

Boundary lines questioned on country roads

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A St. Francis man questioned boundary lines at the Wednesday, Dec. 31, Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting. The commissioners made no decision until the new county attorney would be present.

Craig Schoenrogge, St. Francis, has been at commissioners' meetings several times before to discuss closed, low-maintained and maintained county roads. He was checking on the status of Road M between Roads 15 and 16. He said that he has seen the city crew using the road at the south end of his property. He said the county engineer found the original platting markers and he is concerned if the boundaries to his property are correct.

He talked about the guidelines the county is using. Are the county statutes, he asked, covered by home-rule power? He said he had asked for the resolutions because he wants to know what his rights and public assess rights are. If there is to be a road, he said, it should be clearly defined. He wanted to know where: 1) the road is; and 2) what set of rules are the commissioners/county using.

If there were statutes, he said, it would be nice if I could know what they are.

He also pointed out that, with interest rates at an all-time low, he wanted to refinance at the lower rate and he would like to have the correct information.

He said he has started the paperwork at the north end of his property and will be platting out four 5-acre lots for business and/or residential. He said there is gas and electricity available.

Andy Beikman, chairman, told Mr. Schoenrogge that the commissioners were not going to make a decision until the new county attorney is there to represent them. We do not want to make a wrong decision, he said.

Mr. Schoenrogge said it had been six months since he had contacted the present county attorney and had no response from him. I am working on the assumption that I will not be landlocked on my property, he said.

Equipment for the appraiser's office

Bruce Webb, appraiser, had samples of mapping from different printers. The government has mandated Global Information Systems mapping in the future. Mr. Webb estimated that all of the equipment will cost around \$60,000. The cost to do the mapping of the cities will be around \$33,750.

The commissioners were concerned as this was more money than was available. Mr. Webb suggested that platting be done in stages, which was agreeable to the commissioners.

The mapping, he said, will be very helpful to other departments too.

Emergency medical service department report

Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, said she needed four portable radios. She had been using her husband's radio (he is a fireman in Bird City). She said there are four new First Responders and, when a radio goes down, there is no backup. The radios cost \$3,315. She will order four from Prairie States, Imperial, and the money will come out of the 911 Fund.

She said there were 318 ambulance runs in 2008. Of those runs, 263 were made in the St. Francis area, and the rest in the Bird City area.

Because of the tight budget, she was denied purchasing six spine boards (\$140 each) and a projector to use in training classes.

The projector would cost anywhere from \$400 to \$2,000 but she thought that a good one could be purchased for \$500 to \$600. The commissioners said to get a bid and bring it back to a later meeting.

She said that she was planning a 16-hour refresher class for technicians in 2009. She would open it up for county technicians and then offer the class to area technicians. The class size minimum is eight and the maximum is 24. She said someone will need to come in and teach it. Mike Hanson, county instructor, will assist.

Mrs. Bowers, Mr. Hanson and the commissioners went into three executive sessions totaling

25 minutes to discuss personnel. No decision was made upon coming out.

Mrs. Bowers recognized Ray Lee, commissioner, for the work he has done for the department over the last four years.

Road and bridge department report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, asked that \$5,520 be encumbered to Penco Engineering for bridge inspections and \$26,900 encumbered to the state of Kansas for bridge building.

The commissioners signed permits for Nobel Energy and One Source Investment to bore under county roads. Tad Neitzel was given permission to trench across and low maintenance road (Mr. Flemming said the ditches were higher than the road.)

At the last meeting, Mr. Flemming had suggested having a trench at the landfill dug. However, on checking with the Department of Health and Environment, he found that there was supposed to have a plat plan complete and it will cost "big bucks," he said. Other counties have paid up to \$9,000. He had contacted Miller and Associates, McCook, for more information and the company is working on plans for Rawlins County and didn't want to start anything until those plans are complete.

Mr. Flemming said that there should not be a problem as there are trenches on either side of the proposed trench so there would be no issues with property lines, utilities or property owners. He will find out more information for a future meeting.

Mr. Flemming said he will probably be looking for more employees in 2009.

