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County landfill update given to commissioners

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The landfill was again the center of discussion at Monday's meeting of the Thomas County Commissioners. Larry Jumper, landfill supervisor, along with Thaniel Monaco, representative of Miller Associates of McCook, Neb., addressed the commissioners on the progress and plans of the new landfill.

At the current time, no part of the landfill is closed and ready for the new one. The area where construction and demolition waste are now being dumped is nearing a point where it can be officially closed, the commissioners were told.

Jumper and Monaco said they are going to be covering the area with 12 to 18 inches of dirt and present it for approval. Once it is signed off by an engineer, it can be officially closed and the new section for construction and

demolition can start to be used.

Jumper also gave the landfill report for the month of August. Average daily intake was up for the month to 17.31 tons per day, but the average daily intake for the year still remains at 15.37 tons. This is below the 16-ton target rate.

In other business:

- Letters from the Trego County Commissioners and the Clarence M. Kelly Detention Center were read. Plans were set to attend a meeting today concerning the detention center. Currently, Thomas County sends juveniles to the detention center which is located in WaKeeney.

- The commissioners received the county road work report for August.

Chris Bieker, supervisor, reported blading, sealing, mowing, and blading were done on roads throughout the county.

As well, work was done at the fair-

grounds, trees were cut, signs were checked and put up, and the channel at Cottownwood Street and K-25 was cleaned out.

- The commissioners received an invitation from Pioneer Memorial Library to attend the open house for the *Day In the Life of Thomas County* photo exhibit. The open house will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

- A thank you was received from the Hays Family Shelter for the \$1,000 contribution given by Thomas County. This is an annual budget commitment.

- Belle Farmer asked the commissioners their thoughts about using the Thomas County Medical Transportation vehicle to transport people to the doctor of their choice. No requests or decisions were made.

The next meeting of the commissioners will be Monday, Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. in the commissioners room of the courthouse.

Lawmakers hedging on war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before President Bush goes before the United Nations to make the case for action against Iraq, his administration is facing a tough audience closer to home: Congress.

A push by senior Bush administration officials, including Capitol Hill meetings Tuesday with CIA director George Tenet and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, hasn't convinced key lawmakers that a war is

needed.

"I set the mark very high," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said.

"I will need to see a plan before I will cast a vote.

"I will need to see it is necessary, and there is a plan that I personally think is fair to the courage we ask of these young people."

An important part of the plan, many lawmakers say, must be that the United

States not act alone in its fight against Iraq. On Thursday, Bush will tell the United Nations it cannot stand by while Iraqi President Saddam Hussein defies it by barring weapons inspectors and develops chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

Bush does not plan to offer new information about an Iraqi threat or recommend any specific actions in his Thursday speech, a senior White House official said.

Kansans pause to remember

TOPEKA (AP) — The effects of the deadly terror attacks a year ago were still visible today around the Statehouse.

All but one entrance remained locked to the public. Employees and visitors filed through the east doors, past a security checkpoint staffed by Capitol Police — a precaution put in place in the hours after the collapse of the World Trade Center.

Across Topeka and the state, Kansans were pausing before work, before classes and in houses of worship to remember the day some say changed America forever.

Outside the Statehouse, flags were lowered to half staff. At 8:43 a.m., a

" Americans remain united and committed . "
— Gov. Bill Graves

KC-135 flown by the 190th Air Refueling Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard passed over the Capital Complex.

The Topeka Fire Department was marking the occasion with an event from 8:45 a.m. until 9:28 a.m. — the duration of the four attacks by aircraft in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Gov. Bill Graves proclaimed today

as "Remembrance of Sept. 11 Day" in the state.

"It's important to show, one year later, that Americans remain united and committed in our efforts against acts of terrorism," Graves said.

Elements of the Kansas Army National Guard were to participate in "Patriots Day" observances at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, including a parade through the fairgrounds.

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Today is the first anniversary of the *Attack on America*, the day terrorists hijacked four jetliners and slammed them into three buildings — the twin towers at the World Trade Center, and the Pentagon — and into the ground in Pennsylvania.

The death toll, not including the 19 hijackers, stands at 3,010. For a breakdown on the deaths as a result of the attacks please refer to today's editorial on page 2.

The Free Press news department fanned out to get comments from

community leaders as to their feelings one year after the tragedy.

Their comments and accompanying photographs can be found on page 5.

On page 4 today we are rerunning the front page of the Free Press on the day of the terrorist attack — September 11, 2001.

Ceremonies were held across the country today, and Colby was no exception.

Nice turnouts were reported as the rank and file gathered to remember those who were victims of the attack and to also remember their families.



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Master Sergeant Manuel Rubio and Specialist Lawrence Pearce raised the flag to half staff this morning at the Thomas County Office Complex.

Nearly 200 at Sept. 11 event

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"Remember. Support. Prepare."

Three words that mean more today as America remembers the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

In her address to a gathering of nearly 200 this morning at the Thomas County Office Complex, Molly Oliver, the Chapter Chair of the Thomas County Red Cross, shared her personal experience of visiting Ground Zero. In preparation for today's remembrance, Oliver said the Red Cross has asked chapters across the nation to remember, support, and prepare.

"We need to remember those lost in the tragedy, support those who are still hurting, and prepare better for the future," said Oliver.

