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the sixth grade. When they enter high school, they will be able to implement other more complicated computer uses.

Mrs. Dinkel has a computer room, a new computer lab in the grade school and Mrs. Nolan has a science lab.

Changes in junior-senior high school

There are a few changes in the junior-senior high school.

Nate Smith has joined the staff at the high school, teaching plyometrics, supervising Spanish classes and coaching football and track.

Fall sports

With all the academics worked out for the time being, the students and staff are looking forward to the fall sports season. An open house was held on Friday, giving fans a chance to see the teams in action.

The Lady Indians' first volleyball meet was held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday in St. Francis. The Saintry football team will play



Colby on their home field on Friday evening. Game time is 7 p.m.

Homecoming week

Homecoming week will start on Monday, Sept. 21, with the seniors painting the streets. The Homecoming queen and king will be crowned at a special assembly Friday afternoon, Sept. 25.

The junior high volleyball and football teams will have their first chance to play on Thursday, Sept. 3, in St. Francis.

Students, coaches and staff appreciate community support and look forward to seeing lots of people in the bleachers.

Obituaries

Clarence G. Jenkins

June 19, 1917 - Aug. 23, 2009

Clarence G. Jenkins, age 92, of St. Francis, Kan., died Aug. 23, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.



Jenkins

He was born June 19, 1917, in Campo, Colo., to Pleasant and Mary Jenkins, the youngest of nine siblings.

He spent the early part of his life in southeastern Colorado where he worked in ranching and farming. At age 16, he hired on and helped in an open-range drive from Elkhart to Raton, N.M.

He served his country in the Army during World War II.

After the war, he moved to Bethune, Colo., where he took up farming and raising a family. In 1951 he married Doris Glasscock from De Ridder, La.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman and horseman. He and Doris built a wagon and joined the Bi-Centennial Wagon Train in 1976.

After retiring from farming, he and Doris traveled extensively visiting family and friends.

Arlo Wurm

Sept. 27, 1933 - Aug. 29, 2009

Arlo Wurm of Oberlin, Kan., died Aug. 29, 2009, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. He was born Sept. 27, 1933, to John and Lydia (Unger) Wurm in Traer.

Mr. Wurm lived on the family farm southwest of Oberlin and was a 1952 graduate of Decatur Community High School in Oberlin. Later he joined the U.S. Army.

On Dec. 27, 1961, he was married to Bonnie VanDeWege. They farmed and raised livestock.

Membership included the St. John Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie; parents, John and Lydia Wurm; infant sisters, Adeline and Carol; brother, Raymond; and brother-in-law, James McKay.

Survivors include four sons: Kevin (Kayla) Wurm of Dresden; Keane Wurm of Hays, Shane

(Christy) Wurm of St. Francis and Stanton (Rochelle) Wurm of Lebo; one daughter, Shawna Lea (Mike) Karl of Brighton, Colo.; one brother-in-law, Harlan VanDeWege of Prairie View; one sister, Phyllis McKay of Jenks, Okla.; two sisters-in-law, Mary Wurm of Loveland, Colo., and Neva (Richard) Epard of Colby; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at St. John Lutheran Church in Oberlin with Reverend Kevin Schnakenberg officiating. Interment was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. John Lutheran Church, Decatur County 4-H, or the Decatur County Youth Sports Program.

Commissioners review strategic plan

By Karen Krien

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The county's incentive plan which might help bring new businesses into the county was reviewed and revised at the Monday Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting.

Chuck and Diane Kribs, Cheyenne County Development Corporation directors, met with the commissioners to go over the present plan which had been put into more simple terms but there were still issues which the commissioners questioned.

How about the incentives for a business putting up a sign? They had already been asked twice about where the county stood on the matter. After discussion, they agreed that the county would pay 20 percent of a business sign up to \$1,000.

They talked about what would really help in assisting the owner of a business with land acquisition. Most people, Mr. Kribs said, want an acre on U.S. 36.

He said that when a business does come to town, he strongly urges the owner move to the town and support it.

Terry Miller, clerk, said he had been asked if the county would offer a utility incentive?

If someone is serious about bringing in a business with five employees, then I think it is time to sit down and talk about negotiations, said Andy Beikman, commissioner.

Mrs. Kribs asked if the county was willing to add waiving landfill fees to new businesses. They thought this might be alright but, because of the uncertainty of how much a business would add to the landfill, they thought this should be on a case-by-case decision.

Mr. Beikman also thought that there needed to be an agreement that the commissioners are interested in working with people wanting to come in.

