

Bringing in new business discussed

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Bringing a new business to the county was one of the items on the Cheyenne County Commissioners' agenda when they met on Thursday.

A motel chain is looking for a community on U.S. 36 west of Phillipsburg to put a motel. The coordinators of the Cheyenne County Development had submitted a letter asking for the commissioners' support of putting a motel in Cheyenne County.

Cathy Domsch, director of Bird City's Century II organization, was also at the commissioners' meeting but, she had understood the information to say that the chain was looking for a community, not a county, so she had submitted a letter asking that the commissioners support a motel coming into Bird City.

The commissioners talked about the fact that there is gas and oil exploration in the county and, at times, those working on the operations were forced to go

to Goodland or Wray because there was no lodging. They also mentioned the fact that a facility with a kitchen(s) would be nice.

Both letters were signed. The commissioners agreed that any business coming into the county would help the entire county and its residents.

The commissioners also resigned a cover letter which was in color for Cheyenne County Development's communications with prospective businesses.

Emergency medical service department report

Janelle Bowers, director for the emergency medical service, was concerned about having a backup for her position. If she needed to be gone for some reason, she said, there is no one to back her up. The commissioners agreed that there needed to be someone who could take over if needed.

Mrs. Bowers asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss public safety. No decisions were made upon returning to regular session.

Mrs. Bowers told about an incident when the ambulance crew went to get gas and the credit card would not work. The commissioners agreed to have a backup bank account with \$100 in it which would be used only for emergencies.

Write offs for the ambulance department were \$6,719.

Public Notices

Petition filed in court in the Browning estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CHARLES L. BROWNING, DECEASED CASE NO. 09-PR-22

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on October 9, 2009, a petition was filed in this Court by Charlene K. Meyer, an heir, devisee and legatee, and co-executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Charles L. Browning, dated August 13, 1996, and the First Codicil of Charles L. Browning dated June 13, 2000", deceased, praying the will and codicil filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary, and the "Consent of Spouse," filed herein, be determined a valid consent.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 10, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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Petition filed in court in the Cardwell estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In The Matter of The Estate

of Case No. 2009-PR-21

WILLIAM D.E. CARDWELL, Deceased.

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Fred Davis Cardwell a beneficiary of William D.E. Cardwell, deceased, praying that: the foreign will of William D.E. Cardwell, deceased, dated April 17, 2006, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas:

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Four (4) South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the 6th P.M.

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼NW¼) of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Four (4) South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the 6th P.M.

be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses therein on or before the 3rd day of November, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. in the District Court, in the city of St. Francis, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Fred Davis Cardwell, Petitioner

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Stockholders annual meeting published

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF WHEELER COOPERATIVE MERC. EQUITY UNION

To be held in the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas, Wednesday, November 4, 2009. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meal following.

THE AGENDA:
Reading of the annual report.
Election of one director.
All other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

To help us plan the amount of food needed for this year's Annual Meeting we need your help. Please call 785-332-2281 with the number of guests attending.

Robert Draper, Secretary

R.S.V.P. 785-332-2281

Landfill

At a previous meeting, the commissioners had agreed to let the contractor tearing down the Bird City lumberyard bring items to the landfill with no charge. The agreement had the stipulation that he would remove the asphalt shingles, painted wood, concrete and tin. Instead, there has already been around 10 tons brought to the landfill which were mixed with the items that needed to be sorted. Unpainted wood can be burned. The commissioners also noted that only half of the building has been taken down so there could be 10 tons more.

We just paid \$50,000 to have a new hole dug, said Andy Beikman, commissioner, and we don't want to have it filled up with one project.

Mrs. Domsch, who is working with a building project in Bird City that will eventually have some houses demolished, noted that the commissioners had agreed to waive the landfill fee for that project. The commissioners said there needed to be a better understanding about what is brought to the landfill and how it is separated.

Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, said the company doing the work for the airport runway had asked if fees could be waived for that project. The commissioners decided that they would not waive

the fees.

