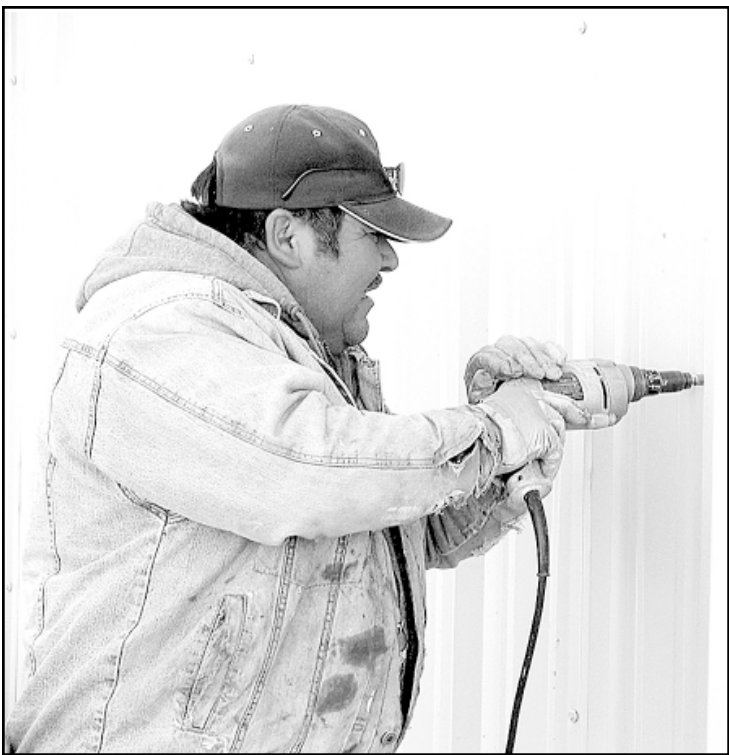


Baler building gets walls at transfer station



Xabier Rasconof Malsom Welding drove screws Wednesday to hold siding and insulation on a building at the county transfer station designed to house a trash baler. Another Malsom employee, David Hernandez, operated scaffolding so they could work on the siding above a large door. They were working on the front wall and trim, then planned to work on the west wall and then the roof. The baler is expected Feb. 1 and should be in operation by March 1, county officials say. The building was ordered from Rhoades Construction and is being put together by Malsom for \$19,575.

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County may need to drill well to monitor water

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The county may need to drill a monitoring well closer to the city water well north of town to be sure contamination from the old county landfill isn't seeping into Goodland's water supply.

Rich Simon, city public works director, met with the commissioners on Friday to discuss concerns about the use of water from city well No. 11.

County Public Works Manager Curt Way had asked Simon for records showing how much the city well has been pumped over the past year, especially after a letter in May from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment recommended the well be used sparingly.

Underground contamination found in monitoring wells east and north of the old county landfill has been moving toward the well, which is west of the landfill and east of the gun club. The chemical,

trichloroethylene used in dry cleaning, was discovered in 1993, and when it showed up in a second well in 1997, the county was forced to close the landfill and build a replacement southwest of town.

Since closing the landfill, the county has drilled more monitoring wells to determine the size of the underground contamination and to find ways to prevent the contamination from damaging the city water supply.

Way said the state is concerned that recent well tests show the underground contamination being pulled west toward the city well. He said the pumping records from the city will be sent to the county's consultant, Mark McMullen of American Environmental of Denver, and he will correspond with the state about what needs to be done.

County commissioners asked Simon if the city well could be tested to see if any contamination shows up.

Simon said that can't be done with any certainty without pulling the pump out of the well completely. He said it is a sealed system, and water for tests has to be pumped out through the pump. That has never shown any contamination, he said, but the impellers of the pump might volatilize the contamination.

Records provided by Simon showed the water well was pumped mostly in July and August, but the total was 272 hours for the whole year. He said they pump it regularly to keep it clean, and the output is mixed with water from well No. 9 before entering the city system.

Way asked if a test hole could be added to the well to allow testing without turning on the pump.

Simon said that would not work because the system is sealed to keep people from tampering with the well.

"There was an increase in test results to the north and east in the lat-

est set," Way said. "We do not know what the state is going to tell us."

Way said the level in monitoring well No. 8, closest to the city well, was 10.6 parts per billion, well No. 10, north of the city well was 7.3 ppb. He said the limit is 5 ppb. He said well No. 6, further to the east, is the hottest with 13 ppb.

The commissioners told Way to ask McMullen about putting another monitoring well closer to city well No. 11.

Another suggestion would be to consider paying the landowner north of the old landfill to plant corn and use of his irrigation well. The idea is that pumping the irrigation well could pull the contamination away from the city well.

"We want people to know the water is being mixed with a second well," Simon said. "There is no indication of contamination in the city tests."

Way suggested that after Mc-

Mullen gets the city pumping records and the latest test results, it might be good to have a phone conference call with the commission-

ers to discuss the next step.

Simon said the city will wait to hear back from the county on what to do.

County OKs contract

County commissioners agreed Friday to sign a contract with the city and the Goodland Activity Center to combine the recreation programs.

Rich Simon, city public works director, was at the meeting to ask the commissioners to review and approve the contract, replacing an old agreement with the city.

The new contract, Simon said, says it is OK for the city to use a third party to handle the recreation programs.

"My concern is to see that the budgeted money stays at the same level," Commissioner Kevin Rasure said, "to make sure our money can stay at the same level. Any extra could be used to improve the recreation programs."

Simon said the city will maintain, mow and water the athletic fields.

He said the city will pay the Activity Center \$30,000 to run the recreation programs, and will keep the same budget for the next year. He said the contract is for two years and it will be reviewed after that.

Commissioners Mitch Tiede and Chuck Thomas said as long as the money the county gives goes into the recreation program, they do not have a problem with the contract.

"We want to keep the good programs," they said.

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