



RELAY FOR LIFE activities on Saturday drew many people to Sawhill Park. Cancer survivors, above, (l to r) Sparky Nolan, Darlene Merklin and Bonnie McQuillen had just received their purple carnations after the survivor's walk. Left, Fred Magley, cancer survivor, walked around the block with his wife Marsha.

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 commissioners stood with the system since the sheriff had resigned. He said that the city superintendent, J.R. Landenberger, had mentioned that he would be glad to help Carol Gamblin, who is being trained to supervise the operation.

Mr. Beikman said the county was planning on following the same timeline for the service with the 911 system being put in place by March. At the present time, the 911 dispatch system will be installed and operated out of the old sheriff's office in the courthouse which is vacant.

He and Jim Rarick had both agreed to leave the position as dispatchers in the city power plant and be 911 dispatchers. Mr. Nolan asked how many people the county would be hiring? Mr. Beikman said they had budgeted for five full-time people and a couple of part-time people.

The commissioners talked about having a special meeting with Troy Gardner, sheriff, Mrs. Gamblin and any other people who might be interested in attending. No time was set but the clerk said he would contact Mr. Nolan when and if a meeting was held.

Sheriff resigns

Sheriff Gardner's resignation was discussed. Since the sheriff ran and was elected as an Independent, the Secretary of State said the governor would make the appointment on the commissioners' recommendation. Sheriff Gardner had earlier recommended that Craig Van Allen, under-sheriff, be appointed. The sheriff's last day is Aug. 31.

Regarding the new dispatch system, the commissioners felt better communication with the cities and county was needed. Mr. Beikman will attend the next St. Francis City Council meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Emergency service

Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, asked for 5 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made.

However, as soon as they were out of session, she told about the intravenous class which had been planned for emergency medical technicians. She said that three out of the seven technicians who had planned to take the class could not take the class at this time.

The law is changing and technicians wanting to take the class later will be required to take over twice as

much training. Mrs. Bowers was wanting to get these technicians certified before the law went into effect.

Mr. Beikman suggested that she call emergency medical directors in surrounding counties to see if they would be interested in sending someone. Mrs. Bowers said she already had and there were none interested.

The commissioners agreed that the cost \$7,000 to \$8,000 for only four to take the class was too much.

Appraiser's office

County Appraiser Randy Sangster told the commissioners about the new Orion software appraisal system. This new system is to be fully implemented by 2010.

Karen Flemming, appraiser's office employee, had resigned. Applicants for filling the position were discussed. Mr. Sangster talked about hiring a person for part-time work, then discussed applicants for the position vacated by Karen Flemming. After discussion, it was a consensus to hire a full-time person and train that person to be deputy appraiser.

In other business

In other business:
 • Clerk Miller was granted approval to attend a "Working With Abstracts" training in Hays.

• Danny Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, was given approval to attend a West District Weed Director's Association meeting in Kearny County.

• Mr. Ketzner's name will be sent in to serve on the six-county Water District Committee.

• Mr. Ketzner had also talked to head of the highway department in this area about getting a turning lane at the dairy site east of Bird City. He had been informed that there was very little chance of getting the lane.

Mr. Ketzner said he and other residents were concerned as there will be a lot of traffic in that area because of the dairy and the school bus will be traveling that highway several times a day.

• Prairie dog control was once again discussed. The commissioners will be looking into laws and talking to different counties before October when the law allows for commercial poisoning of the animals.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

WIND

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 the contracts could not be cancelled, then Sunflower Wind would have an option to sell power to the city at a negotiated rate when the existing contracts terminated. The Sunflower contracts with the city is needed for the project to receive financing for project.

City Attorney Mike Day asked if "benchmarks" could be added or inserted into the existing contracts. Mr. Rasure said that it could be considered and some included.

Asked to comment on present city electrical costs, Mr. Landenberger said current electrical costs were \$.0487. The city currently buys power from Sunflower Electric and Kansas Municipal Energy Association arrangements for other electricity

needed from market power on the grid. During the summer the city changes to generators when market rates are higher.

