

Prairie dog management cost is high

By Karen Krien

Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, and Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed/prairie dog manager, reported that the prairie dog budget was not in good condition.

Mr. Schlittenhardt, at the Friday meeting, told the Cheyenne County Commissioners that there was \$9,200 in the budget and \$9,100 had already been spent. There was \$5,000 outstanding bills but there were still eight months of the year left and prairie dog eradication will begin again in the fall.

The commissioners discussed that in some counties, townships provide the cost-share for getting rid of the prairie dogs. However, while some Cheyenne County townships have money, others have none. They talked about doing away with cost sharing but they felt that cost sharing encouraged landowners to get rid of prairie dogs. They also noted

that it was not fair to neighboring landowners if prairie dogs were moving in on their land.

The commissioners agreed that something different was going to need to be done in the way of getting rid of prairie dogs. Possibly, Mr. Schlittenhardt could charge the landowner for the total amount of bait used and the landowner would collect from the township.

The matter was tabled with no decision being made.

Sheriff's report

Sheriff Troy Gardner told the commissioners that the new pickup for the county was here and he traded off the Lumina vehicle. He said that this will leave one vehicle for part time use in both St. Francis and Bird City. The new pickup will need a light bar for the top. Earlier he had budgeted \$2,000 for it but had forgotten that they had a grant to purchase two bullet-proof vests. The grant pays for one-half of the

cost and the county has to pay for the other one-half. When all the figures are in, the sheriff's budget will be over \$600.

The money paid back from the vest grant will go into the General Fund and the sheriff wondered if it could be paid back to the sheriff's budget. That was not an option but the commissioners would keep in mind that this money had been paid back and a budget credit can be applied.

They turned to the light bar and after talking about the fact that a better light bar could be moved to the next new pickup and would have a five-year warranty. The commissioners agreed to have the sheriff get the light bar that he thought would work the best.

Sheriff Gardner asked for an executive session to discuss personnel. When coming back into session, he asked the commissioners to approve hiring Craig Van Allen to fill Bob

Juelson's position as deputy. They approved the proposal.

Business incentives discussed

Carol Redding, Cheyenne County Development Coordinator, presented a draft of incentive plans for bringing in new businesses and expanding existing businesses. There was editing for revising the list. A committee will check over the plans and the commissioners will look at them again at the next meeting.

In other business

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Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, said she disappointed in the election equipment meeting she had attended as there was no hands on training. There are two more trainings coming up and, if the commissioners approve, she will go to one meeting and the clerk, Terry Miller, will go to the other.

• Mr. Schlittenhardt was given permission to go to the West District Weed meeting on April 19.

• Supervisor Flemming gave his annual report. He also had highway permits for Rosewood Resources to bore under the road as well as one area where the owner has not been located so the company wanted to use the county's right-of-way to lay a line. He and the commissioners discussed Bird City City Council purchasing the county's dump truck and the county purchasing a tandem-axle state truck with a plow blade. No decision was made.

• Four people were appointed to the Sunflower Extension District Board. They are Perry Keller, Randy Rueb, Penny Gienger and Cindy Burr. (See related article.)

• Gary Rogers, emergency manager, told the commissioners that it was not too late to appoint a representative from Cheyenne County to serve on the Northwest Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council. Individuals will be contacted to serve. (See related article.)

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Friday, April 28, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



This young man is enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt held in McDonald at the home of Ray and Marlene Johnson on Saturday. Times Staff photo by Melinda Basnett

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Kenny Wilkinson has surgery on Friday at the Hays Medical Center for a four by-pass heart surgery. Family members that were in Hays with him were; Phyllis Wilkinson, Dr. Larry Wilkinson of Wichita, Rose Wilkinson of Chanute, and Lisa Johnson of McDonald. On Sunday he was transported out of intensive care, and is reported doing well. Sunday visitors were Greg Wilkinson, and Rod and Josh Johnson.

Duane Wilkens is a patient at the Hays Medical Center and will be going through a lot of tests on Monday.

Tuesday visitors of Myra Miller and Iris McIntosh were Dorothy Rummel of Littleton, Colo., and Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister.

Nancy and Alan Pallozzi of Lakewood, Colo. were visitors of

Myra Miller and Iris McIntosh from Monday to Wednesday for and early Easter.

Norman McIntosh spent Easter in Hays with his brother Fred McIntosh.

Cheryl Wilkinson was an Easter dinner guest of her mother Patty Skolout.

Jerry and Betty Knapp were Friday visitors of Gail and Kay Miller. Frances Erickson was an Easter dinner guest of the Millers.

Easter dinner guests of R. J. and Susie Sabatka were Rachel and Taylor Wilson, Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka, Gracie and Tyler, Vaughn Sabatka and Autumn, Agnes Sabatka, Laddie and Vera Kacirek, Roseann Hajek, and Gordon and Shirley Crowdin.

Lucy Lieb, a niece of Eleanor Swihart, who lives in Fort Alezi, Brazil was a guest of Mrs. Swihart from Friday to Tuesday.

Joan Tongish was an Easter dinner guest of Mike and Diana Tongish in Atwood.

Weekend guests of Ray and Marlene Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Brent Johnson of Aurora, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson, Jeremy and Megan of Mountridge, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bethell, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bethell and family, Mrs. Blake Bethell and girls, all of McCook,

Neb., Carrie Lesiad, Tara and Korinne Wright of Grand Island, Neb., Brandon Sabatka and Jalyne of Colby, Chris and Dana Howard and Mitchell, Carrie Magnani and Dalton and Danea of Bird City, Tish Loker, and Jim and Lois Morelock. All the little great-grandchildren enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning.

Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister were Wednesday visitors of Viola Jones, Irene Kehlbeck, and Marie Holzwarth all of St. Francis.

Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister were Easter dinner guests of George and Kathy Banister and family.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz entertained with an Easter dinner. Guests were Jerry and Betty Knapp, Hal and Becky Antholz and family, Bobbie Miller, Craig and Jeri Antholz and family, Dave and Sylvia Hubbard and family, Dan and Margie Hubbard, Roy and Janelle Hubbard, Myla LeValley, Blanche, Gene, and Roy Koons, and Bob and Phyllis Cass.

Don and Judy McKelvey of Denver, Colo. were last weekend guests of Jerry and Betty Knapp.

Jerry and Betty Knapp attended the Ann Ewing auction on Saturday in St. Francis.

Training required for youth

In 1970, the United States Department of Labor declared agricultural tasks as hazardous for children under the age of 16. With certain exemptions, this law made employment of youth under the age of 16 at these jobs illegal for anyone other than their parents or legal guardian.

The long withstanding tradition of youth finding summer employment on local farms prompted the development of the Hazardous occupations training (tractor safety) program. Youth can now be trained and certified at ages of 14 and 15 to work in agricultural occupation for someone other than their parents.

Recent interpretations of the law also require youth to have this certification to work for family partnerships, family corporations, even when one partner is the parent, the youth technically works for the corporation, and therefore must have the certification.

This training is also available for youth working on their parent's farms as well as any rural resident or farm worker who desires a refresher course on farm safety.

To meet the requirements of the law, youth should plan to attend a multi-county Hazardous Occupations Training to be held Saturday, May 6, at the Brewster High School, Brewster. The training will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. There is also required reading to do and assignments to complete prior to the class, so early registration is encouraged.

To register, the youth are to give their name, address, social security number, date of birth, and a \$10 check to your local County Extension Office by Monday, May 2.

The registration fee includes your manual, materials, and refreshments for breaks. A pizza lunch is being provided by Farm Bureau of Thomas and Sherman counties.

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