

Dispatch plans to hire full-time person

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The co-director of the 911 dispatch center told the commissioners at the Friday meeting that he planned to hire a full-time person and would like to hire a part-time person.

Terry Rieger, co-director of the center, said he planned to hire Vanessa Feldman to fill the full-time position in the center. He said she was certified and well qualified, having worked in Larned for three years.

Mrs. Feldman is the granddaughter of Benny and Kathy Weber. She and her husband plan to move to St. Francis and she will be able to start work the first part of April.

Mr. Rieger said they still need

to hire another part-time person. He will review the applicants again. Laurie Knebel, who has put in her resignation as a dispatcher, has agreed to work until the second week of May.

Mr. Rieger was concerned that their portable phones will not work when they take them to the bathroom. The courthouse, he said, is a large, old building with lots of steel and concrete. He ran across some estimates on what it would cost to install a restroom closer to the dispatch center.

We do not want to put the public or the staff at risk, he said.

Mr. Rieger said Lance Long, contractor, had put window coverings over the jail windows. The coverings will protect the new radio equipment.

Public Notices

Company publishes filing of application

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BEFORE THE STATE
CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS
NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

Re: Berexco LLC Application for a permit to commingle production in the Lansing/KS City and Pawnee formations in the Mears A #2-9 well, located in Cheyenne County, Kansas.

To: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whosoever concerned.

You, and each of you are hereby notified that Berexco LLC has filed an application to commingle production from the Lansing/KS City and Pawnee formations in the Mears A #2-9 well located in the NW/4 SE/4 NE/4 SW/4 (1970' FSL, 635' FEL) of Sec 9-1S-37W, Cheyenne County, KS.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the Conservation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights, or pollute the natural resources of the state of Kansas. All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

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Notice published of general election

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
April 2th, 2013

In compliance with K. S. A. 25-2018 (d), notice is hereby given that a general election will be held in USD #103 on April 2nd, 2013. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The candidates for four (4) positions are: Anita Pochop, Jane Brubaker, Brian Miller, Kelly Leach and Kendra Hespe.

Said election shall be held at the Immanuel Methodist Church in the City of Bird City.

NOTICE is further given that there will be a general election in USD #297 and the candidates are: District 1 Position 4, Derrick Tice; District 2 Position 5, Open; District 3 Position 6, Ed Marin.

Said election shall be held at Peace Lutheran Church in the City of St. Francis.

NOTICE is further given that there will be a general election in the City of Bird City for Mayor and two (2) council members. The candidates are Mayor: Hal Sager; and Council Members Wade Carmichael and Charles Ned Smith.

Said election shall be held at the Immanuel Methodist Church in the City of Bird City.

NOTICE is further given that there will be a general election in the City of St. Francis for three (3) council members. The candidates are: Paula Ann Keller, Carla S. Lampe, Bruce A. Swihart, Randy Wieck, Robert (Bud) I Erskin.

NOTICE is further given that there will be a general election in Cheyenne County for two (2) Board Members for Sunflower Extension District Number 6. The candidates are Shawn Blanka, Danielle Holzwarth, Tammy J. Grice.

Said election shall be held at the Peace Lutheran Church in City of St. Francis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and official seal this 26th day of March, 2013.

Terry Miller
County Election Officer



JUST A FEW SENIORS remembered the kitchen shower for the Senior Center. Dee Dorsch is admiring the most recent dish towels additions.

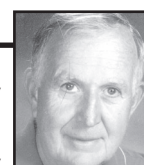


EDNA ROESENER helps get the food out for the potluck held at the senior center.

Times staff photos by Norma Martinez.

Legislative News

By
Ward
Cassidy



120th State Representative

Week 10 proved to be very busy yet productive for the House with a passage of a budget and tax plan, setting the stage for the end of the session. The only requirement for the Legislature is to pass a budget each session. I have concerns about both but voted for them to get to conference.

The next stage for the session is for the House and Senate to meet in a conference committee. This is the process by which differences in bills are discussed and negotiations between different positions take place. Each chamber presents their bill and position along with what they like and don't like about the other chamber's bill. The top three members of each committee represent their respective cham-

ber's position in the negotiations. This will be my first experience being on conference committees.

When both sides believe they have an equitable agreement, they submit their report back to their respective chambers and each body votes on the plan. If it passes both chambers, it goes to the governor for his signature or veto. If either house rejects the agreement, they go back to conference to find another agreement. The conference committee process happens for each bill which has differences from what the other chamber passed.

