



Bill and Agnes Slyhoff



Couple celebrates 65 years

Bill and Agnes (Crowl) Slyhoff celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married April 3, 1947, in St. Francis.

Bill served in the Army for World War II and then after being married he went to the Korean War, while Agnes stayed with his parents Ray & Lois (Weidenheimer) Slyhoff until his return.

Bill is a charter member of the St. Francis Lions Club.

He started as a suveyor's

apprentice for the Bureau of Reclamation and later as a paint and concrete inspector on many dams including: Bonny, Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Crystal. They moved to Montrose, Colo., from Gunnison in 1965 and made numerous friends with members of the Lions Club and the Elks Lodge.

For a few years Agnes worked at the Russell Stover candy factory and Bill worked for Ace Hardware.

The Slyhoffs have one son, Rodney (Alice) Slyhoff of Pueblo, Colo., and one daughter Rhonda (Greg) Bohte of Clifton; three granddaughters, Katie (Eric) Baker of Buena Vista, Marcy (Chad) Manes of Pueblo West, and Kymberlie (Corey) Topaha of Oak Harbor, Wash., and one grandson, Billy Bohte; eight great-grandchildren, Kenrda, Zane and Tristyn Baker, Amryn, baby Gage (deceased) and Caden Manes, Tobie and Adriana Topaha.

Commissioners talk future of the landfill, replacing fire truck tire

By Karen Krien

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On Friday, the county treasurer told the county commissioners that the treasurer's office would need to be closed from 8 to 9 a.m. on April 5.

The state of Kansas, she said, has set that day to test the motor vehicle system. All other county treasurer offices across the state will be closed. The commissioners said it was alright to close, suggested she place an ad in the newspapers and post it on the courthouse doors.

On May 1, the state plans to go live and will take the entire system down. On May 7, they will take mail-in license renewals and the next day, the state will hopefully be able to go live.

Landfill information

Dave Flemming, supervisor of the road and bridge department, had some more information concerning the county landfill which has met with some violations, mainly blowing trash and not putting enough dirt over the top of the pit each night.

A compactor would help correct the violations. However, there are very few good used ones and they are hard to find. If they do find one, it could easily cost \$250,000. An equipment salesman will come to the next meeting to talk to the commissioners.

Mr. Flemming had also talked to an engineer who said that digging a pit at the landfill which had straight sides was acceptable. However, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment inspector had said it was not

acceptable and needed to have slanted sides.

If the pit had straight-down sides, it would hold 90,000 cubic yards of trash; if the sides were slanted, it would hold only 45,000 cubic yards.

Before we do any digging, said Andy Beikman, commissioner, we need to find out for sure if we can have straight sides. Mr. Flemming will look into the matter.

Fire truck tires

Cody Beeson representing the Bird City Fire Department, said one of the fire trucks had ruined a tire. When they went to replace the 16.5 tire, they found it was an odd size and the only replacement he could find was for road which would not work for the truck.

Mr. Beeson said he was told that it would be better to replace all the tires on the truck or buy a different size wheels and tires. The cost for a new tire is \$224. The cost for a wheel and tire was \$287.

The commissioners said to see if he could find the tires but, if not, replace the wheels and tires. If he replaced wheels and tires, it would be easier to find tires when needed.

Unused road

Sondra Bracelin, Jaqua Abstract, had a deed on some land which was going to be sold. There is a road running through the middle of the parcel and it hasn't been used in years.

She said the county had deeded the land when there was a Dent Township (south of St. Francis). The commissioners discussed the matter with Supervisor Flemming, who said the road was not used.

The commissioners agreed to deed the land back to the owner.

In other business

In other business: Carol Rogers and Ilene O'Leary, representing High Plains Mental Health, said Dave Anderson, also with the Mental Health organization, will visit with them at the next meeting. They also invited the commissioners to an appreciation banquet on May 31 in Hays.

AnnMarie Calvert, representing Colonial Life Insurance, was given permission to talk to employees at a later date.

They discussed the mutual aid agreement with Benkelman/Dundy County. Haigler is paid \$500 a year to help fight fires in Cheyenne County. They agreed that there is a problem with the way things are set up with the fire departments in Dundy County.

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, said she thought there would be eight people from Cheyenne County taking the next emergency medical technician class. There are two from Bird City and two St. Francis high school students.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 13, instead of Monday. The meeting starts at 8 a.m. in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

800 megahertz radios on the table again after update

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At the Friday meeting, the Cheyenne County Commissioners agreed that the county will go to 800 megahertz digital communication equipment in the near future.