Vouchers questioned

Vouchers questioned by the commissioners included:

- \$950.85 to the Cheyenne County Hospital for updating firemen on necessary shots.
- \$2,006.05 to Nex-Tech for a portable page radio. The payment came from the 911 Fund.
- \$685 to Riverside Recreation for emergency medical technicians' Christmas party. The money was taken out of the Memorial Fund.
- \$254.27 to Jennifer Padgett; the mileage for training will be taken out of the 911 fund.

In other business

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• No one was present for the amended budget hearing so the commissioners signed the agreement. They noted that this year's budget is tight and all department heads will be reminded to watch their spending and keep it in line.

• The wage agreement for Kent Allard, sheriff employee was signed.

• The agreement to support Developmental Services for Northwest Kansas was signed.

• Elmer Kellner, St. Francis, was re-appointed as the representative for Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development. Commissioner Ernie Ketzner is the at-large alternate.

• Mary Morrow, register of deeds, had two bids for a copier: \$6,100 from Topside, Goodland; and \$4,279 from Office Works, Colby, but didn't have needed drawers. Topside also had the lower maintenance agreement. The commissioners gave permission for her to purchase the copier from Topside.

• Mrs. Morrow announced that she will hire Marilyn Hnizdil to work part time.

• The commissioners recognized Terry Miller, clerk, for all the internet/computer technician work he does at the courthouse.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 12. At 9 a.m., the newly elected officials will be sworn in.



Sixth graders McKayla Taylor, Brianna Cooks, Tanner Gilliland, school work. Kyler Zwegardt and Justice Wiley are concentrating on their

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Obituary

Lloyd Allan Fredrickson

May 17, 1929 - Dec. 18, 2008

Lloyd Allan Fredrickson, 79, of Midland, Texas, died in the arms of his family on Dec. 18, 2008. His struggle ended at the home of his daughter in Katy, Texas, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Lloyd was born on May 17, 1929, in St. Francis, Kan., the son of the late Caleb and Belle Fredrickson. He married the love of his life, Dolly M. Waters, on Sept. 3, 1950, while attending Kansas State University.

After graduation with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1951, he went to work for Gates Rubber Company in Denver, Colo., where he and Dolly lived for 50 years before moving to Midland.

Mr. Fredrickson received a direct commission as a U.S. Air Force 2nd Lieutenant in 1953 and served until the end of the Korean War. Following the war, Lloyd returned to Denver and

worked for Martin Marietta Corporation for 17 years and then as an entrepreneur until his retirement in 2000.

One of the highlights of Lloyd and Dolly's 58 years of marriage was being baptized in the Jordan River. Lloyd was a member of The First Christian Church in St. Francis.

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Dolly Maxine of Midland; a son, Dr. Mark A. Fredrickson of Mid-

land; a daughter, Alice I. Comer of Katy; and six grandchildren, Jason Comer, Jackie Kostiuk, Chantal and Brady Fredrickson and Josh and Zack Carnett; one great-grandchild, Lyla Kostiuk and a sister, Francis Canniff.

A memorial service will be held later this spring in St. Francis.

Memorial contributions can be made to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.

St. Francis News

Betty Jean Winston enjoyed a holiday vacation from Dec. 23 to Jan. 1. She spent time with members of her family in Hays, Ellsworth, Sedgwick and Overland Park.

Many family members attended a luncheon and gift exchange on Saturday, Dec. 27, in Sedgwick at the home of Vickie and Aaron Kern, Alex and Arica.

Others attending besides Betty Jean and the Kerns were Shawn and Leigh Legere, Chase and Miles of Overland Park, Jerad and Corrine Gugelmeyer, Colby, Logan and Dylan of Lakin, and Dan, Cindy and J.J. Winston and a friend of J.J.'s from Ellsworth. Missing was Jean Winston, U.S. Navy, who was not on leave.



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A Celebration of Uncle Phillip's Life "My SPECIAL Uncle Phillip"

Uncle Phillip was born and raised in St. Francis, KS. He was a religious man and often repeated what his Sunday school teacher, Pauline Wagner, taught him. He was especially fond of Pastor Hagee, often quoting what he learned.

