

Frontier Ag weighs benefits of alliance

Frontier Ag is considering the merit of a business alliance with Mid Kansas Cooperative Association.

"When looking at culture and strategies, MKC and Frontier Ag appear to be very similar," said Brent Linin, board chairman for Frontier Ag. "We have asked our management teams to evaluate what could be gained through business alliances between the two companies."

Brad Cowan, president of Frontier Ag, said the two management teams will report back to their boards within 60 days.

"We are excited to investigate what opportunities may exist," said C.J. Blew, Mid Kansas

board chairman. "Although both cooperatives have just completed strong years, we believe it is critical to continue to investigate business development opportunities to bring value to our memberships."

Frontier Ag has annual sales of \$490 million and offers grain, feed, agronomy, energy and transportation products and services. The co-op operates about 30 facilities across 11 counties in north-west Kansas and has over 5,700 members.

Mid Kansas has annual sales of \$450 million and offers grain, feed, agronomy and energy products and services. It has 6,400 members and operates in 11 counties in central Kansas.

Medicaid foundation looks out for consumers

On Aug. 20, *The New York Times* ran an article by Judith Graham regarding an elderly patient who was dying and the family was concerned because he was being discharged from the hospital where he was receiving care.

This situation happens in hospitals across the U.S. often and each state has a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid-designated Quality Improvement Organization entity available to help patients and family members address this growing concern.

In Kansas the designated organization is the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care. It works to protect consumers and improve the value of healthcare by addressing quality complaints and reviewing discharge appeals. If a patient feels they are being discharged from a hospital, skilled nursing, home health, rehabilitation or hospice services before they are ready, a request for an appeal can be made through the organization to address the concern and provide support to the patient and family.

"The role of KFMC is to be

an advocate for Medicare beneficiaries by investigating concerns regarding their care or when they feel they are being discharged from a healthcare facility too soon," said Sarah Irisk-Good, director of quality improvement. "We work with Medicare beneficiaries to ensure their rights as Medicare consumers are being protected."

Medicare beneficiaries are entitled to:

- Filing a complaint about the quality of healthcare they have received or are currently receiving.
- Appeal a decision to discharge from a hospital when the beneficiary feels they should continue to stay in the hospital and receive care.
- Appeal a decision to end services (such as rehabilitation, skilled nursing care, home health or hospice care) when they feel services are still needed.

To learn more about Medicare beneficiary's rights and the work the organization provides, go to kfmc.org.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Last Wednesday

12:06 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.

2:29 a.m. – Caller reported someone calling stating there were subjects with guns chasing someone. Everything OK, subject was intoxicated.

4:15 a.m. – Burglary/theft: caller reported a semi was broken into. Report filed.

10:06 a.m. – Walk through at Colby Middle School.

12:35 p.m. – Collision in the 800 block of W. Davis.

4:11 p.m. – Counterfeiting report filed.

9:44 p.m. – Narcotics violation report filed on traffic stop.

Thursday

12:48 a.m. – Caller reported an unauthorized intoxicated subject on property. Spoke with reporting party.

12:57 a.m. – Subject walking in the middle of Range by College taken to motel.

1:43 a.m. – Security check at Twister's.

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2:29 a.m. – Caller requested an officer because of intoxicated subject. Report filed for minor in possession.

3:35 a.m. – Security check at Motel 6.

4:34 a.m. – Caller reported hearing gunshot. Unable to locate.

8:10 a.m. – Another agency requested officers check residence for juvenile in Colby. Located child, report filed.

10 a.m. – Assisted middle school with drill.

10:21 a.m. – Walk through at Pilot.

12:33 p.m. – Picked up traffic cones on Range.

12:41 p.m. – Caller requested welfare check. Subject to call the reporting party.

1:35 p.m. – Walk through at Heartland Christian School.

4:07 p.m. – Walk through at col-

lege.

7:10 p.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop.

