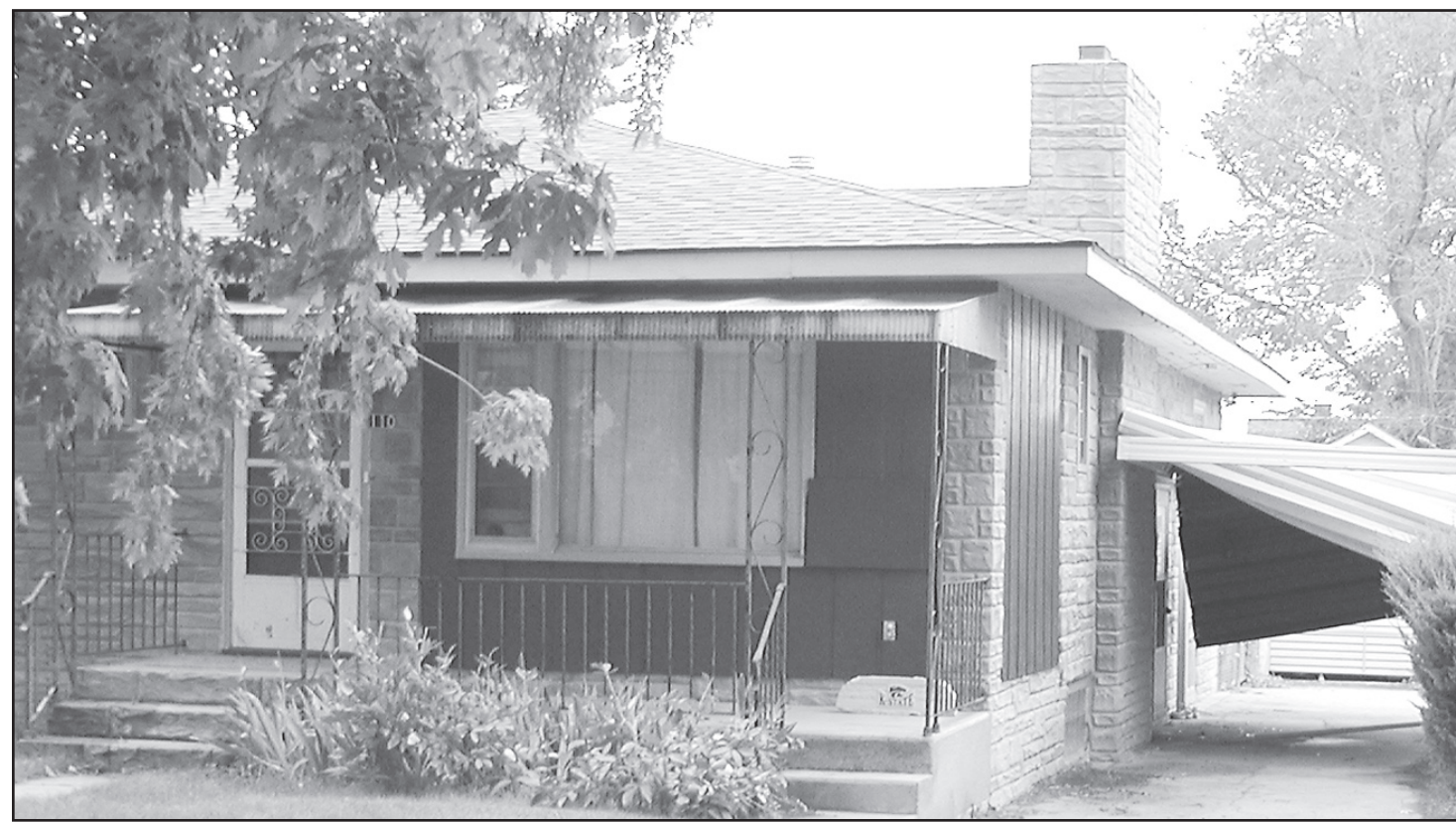


More storm photos —



STEVE AND CONNIE JENKINS' garage was totaled when a tree fell on it during the storm on Monday, July 19. The Jenkins were in Mexico when the damage was done. Friends and neighbors helped carry out items in the garage on Monday.