Some highlights from the past week: Kansas exports increased \$1.75 billion since 2010. Exports from Kansas for 2012 were \$11.66

billion. In the five state regions, the average of exports was 9.2 billion, placing Kansas squarely ahead of the regions average.

The House passed HB 2253, a very strong Pro Life bill which I voted for and the bill passed 92-31. No taxpayer dollars will be used to subsidize abortions.

I enjoyed talking with Senator Bill Bradley, the famous New York Knick basketball player this week. He was in the capitol to discuss options for the Kansas Public Retirement Plan. It appears that there will be no new legislation this year on retirement system. The retirement system continues to be a financial concern to all involved and I feel the director, Alan Conroy, is outstanding. He

will be a strong leader in solving the problem associated with the Kansas retirement system.

This past week I was appointed as chairman for the Legislative Educational Planning Committee. There will be six state senators and six representatives meet this summer for two days to review pending legislation for the 2014 session. There are many topics to study. I have elected to research the costs that will be associated with Common Core testing and the reports required to be submitted by each school district on our children.

Farm and ranch expo set for April 10

The 2013 Great Bend Farm and Ranch Expo will be held Wednesday through Friday, April 10, 11 and 12, in Great Bend. The show is located at the Expo Complex west of town. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 10 and 11, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on the April 12.

There are over 700 booths filled with exhibitors from 27 States, Canada and Australia. The Great Bend Farm and Ranch Expo spans over 80 acres. This is one of the largest farm shows in the region.

We have many exciting exhibits, activities and K-State women's seminars planned this year, said Darren Dale, show manager. The women's seminars will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day.

"Entertainment to the Max" with Max Reynolds will be at the show performing rope and bull whip tricks. For over 30 years Max has "wowed" audiences all over the world with specialty Wild West acts and rodeo stunts.

We are thrilled to present Max at the Expo! Mr. Dale said.

Wednesday at noon, Dr. Kevin Price of the K-State Department of Agronomy will have a presentation on drone's called "21st Century Crop Surveillance with Drone Technology." The presentations sponsored by the Barton County Young Professionals Group.

Genex Cooperative will demonstrate chute-side service using portable breeding barns Thursday at the show. Chute-side service is a convenient and cost effective

tool for large operations to improve their genetics and profitability through artificial insemination (A.I.). Chute-side service includes synchronization and technician insemination, providing ranchers with access to the industry's most sought after genetics. Stop by the west side on the infield parking lot at 1 p.m. Mr. Dale said, to view the demonstration where 55 heifers will be artificially insemination bred; see firsthand how artificial insemination could be utilized in your operation.

Another exciting component of the Expo will be the sprayer demonstrations. This year we are adding combine demonstrations to that. The demonstrations will be held everyday of the expo at 1 p.m. at the southeast corner of the south runway. The demonstrations will include the newest sprayers and combines available in the industry and on the market today. The sprayers and combines will perform and demonstrate how each machine works, including application techniques in a live demo situation. Seating and audio will be provided. This event is brought to you by American State Bank.

A Water Forum Presentation is planned this year. Tracey Streeter, director, Kansas Water Office, and several other state and federal water dignitaries will lead a water forum presentation and discussion to address current water issues in the state of Kansas. It will cover

things such as the current condition of our aquifers and other water sources across the state, water conservation efforts and the current laws and regulations governing water and water rights. This seminar/roundtable discussion will be held in Expo Building at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. This presentation is sponsored by the American State Bank.

New to the expo will be a refreshment tent at the end of the south runway where attendees can sit down and rest for awhile, grab a bit to eat and a beverage. While there, they can listen to the classic sounds of old time truck drivin' music with a modern flair by Jimbo Darville and the Truckadours.

"The show staff is excited about the new and exciting activities and seminars that are coming to the Expo. It will be the premier livestock and outdoor farm equipment show in the High Plains. There is something for everyone; come check it out for yourself" says Mr. Dale, show manager. Admission and parking are free to the public. For more information contact the show office at 866-685-0989, cell 785-332-6506, or by email at dales@greatbendfarmdranchexpo.net and visit the website www.starexpos.net



KEN BEOUGHER and Radean Wright get dresses for their performance in the Living Last Supper play.

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