Mr. Kribs suggested a letter of intent which could be attached to the front of the list of incentives.

Mr. Kribs talked about the progress being made in the Development office. He said they have a grant to build homes in Bird City. He said he would like the commissioners to write a letter of support for two projects Mike Callicrate is working on. The letter would help in getting grants for the projects.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said he had been contacted by J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis city superintendent, helping the city clean up undesirable property. If the county would help with the cleanup,

it would go toward the landfill's fine for not following regulations.

Mr. Flemming talked to Cathy Domsch, Century II director, Bird City, about areas that might need cleaning up in Bird City. She was going to look into the properties and what would qualify.

Mr. Flemming said that there were 672 roofs in the county that would need replaced because of the summer hail storms. That would be tons of old shingles that will be going into the landfill.

He had checked with the head of the department of health and environment officials and it is possible to use shingles instead of dirt or the papier-mache to cover the landfill trash each night. This would put good use to the shingles and, while it will still go into the landfill, there will not be the added covering. The shingles are being put to the side as they are brought in.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said he had been asked about waiving the landfill fee for a person whose house is being re-shingled by community and church volunteers. The commissioners agreed that if they waived the fees for one individual, they would be opening up a "can of worms" for others wanting the free fees.

Radio communication

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, and Reid Raile, Cheyenne County Hospital technician, talked about the lack of radio communication between the hospital and the ambulances. They had nine runs on Saturday and the hospital had not been able to hear what was going on.

Mr. Raile said the hospital is going to multiple base radios. Mrs. Bowers asked that the ambulance be equipped with a microphone and speaker in the back. All hand-held radios will be shut off when the ambulance is in route. The commissioners agreed to the purchase of the equipment, noting that the \$591 for the equipment will be taken out of the 911 fund.

In other business

In other business: • A new deputy started Sept 1. He wants to move to the rural area and will sign a 2-year contract.

• An insurance adjuster looked at the sheriff's vehicles damaged by hail. Sheriff Van Allen had talked to Marty Church and Troy Meyer who both said the company's paying about one-third of what it will cost. The adjuster will be back to the county.

• The sheriff had a bill from the WaKeeney Juvenile Detention Cen-

ter. The county didn't make the arrest so he said, the county is not responsible for it. It will be sent back to the city department.

• Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, said he had attended a meeting on prairie dog control

bait. He said the price on Rosol is going up 5.5 percent.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the commissioners' room.

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law, sheriff Craig Van Allen said.

The information is highly sensitive and personal, he said. If it were to fall into the wrong person's hands, it could be dangerous. Homeland Security information comes through the office and is not to be released. There is a fine up to \$15,000 if information gets out.

The dispatchers had met and expressed their concerns. They did not like the idea of someone having a key and coming up unannounced in the middle of the night.

At the Aug. 15 meeting, the commissioners talked about installing a security camera at the handicap entrance of the courthouse and what the cost would be.

The security camera would be focused only on who is at the door, they pointed out. From there on, another door could be opened and they would never know it. By releasing the opening on the door, they were responsible for anything and everything in the courthouse and they did not want that responsibility.

They also said the city officers would not come over and visit during the day, why did they want a key to visit at night? Dispatchers could not leave the office to talk to them and the officers would not be able to come into the dispatch office.

They said the highway patrol officers do not have keys. When they come to the office after hours, they are always accompanied by a sheriff's deputy.

If the officers need to talk to us, the dispatchers had said, they can either call us on the phone or radio.

Sheriff Van Allen said the city's holding facility was good only for a couple of hours. The county's facility will hold a prisoner over night but

work needs to be done. It only costs \$40 a day/night to hold a prisoner in the Sherman County Bastille.

The commissioners asked about the last 911 dispatch meeting. The meeting had included the chief of police, Shane Guggenmos; city attorney, Mike Day; county attorney, Kari Gilliland; Carol Gamblin, 911 dispatch director; and Sheriff Van Allen. Both Mrs. Gamblin and the sheriff said that some things had been discussed but some of the main issues were not talked about. Both the sheriff and director had been personally insulted.

Andy Beikman, commissioner, asked Dale Patton, commissioner, if he had known about the meeting. Both had asked to be included at the meeting but they had not been notified.

There may be conflict between the two offices, Sheriff Van Allen said, but our primary purpose is to do what needs to be done to keep the public safe.

You continue to do what you know is right, Mr. Beikman said, noting that some people survive on turmoil and others are just negative.

