

New county attorney OKed to work with Village lease

By Karen Krien

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The Good Samaritan Village contract was again discussed at the Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on Jan. 15.

Commissioner Ernie Ketzner wanted to discuss the Good Samaritan contract. It was learned that Miller and Associates would be doing the property survey and hoped to be finished by the end of January.

The commissioners agreed they would like to have the amounts the Village receives in medicare payments. With the new national healthcare, they are concerned medicare payments will decrease and the county will have to fund more money for the facility. It was decided to request this information from Good Samaritan. County attorney, Karan Thadani, will submit a request to Good Samaritan for this information.

Mr. Thadani wanted to make sure they wanted him to begin the negotiating rather than Kari Gilliland, former county attorney, now the assistant county attorney. The commissioners said that since Karan was the county attorney, he should represent them.

Emergency building

Mr. Thadani told the commissioners he had viewed the ice buildup at the St. Francis Emergency building. He felt this was a serious issue and asked J.R. Landenberger, city manager, who was at the meeting, if he had seen

the situation. Mr. Landenberger said he had and a possible solution would be to install gutters. The gutters, he said, had been purchased, but due to the pitch of the roof, there was a question regarding the stability of the gutters should there be a snow slide. Another alternative would be to create a covered entrance to the entry door. No decisions were made at this time.

Maintenance

Shelley Christensen, maintenance, asked if she could hire her daughter, Amy Christensen, as part-time help when waxing the courthouse floors. The commissioners told her it was against employee handbook policy for supervisors to hire immediate family. Then, she asked, should she place an ad in the paper for part-time help.

Chairman Dale Patton ask Dave Flemming, public works director, if any of his staff could help with the situation. Dave said he'd rather not use one of his employees. They agreed to have Shelley's daughter help with floors this year.

They then discussed the county's employee handbook noting that items and wording needed updated. They discussed comp time and that it should not be given to anyone but the sheriff and dispatch offices. Random drug testing on all employees was discussed.

Road and bridge department

Supervisor Flemming presented Highway Permit 13-01 to allow Tidelands Geophysical to use Road A for seismic testing. This permit

was signed. He also presented Highway Permit 13-02 to allow IdeaTek to bury fiber optic lines in the county ditches. Mr. Flemming said he'd prefer the lines to be laid at a depth of 36 inches. The permit was signed with the assumption that IdeaTek will follow the county recommendations.

In other business

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 • Melissa McAtee attended the meeting and read from a prepared statement. Mrs. McAtee was upset with the way her paid taxes were handled, pointing out several errors. The commissioners thanked Melissa for her time.

• Sheriff Cody Beeson attended the meeting saying he was looking forward to working with the commissioners. There will be times, he said, when they wouldn't agree with some of his ideas, but he knew everyone would work together for the better of the county. The Board thanked Cody for his candor.

Next meeting

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed 3-0 to adjourn. The next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Jan. 31. Congressman Tim Huelskamp will hold a town meeting in the commissioners' room prior to the regular meeting.

Editor's note: The above article was taken from the unapproved Jan. 15 commissioners' meeting minutes.



SHADRYON BLANKA wrestled at a recent tournament. Shadryon, at 90 pounds in the 10 and under division, placed third in the Norton Tournament.

Kids compete in tourneys

The St. Francis Kids Wrestling is well underway including wrestling held in St. Francis on Thursday, Jan. 17, between the Rawlins County kids wrestlers and Saintry kids.

There were 17 exciting matches between Rawlins County and St. Francis kid wrestlers.

The most entertaining was the match up of 4-year-old Carter Matthies (SF) vs Gage Withington (RC) also 4-years-old. Matthies won 10-2 decision.

Other matches of the evening were (St. Francis kids listed first with the exception of two matches where Saintry boys wrestled each other.):

Nate Leibbrandt won 11-6 over Ryan Sramek.

Javier Yanes won 17-2 over Tavin McDaniels.

Connor Hathaway won by fall over Tommy McFee.

Logan McCarty won 6-0 dec over Jayden Ashford.

Isaac Hathaway lost by fall to Drew Withington.

Colton McCarty lost by 4-5 dec to Kendrick Woody.

Brady Dinkel lost by fall to Cyrus Green.

