

Landfill maintenance at top of commissioners' agenda

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The county landfill – extending the life of it and maintaining it to meet the Kansas Department of Health and Environment – was discussed when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Thursday, May 31.

Commissioners Ernie Ketzner and Andy Beikman had attended a workshop on maintaining landfills. One of the concerns of county commissioners is what to do with debris following a disaster such as a tornado.

Ryan Murray, emergency manager, said this is a real concern, especially after a 105-mile-per-hour wind damaged buildings in Rawlins County where he is also the emergency manager. As part of the emergency plan update, he said, it is recommended that the county have a small parcel of land designated for such emergency dumping. There will be strict regulations with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment which will need to be followed. He will have more information on the matter at a later date.

The county landfill was further discussed when Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, arrived. Mr. Beikman and Mr. Ketzner talked about having cells within the cells at the landfill. They felt like it would be easier to control and maintain.

They discussed buying a compactor and training personnel in using it.

In the near future, there will be new dumping rules including separating items (limbs, shingles, household trash, etc.) and dumping them in specified areas.

Cheyenne County's dumping fee is \$30 a ton but in other counties, it was higher and one county's fee was \$61 per ton.

Once people get used to dumping regulations, Mr. Beikman said, they will be OK. However, the commissioners expected there will be some unhappy people at first.

Road and bridge supervisor's report

Supervisor Flemming, said the Kansas Department of Transportation is wanting to get rid of the small highway spurs that carry minimal traffic. The state is considering giving Cheyenne County Highway Spur 217, which runs through Wheeler, along with a sum of money to help maintain the spur. The commissioners asked Mr. Flemming to let the state know they were interested in the deal. He said the county crew had been cleaning up around the shop and the courthouse steps which were removed several years ago are still up at the shop as well as some were at Troy Porter's. He wondered what to do with them. After some discussion, it was decided to have Mr. Flemming contact Greg Kite, who helped with getting the new steps. They discussed having a resolution drawn up concerning horizon-

tal oil drilling in the county. They felt that, if a company wanted to do horizontal drilling, then permission from the county should be obtained. No further discussion was made on the subject.

Communications

Mr. Murray, along with Jen Padgett, communication director; Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director; and Reid Raile, hospital's information technologist, updated the commissioners on the 800 MHz radio towers. They said that the firemen using pagers do not want to carry radios. It was decided to continue to page using UHF signal as 800 MHz isn't a good coverage option.

We want to design something that will work for everyone, Mr. Raile said.

Mr. Murray said that the county can put a repeater on each of the state towers. If they have 800 MHz in the emergency vehicles, they will be able to bounce signals back and forth, however, he noted, K-161, has some dead spots.

Mr. Murray will get quotes on a 15-year tower lease from Nextech and the state of Kansas.

Coordination Plan

Mrs. Gilliland said she had a letter from Mike Callicrate and had also talked to him about a "Coordination Plan." She had made copies of Mr. Callicrate's letter which was to help explain coordination because she didn't feel like she understood the plan well enough to explain it to the commissioners.

The letter mentioned Fred Kelly Grant who is considered to be an expert on the subject. The commissioners agreed to have Mrs. Gilliland arrange for Mr. Grant come to a commissioners' meeting.

They talked about having the school boards and city councils attend the meeting but no decision was made.

The commissioners agreed that the concept of coordination is good. We are hearing all the pros, said Dale Patton, commissioner, but what are the cons and can we retreat back to the prior conditions?

In other business

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- A representative from the department of labor had been in the county. She had checked the fairgrounds, courthouse and both county road and bridge shops. There were a few things, said Terry Miller, clerk, that will need to be corrected. But, overall, they would not be hard to fix.

- Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development Corporation coordinator, updated the commissioners on the progress of the Revitalization Tax Program. She said she still needs approval from several cemetery districts and the library board. She hopes to have the program in place by the end of June. She said she has already had a number of people ask about the program and are interested in using it.

- Vicki Hubin with the Western Kansas Child Advocacy, talked to the commissioners. Currently, Cheyenne County gives \$500 per year to the advocacy. See related article.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held on Friday, June 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Congressman Tim Huelskamp will meet with the public in the courtroom before the meeting.



