



DRY CONDITIONS continue in Northwest Kansas. This horse was looking for something greener on the other side of the fence.

Health official makes surprise visit to landfill

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A Kansas Department of Health and Environment inspector had made a surprise visit to the Cheyenne County Landfill on Wednesday, Aug. 29. Adam Peter, landfill supervisor, reported on the inspector's visit when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Thursday, Aug. 30.

He said some of the road and bridge department crew had helped put the construction lumber pile into the landfill on Tuesday and the landfill area had been cleaned up. Mr. Peter said the wind was blowing with gusts at 30 miles per hour so, at 2:30 p.m., he was just getting ready to close the gates (there is no dumping when the wind is blowing 25-30 miles an hour) the inspector, drove up.

She asked him what he was doing and he told her he was closing the landfill because of the wind and she approved. She also approved of the way the waste was being handled. She suggested that the roads be watered down when the wind was

blowing.

Karan Thadani, assistant county attorney, said a letter to a landowner about acquiring additional land for another landfill trench had been sent but there had been no response.

Mr. Peter and Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, had prices on several compactors for the landfill. Two were new and one was used.

The commissioners asked Mr. Peter which one he liked best?

I would rather drive a new one, he said, but, I would use it only about 5 hours a week and I think the used one for \$140,000 would work just fine and would cost the county a lot less money. The one thing that worried him was it only had a 60 day guarantee.

The commissioners have determined that a compactor is 33-percent more efficient than the loader. With a compactor and good recycling by residents, there could be another 14 to 15 years left before it will be necessary to transport trash which will be extremely expensive.

The county landfill has had a number of violations in the past

year or so and now stands at the top of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's list. If the violations are not cleared up, the landfill could be closed.

It was noted that the landfill design had not been completed by Penco, an engineering company. The plan as supposed to be done in August. There had been no follow up with the engineering company.

The commissioners approved and encouraged Mr. Peter to attend some upcoming training meetings. He said the Kansas Department of Health and Environment official had told him that they preferred him to contact them by e-mail. He said the recycling center in Colby had a number of refurbished computers which he would be willing to look into if there could be some internet installed at the landfill. The commissioners didn't know how good the reception would be and told him to look into a Smart Phone.

Mr. Peter asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. When coming out, no decision was made.

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is asking those who own motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles to call or stop by with the make, model and other information. If I have them on hand, Kale said, it will help the riders get back on the road faster. The phone number is 785-772-1202.

Kale and his wife, Heidi, recently arrived in St. Francis after doing some extensive traveling. They had previously lived in Arizona where Kale had owned a motorcycle repair business.

They wanted to move back to Kale's hometown. Kale said there wasn't a lot of motorcycle repair shops around and, working in St. Francis, he could offer repairs at half the cost of other shops in the area.

They bought the building on Main Street, began gutting it and hauling off trash. We had an empty shell, he said. The place was rewired, new plumbing was put in and new lights installed.

He began putting up walls and building shelves and cabinets. He put in a motorcycle lift, tire machine and added tools. Eventually, he plans to add performance tuning equipment.

The majority of the space is white but touches of red along with the black and white checkered walls in the loft add a pop of color.

The loft, also known as the "Moto Cafe," will soon be available for people to watch races on television and relax with a cup of coffee, made from their special roasted and ground coffee beans.

Kale and Heidi are building living quarters in the back of the shop and, in the near future, will be living there.

Heidi, who has a degree in journalism and is a licensed aestheti-

cian in Arizona, is working at the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis.

After they have established High Plains Moto, they plan to open a coffee bean roasting and espresso coffee business. Both have training and experience in that line.

Kale and Heidi plan to have an open house in the future. In the

meantime, they welcome people to open the red door on the west side of the building and see the new shop. While they are there, Kale will be glad to talk to motorcycle enthusiasts about their motorcycle repairs and maintenance.

For more information, go to highplainsmoto.com.

BUDGET

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is that right? he asked.

Mr. Patton said that is right because, at this point of time, we are still negotiating. There is nothing specific in the budget.

Until we have a signed contract, he said, we don't know what to budget.

It was noted earlier in the meeting, that the Good Samaritan Society had questioned "mills" and what they were and how they worked.

The Society, Mr. Patton said, needs to understand that the money they received will be an appropriation and that it is not mandatory to give them 6 mills.

Mr. Kellner then questioned the money given to the county historical society and service for the aged (senior centers in both cities). His-

torically, he said, money budgeted to these entities has been there for years but I was wondering if it is worth it - should we, the people pay for it or maybe they should match the funds given.

