waste, ammo, compressed gas cylinders (propane), asbestos, dioxins or silvex will not be accepted. Program organizers reserve the right to reject delivery of materials.

Participants are asked to leave all materials in their original containers. If the container is leaking, pack the container "as is" in another larger container and label it clearly. If another container is used, be sure it is clearly labeled. Do not mix contents of different containers. Securely package materials before transporting. Do not carry open containers of liquids with strong odors or spill potential in a closed automobile. Pack the containers so they won't tip, break or spill during travel. Waste oil should not contain gasoline, solvents, decareses, paint or antifreeze. Keep all household hazardous waste away from children and animals.

Due to KDHE regulations these are items that can't be picked up during the City-Wide Cleanup later in the month. You do not need to call prior to bringing items to the Landfill. If you have questions, please call the Landfill at 785-332-8842, Tuesday through Saturday.

No Household Hazardous Waste items accepted early or after the clean up date.