9:17 p.m. – Caller reported hit and run collision at Walmart. No report.

10:27 p.m. – Walkthrough at Thomas County Fairgrounds.

10:57 p.m. – Walkthrough at Motel 6 and Days Inn.

Friday

6:54 a.m. – Caller reported sheep standing alongside roadway in the 2100 block of E. Fourth. Chased back to Colby Wrecking Yard; unable to catch.

10:02 a.m. – Caller reported wallet found in parking lot Thursday. Turned over to owner.

10:14 a.m. – Subject came to station about theft of motorcycle in Topeka. Report filed, information sent to Topeka Police Department.

10:27 a.m. – Lost or stolen cell phone. Report filed.

11:14 a.m. – Caller reported wanted information on who lives at an address in Colby. Spoke to caller; no information given.

12:13 p.m. – Caller caught a cat in humane trap. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

12:48 p.m. – Caller reported mailbox was struck sometime overnight. Report filed.

6:06 p.m. – Caller reported phone call. No report.

7:48 p.m. – Walkthrough at Dennen Field.

7:56 p.m. – Caller reported suspicious phone call. No report.

8:51 p.m. – Walkthrough at Quality Inn.

10:56 p.m. – Subject came to station about theft. No report.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Sept. 17

10:43 a.m. – Funeral block.

12:47 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew at Citizens Medical Center with prisoner.

3:26 p.m. – Justin Ford arrested on warrant in Reno County; not the right person, case cancelled.

5:30 p.m. – Booked Magnum L. Shea.

7:42 p.m. – Caller reported a vehicle parked on the westbound off ramp at milepost 62. Unable to locate.

10:32 p.m. – Caller reported an erratic driver westbound on I-70 from mile 53. Notified Highway Patrol and Sherman County.

11:37 p.m. – Brought prisoner from Sherman County jail to the Law Enforcement Center.

Last Wednesday

11 a.m. – Funeral block.

11:20 a.m. – Caller reported suspicious vehicle at Co-op Bulk Plant on S. Country Club. Made contact; everything OK.

2:38 p.m. – Civil forfeiture report filed.

Thursday

8:33 a.m. – Caller reported spray plane dropping chemicals on his residence at 1317 County Rd. H. Made contact with owner of plane; reporting party was also called back.

8:42 a.m. – Caller reported

sheep at large on U.S. 24 by Wag-ners. Contacted owner.

8:43 a.m. – Brewster School called about unruly child.

10 a.m. – Helped middle school with drill.

11:19 a.m. – Walk through at Golden Plains School.

1:06 p.m. – Brought inmate from Rawlins County to Colby.

Friday

7:53 a.m. – Brought inmate from Sherman County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center.

6:40 p.m. – Gary Eugene Eisman arrested on warrant.

7:10 p.m. – Booked Eisman.

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Plaintiff,

vs.

Unknown Heirs of Paul E. Chase, deceased, et al. Defendants.

Case No. 12CV333 Court Number: Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Thomas County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, on October 3, 2013, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

All of Lots One (1), and Two (2), Block Twenty-Eight (28), South Park Annex to South Park Addition to the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 410 Garfield Avenue South, Colby, KS 67701 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.southlaw.com

Marc Finley, Under Sheriff Thomas County, Kansas

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Public Notice

Thomas County is accepting bids for the following information to accommodate the Thomas County Law Enforcement Center. All bids must be submitted to the Thomas County Clerk's office by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 30, 2013 in SEALED ENVELOPE clearly marked SEALED BIDS for Thomas County LEC.