Aaron White lost by fall to Drayke Asturi.

Connor Keller won by fall over Dominic Cassaw.

Tayton Weeter won by fall over Tanner Hays.

Brayden Kaup lost by fall to Jayden Ashford.

Jesse Baxter lost by 0-11 dec to Cryus Green.

Kouper McQuigg won by fall over Seth Mills, also of St. Francis.

Javier Yanez won by 17-1 TF over Tommy McFee.

Connor Hathawa won by fall over Tavin McDaniels.

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Norton Tournament

On Saturday, five St. Francis kids wrestlers traveled to the Norton Tournament.

8 and under: Logan McCarty, 49 pounds, went 2-1 and placed second; Brayden Kaup, 61 pounds, went 1-2

10 and under: Shadryon Blanka, 90 pounds, went 3-1 and placed third; Colton McCarty, 95 pounds, was 0-2

12 and under: Tayton Weeter, 92 pounds, went 4-0 winning all by falls and placed first.

Oberlin Novice Tourney

There were six wrestlers attend the Novice Tournament in Oberlin on Sunday, Jan. 13.

This tournament is for wrestlers with two years of experience or less.

In the 8 and under division, Logan McCarty, 52 pounds, placed first; Brayden Kaup, 64 pounds, placed fourth.

In the 10 and under division, Aaron White, 64 pounds, placed fourth; Colton McCarty, 95 pounds, placed fourth; and Brady Dinkel, 100 pounds, placed first.

12 and under: Kouper McQuigg, 105 pounds, placed third.

Junior high ladies end season with loss

by Scott E. Knebel

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In junior high girls basketball game on Thursday, Jan. 17, the St. Francis Lady Indians played the Wichita County teams, in St. Francis. The games marked the end of the junior high girls basketball season.

In the A team game, St. Francis jumped out to an 11-5 lead after one quarter and were up 10 points at halftime.

The Lady Indians struggled, only scoring 6 points in each of the last two periods. The Lady Indians led 24-16 after three quarters, but the Wichita County girls made a strong push in the fourth period to win the contest, 30-31.

St. Francis received 10 points from Hanna Bracelin and six each from Madi Tice and Katie

Schmid. Jenna Confer and Zoe Sundstrom each added 4 points.

St. Francis was eight of 19 from the free-throw line. The A team closed the season with a record of 2-11.

Lady Indians B-team

Emileigh Dinkel scored 14 points in the B team contest, but the Indians did not get many more. The Lady Indians led 11-4 after one period of play. At halftime, the Lady Indians held a narrow 17-14 lead. In the third period, St. Francis did not score.

Wichita County out-scored the Lady Indians 4-22 in the second half to win the contest, 21-36. Jylian Laten added 6 and Reagan Beims 1 to the Lady Indian point total.

The B team finished the year with a record of 8-5.

4-1-1 with the CCDC

Happy New Year and may 2013 be filled with great accomplishments!

For those newcomers to our community who established residency in Cheyenne County on or after July 1, 2011, and lived outside Kansas for five or more years immediately prior to establishing residency in Cheyenne county and who earned less than \$10,000 in Kansas Source Income in each of the five years immediately prior to establishing residency in Cheyenne County you may qualify for a Kansas income tax waiver for up to five years. For more information visit TaxFree.ks.gov, call 785-296-6815, or email taxfree@kansasccommerce.com

Bird City Dairy honored

"An exciting honor has been bestowed upon one of our Cheyenne County businesses. The Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year award is co-sponsored annually by the International Dairy Foods Association and Dairy Today magazine. McCarty Farms, Bird City and Rexford, will be honored at the Dairy Forum in Orlando, Fla., this month as the 2013 Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year. Congratulations to the McCarty Family Farms team and their employees."

Free HazMat workshop

Doing business in a small town can mean attending training and continuing education. Employers can take advantage of a unique opportunity to receive training on Hazardous Materials transportation directly from the United States Department of Transportation on Jan. 30 in Great Bend. Representatives from the Department of Transportation will be hosting a free HazMat workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Barton Community College, covering new regulations on transporting and handling hazardous materials.

