

## Requirements could be a problem

## County round up

By Karen Krien

Gullies and old silage trenches on farms which are now being filled with trash, old machinery and other items could be the target for cleanup in the near future.

Commissioner Ron Krien had recently attended a meeting where the possibility of clean-

ing up these farm landfills along with getting rid of old tires could become a reality. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment appears to be moving toward ridding the Kansas prairies of these landfill sites saying they could be breeding grounds for mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus.

Several years ago, a "fly-over" was conducted in Cheyenne County along with other Kansas counties, to pin point where there were old tire piles. At this time, private landfills were also identified.

Cleaning up landfills and getting rid of tires could be a great expense to farmers and the

county. There may be grants available to help with the cleanup. Since the county is held responsible for the cleanup, Commissioner Krien said that if the farmer doesn't comply, the county may be forced to go in and clean up the private landfills and pickup the tires. However, **See REQUIREMENTS on Page 7A**

• Hospital bonds are sold during the county commissioners' Monday meeting. See article on this page.

## Red Sox player holds clinic at Sainty ballfield

By Karen Krien

Kids in the area will have the opportunity Saturday to get tips from a Red Sox third baseman as well as help raise money for the St. Francis baseball field.



Hillenbrand

Shea Hillenbrand and his wife Jennifer will be in St. Francis this weekend to visit with grandparents Albert and Bessie Burr and, while he is here, he has agreed to conduct a baseball clinic for kids ages third grade through 12th

grade. Registration will be at 12:30 p.m. There is a fee for the clinic but the public is welcome to come watch, admission free. Donations will be accepted.

Many will remember Hillenbrand as he was in St. Francis a year ago. At that time, he talked to students in an all-school assembly and then was guest at an open house where he visited with people and signed autographs.

The Burrs keep up with his records by watching television and reading newspapers. Their daughter Sheryl also sends publications. This way, they know when to hang their red socks on the front porch, letting all of the St. Francis residents know that Shea has hit **See RED SOX on Page 7A**

## Sainty team victim of a Peeping Tom

By Karen Krien

The volleyball games held in Brewster Saturday were over and the Sainty girls were in the shower, getting ready to head home when one of the girls looked up into a vent and was positive there was a camera lens and a blinking red light, which indicates a video camera is on. Allegedly, several other girls also saw the lens and light.