Request for Proposal #1
Thomas County, Kansas is seeking sealed bids on the following information:

- Quantity 1** - HP ProLiant ML350e G8 5U Tower Server - 2x Intel Xeon E5-2440 @ 2.4 GHz (Hex-Core) - 16 GB@ / 192 GB Maximum RAM - DVD-Reader - HP Smart Array P420 SATA/SAS Controller w/1GB FBWC - Gigabit
- Quantity 4** - 600GB HP 2.5" 10K 6GB/sec SAS SFF Hard Drive - warranty (3 yr minimum) (Gen8 Caddy Included) - RAID 0+1 Configuration -
- Quantity 2** - 8GB 1333MHZ ECC REGISTERED EDGE SERVER MEMORY FOR HP PROLIANT GEN8 SERVERS MS WIN SERVER STD 2012 VOL LIC 2PROC (NO CLIENT ACCESS LICENSE) -ESXI VIRTUALIZATION, 2 VIRTUAL SERVERS -
- Quantity 10** - MS WIN SERVER 2012 VOL LIC USR CAL x1
- Quantity 1** -Rep Onsite Bus Hr Tech-WGD: Labor to convert old server, promote new server to Domain Controller, migrate data, set up 2nd virtual server as Application Server, install and configure software, and demote old server for retirement

Request for Proposal #2

- Intel Quad-Core i5 processor, 4GB DDR3 RAM, 500GB Hard Drive, Integrated Video, DVD Burner, and Windows 7 Professional.
- Microsoft Office 2013 Home and Business (Word, Excel, Power point, Outlook).
- New Battery Backups for each machine (5 year old UPS units likely damaged from power outage testing).

- Quantity 6** - HP Business Desktop Pro 3500 | Core i5-3470 @ 3.206 | 4GB RAM | 500GB 7200RPM HDD | DVDRW DVD-Writer | Intel HD 2500 Graphics |Windows 7 Professional 64-bit
- Quantity 6** - Microsoft Office 2013 Home & Business 32/64-bit - 1 Machine - Office Tool - PC -English
- Quantity 6** -TRIPPLITE INTERNET750U INTERNET OFFICE 750 VA (-450WATT) 12 OUTLET UPS
- Quantity 1** - Rep Onsite Bus Hr Tech-JTC: time to deploy new computers: data transfer, join to domain.

Where a specific manufacturer's name is mentioned in the RFP, vendors should provide "equal or better" equipment in their proposal, other manufacturers equipment substitutions are acceptable.

Thomas County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of DORIS E. BARNETT and WILBUR D. BARNETT, Deceased

Case No. 2013-PR-26

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by the undersigned, as an heir of the decedent, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate: Undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Seven (7), Range Thirty-four (34), Thomas County, Kansas

The Petition also requests a determination of descent of all other property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 16, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. of said day in said court, in the city of Colby, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Warren D. Barnett, Petitioner

Ken Eland Attorney for Petitioner SLOAN & ELAND Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 565 736 Main Street Hoxie, KS 67740 (785) 675-3217 Fax No. (785) 675-3983

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Welcome!

Dr. Faris Azzouni Urologist

HaysMed Welcomes the Newest Member of the Western Kansas Urological Associates Team



Faris Azzouni, MD, obtained his medical degree from the University of Jordan and completed post-graduate training in General Surgery at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, and Urology Residency at Jordan University Hospital, Amman, Jordan.

He has completed fellowships in Pediatric Urology at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and Uro-oncology/Robotic Surgery at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, New York.

He is a member of the American Urological Association and has presented at state and national urological association conferences. He has published extensively in American, European and Middle Eastern urology journals.

Dr. Azzouni specializes in pediatric urology, including urinary infections in children, urine reflux from the bladder to the kidneys, dilatation of the kidney and ureter, bedwetting, undescended testicles, deformities of the external genitalia and office circumcision.

He also specializes in the management of cancers of the urinary tract, which include open and minimally invasive surgical treatments of tumors/lumps of the prostate gland, urinary bladder, kidneys and testicles.

Dr. Azzouni is now accepting patients.

For more information about urological services at HaysMed's Western Kansas Urological Associates, call 1-855-429-7633.



Dr. Darrell Werth Urologist



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Dr. Wallace Curry Urologist



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