

County commissioners hear complaints from two citizens

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Two people were present to voice concerns when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Monday.

Pat Lamb, St. Francis, thought there was a misuse of county money in the sheriff's department. Craig Schoenrogge, St. Francis, thought that an unused road going through his property should be opened the entire mile or completely closed.

Mr. Lamb said sheriff's deputy Ted McCoy was using the deputy pickup to haul personal items. He said that he had talked to the sheriff and he said he approved of what the deputy was doing.

Mr. Lamb said he "had never seen the likes" and reminded the commissioners that it was their job to enforce the matter (of the misuse of county money).

However, when the sheriff was called to the meeting, he said he did not tell Mr. Lamb that he ap-

proved of what the officer was doing. He said that the attorney general had ruled that it is better for the officer, when on call, to take the county vehicle to his home, when going out to eat, or other such trips as it saved time if there is an emergency call.

The sheriff said he had talked to the officers about the improper use of the department's vehicles and they cannot use them for personal use such as hauling items.

He called an executive session to further discuss personnel.

Opening/closing a road

Mr. Schoenrogge owns land south of St. Francis. Dave Fleming, road and bridge department supervisor, was also present at the meeting.

Mr. Schoenrogge said the Road M between Roads 15 and 16 had been there since 1891. At that time, it was open for 6 miles. He was wanting to establish a business and, having the road opened would save a truck carrying freight from Goodland a total of 8 miles.

He said the road has never been closed but it has not been maintained. If the county chose to not maintain it, then the road should be closed, Mr. Schoenrogge said. He noted that, if it were opened, Rodney Bracelin would probably be losing some farm ground as he farms where some of the road would be. He said that it is not possible to go all the way through as there is a fence across the road.

He was asked about the city's water well which is on his property. He said the well was not a concern in this matter. The commissioners asked if he had talked to Mr. Bracelin about having the road maintained; maybe they would not want it maintained. Mr. Schoenrogge said he had not.

There was also a matter of utility poles on his land which would need to be moved if the road were closed.

Mr. Schoenrogge said having the road open was to his benefit. The commissioners voiced that they could not see having it maintained for one person to use. They were also concerned about the city's usage of the well and moving the poles but Mr. Schoenrogge said those problems were not his concern.

Referring to Section 68-15, again he said that the road either needs to be open or closed.

"I would just like to know what your decision is and what you are basing it on so I can either go ahead with my plans or abort them," Mr. Schoenrogge said.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said, before making any decision, all property owners should become involved to come to an agreement. Mr. Fleming said he would check further into the wording of the section law. They also agreed that the county attorney should be informed. The matter will be addressed at a future meeting.



HOW MANY WILL FIT? The Teens for Christ group managed to get 16 people packed into the car.
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Teen group resumes meetings

The Bird City group of Teens for Christ held their first meeting after being off for the summer.

About 25 sixth through 12 graders and adults met in the Van Doren Park for a barbecue with fun and games.

Rod and Jane Young were on hand to help the Teens for Christ volunteers, Pastor Dan Carson,

Phyllis Carson, Joan Banister, Loretta Rucker and Lucius White.

The teens are looking forward to another year of service for the community and other activities. They will be taking part in collecting food boxes for the Ministry Alliance and Christmas caroling during the holidays. In addition, they will be traveling to Denver to

help serve meals to the homeless.

Something new they want to add to their activities is to help the Samaritan Purse, Operation Christmas Child that is part of the Franklin Graham ministry in Denver. This year Operation Christmas Child has filled all volunteer spots, but Teens for Christ is hoping for a cancellation.

Rabid family pet is destroyed

By Linda Schneider
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Recently, Roland and Linda Query reported that one of their family's pet cats was destroyed because it attacked both of them without any provocation. It was discovered the cat was rabid.

Mrs. Query had first noticed that the feline appeared to be stalking her and she thought it had something caught in his throat because its tongue was out and had a squeaky meow. When she was outside starting the mower, the cat lunged at her and bit her leg. Mrs. Query told her husband about the incident, but neither one of them suspected any problem.

"The animal never had the foaming of the mouth," Mr. Query said.

This led them to believe the animal was just misbehaving, but soon realized something was wrong when it attacked Mr. Query with such ferocity that he had to protect himself by killing it after it scratched him.

After they had buried the animal, Mrs. Query thought she should call the veterinarian about the attacks, and they were advised to bring the corpse in to have it check for rabies. The results came back positive.

Mrs. Query had not displayed any

symptoms and had started the necessary series of shots. Her doctor assured her that she started receiving the shots in time to stop the virus.

The rabies virus attacks the nervous system and in the past, being bite by a rabid animal was one of the most feared and deadly event that could happen to a person. Presently, it is not as common and the painful vaccinations are no longer in the stomach but in the arm and

painless. However, the shots must be started before symptoms appear, the earlier the better of stopping the virus.

Mr. and Mrs. Query's farm is a few miles southeast of Bird City and they have taken the precaution to inform their neighbors of what had happened and to be aware that foaming of the animal's mouth is not a good indicator of a rabid animal.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

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