

# Commissioners talk about Village

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Thursday meeting, once again talked about where they stand on taking over the ownership of the Good Samaritan Village.

They decided that they needed to know the answers to two questions before they could continue: 1) will the Good Samaritan Society, owner, give the facility, buildings and land to the county for \$1 even if they de-

cidate not to lease the nursing home to the Society? and 2) What is the cost to purchase all the equipment in the nursing home?

Until they know more, they cannot make plans or decisions. If they are handed the facility, they will need to have public meetings and there will probably need to be a special election.

### Road and bridge department report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge

department supervisor, had two highway permits for the commissioners to sign. Midwest Energy was asking to bore under a county road and lay lines for electric and gas down the county right-of-way. Mr. Flemming thought that, if they were allowed to lay lines down the right-of-way, they would need a tracer so the crew would know where the lines were and the depth of the lines should be a minimum of 36 inches. The commissioners signed the permits with the two stipulations.

Kevin Ritchey had resigned from his position in the department. Mr. Flemming asked for 20 minutes of executive decision to discuss personnel with no decision being made after coming out of the session. The commissioners briefly discussed the need for extra help.

### Mosquito control

Justin Lohr, noxious weed supervisor, asked about going to a meeting on mosquito control. He had previous training and this could be used to keep his certificate.

The commissioners questioned the necessity of the training as little is done in the county. They discussed the mosquito control in Bird City but, Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said the city superintendent said, with the sewer ponds so close to the city, it was practically impossible to control the pests, even with spraying. Mr. Lohr thought there were some chemicals which could work in the ponds.

With county money being tight, they suggested that Mr. Lohr look

at other training that might be more beneficial.

### In other business

In other business:  
• Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, needed commissioners' signatures for applications for licenses for the four ambulances.  
• A Homeland Security grant, which will have a consultant update the Cheyenne County Emergency Plan, was signed.

• A card was signed designating Mr. Murray's new vehicle as the official emergency management vehicle. Mr. Murray will be moving the radio and lights from the old vehicle and 911 funds will pay for having them installed on the new pickup.

• Mary Morrow, register of deeds, was approved to attend a spring seminar in Junction City.

• Les Lacy, hospital administrator, explained that the Kansas Rural Health Works is a grant given to two communities in Kansas and Cheyenne County received one of the grants. He said the Community Builders will help facilitate the grant with the goal being to discover the health needs of the county and it's residents.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be Monday when they will count the votes from the general election.

The next regular meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



CROSSES at the intersection of Roads H, 2 and 3.

## Many appreciate artist's exhibits

To the Editor:

Myself and many others would like to thank the unknown figurines artist exhibit at the Y intersection of Road H and Roads 2 and 3 as you added life to some old ugly rocks. To name a few of your seasonal figurines changes from Halloween the headless horseman, maybe it was a fat witch, then Santa, and Valentine's Day presented life and excitement to all of us on this cold, dreary intersection.

It appeared to me you were saddened when you arrived to set up the St. Patrick exhibit and finding some dumbbell had bust-

### — Letter to the Editor —

ed the rocks.

I texted my wife explaining the St. Patrick display looked like a St. Patrick grave sight.

It is sad everything is gone now.

Oh! Oh! What a surprise now three small crosses and one lone metal rod I think is representing we, the people, standing before Christ as he is hung on the cross.

You have great artistic ability, keep up the good work.

One of your fans.

Gerald Wright  
Bird City

## Contribution given to school

A \$1,000 contribution has been given to the St. Francis Community High School Scholarship Committee. Dave and Carolyn Huffman gave the generous donation for the Ray Huffman Memorial Scholarship in memory of the former Indian football coach.

Coach Huffman's scholarship began in 2006 with over \$10,000 being contributed by the community. Two seniors are given the award each year at graduation. Coach Huffman believed strongly in three-sport lettermen and that is a determining criteria

for the scholarship.

Coach Huffman was head of the lettermen's club for many years and spent most of his career teaching and coaching in St. Francis.

The Ray Huffman Memorial Scholarship is a coveted scholarship for the St Francis seniors.

