

Cheyenne County will be the owner of a highway

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Thursday meeting, agreed to accept the state of Kansas' offer to take over ownership of K-217. The state will pay Cheyenne County \$100,000 as part of the deal. The highway is the mile running north of K-27 through Wheeler. It is the shortest highway in the nation.
Dave Flemming, public works director, said it was only a matter of time before the county would end up with the highway. He thought it was better to take the \$100,000 while it was being offered. He said the highway was in good shape and would not take much repair for at least 10 years.

Landfill

Byron Moberly, landfill super-

visor, was concerned about the amount of recyclable items that had ended up in the landfill after the fair. He said when the truck was dumped, it was full of plastic water and soda bottles as well as aluminum cans.

He recommended that, next year, there be containers placed around the fairgrounds encouraging people to deposit their cans and bottles appropriately. The commissioners agreed that this would be a good idea.

Mr. Moberly said other landfills in the area charge an additional fee for items that can be recycled but are brought to the landfill. Recently, he said, there was a business that brought out records to be buried. Had they been shredded, he could have used them in the paper mache cover mix.

Dale Patton, commissioner,

said the fees for dumping haven't been raised in several years and it was time to look in to what other counties were charging. It was noted that the county's fees are lower than others in the area.

There was also some discussion on people bringing items to the landfill that have not been covered with a tarp. The ditches, they said, are littered with things that have fallen off as they are transported to the dump. They talked about charging a fee for trailers and trucks transporting items without a tarp. No decisions were made on the higher dumping fee or tarping fee.

However, the commissioners did make a decision on the purchase of a skidsteer for the county. Mr. Moberly and Mr. Flemming brought in information and bids for skidsteers from Yost Farm Supply, St. Francis,

and Whitestar Machinery, Garden City. They ended up taking the bid of \$36,800 from Whitestar Machinery.

The new machine comes with the different attachments which are needed at the landfill, as well as it has solid tires. At the end of the year, they will be able to replace the skidsteer from \$1,000 to \$3,000, depending on the hours used.

The cost will be split between the landfill and the road and bridge department. It will be used in both departments.

Jail care-budget

The commissioners, as they were going over the vouchers, noted the cost for jail care including charge per day and prescriptions during the month of July was \$3,180. In just the first

part of August, the cost was already \$4,226.

What is sad, Commissioner Patton said, is we will have these expenses on one or more of them for several years. It is impossible to budget for prisoner care.

They set a special meeting to finish up the budget on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

In other business

In other business:
• The commissioners approved ambulance write offs of \$621.

• Agreed that the Good Samaritan Village should have purchases over \$500 approved by the commissioners. Anything less does not have to have prior approval.

• Amanda Milne, deputy appraiser, was given approval to hire Deb George in that office.

• Supervisor Flemming was given permission to purchase the remaining millings from the K-27 resurfacing project. He will use the millings for the road to Keller's Pond and possibly Lorraine Street, St. Francis.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the commissioners is set for 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 30, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Bird City News

Edna Roesener of Bird City attended her granddaughter's wedding on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Colleen Shrader and Jared Cox were married at the Norton Methodist church. A dinner and dance reception followed at the Norton County 4H building.

Edna and Paul's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were in attendance.

Jared and Colleen will return to Phoenix where Colleen will go back to work as an administrative associate for U.S. Airways Express.

Jared is the Arizona Regional Trainer and sales person for U.S. Jesco International.

Student News

Benjamin Neitzel was among approximately 4,450 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas who earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2013 semester.

Neitzel, a 2010 St. Francis Community High School graduate, is a senior studying psychology and business. He was named to the honor roll for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Honor roll criteria vary among the university's academic units. Some schools honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade-point average and others raise the minimum grade point average for each year students are in school. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.

Obituaries

Jane Ellen Burns

Jan. 1, 1948- Aug. 17, 2013

Longtime Bird City resident, Jane Ellen Burns, died Saturday Aug. 17, 2013, at her home in Bird City. She was 65 years old.

She was born Jane Ellen Reed on Jan. 1, 1948, in Parsons, Kan., the daughter of Chuck and Wilma (Harding) Reed. She attended and graduated from Hiawatha High School in 1966. Shortly after graduating, she met Terry Burns, and on Sept. 28, 1966, Jane and Terry L. Burns were united in marriage at the First Nazarene Church in Fall City, Neb.

Jane and Terry moved to Bird City in 1972. Jane was a contract carrier for the U.S. Postal Ser-

vice for 25-plus years. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Bird City.

Jane's biggest hobby was her grandkids. She enjoyed crocheting and photography.

Preceding Jane in death were her father, her step-father Richard Harding, and brother James Reed.

Surviving family members include her loving husband of 46 years Terry of their home in Bird City; her mother, Wilma Harding of Benson, Ariz.; her children, David Burns and wife Kris, daughter Dian Burns, all of Bird City; daughter Angela

Burns of Hoxie; sister Vicki Davis of Florida; brothers John Reed of Iowa, Jeff Harding of Benson, Ariz. and Joel Harding of Tucson, Ariz. She is also survived by her grandchildren, David Burns, Clinton Burns, Blaine Burns, and Noah Phillips.

Funeral services for Jane were held Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the United Methodist Church in Bird City with Pastor Tom Bailey officiating. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Jane's name and may be left at or sent to Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis.

Glenn Oliver Neitzel

March 18, 1917- Aug. 12, 2013

Glenn Oliver Neitzel was born on March 18, 1917, to William Carl and Dora (Wieck) Neitzel on a farm south of Wheeler. He was the oldest of six siblings - one sister and five brothers.

On Aug. 21, 1938, he married Alice Walter. They built a house and eventually a barn and other buildings, two miles from his birth place. There they lived, farmed and raised their family, Barbara Ann, William Carl (Bill) and Karen Kay.

Glenn loved the farm and farming. In May 1968, they moved to a house they built in St. Francis, leaving the farmhouse and buildings to his son Bill and his wife Karen. Despite moving to town, farming was never far from his heart or mind and he continued to go to the farm to help, where he was needed almost daily.

In September 1993, he lost his beloved wife Alice. The Bay

Cafe coffee group became a part of his regular routine. In January 2003, he made Wheat Ridge Acres in Goodland his home. With his sister, Sylvia, already living at Wheat Ridge, it made the transition easy for him. Glenn loved his Wheat Ridge "family" and his card group that played pinochle almost daily.

Glenn had many hobbies, including woodworking and restoring antique cars and tractors. He restored a 1930 Model A, a 1963 Chevy Nova convertible, a 1964 Chevy II, and his tractors, a 1950 John Deere D, and 1943 International H. He eventually gave each of his grandchildren a restored car or tractor or one he had kept after purchasing new and driving. He belonged to an antique auto club and enjoyed driving his cars and tractors in parades, winning many trophies and ribbons.

Glenn died in his sleep on Aug. 12, after a short illness.

He was preceded in death by his wife Alice, son Bill, daughter Barbara, his parents, sister Sylvia Daniels, and two brothers, Roy and Duane Neitzel.

He is survived by his daughter Karen (Walt) Sutter of Junction City, daughter-in-law Karen Neitzel of St. Francis, brothers Dale (Alma), Harvey of St. Francis and Floyd (Janice) of Wichita; grandchildren Gwen Saylor, Carl Pearson, Todd Neitzel, Bryan Sutter, Tricia Ramsey, Tadd Neitzel, Tim Neitzel, Tara Simmonds, 13 great-grandchildren and Dan and Cindy Pletcher, who he called the best friends he ever had.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 16 at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

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