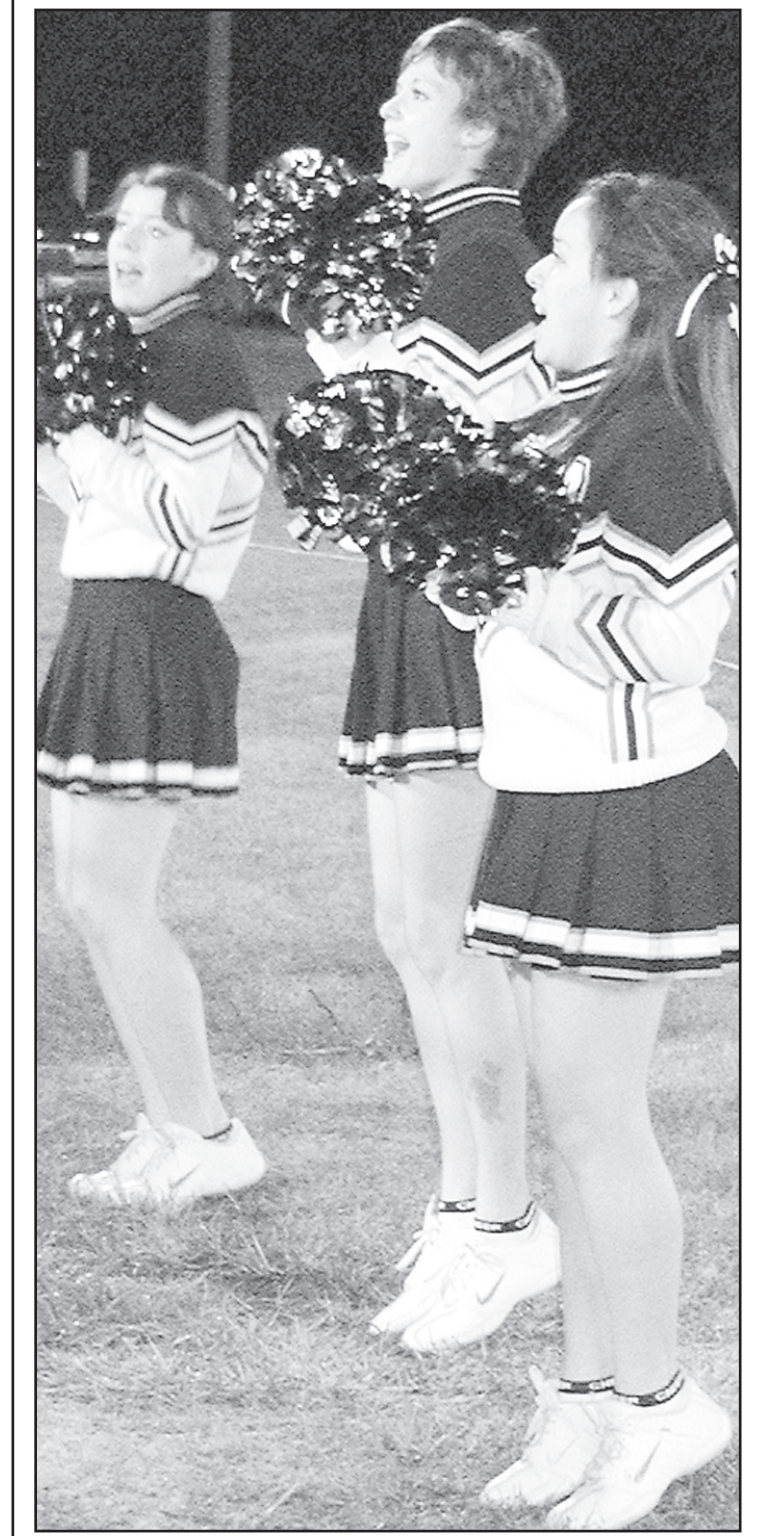
Mr. Flemming had recently been to a meeting where another county had gone from their landfill to taking waste to a transfer station and the rates had doubled.

High Plains Mental Health

Carol Rogers, the county's representative for High Plains Mental Health, reported that a meeting is being held in Overland Park in hopes of getting a more fair way for counties to pay for the services. She said that they will be looking at population, assessed value, patients served and benefits the county gets from the association and the employees in the county. The propose plan is to pay as the services are needed/used.

Next meeting

The next commissioners meeting has been changed from Friday, Oct. 30, to Thursday, Oct. 29. It will start at 8 a.m. in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



THE CHEERLEADERS yelled loud at the football game held on Friday night. Those pictured are Cory Rucker, Naomi Reeh and Illiana Reynoso.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Death notice

Jim Tracy died at the Hays Hospital on Friday, Oct. 16. The funeral was held on Tuesday at the Federated Church in McDonald.

Garden Club

The McDonald Town and Country Garden Club meeting

scheduled for Oct. 14 was cancelled due to illness. No October meeting will be held. The next meeting will be Nov. 11.

Scarecrow contest

The scarecrows were judged and this is the results: individuals, first, Lincoln Pochop; second, the Monterio family, there

was no third place; organizations, first, McDonald Library; second, McDonald Garden Club; third, McDonald Peoples State Bank; schools, first and third, Cheylin grades four, five and six; third, Atwood Headstart.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson went to Culbertson on Satur-

day to visit with relatives from Rhode Island. They were Bill and Linda Smitherman.