As a young adult he played on a St. Francis baseball team. That started his lifetime love of baseball. He loved the Colorado Rockies and would stay up as late as it took, until the game was over. He lived for each season to begin and depended on Aunt Lydia to tell him the time of each game.

Uncle Phillip was proud to play in a trio with his 2 brothers. Uncle Phillip played the violin, while Fred, the accordion and Ferdinand played the guitar. He especially loved the 'old time' hymns. When we traveled together he could always be heard humming his favorites.

He had a love for guns and hunting. He hunted big game as well as local birds and coyotes. He was very proud to be invited to hunt with Dr. J.H. Peck and loved visiting his 'trophy' barn. He was fascinated with rattlesnakes and loved killing them and counting the buttons.

Tranga, his beloved granddaughter and husband Pat, took Uncle Phillip and Aunt Lydia out east around Byers hunting. Uncle Phillip always said his eyes watered so much and he just couldn't see very well any more. Pat said 'Just give him a rifle with a scope on it and he could hit dead center'...at the age of 85.

He had a great interest in woodworking and making beautiful doll houses, bird houses, as well as barns with corrals around them. My son, Robb, treasures his, as well as many birdhouses. Aunt Lydia decorated his woodwork projects with her neat touches.

He had a love for airplanes and would discuss them with anyone that shared an interest. My daughter, Colette, took him up 'A' tower at D.I.A. and he was able to walk outside in it's entirety seeing for miles and miles. He never forgot it. On a trip with both of them, Colette took him to the cockpit to meet the pilots, he had a ton of questions to ask them. It really made his day.

Uncle Phillip asked us to take him to Cabela's in Nebraska. On the way home he told Robb he would love to go on a safari. Robb turned to me and told me to start planning a trip to Florida, our family would take them to Wild Animal Kingdom. He was so excited to go and would call about every day and ask me 'What if we got high-jacked to Cuba?' Another time he asked what if the airplane didn't have enough food? He was a great eater, so I told him to pack a lunch!!! Anyone that traveled with him knew he always wanted to 'hit up a hamburger joint'!

At the theme park in Florida, we got on the safari truck that took us up close to the animals. A giraffe tried to grab his shirt sleeve. He enjoyed that so much so we took him back again. We shared so many fun and interesting things they never forgot.

In 1999 we all flew to Phoenix to attend their great nephew's, Shane's, wedding. The family took him to an Arizona Diamondback baseball game. I asked him later if he enjoyed the game. He said "We sat so close we could taste the dirt." He was like a little kid in a candy store he enjoyed it so much. The family bought him a Diamondback baseball cap to add to his 'big' cap collection.

After moving to Colorado in the mid 60s he worked for K-Mart, retiring with that company and left after making a lot of friends. He also retired with King Soopers at the age of 88. He won a lot of awards and was very pleased when his picture was in the weekly ad several times.

He was loved by everyone, especially small children. He always had a pocket of pennies. Many children asked him when they'd see him 'Hey mister or Phil, do you have a penny?' He made sure every child was able to ride the penny pony at King Soopers. He was known as 'The Penny Man.' He was showered at holiday times with numerous gifts and cards from children.

Uncle Phillip looked so forward to turning 90 and achieved that on September 1st. He was so proud to have 67 wonderful anniversaries with Aunt Lydia, and told everyone that he saw. What a milestone on November 16th, 2008!!

He never met a stranger and could strike up a conversation with anyone anywhere. He always had a smile and NEVER held a grudge. He had the greatest sense of humor. He loved visiting on the telephone and would always ask you to call again, as he loved to tell old stories and especially talk in German on the phone. It was always a race each and every holiday who could call who first. He usually beat calling me and thought that was so funny!! Of course, he accused me of always still being in bed. I surely missed his Christmas call this year. He was a big part of me and my family and we will greatly miss him in our lives. We had such great times traveling with them. He and I had a special bond that few people get to ever experience. We remained very close to his very end.

You will always have a special place in my heart Uncle Phillip and I'll never ever forget our good times and the love you showed me from a little girl to age 60.

Written with love by his niece, Carolyn