Present to discuss the changeover were Ryan Murray, emergency manager; George Harper, St. Francis fire chief; Shane Guggenmos, St. Francis chief of police; Jen Padgett, communication director; and Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director.

The St. Francis firemen have five mobile radios that could not be converted to narrow band but the hand-held radios were working. All the pages are working with the narrow band, Mr. Harper said.

Since the county and city radios had all been converted to 800 megahertz less than a month ago, Mrs. Bowers said emergency medical technicians had reported some transmission problems. Mr. Harper said there have been several incidents when a couple of the firemen had not received their pages. The question was what would make everything work?

It was noted that Rawlins County had converted to 800

megahertz but was not up and running yet. Sherman County has 800 megahertz and it is working.

At the last commissioners' meeting, Mr. Murray had suggested that the county look into leasing the digital radios and other equipment. If they went to the digital system, there would be a need for an 800 megahertz repeater. It was noted that the repeater could be installed on the tower east of Wheeler.

After considerable discussion, they agreed to have Mr. Murray get the details on what it will cost to lease-purchase all the needed equipment rather than purchase some equipment and licensing to get by, then have to replace it later with the newer equipment.

Chief Guggenmos said the council is progressive and will probably go along with the county. We need to do it together, he said.

The 911 dispatch center will also need to upgrade the equipment but this can be paid for with 911 funds.

They then talked about the mass notification system offered by Nex-Tech. Mr. Murray had said it would cost \$1,500 a year and the mapping costs would come out of the 911 funds. This system was used in the recent

Colorado fire and lives were saved by being able to notify people in the area quickly. The commissioners agreed to go with the Nex-Tech notification system.

Temporary courthouse

Several weeks ago, the courthouse was closed because of a suspicious package that was mailed to the courthouse. At that time, Mr. Murray realized that there was not a plan for the courthouse operations and employees if this were to happen again.

In the case of the suspicious package, the courthouse was opened the next day. However, if the courthouse were to be closed several days or more, the fairgrounds building has been designated as the temporary courthouse.

Mr. Murray was asked why not the emergency building? He said that the parking would be difficult and there would probably be too much going on in that building.

Plaque presented

Dale Patton, chairman, presented Mr. Murray a plaque from the Kansas Emergency Association recognizing him for his accomplishments and support of emergency management in Kansas.

Wray health fair to offer discount medical screening to patients

The Spring Health Fair in Wray will be held Saturday, April 28, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Wray Schools Kitzmiller Building. The health fair is co-sponsored by the Wray Community District Hospital and Clinic and the Wray Lions Club.

The fair offers community members an opportunity to learn more about their current health status, ways to improve their health, and resources available in and around our community.

Blood draws

Blood draws in Wray will begin April 9, and continue weekdays through April 20. Blood draws will be available in Idalia April 23, and 24.

The hospital's cost of

performing blood testing has increased significantly. Unfortunately, in order to provide this service, there has been increased charges for having blood work drawn and analyzed for the health fair. This cost is still significantly lower than having the blood work drawn outside of the Health Fair. See ad for more information.

This year, the fair will offer many free and low-cost screenings to participants. Booths include lung testing, blood pressure, height and weight, diabetes and dietary information, colorectal cancer screening kits, hearing screening, and many other booths with information about resources available in our

community. The Wray Clinic medical staff will also be available to counsel people on their laboratory results.

Don't miss this opportunity to improve your health. This fair is for all ages! Golf carts will be available for those who need assistance.

Results from the blood draws will be available at the fair. Those unable to attend the fair will have their results mailed to them. Take your results to your next visit with your physician and have your physician review any abnormal results.

Address any questions to Jennifer Kramer, RN, Karen Keller, RN, at the Wray Hospital at (970) 332-2245.



Thank You

My most sincere thank you to my family for taking me to Denver for my surgery Feb. 23 and for staying with me. Also, for bringing me back to Cheyenne County Hospital and finally back to my home Feb. 29 in Bird City. The care I received at both hospitals was excellent and since returning home my family, friends and GSV Home Health — you are all the best. Your prayers, cards, calls, gifts and visits helped me recuperate quickly so I was able to celebrate my 95th birthday. Family and Friends came on March 6, cake, dinner, cards and more gifts, no one could ask for more! You are all special to me and I thank God for giving me these 95 years and ask him to bless you too.

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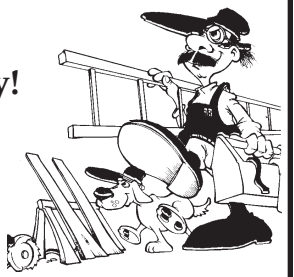


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BY: GREATER NORTHWEST KANSAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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