Oliver, her husband Jim, and Kathi Hapki, all three national volunteers for the Red Cross, traveled to Ground Zero in the middle of November of last year to allow relief over the Thanksgiving holiday to those who were already working.

In her talk, Oliver said there were two items she brought home with her that would be a reminder of her time in New York. Oliver showed the crowd the hard hat she wore while working, which had been signed by firefighters, police officers, and other emergency workers. She had also brought back a teddy bear that was symbolic of a wall constructed near ground zero that had teddy bears and photos of the missing loved ones.



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Donna Dible of Rexford and Jean Skubal of Leoville, both members of the Sweet Adelines, pinned patriotic ribbons made by RSVP on each other before singing at the remembrance ceremony this morning.

The local remembrance started at 9 a.m. as members of the National Guard raised the flag to half staff. Members of the Sweet Adelines sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

A welcome was given by Mayor Warren Hixson and Thomas County commissioner, Ron Evans addressed the crowd. Evans read a proclamation naming Sept. 11 an official day of remembrance in Thomas County.

While the Sweet Adelines continued to sing patriotic songs, members of the local fire, police, sheriff, and emergency medical service departments were recognized.

"It meant so much to me personally to be able to express our gratitude to our local service personnel," said Oliver.

In a permanent addition, a new tree

was planted on the northeast corner of the Thomas County Office Complex in memory of Sept. 11, 2001. Jim Oliver read the dedication on the plaque which will now stand beside the tree. In closing, the National Guard presented a 21-Gun Salute, while taps was played and red, white and blue balloons released.

Oliver said, "It was very touching to see we are all united in our efforts to remember today. I appreciated the opportunity to share our emotions together as a community."

The Thomas County Red Cross is asking people across the community to leave their porch lights on from 8 to 9 p.m. tonight Oliver said those without porch lights could light a candle as a remembrance.

WeatherWatch
Colby-Oakley area

The numbers
Tuesday's high, 69
Low this morning, 54
Year ago today, 90 and 46
Temperature at 10:15 a.m. today, 69
Colby's 24-hour rainfall, 0.00
Oakley's 24-hour rainfall, 0.00
Soil temp at the 4-inch depth, 70
Records for Sept. 11, 106 in 1911 and 36 in 1894

The forecast
Today, cloudy to partly cloudy with highs in the lower 70s. Tonight, cloudy, a 40 percent chance for showers, lows in the upper 50s, southeast winds near 10 mph.
Thursday, cloudy, a 50 percent chance for showers, highs in the lower 70s, southeast winds up to 15 mph.
Thursday night, cloudy, a 50 percent chance for showers, lows in the upper 50s.
Friday, cloudy, a 50 percent chance for showers, highs near 70. *(Temperatures and precipitation are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, unless otherwise noted. Forecast is from the National Weather Service.)*

Colby Water Usage
• Sept. 10 = 1.566 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)

Briefly

Red Cross luncheon planned

The American Red Cross is hosting a luncheon to show its appreciation for blood donors, volunteers and the media in northwest Kansas. The celebration will take place at the Ramada Inn in Colby, on Thursday, Sept. 26, at noon. Please RSVP if you plan on attending to Debbie Kirk, at 620-271-7394, or 316-259-6685.

Community photos on display

The Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library sponsored a second photo contest called *A Day in the Life of Thomas County* this summer. There were more than 80 community photographers who took the challenge and submitted their photos to the library. The winners have been chosen and a public showing has been set for Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the library. The three grand winning photos have been framed and will be on display along with the 100 honorable mention photos. For more information, contact the library at 462-4470.

Chamber luncheon is Friday

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce will hold

its noon luncheon Friday at the Ramada Inn. Special guest will be Don Barta, the new principal at Colby High School. Chamber members and their guests are encouraged to attend and meet the new school official.

Tailgate party scheduled

The Colby High School Booster Club is hosting a tailgate party Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Dennen Field, prior to the football game against Hoxie. The menu consists of roasted hog, hot dogs, baked beans and chips.

Crafters needed for fall event

Plans for the annual Colby Girl Scout Craft Sale are now underway, said Jan Barnum, coordinator. As in year's past, Barnum said crafters are needed for the event, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Colby Community Colby. For questions or information on how to arrange for a booth at the 'Craft-a-Ganza,' call her at 462-6503.

Recycling center takes phone books

The Thomas County Recycling Center is taking old telephone

books at its collection site, 720 E. College Dr. in Colby. Those wanting to drop off the books should use the magazine bins, coordinators said.

Rod Run/Flatlander Festival planned

The Early Iron of Western Kansas Car Club will hold its 16th annual fall festival and rod run in conjunction with the Flatlander Fall Festival in Goodland beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 28, with those wanting to register for the car festival. The events will run throughout Saturday and continue Sunday, Sept. 29 on Main Avenue. For questions about the rod run, call Scott Lockhart at (785) 899-5137. For those businesses wanting to include promotional items in the "goodie bag" for registered rod run participants, Lockhart would also like to hear from them.

Youth/adult activity Saturday

The Community Awareness Team is sponsoring a "Coffee House Night" in the City Limits conference room, Saturday, Sept. 14, from 8 to 11 p.m. The activity will feature an open microphone for youth to share poetry, music or other talents, and refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to everyone.