Mr. Ketzner said that if one person enjoys and uses the facility, then it is worth the money given.

We give money to a variety of entities such as High Plains Mental Health, child advocacy, prevention of domestic and sexual violence... we try to be compassionate. It is your money and if you don't think it is right, let us know.

After 25 minutes of discussion, the commissioners approved the budget which was printed in the Aug. 30 issues of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

Resident concerned about revitalization tax plan

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There were several people attending the Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting to discuss the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Program which the commissioners recently agreed to support.

Sean Straub, St. Francis resident, with Bruce Webb, appraiser, told the commissioners he didn't find about the program until after he had started putting up a new building. Mr. Webb said that in Item No. 6 of the program, it said that the builder will notify the appraiser. Mr. Webb was wondering if he could accept the application. Mr. Straub wanted a waiver so he could get the property tax relief.

Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development coordinator, said, as of Thursday, the attorney general had not approved nor signed the county's application. Consequently, the program hasn't gone into affect. She expected the attorney general to approve the application

but couldn't say for sure, noting that Colby, who had also applied about the same time, hadn't been approved yet.

As far as Mrs. Dobbs was concerned, people could pick up applications and as soon as the attorney general approved the county's application, the starting date would be retroactive to the date when the commissioners approved the program.

In other business

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- There was a brief discussion before approving the warrants that \$1,884 had been spent on jail care.

- Ryan Murray, emergency manager, and Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, asked for an executive session to discuss personnel. Mr. Patton, upon coming out of the session, said no decisions would be made.

- Elmer Kellner, county representative for Resource Conservation and Development, handed out information from a recent meeting

he had attended. He said they had discussed "Coordination" which basically gives county and city entities more control over different situations, rather than letting the state and federal government come in and dictate what will be done.

Mr. Patton said information had been sent to the schools and the cities but there appeared to be little interest.

Next meeting

The commissioners try to meet on the 15th of each month and the last working day of the month. The 15th of September falls on a Saturday so the commissioners agree to meet on Friday, Sept. 14, at 8 a.m. in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

SHOP

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In 2003, Chelsi graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical College with a degree in cosmetology. She worked for Regis Corp in Newton for four years, then went to the Family Hair Parlor in Wellington.

About a year ago, she and her family moved from Wellington to St. Francis where she was raised.

"We wanted to be back home," she said.

She and her husband, Jeff, have three daughters, Macye, 9 years old; Deija, 6; and Kaylei, 3. Chelsi is the daughter of Dena Jones and Vic Dankenbring.

FOOD

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know her name but they know me as the "cooker at the school."

They both said they had excellent help in the cafeterias and they couldn't do the job without them. In the high school, there is Kathy Vandike, who has worked in the cafeteria longer than Mrs. Holz-

warth, and Leah Keller. In the grade school, Marsha Kechter has worked in the cafeteria for several years. New this year is Deanna Grice. Teresa Sowers, paraprofessional, also helps.

The new managers, having worked in the kitchens for years, realize that most of the equipment is good but old. Mrs. Holzwarth

would like to see a new walk-in freezer that is attached to the building. This year, the Alumni Association donated new mixers for the kitchens and money to buy new holiday aprons for the servers.

The kids notice when we have new aprons or dress up on different occasions, Mrs. Ford said, and, it makes it fun for both the kids and for us.

Even with the new requirements, Mrs. Holzwarth and Mrs. Ford said they are excited about the new positions and are looking forward to the rewards and challenges the new year has to hold.

BEECHER ISLAND REUNION

Saturday, Sept. 15th

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast with Idalia Bicentennial FCE Club
- 9 a.m. Black Powder Shoot sponsored by Idalia Gun Club
- 10 a.m. Peddle Tractor Pull
- Concessions available from Wray Lions Club
- All day Quilt show
- 1 a.m. Race games begin; music by The Swinging Seniors; dryland turtle race
- 7 p.m. Win the historic Beecher Island Auditorium Loose Cannon Bluegrass



Sunday, Sept. 16th

- 6:30 a.m. Pancake breakfast by the Idalia Lions Club
- 9:45 a.m. Boy scout flag raising ceremony
- 10 a.m. Sunday Service, Speaker Phil Mitchell, Music by Mike and Lorraine McCullough
- 1 a.m. Historic Music program featuring Rex Rideout. Helping Hand club raffle drawing

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