

Landfill problems discussed at commissioners meeting

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The majority of the Aug. 15 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting was spent taking about landfill and how to meet Kansas Department of Health and Environment requirements. In recent years, the county's landfill has been sited for breaking several of the regulations including excessive blowing trash and the way the trench is being covered each day.

Adam Peter, the new landfill supervisor, told the commissioners that he had found some pipe at the landfill which can be used for additional fence. He also said he had talked to one of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment officials about the construction and demolition pile which is mostly building materials. She had informed him that these need to be put in the landfill trench. Only the branches and tree materials can be kept above ground.

Mr. Peter said the landfill grounds need to be kept up, trash picked out of the fences (and this needs to be done by hand) and the grounds mowed. A second person out at the landfill would be helpful, he said. People don't like to wait to have their load weighed but when he is working at the other end of the grounds, it is hard to get there immediately. There is also the problem of people putting items where they are not supposed to be like, he said, people throwing 2 by 4s in the tree pile.

If we could get a second guy out there, Mr. Peter said, maybe we could open on Mondays. People, after working in their yards over the weekend, have to wait until Tuesday to bring their trash out.

If the wind is blowing, we have

to shut the landfill down, Mr. Peter said. By being open on Mondays would give people an extra day to bring out their trash.

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, had information about compactor for the dump. If the landfill had a compactor, it would do a much better job of compacting the trash and would help the landfill pit from filling up so quickly. After looking over the information, the commissioner asked him to bring bids back to the next meeting.

Mr. Peter said the Bird City Dairy employees are bringing in huge tarps used for covering grain. They also put the baling twine inside the tarps. When I am trying to pack the pit with the loader, he said, the plastic breaks and the twine gets tangled up in the loader and it takes several hours to get them out. On top if it, the plastic will not pack down.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said he had already told Frontier Equity that the landfill would not take these tarps. The commissioners agreed that Mr. Peter should call the dairy and tell them they could no longer bring the tarps to the landfill.

Andy Beikman, commissioner, had been to a recent landfill meeting and he had several phone numbers where dairy and others with the tarps could call for more information on how and where to dispose of the tarps.

J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis city supervisor, was at the meeting. Earlier, the city council had agreed that the landfill could use one of their old dump trucks and, that way, people could just unload some of their trash into the truck and it would compact the trash. He said the truck was still available and they would get it

out to the landfill.

Radio towers
Ryan Murray, emergency manager, reported on the towers needed for the 800 mhz radios. He said that the coverage using the Kansas Department of Transportation tower near McDonald doesn't provide the needed coverage for the county radios.

He said that Frontier Ag in Bird City had agreed to let them install an antenna on the roof of the elevator. There will be the cost of the antenna but it will be a one-time charge and the cost for upkeep and replacement. They agreed to ask the Bird City Council to pay one-half of the cost since it is covering that area.

The cost of the tower lease with the Kansas Department of Transportation will also need to be shared. This is an on-going cost and the city of St. Francis will be asked to pay for one-half of the lease.

Mr. Murray will get the costs of equipment and leases and report back to the commissioners. He noted that the expenses will need to come out of the different departments using the equipment and leases.

Executive session
Mr. Flemming asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made upon coming out of the session.

Next meeting
The next commissioners' meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. The budget hearing will be held at 9 a.m.



ANTONIO and Eva Lujan, grandchildren to Anna and Bill Martinez spent their last summer vacation weekend with them. Their cousin, Madison Martinez and her brother Wyatt Grummons joined them at the McGilvray Stables where Mr. McGilvray showed them how to make stage coach wheels.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Weekend guests on Aug. 18th with Marlene Johnson were David Johnson of Mound Ridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Brent Johnson and family of Aurora, Colo.

James Atchison of Arlington, Texas was a morning caller on his mother, Karlyne Atchison on Aug. 10th. They visited Amelia Banister at the Good Samaritan Home in Atwood.

Mike Tongish called on his mother, Joan Tongish on the morning of Aug. 11th.

Traci Coulson and children of Larned were week end guests of Jim and Lois Morelock on August 11th.

Several of the ladies from the Federated Church enjoyed the testimony of Tempe Brown on Saturday the 11th, at the Wesleyan Church.

Four birthdays were celebrated Saturday, August 11th, at the home of Jerry and Betty Knapp. LJ Purvis, Travis Knapp, Becky Purvis, and Brenda Knapp celebrated their birthdays with a special cake and gifts. Guests were

Stan and Becky Purvis, Katie Jo, Kamie, LJ, Travis Knapp, and Brenda Knapp.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz, and Eleanor Swihart attended the reception Sunday, August 12th, for Iva Lee Mears at the Wesleyan Church Sunday afternoon.

Last Sunday supper and evening guests of Jim and Lois Morelock were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crofter and Kayann of Atwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Leach of Bird City.

Sandy, Donna, Porsha, Bianca, and Jazzmin Binning called on Ratha Lea Loker Last Saturday evening.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the FCSLA watermelon feed at St. Johns Sunday evening. Everyone enjoyed the softball game and other fun activities.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the open house for Marian Ruda Wednesday at the Good Samaritan Home in Atwood. Marian was celebrating her 99th birthday!



Burr

Card shower requested

The family of Bonnie Burr is hosting a card shower in honor of her 85th birthday on Sept. 3. Cards and well wishes may be addressed to her at Box 241, Bird City, KS 67731.

Great Tips

- When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead and there won't be any white mess on the outside of the cake.
- Wrap celery in aluminum foil

when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.

- When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness.

Thank You! I want to thank all who supported me and gave me consideration in the Primary Election. I am grateful to have been able to serve Northwest Kansas in the House of Representatives for the past two years. It meant so much to me to serve my community and state.

• Thank you! Rick Billinger

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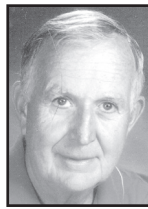
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State Representative is re-elected

Rep. Ward Cassidy missed election day in Kansas last week - but not his re-election.



Cassidy

Mr. Cassidy retained his seat representing the 120th District in the Kansas House in a close race with Rep. Rick Billinger, a Goodland Republican. He and Mr. Cassidy, of St. Francis, were thrown together in the Republican primary with federal judges drew new district lines for the state with little regard for existing boundaries or incumbents.

Mr. Cassidy, it seems, had booked a Caribbean cruise for his entire family, including the

couple's two daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren. Or his wife had. The couple celebrated their 43rd anniversary and her retirement from teaching.

"She planned this back when I didn't have an opponent," he said. "I told her I couldn't go ... and she said, 'Yes, you can.'"

He said they were out of cell phone range, but had Internet access, so he followed the returns on the Web.

"I lost, I won," he said of the see-saw race. "It was pretty exciting. There were some pretty crazy elections."

He said he hated being placed in the same district with a colleague and friend but was glad he'd won.

"It was a good race," he said.

"He's a good guy. The only thing better would be if we'd both be going back."

Mr. Cassidy said he hopes to improve his position in the House committee structure, but that depends on who is elected speaker in January. With many new members, that's still a toss-up.

His new district includes Cheyenne, Rawlins and Decatur counties from his "old" 120th and Sherman and most of Thomas from Mr. Billinger's 121st, plus Wallace. The representative carried "his" counties heavily, while Mr. Billinger ran up a big majority in Sherman and a smaller one in Thomas. Mr. Cassidy carried Wallace.

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