TORRE CONWAY couldn't get out of her back door when the carport was blown down.
Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

PROBLEMS

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an, wanted to know more about the county's health insurance plan; that the city plan had gone up 16 percent this year. Dale Patton, commissioner, explained that it was a self funded insurance through Corporate Benefits. Claims that come in are negotiated through the agent and then the money is wired to cover the costs.

The commissioners agreed that they were satisfied with how the insurance worked. They noted that employees also have the benefit of a "cafeteria" plan where employees can put pre-tax dollars into the plan. If it is not used at the end of the year,

they lose the money left but most of the time, employees have a good idea of how much they will need in the fund.

The commissioners said they had spent the day working on the budget and were going back after the city council meeting. The county has suffered a \$9 million loss because the valuation on gas wells is down.

The sales tax collected is also down. They contributed the loss in taxes due to poor economic times, not the 1-cent raise in sales tax. That, they said, hasn't had time to really show the results.

The commissioners said they had made cuts in many programs, noting that 5 mills is budgeted just for

the hospital which is less than had been requested.

The commissioners asked that a dedicated phone line be installed in the Emergency Building on U.S. 36. In case something happens at the courthouse, there is a portable unit that requires only a phone line. This would allow services to continue.

Scott Schultz, mayor, said it sounded like this is good planning.

The room needs to be secure and the emergency manager's office was suggested as the alternate site. The city council said the matter would be put on the agenda and a decision would probably be made at the meeting.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Sunflower District #6
Sherman

will meet on August 12, 2010 at 4:00 pm MDT at the Commissioners Rm, Sherman County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

Detailed budget information is available at Sunflower District Extension Office, Goodland, KS and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2011 Expenditures and Amount of 2010 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2011 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2009		Current Year Estimate for 2010		Proposed Budget Year for 2011	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*
General	357,965	2.077	366,500	2.141	413,500	2.264
Debt Service						
Totals	357,965	2.077	366,500	2.141	413,500	2.264
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditures	357,965		366,500		413,500	
Total Tax Levied	274,089		281,956		311,000	
Assessed Valuation:	131,911,802		128,449,487		126,424,851	

Outstanding Indebtedness,

	2009	2010	2011
Jan 1,			
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

Cindy Burr
Clerk

FAIR

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starting at 6.

Forty head of cattle are being brought in compared to the 20 head last year. Gary Cooper, member of the committee, said there will be two ropings. The first roping is a county round-robin roping which will be open to only those ropers living in the county. Buckles, sponsored by the St. Francis Equity, and some payback will be awarded to the winners.

The second roping is the Gary Grice/Carl Keller Team Roping and is open to all ropers.

Because there are more cattle this year, the committee is not planning to limit the number of teams. The committee is hoping for 100 teams and lots of good roping action.

We had a good turnout last year, Mr. Cooper said. We are hoping for even more this year.

Sponsors have come forward and there promises to be nice prizes and good payback.

Payback, said Mr. Cooper, will also depend on how many teams enter. This year, he noted, there will be a stock charge.

Thursday, Aug. 5

Thursday is an active day for 4-H'ers as the 4-H and FFA swine show will start at 8 a.m., followed by the sheep show at 11 (or 30 minutes after the swine show). The 4-H goat show will start 30 minutes after the sheep show. Throughout the day, there will be other 4-H judging as well as open class judging. See the special Pre-Fair inserted in this issue.

At 6:30 p.m., entries for the Mutton Bustin' and Horse vs Horse Power events will be taken. The show will start at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand. The Mutton Bustin' will be held before the Horse vs Horse Power event. See related article in this issue.

Friday, Aug. 7

The 4-H/FFA beef show will start at 8 a.m. The bucket calf show will start at 10 a.m. The open class cow/calf show will follow 30 minutes after beef show.

At 2 p.m., the Round Robin competition will begin in the large show arena.

The Premium Sale will start at 6 p.m.

At 8 p.m., the Amateur Variety Show will begin in front of the grandstand. This is the first year for the show and the entries are coming in. For more information, contact Ruth Milliken at 785-332-3421.

Saturday

Saturday morning will start with the Cheyenne County Parade held on St. Francis Main Street. Floats and other entries are to meet at the high school at 9 a.m. and the parade will begin at 10. See related article in the special Pre-Fair Section.

