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Landfill updates discussed

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Larry Jumper, Thomas County landfill supervisor, updated the county commissioners at their meeting earlier this week at the courthouse.

Jumper reported the daily average for the month of July was up to 16.68 tons. "This is up a bit, but we are still around 15 (tons per day) for the year so we are still okay," he said.

Right now, the landfill has an average of 15.09 tons per day for the year.

The commissioners also reviewed the Thomas County Highways Department's July work report.

Chris Bieker, roads supervisor, reported the following: moved road equipment to the Tole Pit and set it up; hauled water to the Tole Pit; hauled 36 yards of gravel to the south part of the county and near Rexford; and hauled 231 yards of dirt to Country Club Drive. In addition, road crews hauled water for Summers Township; hand patched road south of Brewster; cut trees near Rexford, Gem, and Mingo; straightened a culvert pipe in the south part of the county; repaired guardrail near Mingo; and installed a culvert pipe in the north part of the county.

In other business:

- Commissioners Duane Dawes and Glen Kersenbrock reviewed the draft from the Sheriff's Department about animal control. Both agreed it looked good, but tabled approval until Commissioner Ron Evans has an opportunity to look at it.

- Max Mountford appeared before the commissioners to talk about insurance. Mountford, who is an insurance salesman for Insurers and Investors, wanted to be sure to be able to be a part of the bid package for the county's insurance when the time comes.

Sign of the times



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Colby Public Schools held its 2002-03 enrollment for new and returning students earlier this week at the high school. However, for those unable to enroll on Tuesday and Wednesday, Kirk Nielsen, superintendent, said that enrollment will continue for all students at that child's respective building. ABOVE: Rosie Sprinkle was one of many parents making sure her children, Brittany Sloan, a sixth grader, (middle) and Xavier Sloan, a fifth grader, were ready for the first day of school on

Wednesday, Aug. 21. School officials are also reminding everyone that classes will begin earlier than in year's past. For kindergarten students, the morning session will be from 8:10 to 11:10 a.m. and the afternoon session is from 12:25 to 3:25 p.m. Students in grades first through fifth will convene at 8:10 a.m. to 3:29 p.m.; those in sixth through eighth grade will go from 8:07 a.m. to 3:29 p.m.; and those in ninth through twelfth will attend classes from 8 a.m. to 3:18 p.m.

Big upset in state board race

By TOM A. DREILING

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Connie who? That question has now been answered.

Connie Morris pulled one of the biggest upsets in Tuesday's primary election in Kansas when she ousted incumbent I.B. "Sonny" Rundell from the 5th District Kansas Board of Education seat he has held for 14 years. He is currently serving as chairman.

Morris, a St. Francis Republican — and a newcomer to the political arena — is an elementary school teacher who happened to have a bumper harvest this year, as in harvest of votes.

Morris collected 17,047 votes, while Rundell, a Syracuse Republican, received 11,598. The win assures Morris of a seat on the state board as the Democrats failed to attract a candidate. The only obstacle now standing in her way would be a write-in effort at the Nov. 5 general election.

Morris credits her win to campaigning. She took advantage of fair parades, manned booths at fairs, and talked to as many potential voters as she could. On the other side of the coin, Rundell wasn't as active on the campaign trail as he had been in the past.

Thomas County sided heavily with Morris' effort, giving her 809 votes, while Rundell has to settle for 265.

Another incumbent board member was ousted in the primary. In the 9th District, Iris Van Meter defeated Val DeFever.



Connie Morris

Another former corporate CEO is facing additional charges

NEW YORK (AP) — ImClone Systems Inc. founder and former chief executive Samuel Waksal has been indicted on expanded charges in an insider trading scandal that has tarnished Martha Stewart and her home fashion empire.

The indictment, filed in federal court in Manhattan on Wednesday, brings new charges of obstruction of justice and bank fraud against Waksal, in addition to previous securities fraud and perjury charges.

Attempts to cut a deal with prosecutors before a Friday deadline appar-

ently broke down. A deal likely would have required him to reveal, in exchange for leniency, whether he provided insider trading tips to family and friends, including Stewart.

Waksal, 54, was arrested in June on charges he secretly advised family members — widely reported to be his daughter, Aliza, and father, Jack — to sell their ImClone stock on Dec. 27 after learning that his biotech company's highly touted cancer drug, Erbitux, had been rejected by the Food and Drug Administration.

"This is a painful chapter in Dr.

Waksal's life, but he continues to believe in ImClone and Erbitux as holding out real hope for millions of cancer patients," Waksal attorney Mark Pomerantz said in a statement. "Like all Americans, he is presumed to be innocent, and he will respond to these charges as required."

Investigators also targeted Stewart, CEO of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., after learning that she disposed of nearly 4,000 shares on Dec. 27. Stewart has denied any wrongdoing.

The new bank fraud count, which

carries a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, alleges Waksal defrauded Bank of America between April 1999 and January by securing \$44 million in loans with ImClone stock he no longer owned.

The obstruction count accuses him of ordering the destruction of ImClone computer files containing phone messages and records of his accounts at banks in Switzerland and the Netherlands.

Prosecutors say the files and records could have revealed the identities of his insider trading partners and where he

may have hidden illicit gains.

The indictment also accuses Waksal of plotting with his family to lie to investigators about the Dec. 27 sell-off.

Stewart maintains she had an order to sell her ImClone stock when it went below \$60. But doubt has been cast on that assertion because she and her Merrill Lynch broker, Peter Bacanovic, differ on when the order was placed.

Bacanovic's assistant, Douglas Faneuil, originally said there was such an order but has since changed his story.

