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Charge of murder in St. Francis case

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Leeanna Windell, 43, was in Cheyenne County District Court Monday for a first appearance on charges of first-degree murder and theft in connection with the death of Brad Figgins of St. Francis on April 3.

Sheriff's officers were called to 541 E. Third Street that evening, where Figgins was found near the stairs in the basement of his home.

Figgins was transported to the hospital where he died. Cheyenne County Sheriff Cody Beeson said that because of the complexity of the case, it was turned over to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation

the following day.

Figgins, a driver for FedEx, left a son, Garrett, and a daughter, Kaitlin of St. Francis, and his parents, Richard and Diane Figgins.

In court Monday, Magistrate Judge Robert Van Allen explained to Windell and others present that the appearance was not a trial. He explained the charges against Windell and possible penalties and advised her of her rights.



L. Windell

Charges included premeditated murder in the first degree and two counts of theft for allegedly taking \$1,000 in silver coins and some personal belongings from Figgins' home.

The maximum sentence for the murder charge is life in prison.

The theft charges are class A misdemeanors, which each carry a maximum sentence of 1 year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

Generally at a first appearance, Judge Van Allen said, the court appoints a defense lawyer and bond is set. However, at a probable cause hearing on April 24, Judge Scott Showalter had appointed Charles Peckham of Atwood to represent Windell after ruling that she was unable to afford a defense lawyer. He also set bond at \$1 million.

At the Monday court appearance, Peckham argued that because Windell is not able to make the \$1 million bond, it should be set at a lesser amount. He said she had made other court appearances on other charges and there should

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Kylee Martin took her lunch break Sunday at Sonic next to a floating trophy from Big Brothers Big Sisters, shortly before it was awarded to the Sonic team for raising the most money in a bowling fund raiser last month.

Bowl for Kid's Sake trophy goes to drive-in

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A floating trophy for the Bowl for Kids' Sake fund raiser organized by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County was presented Sunday to employees of Sonic after they raised \$945 for the annual effort.

The trophy will stay at the restaurant for a year, said Orvella Romine, executive director of the agency, and they'll get a chance to defend it at next year's fund raiser.

Sonic is the second team to win the floating trophy after Taco John's won it in 2012, Romine said.

"We want to win, but if we don't, that's all right," said Thriyse Lolowang, an employee at Sonic, when she and her teammates were bowling in the event.

Lolowang said she and her coworkers decided to form a team when she saw a pamphlet advertising the competition. She and her brother, D.J. Lolowang, Frank Piay, his wife Kristania Besouw, Sonic owner Shannon Martin and his daughter, Kylee Martin,

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City reviews insurance

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The Colby City Council heard about the city's insurance coverage at its meeting Tuesday night.

Darvin Strutt gave the council members a presentation on the insurance provided to the city. The company providing Colby's insurance, EMC, often provides insurance to cities.

He said the premiums had gone up in all areas, especially worker's compensation, costing the city about \$36,000 more this year. But he also delivered the city a check for \$14,834 from EMC, thanks to a safety program the company participates in. After the refund is deducted, he calculated the ex-

tra premiums at about \$22,000. Property coverage comes to about \$28.5 million, he said.

Strutt also got the company to insure vehicles impounded by the police department until the city sells them, he said, "and I promised that it won't be very long."

Terms of liability are changing for the airport this year, he said, and the city will have to change companies. Roof insurance will now only cover damage that hurts the integrity of the roof, but the company will pay all the damages, minus the deductible.

He said he went over some automobiles with City Manager Tyson McGreer, and they agreed that vans, trucks and small pickups from before 2000 should not be covered by comprehensive and collision insurance since it is not worth the cost, and that will save the city about \$2,000. At the