On Saturday evening, Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the potluck supper at St. John's to honor and welcome Father Stephen as their new pastor and Lillie Sabatka as the newest member of the church.

R.J. and Susie Sabatka spent the weekend in Springfield, Mo., where they were Godparents for their granddaughter, Oakley Marie Dowling, infant daughter of Garrett and Chanda Dowling.

Rita Hawkins was a Sunday visitor of Ray and Marlene Johnson.

Saturday noon guests of Joan Tongish were Doug Tongish, Katelyn Cody and Mikayla Cody. They were celebrating Katelyn's eighth birthday.

Kelsey Miller was a weekend and Monday night guest of her grandparents, Kay and Gail Miller.

Robin Miller, Janice Harris and Ben Bentleu of Clarksville, Ark., were guests of the Millers from Sunday to Thursday. They were here to attend the funeral of Robin's grandfather, Merle Hitchcock.

Gail and Kay Miller were Saturday visitors of Janice and Gilbert Antholz.

South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Alex Thomas and Candice Jenkins of Lincoln, Neb., spent the University of Nebraska - Lincoln fall break with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Thomas.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Cheylin - Weskin football game Friday night in Bird City. Cheylin won, 48-0. Bethel Goltl attended funeral

services for Walt Roesener Monday at St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City. After the services she attended the birthday party at the Senior Citizens Center there.

Friday afternoon guests of Bethel Goltl were her nursing friend and husband, and his twin brother and wife, Loyd and Marlene Switzer of Ottawa, and Floyd and Donna Switzer of Emporia. Don Bruder also joined them for fresh apple pie.

Bethel Goltl attended Mission Festival and potluck Sunday morning at St. John Lutheran Church.

Joe and Charlene Kramer went to Colby Friday morning to see Ryan and Diane Shay and new baby boy, Ryder.

Dennis Kramer arrived home from Mexico Saturday evening to help with fall harvest.

Obituary

Leona A. (Carstens) McNerny

June 14, 1917 - Sept. 19, 2009

Leona A. Carstens McNerny, daughter of August H. and Amelia Fredricks Carsten, was born at Fairbolt County, Minn., on June 14, 1917.

She was baptized and on April 25, 1932, through profession of faith, became a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lexington, Neb., on May 3, 1994. She was buried in Stockville, Neb., Cemetery along side her husband, Jim.

Leona attended the Lutheran Church in Elmore, Minn. When she moved to Kansas, she became a member of the Lutheran church in Bird City. She attended school in Bird City.

Leona was united in marriage to James Michael McNerny on March 5, 1938, in Benkelman, Neb. To this union, five children were born; William Dale, Darrell Lynn, Douglas Carl, Deanna Mae and Zeldia Marie.

While living in Bird City, the couple owned and operated the Sinclair Station. They then moved

to Frontier County, Neb., in 1944, where they farmed. In 1994, Leona moved to Lexington, Neb., to be near family.

Leona enjoyed quilting, embroidery and getting together with family and friends. She was quite the spitfire and always had a sharp wit and friendly smile.

Preceding her in death were her parents, August H. and Amelia Carstens; her husband, James McNerny; and one brother, Maynard.

Surviving Leona are her three sons, William of Lexington, Neb., Darrell (Herdis) of Puyallup, Wash., and Douglas (Kathy) of Madison, Neb.; two daughters, Deanna Wach of Estes Park, Colo., and Zeldia (Richard) O'Hanlon of Lexington, one brother, Howard Paul Carstens of Florida and two sisters, Velma Esther Kruse of Bird City and Irma Dorothy Deeds of Colby; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, as well as nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Designs for vehicle plates will change

The design for personalized vehicle plates will change in 2010 and Kansas law requires all personalized plate holders to reorder new plates. The division of vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, will begin accepting reorders for the new 2010 to 2015 personalized license plates on Nov. 2.

The new personalized plate can only be picked up during the vehicle owner's renewal month in the year.

Next week, over 55,000 letters will be mailed to individuals able to retain their current plate combination. They should order plates when the letters are received.

Statutes require that plate combinations are now required to be unique. his means there can be only one of any specific combination within the state. Because of this change, the department of revenue will mail 31,600 letters to people who will not be allowed to retain their current combination. Since they are not



the first owner of their current combination, they must select a new unique combination.

The department of revenue is in the process of putting on their website the ability for individuals to type in a requested plate combination that will tell them immediately if it is available or not.

In the past, owners received two personalized plates to display on their vehicles. As a cost savings measure, the department of revenue will be issuing only one personalized plate. State law requires just one plate per vehicle which is put on the rear pumper.

People can call at 785-296-7044 or e-mail personalized_plates@kdor.state.ks.us.



Hunting Guide

Check out the annual fall hunting section included in today's copy of *The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times*.