Dave Huffman is a retired physician currently residing in Colorado Springs. He is the son of Ralph "Red" Huffman, former football coach at Fort Hays State University. Dave sends the \$1,000 each year in memory of his uncle.

## Obituary

Wilda June O'Dell

May 31, 1940 - March 28, 2011

Wilda June O'Dell died at home on March 28, 2011, at the age of 70. She was born May 31, 1940, at home near Vernon, Colo., the daughter of Ed and Bonnell (Veal) Gilstrap.



O'Dell

She started school in Idalia, Colo. In fifth grade, the family moved north of Wray, Colo., and she went to Fairview country school. She graduated from Wray High School in 1958.

June and her brother, Wes were bitten by the music bug. Wes played the steel guitar and June played the accordion.

She married Melvin Rawson of Yuma, Colo., on June 10, 1961. They had three daughters: Melva June, Elda Christine and Jessie LaNell. On Oct. 4, 1969, she married Eldon Dale O'Dell of Wray.

She was a dispatcher for the Wray Police Department for 28 years. When they closed the dispatch office in Wray, she drove the County Express bus around Wray for several years.

She moved to St. Francis, Kan., to be closer to her grandchildren. She drove the Care Van out of Hays for six years. She returned to Wray six years ago.

In her younger years, she enjoyed bowling, traveling around

Colorado to tournaments. She also enjoyed traveling to Blackhawk and Las Vegas, Nev., for gambling, playing bingo around Colorado, and of course, attending card parties with her friends and teaching her family how to play cards.

Preceding June in death were her husband, Eldon O'Dell; her parents, Ed and Bonnell Gilstrap, and older brother, Rowen Gilstrap.

June is survived by her daughters, Melva and husband, Stephen Douthit of St. Francis, Christine Adamson and LaNell O'Dell of Atwood; grandchildren, Ana and Tyler Enfield of Windsor, Colo.; Erica and Matthew Gattshall of Goodland, Margo, Courtney and Thomas Douthit of St. Francis, Jinna Adamson and Travis Berry of Denver, Colo.; great grandsons, Zarik Enfield and Quade Gattshall; brother, Wes Gilstrap and wife, Barb, sister-in-law, Carol Bush; nieces, Lynne and Evan Severson and family, Leslie and Brad Pelc, Lynn and Gene Riley and family, and nephew, Larry and April Gilstrap and family, along with countless friends.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, April 2, at Spellman-Schmidt Funeral Home in Wray. Private family inurnment will be in the Grandview Cemetery in Wray. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Obituary

Esther Belle Linin

Feb. 19, 1920 - March 30, 2011

Longtime Sherman County, Kan., resident Esther Belle Linin, 91, died Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at Good Samaritan Society — Sherman County in Goodland.

She was born Feb. 19, 1920, at McDonald, the daughter of John and Emilie (Molthan) Roesener. She graduated from McDonald High School.

On May 14, 1946, she and William Ernest Linin were married at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. They lived in Bird City where Bill farmed with his brother, Harvey. In May of 1954, they moved to Goodland, where they continued to farm.

Esther belonged to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Ruth Circle. She enjoyed playing cards.

Preceding her in death were her husband, William E. Linin, who died Feb. 4, 1980; her father, mother, and step-mother; brothers August, Elmer (Mamie), Walter (Ida), Pastor Arnold (Trudy), Ralph; and great-granddaughter Brianna Linin;

Surviving family includes two sons, Brent Linin and his wife,

Ginny of Goodland; Max Linin and his wife, Brenda of Goodland; three daughters, Fern Jackson of Little Rock, Calif.; Judy Linin of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ginger Frye of Jacksonville, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Paul Roesener and his wife, Edna of Bird City; Arlie Roesener and his wife, Nadine of Springfield, Mo.; one sister-in-law, Ruby Roesener of Imperial, Neb.; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was on Tuesday, April 5 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland, with Pastor Darian Hybl officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends could share their respects Monday at Koons Chapel in Goodland.

Memorials may be designated to World Mission Prayer League (who supports missionaries throughout the world), or the Anne Carlsen School at Jamestown, N. D. (for the handicapped), and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

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