



Sarah and Brock Holzmeister

Tax money wanted from scrap haulers

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Every year, the county commissioners meet on the second Monday after the first of the year. This year, they met on Monday with little business on the agenda.

They had been informed about a state law that requires scrap metal dealers to sign an application if hauling and selling scrap metal is their only business. Andy Beikman, commissioner, figured that the state is wanting some tax money from these haulers.

The commissioners found they were not required to enforce the law. The state is probably looking for some accountability, Kari Gilliland, county attorney, said.

After discussion, they decided that they will put an ad in the newspapers which will inform the metal dealers about the law but that was about as much as they could do.

Coordination agreement

Commissioner, Dale Patton, asked Attorney Gilliland if she had checked into the "coordination agreement." Mrs. Gilliland said she hadn't studied the agreement enough to make a judgment on it.

She would like to talk to some people in counties where the agreement had been adopted and see how it worked. What she had read about the agreement, she said it sounded like it would take cooperation from all county and city entities.

Mr. Patton said there was a woman from a Colorado community who had offered to come talk to the county and city officials. Her community had fought and won in keeping a military expansion from taking their school.

The matter was tabled until more information is gathered.

Reorganization meeting

This meeting is the "reorganization meeting." The first business of reorganizing was the election of a chairman. Ernie Ketzner, who had served in the position for the last three years, said he was not interested in serving another year. Commissioner Patton was elected.

Some of the other items on the agenda were the appointments of

committees, newspapers, banks and meeting days. Again, the commissioners will meet on the 15th of each month or the closest day to it, and the last working day of the month. Meetings start at 8 a.m.

The commissioners also approved the holidays for the year when the courthouse will be closed.

In other business

- The commissioners agreed to pay the Kansas Association of Commissioners membership of \$1,136.

- Ryan Murray, county emergency manager, will be looking into the new radio regulations.

- Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel and no decisions were made when the session opened again.

- Deb Patton and Melissa Tabor, treasurer's office assistants, asked for 5 minutes executive session to discuss personnel with no decisions being made.

- Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce secretary, thanked the commissioners for allowing the Chamber office to work out of a room in the courthouse. She said she would be removing the rest of the equipment out of the room but would leave two file cabinets containing Chamber information in a storage room in case the information would be needed sometime.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Chairman Patton asked and received permission from the other commissioners to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Couple exchanges their wedding vows

Sarah Rupp and Brock Holzmeister were married on June 11, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays, Kan., with Father Earl Befort officiating.

Parents of the couple are Norman and Nadine Rupp and Ivan and Charlene Holzmeister, all of Hays.

Grandparents are the late Edward and Leonilla Rupp, the late Philip and Clara Augustine, Ed and Darlene Holzmeister, Hays, Robert Brubaker, Bird City, the late Carol Brubaker, and the late Harry and Helen Wade.

The bride was escorted by her father.

Honor attendant was Kelsey Stremel, friend of the couple. Attendants were Maria Linenberger, Samantha Newell and Amber Weigel.

Best man was Brennan Leiker, friend of the couple. Grooms-

men were Brady Weigel, Taylor Ree and Blake Weigel.

Ushers were Thomas Cook, Chad Braun, Eric Pfannenstiel and Derek Gottschalk.

Candle lighters were Adele and Greyson Holzmeister, sisters of the groom. Flower girl was Alyssa Rupp, niece of the bride. Ringbearer was Caleb Rupp, nephew of the bride.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Hays High School and a student at Fort Hays State University. She is a dental technician at Purviance Dental Laboratory, Hays.

The bridegroom is a 2005 graduate of Hays High School and Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland. He is employed at High Plains Machine Works, Hays.

The newlyweds are at home in rural Liebenthal.



SENIORS CELEBRATING birthdays at the center for the month of January were Freida Belding, Dean Smith and Donna Johnson.

Times photo by Edna Roesener

Club Clip

American Legion Auxiliary

On Jan. 6, the American Legion Auxiliary 352 met at the American Legion hall in Bird City. There were eight present. At the beginning of the meeting Rod Young and Charles Coleman came to report about the work on the Legion hall. This work has been postponed for a couple of months, because of illness of the wife of the architect. The drawings have now been given to another architect and when he gets back with them, bids will be open for the work and then it will begin.

For the program, Hulda brought an article from the DeWeese Report, she took from an article on the Internet. It is entitled:

To Kill An American

Written by an Australian Dentist
You probably missed this in the rush of news, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper, an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American.

So an Australian dentist wrote an editorial the following day to let everyone know what an American is. So they would know when they found one. (Good one, mate!!!)

"An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani or Afghan. Or even Portuguese!

An American may also be a Comanche, Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navajo, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as Native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses.

An American is also free to believe in religion... For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American lives in the most prosperous land in the history of the world.

The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return.

When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country!

As of the morning of Sept. 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America.

Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of Sept. 11, 2001 earning a better life for their families. It's been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 different countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and other blood-thirsty tyrants in the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular place, they are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

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