This valuable training opportunity is ideal for employees of auto body shops, pool supply companies, hospitals, welding shops, oil well service companies, beverage companies, farming co-ops, propane companies, paint supply stores, department stores, and any other business that handles hazardous materials. The free workshop will take place in Room F30 of the Fine Arts Building at Barton Community College, beginning at 8 a.m. For additional information or to register, contact Stuart Streck at stuart.streck@dot.gov.

Businesses needed

The Clean Line Energy Partners and their "Grain Belt Express" Transmission Line project are looking for potentially interested businesses seeking to supply/support this project. The portion of the project that will occur in Western

Kansas, runs from the Dodge City area to just west of Great Bend and onto Concordia.

Note: The exact route of the line has yet to be determined, but this will be a \$2 billion project overall and could be a great opportunity for suppliers in Western Kansas!!! The company is currently building a database of interested businesses, so Western Kansas companies can submit their business information on the website.

As they are looking for local suppliers (and by local, I mean in Kansas) for: Engineering, Equipment Rentals, Trucking and Hauling Services Equipment fueling, Environmental Services,

Access/dirt work, Site grading/dirt work, Maintenance of traffic, Foundations, Towers and other structures, Concrete, Metal fabrication, and other local services including: Laydown, staging area's, lodging, warehousing, restaurants and office space.

All information can be found at the project website: www.grainbeltexpresscleanline.com/site/page/materials or check out: www.facebook.com/GrainBeltExpressCleanLine

By Helen Dobbs



Coming Soon: Winter Sports Special Section

This section will feature St. Francis and Cheylin Jr. High and High School Basketball players, Wrestlers and Cheerleaders!



Help us find Cheyenne County's "Sweetheart Couple"



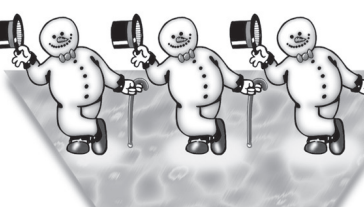
WORKING WOMEN'S SECTION

THIS SECTION IS PACKED WITH ADS FEATURING WOMEN.

For more details, contact Tim Burr at the Saint Francis Herald at 785-332-3162

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Mid Winter Meat Bundle Sale

Uptown Market & Deli
Downtown St. Francis

- Create your Bundle from the following items. Choose only one or any combination.
- Ground Beef 85/15**—\$3.59 lb. 1, 1.5 or 2 lb. pack
Minimum purchase 20 lbs.
- Beef Cube Steaks USDA Choice** — \$3.99 lb.
Minimum purchase 5 lbs - Minimum 2/pack
- Boneless Rump Roast or Eye of Round Roast**
USDA Choice — \$3.99 lb.
Minimum purchase 10 lbs.
- Boneless Ribeye or Kansas City Strip Steaks**
USDA Choice — \$8.99 lb.
Minimum purchase 8 lbs. - Minimum 2/pack
- Boneless Beef Stew or Fajita Meat**
USDA Choice—\$3.99 lb.
Minimum purchase 8 lbs.
- Fresh made Hamburger Patties**
1/4 lb or 1/3 lb Patties — \$4.29 lb.
(We use 85/15 hamburger for less shrinkage)
10 patties per pack, minimum purchase 2 packs.
- Our Own Homemade Pork Sausage** — \$2.89 lb.
(Mild Breakfast Style) Minimum purchase 8 lbs.
- Boneless Pork Loin Roast** — \$2.99 lb.
Minimum purchase 8 lbs.
- Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops** — \$3.49 lb.
Minimum purchase 8 lbs.
- Boneless Thin Cut Breakfast Pork Chops**
\$3.49 lb. Minimum purchase 8 lbs.
- Boneless Butterfly Pork Chops** — \$3.49 lb.
Minimum purchase 8 lbs.
- Tyson Chicken Jumbo Thighs or Jumbo Legs**
Mix or Match— 99¢ lb.
Minimum 4 per pack to total 8 lbs.
- Tyson Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breasts**
\$2.29 lb. Minimum 4 per pack to total 8 lbs.
- Tyson Jumbo Chicken Wings** — \$2.69 lb.
Minimum 4 per pack to total 5 lbs.

Prices effective now through 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2. Compare our quality and prices and then call 785-332-2774 or stop by Uptown to order. Cut and Wrapped to your specifications. Please allow 2-3 weeks for completed orders.