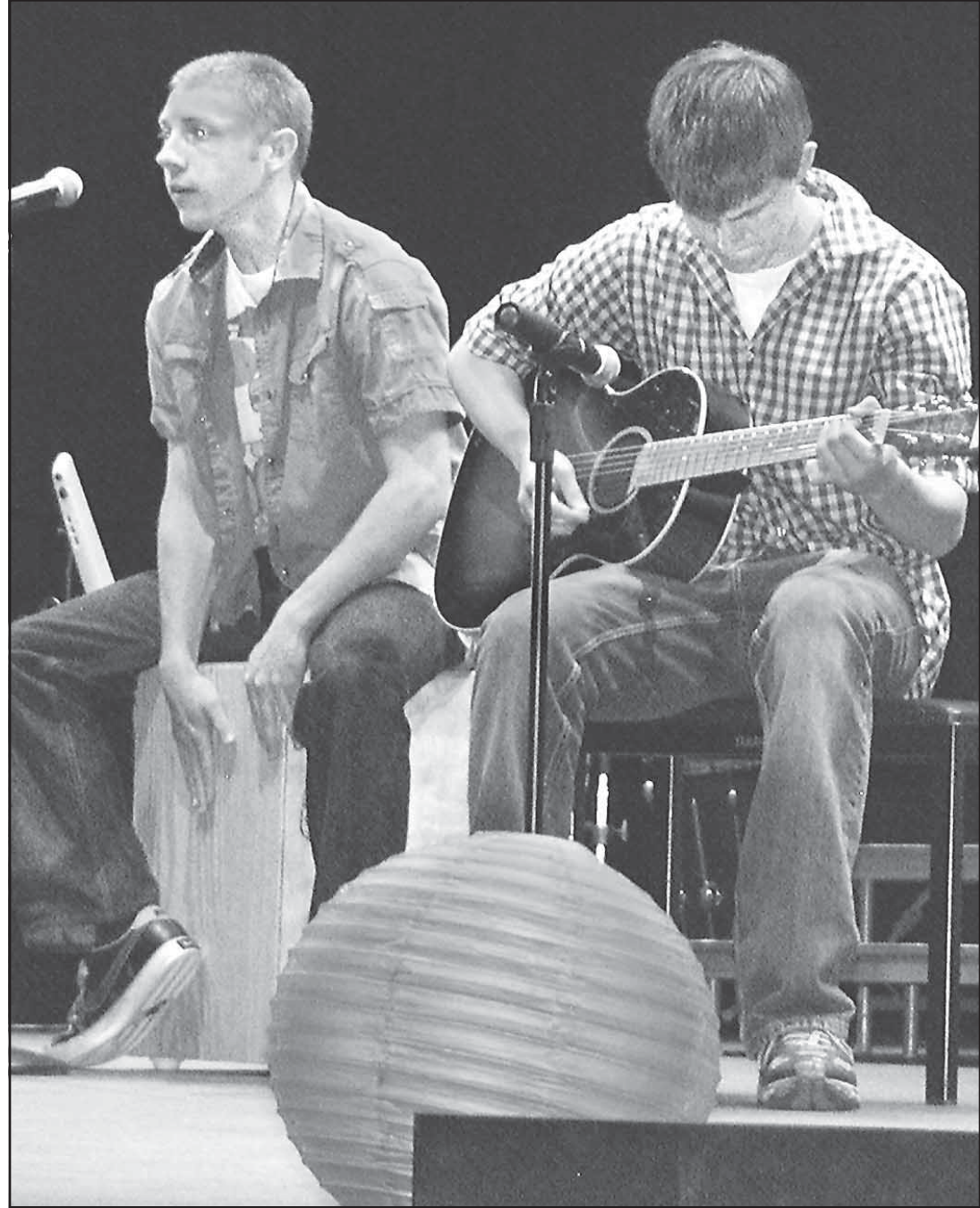
baseball fields, they figured out that only the concession stand is insured, not the fence, other structures or the lighting which the city put in recently for about \$400,000. Several council members asked if the city could cover smaller things like scoreboards.

In other business, the council:

- Approved an ordinance designating a term of office, qualifications, compensation, and duties for City Attorney John Gatz, and repealing one passed a few months ago. Gatz said it was basically the same ordinance, but it allows him to designate his associate Lindsey Moore as a prosecutor.
- "I didn't want any questions about her authority," Gatz told the council.
- Heard Recreation Director Stacy Jasper report on the activi-

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Jamming



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Matthew Dickman (left) and Connor Schwanke really got the crowd moving Tuesday evening at the Colby High School Pops Concert with their performance of "It's Time." Brady Rose (off camera) played the keyboard for the number.

First president returns as speaker

Colby Community College' first president, Dr. Richard Mosier, will give the commencement address during ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Community Building.

Dr. Mosier led the college from 1966 to 1972. He and his wife Mary have lived in Claremore, Okla., for more than 40 years, where they moved in July 1972 when he was appointed to reopen the recently defunct Oklahoma Military Academy as a comprehensive community college. He served as president there for nearly 24 years.

The couple now lives at 1896 Holly Creek Road in Claremore. (Holly Creek was the name of the one-room school where Mary received the early part of her grade school education.)

The Mosiers have five children. Jerrilee is chancellor of Northeast Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne, Ind.; Gregory is dean of the college of business at the University of Nevada; Richard D. is chief counsel and manager of Robson Properties in Claremore; Douglas works hard to be the No. 1 sports fan in Rogers County and works in the fam-



Dr. Richard Mosier

ily cattle operation; and Roger is the president and chief executive officer of RCB Bank and RCB Bank Holding Company in Claremore.

Dr. Mosier has written two books: "These Things I Remember," an account of his experiences growing up on a ranch in Sheridan County, and "Against All Odds," the story of founding

the college here.

In addition he is a partner with two of his sons in the operation of Holly Creek Angus, a small purebred angus farm in Rogers County. He manages the family-owned Sheep Head Ranch in Sheridan County, operated by his family since 1864.

He is senior advisor to National American University, based in Rapid City, S.D., with campuses in six states in the Midwest, and president of the Will Rogers Memorial Foundation in Claremore. He is a member of the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame and president emeritus of both Rogers State University and Colby.

Dr. Mosier is a Scottish Rite Mason. He and Mary are elders at the First Presbyterian Church in Claremore. He has been a member of Rotary clubs for 45 years and is a charter member of the Claremore Reveille Rotary Club, serving as president in 1999-2000 and in 2012-2013.

A reception will be held in the basement of the Community Building immediately following commencement.

Man arrested in three deaths

OTTAWA (AP) — A 27-year-old man has been arrested in the deaths of three people whose bodies were found at a rural farm home in eastern Kansas, authorities said today.

Franklin County Sheriff Jeffrey Richards said at a news conference that the 18-month-old daughter of one of the victims is "presumed dead" although her body has not been found.

The bodies of Kaylie Bailey, Andrew Stout and Steven White were discovered at the farmhouse in Ottawa earlier this week. Authorities have not provided a cause of death.

The suspect was located in Emporia, about 50 miles southwest of Ottawa, Richards said. He is be-

ing held at the Franklin County jail on a first-degree murder charge but has yet to be formally charged, according to Richards and Franklin County Attorney Stephen Hunting. The suspect does not have an attorney.

The first body was found in the farm's garage Monday by friends of Stout's, who investigated the property after not hearing from Stout for several days. They called police after finding Bailey's body in the garage under a tarp. Authorities then launched a full search and found the other two bodies. Bailey's daughter, Lana, was nowhere to be found.

Cadaver dogs searched the vast rural property on Tuesday, but recovered no other bodies.



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