The New York Times and Wall Street Journal reported this week that Faneuil told investigators that Bacanovic ordered him to call Stewart to advise her to sell her shares because Waksal and members of his family were dumping their shares.

Phone records obtained by the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which is conducting its own investigation, show no such call, a spokesman for the panel said. However, there is a record of Bacanovic's calling Stewart that afternoon, shortly after which she sold her shares.

Deadline nears for foundation's first workshop on philanthropy

By PATTY DECKER

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The Thomas County Community Foundation is sponsoring a special workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 20, featuring Vaughn Henry, one of the nation's leading experts in helping communities building bridges between donors and non-profit organizations.

Henry will be speaking three different times throughout Tuesday, said Becky Donelan, director of the Thomas County Community Foundation. His first workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 11:30 a.m. The second workshop starts at 1:30 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

"Anyone interested in attending the morning or afternoon workshop," she said, "needs to call the office by Friday, Aug. 9, to register."

Henry also is planning a more general discussion beginning at 7 p.m. and registration is not required. All three presentations will be held at the Ramada Inn in Colby, she said, and Donelan said those who attend won't be disappointed.

The focus of his presentation, she said, will be in bringing donors and

non-profit organizations together to the benefit of both.

"He dismantles obstacles," she said regarding information about Henry. "His unique expertise is in managing the complex technical details that too often stand in the way of planned giving initiatives."

In addition, Donelan said that Henry does not see philanthropy and enlightened self-interest as "mutually exclusive."

"The challenge that non-profit organizations face today, particularly as they cultivate wealthier donors, is to

demonstrate where and how the two intersect," Henry said.

"Often these donors are insulated by a cadre of for-profit advisors. To succeed, non-profit organizations have to learn to speak the gatekeepers' language."

Donelan also said that Henry is not here for any personal gains or to look for clients.

His attention, she said, is focussed solely on helping people develop the skills and understanding they need when dealing with philanthropic issues.

"Development officers will leave this workshop equipped with a deeper understanding of gifting options, new tools for motivating donors and a framework for educating board members and other colleagues on the most tax efficient giving strategies," he said.

As part of the workshops, Donelans said participants will not only learn the technical, but also the interpersonal complexities that come into play in planned giving.

To register for either the morning or evening workshop or other questions, call Donelan at 465-8152.

Briefly

Commissioners canvass Friday

The Thomas County Commissioners will be canvassing the election returns on Friday in the commissioners room at the courthouse.

Sidewalk sale is underway

Colby's Downtown Merchants Committee is sponsoring 'Krazy Daze', from 4-8 p.m. today. Downtown merchants will have sidewalk savings outside and free watermelon will be served.

Heartland enrollment noted

Heartland Christian School is accepting enrollment applications for the 2002-2003 school year for preschool through eighth grade. For information, call the school office at 462-6419 or come by the school's new location at 1995 W. Fourth St. in Colby.

Sacred Heart enrollment nears

Sacred Heart School enrollment and walk through will be Tuesday, Aug. 13, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. For information or ques-

tions, call Dave Evert, principal, at 462-2813.

Volunteers, teams needed for 'Relay'

Cheryl Schwarz and Chuck Dempewolf, co-chairperson's of the Relay for Life event are inviting people to take part in this unique fundraising event beginning Friday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. Kicking off the event, Schwarz said, will be the cancer survivors walking the first lap on Friday night. The luminary lighting ceremony will be held at 9:30 p.m. and if anyone is interested in walking as a cancer survivor, purchase a luminary or to help in any way, call her at 462-3232 or Dempewolf at 462-3481. "The Relay for Life is about being a community that takes up the fight," she said. "Please support the Relay for Life teams when they visit."

Free fans available

The Thomas County Chapter of the American Red Cross has allotted money to purchase fans for those in need, said Molly Oliver, disaster chair. The fans are free and need not be returned, she said. For those interested, call the Red Cross office at (785) 462-7161 or call (785) 694-2633 or (785) 462-6177.

Colby library to close soon for tech upgrades

Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby will be closing at 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23, for technology upgrades.

Two new public-use computers received from a grant through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will be installed and the staff will be trained in their use.

Many people in the area do not have easy home access to computers or the Internet so the library is helping to solve this problem by offering free public access.

Last year alone, more than

500 people used computers in the Colby library, according to library personnel.

The new computers will add to the library's growing infrastructure and will have programs such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Encarta, Streets and Trips, and more, officials said.

The library is located at 375 West Fourth Street and will be open as usual on Saturday, Aug. 24.

For information or questions about the changes, call the library at 462-4470.

WeatherWatch

Colby-Oakley areas

The numbers

Wednesday's high, 94
Low this morning, 69
Year ago today, 97 and 59
Temperature at 11:45 a.m. today, 88

Colby's rainfall last 24 hours, 0.00

Oakley's rainfall last 24 hours, 0.00

Soil temp, 82

Records for Aug. 8: 109 in 1934

and 44 in 1989

The forecast

Today, look for the high to reach 98. Tonight, a 40 percent chance for thunderstorms, lows in the mid-60s, south winds 10-15 mph. Friday, another 40 percent chance for thunderstorms, highs in the mid-90s, south winds 5-15 mph. Friday night, mostly clear, lows in the lower 60s. Saturday, most sunny, highs in the upper 80s. (*Temperatures and precipitation are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, unless otherwise noted. Forecast is from the National Weather Service.*)

Colby Water Usage

• Aug. 7 = 2.972 million gallons

Levels of Concern

Watch Level 3.5 million gallons

Warning Level 4.0 million gallons

Emergency Level 4.5 million gallons

(Three consecutive days)

