

Couple announces wedding plans

Amber Jeanne Fromholtz of St. Francis and Jeffrey Lynn Dinkel of Ellis plan to marry on April 26 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland with Father Norbert Dlabal officiating.

The future bride is the daughter of Jett and Barbara Fromholtz of St. Francis and granddaughter of Jack and Sharee Fromholtz of Colby, Art and Bernadine Johnson of Goodland and the late

Donald F. Colby.

The groom-to-be's parents are Fred and Colleen Dinkel of Ellis and his grandparents are the late Frank and Lorena Schuster and the late Frederick and Kathy Dinkel.

Amber graduated from St. Francis Community High School and cosmetology and works at the Good Samaritan Village of St. Francis.

Jeffery graduated from Ellis



Dinkel — Fromholtz

High School and Seward County Community College with an associates of applied science in criminal justice. He works at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Bids sought for ambulance

The Cheyenne County emergency service director reported at the Monday commissioners' meeting that she has started looking for a new ambulance.

Janelle Bowers, director, said she had talked to two companies and was looking for a dually, four-wheel drive vehicle ambulance. She was hoping the low bid would be a Ford as there is a Ford dealer in the county.

The county's ambulances had passed state inspections.

Mrs. Bowers had met with the emergency medical technicians to discuss plans for severe weather. It has been a year since a tornado hit the Bird City area.

Mrs. Bowers had asked the dispatch director what would happen if a tornado were to hit St. Francis where the center is? She was told that, whoever was on duty would stay in the center until the very last minute and would then take a handheld radio to the basement where there was cover from danger but would continue to dispatch.

Mrs. Bowers said that she plans to move the office into the new emergency building in St. Francis by April 30.

The commissioners, before approving the bills, reviewed several of the vouchers (16268 and 16278) concerning training in Topeka. They questioned the extra night's stay (motel cost \$73) and 8 miles driven to the training from the motel but agreed to pay. They also checked out

voucher 16264 concerning shotgun shells purchased by the sheriff's department for \$21.88.

Carol Gamblin, 911 communication director, was concerned that, when all the bills had been paid for the 911 system, they had come up \$6,833 short. Money has been used from the 911 fund for several projects, all qualifying for 911 funding. That fund has been depleted until the next payment is received.

The commissioners agreed to take the money out of the capital outlay fund.

The city of St. Francis had asked the dispatch center to take over sounding the tornado siren because there the center is manned at all times. However, to take over the service, there is a need to have either a new phone line or a wireless internet line. The wireless signal would have a one-time charge, while a phone line would have a monthly charge. More information was needed before making any decisions. In the meantime, the city crew continues to blow the 7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. whistles and can sound a tornado siren if needed.

Mrs. Gamblin said Jennifer Padgett and Steve Nolan have been in dispatch training and have done very well, passing their tests.

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, talked to the commissioners via conference phone. He said the Cheyenne County Wildlife members had talked to him about the county cleaning out the east side of Keller Pond. He said this would be a good community project and

the material cleaned out of the pond would be scattered on the road near the pond. The commissioners told Mr. Flemming to go ahead with the plans.

Mr. Flemming reminded the commissioners that two of the county's tractors will be sold at a consignment sale this weekend.

Several permits for trenching county roads and ditches were discussed. He suggested that the commissioners sign a permit for Marvin Kamla to put a gas line. He talked about the activity west of St. Francis, noting that there may be a minimum maintenance road that may need to be upgraded. No other permits were signed.

In other business:

Because there has been an increase for a company to pick up tires at the landfill, the fee for people bringing in tires will see an additional charge. The cost to leave a car tire at the landfill will go from \$2 to \$3; truck tires, \$5 to \$8; and tractor tires, \$15 to \$20.1

The clerk had received a call from Bohm Metal Recycling about metal pick up in the county. There hasn't been anyone in the county to pick up metal for several years but it was noted that former companies had taken only what they could get money for but left other metals behind. The commissioners agreed to investigate the company before allowing the company to come in.

The next commissioners meeting will start at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15. There will be a bid opening for the courthouse steps replacement at 1 p.m..

Wireless company proposes new location for a tower

Chris Riha, Viero Wireless, site acquisition manager for central Nebraska and northern Kansas, set up equipment to show the commissioners what kind of tower his company was wanting to set up near St. Francis. A Viero representative had approached the St. Francis City Council last year proposing that a tower be set up on a lot next to a home. The council finally agreed that the site was not the right site.

This time, Viero proposed that a tower be set up just south of the county shop. It would be outside the city limits on land belonging to Bob Ochsner, but still near enough to give good service for cell phones and internet.

The first proposal had the tower at 150 feet but, the Federal Aviation Administration said it was too high, recommending that it be no taller than 137 feet. Mr. Riha said the engineers said that even 135 feet would be sufficient so that will be the tower's height.

The tower location will be close enough to serve homes, schools, health facilities and businesses. The company plans to have towers and service along U.S.36 with each tower being 20- to 25-miles apart. There are towers at Oberlin, midway to Atwood and McDonald. Eventually, there will be towers in Kensington and Smith Center, then they will continue down U.S. 36 to north of Topeka.

Mr. Riha said Viero is a GSM which is global system for mobile communication. A commissioner asked about Nex-Tech coverage. Mr. Riha said Nex-Tech is a CDMA (Code division multiple access) and will not be compatible. However, AT&T and T-Mobile along with some other companies with GSM will be able to use the towers, thus having better service.

He said the tower, which will cost \$100,000, is a self-supporting, lattice tower which will be in compliance with rules and regulations. There will be a small building, a backup generator and

buried 1,000-gallon propane tank to run the generator. This will be surrounded by a padlocked chain-link fence.

The commissioners said that, if the Federal Aviation Administration sent a letter of approval and the neighbors were in favor of the tower, they would approve of the tower placement. Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, also approved of the tower being beside the county shop.

Viero, after receiving a letter of permission from the Aviation Administration, has tentative plans to have the tower erected sometime this summer.

Tax help available for senior citizens

Every Tuesday until April 15, Johnene Cheney, certified to practice before the IRS, will be at both the Bird City and McDonald Senior Centers to help seniors with their tax preparation.

With 25 years experience specializing in individual and small businesses Federal and State income tax returns, Ms. Cheney has recently been given a grant through the McDonald Area Development Endowment Foundation to assist senior citizens in

preparing their 1040A forms to receive the maximum returns from their taxes.

This is the first year that this service has been made available to anyone 60 years old and older, and it is free.

"It is very important to file your taxes this year because if you do not, you will not receive that extra money from the Economic Stimulus Rebate," said Ms. Cheney

To find out more about the Economic Stimulus Payment schedule and calculate your rebate, go to the website at www.irs.gov.

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