CHECKING OUT THE 4-WHEELER — Roger Zwegardt teaches kids how to operate an ATV properly. Caleb Todd checks it out. Others attending were Seth Hilt, Marlo Jensen, Shadryon Blanka and Wyatt Hilt.

Rec 4 U

By Penny Gienger
St. Francis Rec Director



This is a big week for all St. Francis ball players. T-ball and pitching machine play started up the first of the week with approximately 50 youth participating.

T-ball will continue on Monday nights in June at the grade school playground ball field. Next week, June 11 the team match-ups at 6:30 p.m. will be - Green vs. Orange and at 7:30 p.m. - Gold vs. Blue.

The Pitching Machine/Coach Pitch play is on Wednesday evenings. The June schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, June 6 - regular play 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis ball field.

Wednesday, June 13, - warm up

begins at 6:30 p.m. and at 7 p.m. two games start here with Benkelman. The first game will be the "Coach Pitch" game with the "Pitching Machine" game to follow.

Wednesday, June 20 - warm up at 6:30 p.m. and at 7 p.m. two games start with Cheylin. The first game will be the "Coach Pitch" game with the "Pitching Machine" game to follow.

Monday, June 25 - Two games 7 p.m. at Benkelman. Format of games is like the previous weeks.

Wednesday, June 27 - Two games at 7 p.m. with Cheylin at McDonald. Format of games is like the previous weeks.

The C-team Boys team have

their second home game on Monday night, June 11 at 7 p.m. with Cheylin. Come down to the ball field to cheer the team on.

It's not too late to join the adult coed softball play on Sunday evenings in June and July. Our goal is to have fun, so if your team can only play certain weeks, give me a call to be added to the line-up. There is some hesitation with harvest approaching. We may take a few weeks off for harvest, then continue play later.

Questions - call Penny at 332-3949.

RELAY

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Rose floral shop. The caregivers will then join up with the survivors for the next lap.

The teams will all be introduced as they start the next lap and continue with someone from their team on the laps all night. Several high school and junior high teams are expected and activities will be provided all night to keep them going.

The activities in the band shell will begin after the relay walk has started. There will be local entertainment, an introduction of the Relay Committee, a talk by

a survivor and caregiver, and of course, the annual auction. Look in the west window of the Methodist Thrift Store to see some of the donated items for the auction.

Please come down and help us raise money for fighting cancer by bidding on these great items, Ms. Rose said.

The highlight of the evening is the luminaria service at dark.

It is a wonderful sight to see 500 to 600 luminarias lit all around the park and band shell, said Betty Loudon, one of the committee. Then to listen to the calling of the names in honor of those who have

survived cancer, and those who are memorialized because they did not survive.

On Tuesday evening, the survivors were honored by the committee with a reception at the United Methodist Church. They picked up their Relay shirts they will wear Saturday night, and celebrate all the many birthdays they have had and are still having. Door prizes of flower bouquets were given by Jenny Cravens of Krien's Pharmacy's The Flower Shop. Please contact Pat Rose for any further information at 785-332-5438.

We need community support to make this the greatest relay ever, Pat said. Please, come and join us!

Great Tips

- Remove permanent marker on appliances/counter tops (like store receipt BLUE!) rubbing alcohol on paper towel.

- Whenever I purchase a box of S.O.S pads, I immediately take a pair of scissors and cut each pad into halves. After years of having to throw away rusted and unused and smelly pads, I finally decided that this would be much more economical. And now a box of S.O.S pads last me indefinitely! In fact, I have noticed that the scissors get sharpened this way!

- Opening brand new jars can be a feat in itself. Well, I have found a way to make it the easiest thing to do. Instead of banging a jar of jam, pickles, etc., with a knife

until it loosens up, I simply reach into the drawer and pull out the handy nutcracker. It adjusts to the size of the jar and I simply give it a good twist and off pops the lid!

- Blood stains on clothes? Not to worry! Just pour a little peroxide on a cloth and proceed to wipe off every drop of blood. It works ever time!

- Use vertical strokes when washing windows outside and horizontal for inside windows. This way you can tell which side has the streaks. Straight vinegar will get outside windows really clean. Don't wash windows on a sunny day. They will dry too quickly and will probably streak.



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