The open dog show and the mud volleyball will be held following the parade.

At 4:30 p.m., the Knights of Columbus members will be serving a barbecue.

The demolition derby will start at 7 p.m. The Demo Committee is expecting a big participation and a huge crowd so people are urged to come early to have a seat. See related article in the special Pre-Fair Section inserted in this issue.

ELECTION

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error - Republican: Sam Brownback/Jeff Colyer; John Heffington/Mark Holick; Democratic: Tom Holland/Kelly Kultala.

Secretary of State - Democratic: Chris Biggs, Chris Steineger; Republican: J.R. Claeys, Elizabeth Ennsley, Kris Kobach.

Attorney General - Democratic: Steve Six; Republican: Ralph DeZago, Derek Schmidt.

State Treasurer - Republican: Ron Estes; Democratic: Dennis McKenney.

Commissioner of Insurance - Republican: David Powell, Sandy Praeger.

State Board of Education, 5th District - Republican: Sally Cauble.

MODEL

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The clothing will be on display at the fairgrounds Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 4-7.

4-H activities on Tuesday

The 4-H Dog Show will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday at Jenkins Hall, on the fairgrounds. There are 11 4-H'ers enrolled in the dog program. The dogs and the owners should be present a little before starting time.

There are 27 4-H'ers enrolled in the food and nutrition program. There will be cakes, yeast breads, cookies and many other items judged starting at 2 p.m. in the basement of the courthouse. The 4-H Council food sale will start at 3 p.m.

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STATE OF KANSAS
BUDGET FORM USD-A
2010-2011

USD # 297

NOTICE OF HEARING 2010-2011 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District 297 will meet on the 12th day of August, 2010 at 7:00 PM, at 100 College Street for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information (including budget profile) is available at the USD 297 superintendent's office and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2010 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2010-2011 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code 99 Line	2008-2009 Actual		2009-2010 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2010-2011		
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2010 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING							
General	2,492,600	20.000	2,252,738	20.000	2,369,086	486,947	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	361,763	11.405	373,910	11.074	773,207	416,197	15.354
SPECIAL REVENUE							
Adult Education	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bilingual Education	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virtual Education	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	16	440,748	4,000	255,931	3,952	1,600,000	108,425
Driver Training	18	22,016	0	22,412	0	36,000	0
Extraordinary School Program	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Service	24	262,622	0	260,872	0	390,000	0
Professional Development	26	9,624	0	6,966	0	35,000	0
Parent Education Program	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Summer School	29	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Education	30	262,544	0	266,246	0	440,000	0
Vocational Education	34	40,969	0	36,927	0	50,000	0
Area Vocational School	36	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	07	94,127	0	105,946	0	122,215	0
Gifts and Grants	35	0	0	0	0	0	0
At Risk (4Yr Old)	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
At Risk (K-12)	13	150,527	0	152,000	0	200,000	0
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000

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Fund—Continued							
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	141,020	0	143,501	0	193,726	0
Contingency Reserve	53	12,810	0	17,085	0	0	0
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	11,725	0	18,074	0	0	0
Tuition Reimbursement Fund	57	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEBT SERVICE							
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES**							
Special Education	78	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	4,303,095	35.405	3,912,708	35.026	6,209,234	1,011,569
Less: Transfers	105	694,691	xxxxxxx	521,233	xxxxxxx	699,500	xxxxxxx
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	3,608,404	xxxxxxx	3,391,475	xxxxxxx	5,509,734	xxxxxxx
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,053,971	xxxxxxx	1,203,376	xxxxxxx	1,011,569	xxxxxxx
OTHER							
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	23,590	1.000	36,865	1.000	56,000	27,107
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	23,590	1.000	36,865	1.000	56,000	27,107
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	1,082,023		1,239,015		1,038,678	
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$28,788,396		\$33,392,915		\$24,347,361	
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$31,052,135		\$35,639,406		\$27,106,299	
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2008	2009	2010			
General Obligation Bonds	135	0	0	0			
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0	0	0			
Temporary Note	145	0	0	0			
No-Fund Warrant	150	0	0	0			
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0	0	0			
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0	0	0			

* Tax Rates are expressed in Mills
** Sponsoring District Only

Ed Moran
President

Sharon K. Olson
Clerk of the Board