The 911 dispatch office will soon be audited by a security officer out of Topeka. He/she may be able to tell the dispatch director what would be the best solution to some of the problems. There will be a second audit to deal with the National Crime Information Center will be held on Oct. 14. At this time, at this time, an official will go through the records, making sure everything is entered correctly and are abiding by the highway patrol guidelines.

At this time, they will also be checking everything that is going on in the dispatch office.

Positions Open

CNAs

- Benefits Available
- Local Training Available
- Good Pay
- Advancement Opportunities

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Do You Have Any Unwanted Products Stored at Home!

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Solvents
Cleaners
Pesticides
Aerosol Cans
Batteries
Used Oil

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Cheyenne County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on **Saturday, Sept. 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Cheyenne County Landfill.

Materials accepted include paints, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, aerosol cans, batteries and used oil. Automobile lead acid batteries will be accepted. Please have the materials in sturdy boxes for easy and quick unloading. Have your used oil in disposable containers. Farm chemicals, appliances, tires, yard waste, explosives, school lab chemicals, medical waste, radioactive waste, ammo, compressed gas cylinders (propane), asbestos, dioxins or silvex will not be accepted. Program organizers reserve the right to reject delivery of materials.

Participants are asked to leave all materials in their original containers. If the container is leaking, pack the container "as is" in another larger container and label it clearly. If another container is used, be sure it is clearly labeled. Do not mix contents of different containers. Securely package materials before transporting. Do not carry open containers of liquids with strong odors or spill potential in a closed automobile. Pack the containers so they won't tip, break or spill during travel. Waste oil should not contain gasoline, solvents, decreases, paint or antifreeze. Keep all household hazardous waste away from children and animals.

Due to KDHE regulations these are items that can't be picked up during the City-Wide Cleanup later in the month. You do not need to call prior to bringing items to the Landfill. If you have questions, please call the Landfill at 785-332-8842, Tuesday through Saturday.

No Household Hazardous Waste items accepted early or after the clean up date.

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Notice of Budget Hearing

The governing body of CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS will meet on the 15th day of September, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., at the County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE and will be available at this hearing.

Budget Summary

Proposed Budget 2010 Expenditures and the Amount of 2009 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2010 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual for 2008		Current Year Estimate 2009		Proposed Budget for 2010		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	2,263,275	30.938	2,173,140	27.162	2,234,282	1,200,505	27.043
Road and Bridge	816,588	9.379	1,108,700	20.146	1,145,150	787,454	17.738
Bridge Building	62,968	2.146	131,337	1.009	73,800	47,257	1.085
Noxious Weed	26,372	0.427	31,000	0.794	36,300	11,106	0.250
Bond and Interest	44,198	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Hospital	598,957	5.645	475,000	0.657	610,500	233,208	5.253
Prairie Dog	12,262		10,800		10,807		
Special Parks & Recreation	1,000		1,100		4,500		
Special Alcohol	4,552		3,000		5,600		
Health Grants	20,354		20,000		42,512		
Special Machinery	225,851						
Noxious Weed Capital Outlay	0						
Spec Ambulance Cap Outlay	0						
Equipment Reserve	159,690						
Multi-Year Capital Improvement	32,650						
Totals	4,268,717	48.535	3,954,077	49.768	4,163,251	2,279,528	51.349
Less: Transfers	222,321		277,850		233,000		
Net Expenditures	4,046,396		3,676,227		3,930,251		
Total Tax Levied	1,924,192		2,092,562				
Assessed Valuation	39,528,324		40,954,887		44,392,880		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1							
		2007	2008	2009			
GO Bonds	336,800		27,600	18,400			
Lease-Purchase	0		0	0			
Total	336,800		27,600	18,400			

Terry Miller
Clerk

Club Clip

Junior Girl Scouts

The Junior Girl Scouts prepared early for the fair this year. In order to earn their Bronze Award, they had to work with younger Girl Scout groups. They invited the Brownies and Daisies to help decorate a float for this year's Cheyenne County Fair Parade.

Several weeks before the fair, the Junior girls met at the Scout Hut with the younger groups to work on decorations that were to be used on the float. They made flowers and rainbows together along with signs for each Girl Scout group. Afterwards, they grilled hot dogs and served chips and ice cream bars.

"Everyone had a great time," Kate Jenkins, Junior Girl Scout leader said.

Michelle Wolff, leader, put in a great deal of time putting the float together. And, the morning of the parade, many of the Girl Scouts from St. Francis joined Juniors, Brownies and Daisies to ride the float.

The older girls threw candy and whistles were given out by leaders, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Wolff.

The Junior Girl Scouts appreciate the other Girl Scouts who joined them with this event to help them earn their award.