Councilman Rodney Bracelin asked if the contract would be reassigned and Mr. Rasure said that they probably would and Koch would probably be the Sunflower Wind marketer.

Mr. Rasure said since the project is to start in the spring, they need to hear from the council within three weeks.

The council told Mr. Rasure that they would contact Mike Lennen, Wichita attorney under contract with the city, and the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency before reaching a decision but they would try to do that quickly.

Favorite ancestor revealed by members

Members of the Cheyenne County Historical Society answered roll call on Aug. 14 by telling about their favorite ancestor.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss several items important to society members. These included the museum, the Veterans' books and maintenance of Ye Olde Country Church.

As part of the museum discussion, Margaret Bucholtz, director, explained the critical need for volunteers. She encouraged members to sign up to help at least once a month.

Laura Pugh told how clubs and organizations had provided museum volunteers in the past. Glenn Isernhagen expressed a desire to see the museum open during fair week, and other special community events, and possibly even on some weekends.

Members agreed that this would benefit the community, but would require more volunteers. Another suggestion was made that signs advertising the Museum could be displayed at the fairgrounds.

It was noted that the Museum had been open during the Fly-In and during alumni weekend, but was closed during the fair because the director and board members were involved in fair activities. Contact numbers are posted on the door so visitors can request a tour.

Several boxes of Veterans' books are in storage in the back room. The board approved that Veteran's books be sold at cost, \$43, plus tax.

Several ideas were presented to help sales move forward. They included: putting ads in newspapers, asking businesses such as the Thrift Store, Heritage Café and others to display or sell books, advertise at the

time of the alumni reunion. The topic of Ye Olde Country Church generated a great deal of conversation. Deb Harper gave members copies of a "Needs Assessment."

Following a lively discussion, here are some of the points made by various members:

• Trying to restore the church to historic accuracy would be very expensive. At this time the church is a sentimental symbol of community history. The question was asked, "How much do we want to spend on

sentimentality?" One member responded that painting it over and over again was like "pouring money down a rat-hole."

• Could members make an appeal to the community for donations to restore the exterior, repair the interior and maintain the church, was another question asked.

One member stated, "We can't afford this church."

• Finally, the members decided that a study group should be formed to get input from the community and look into the "disposition of the

church". Chuck Kribs, Elton Keller, Helene Landenberger, Deb Harper and Stan Carman volunteered for the task. They will make a recommendation to the Historical Society based on their findings.

Please read the newspaper's Bulletin Board for future program notes. People are asked to mark Sept. 9 on their calendars as a "Breaks Tour" is planned that day from 1 to 5 p.m.. Tobe Zweygardt, county historian and tour guide, is scheduled to lead the tour. Sign-up information will be available soon.

Application closing date for crops claims is Sept. 1

Bill R. Fuller, state executive director for the Kansas Farm Service Agency reminds producers that Sept. 1, 2007 is the application closing date for certain crops under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Crops eligible for NAP benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber.

Sept. 1 is the final date to pay the applicable service fee and obtain NAP coverage for barley, rye, triticale, wheat forage and speltz. The administrative service fee is \$100 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$300 per producer per administrative county and a \$900 maximum fee for multi-county producers. Interested producers must pay the fee and file form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, by the applica-

tion closing deadline. This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop.

In the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, must be filed with Farm Service Agency within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer.

Producers are limited to \$100,000 in benefits per person per crop year, they must certify crop acres by applicable deadlines, maintain production evidence for three years, not exceed the \$2 million gross revenue provisions, and must comply with

conservation compliance provisions in order to be eligible.

Interested producers shall contact Cheyenne county Farm Service Agency prior to the September 1 application closing date to obtain Noninsured Assistance Program coverage.

TOURS

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"When you see Tobe, give him your thanks," Mrs. Evans said.

Those wanting to vote for the Eight Wonders of Kansas can go to the website www.8wonders.org. or there are pamphlets at the museum, Herald office, courthouse and banks that contain ballots that can be filled out and sent in.

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