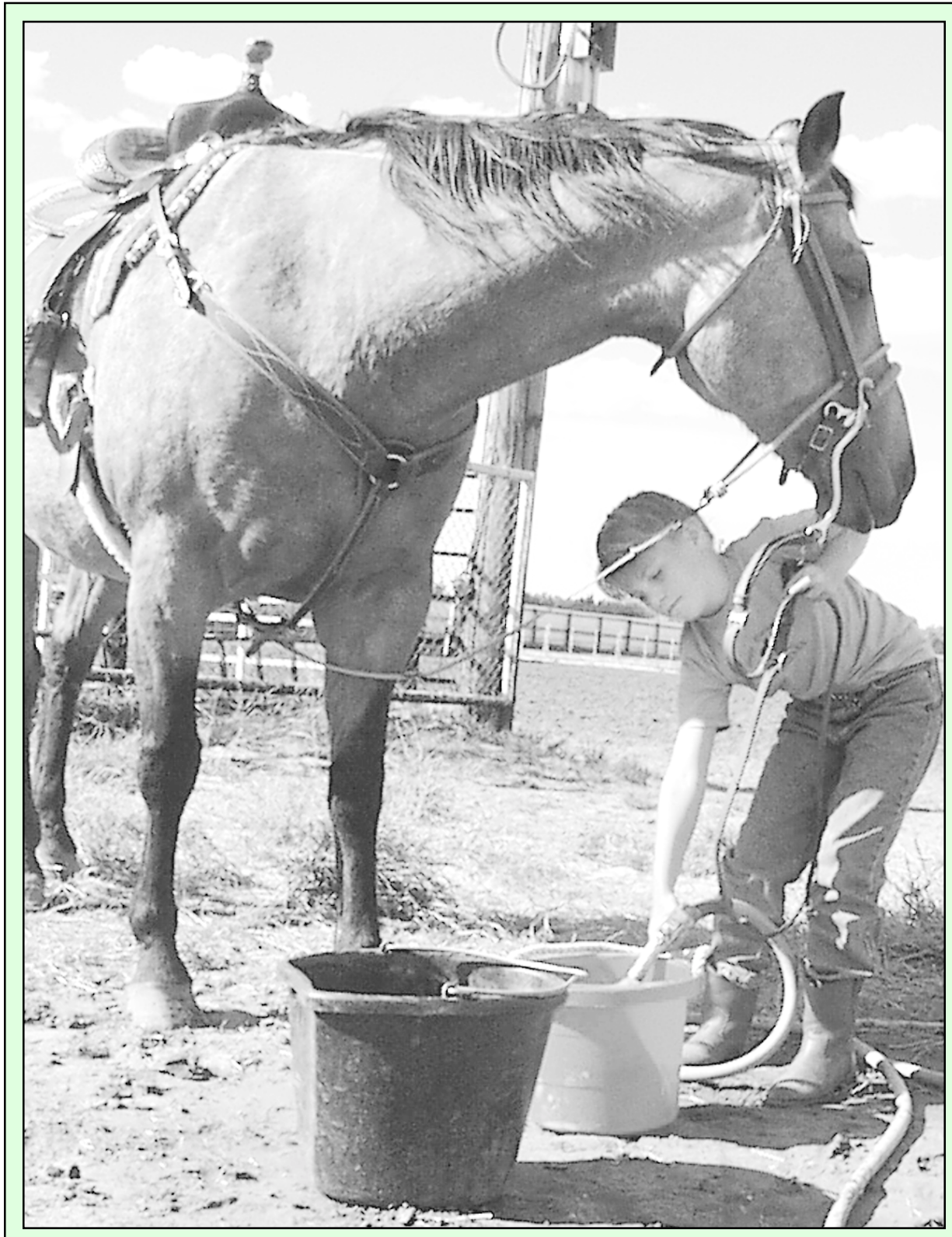
Coach Kent Kechter, who had been taking equipment to the bus, said that he knew something was wrong when he came back into the building.

"These girls were adamant about what they had seen — they knew there was a camera in that vent," Coach Kechter said. Most of the crowd and players had al-

ready left the building with the exception of the athletic director Laura Rush, who was seven months pregnant, and Ron Ribordy, the custodian, along with Jeff Olofson, the other Sainty coach. Coach Susan Dinkle was out in the bus and later spent time with the girls.

Coach Kechter and the athletic director could see where a vent leading to the locker rooms had been pried open and forced shut but the only other way out was through locked doors leading to a utility access area between the walls of the shower room. The director opened one of the doors and was sure she had seen someone.

The coach said that he was unsure if **See VICTIM on Page 7A**



**A LOT FOR A LITTLE COWGIRL TO HANDLE — Laura Brunk was trying to fill the bucket with water while holding on to her horse following the gymkhana on Sunday.**

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## 'Breaks' site of trail ride

By Karen Krien

The 12th annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set for Sunday and the site for the ride is the scenic terrain of The Breaks north of St. Francis. Horses are to be saddled and ready to ride by 2 p.m. central daylight time.

"What a great way to spend the afternoon — with family, friends, horses and the great outdoors," said Sharon Olofson, adding that people can also donate money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The ride will take approximately 2.5 to 3 hours and after the ride, the 4-H Horse Club members will be hosting a barbecue.

Signs will be posted to the starting point but for those unfamiliar with the way to The Breaks, there are several sets of directions:

1) From U.S. 36, St. Francis, turn north at the Empire Motel onto Benton Street and proceed north 3 miles (to the transformers), around the curve northeast, then north 13 miles. This road is also known as the Park's Road.

2) From Benkelman, go 13 miles west on U.S. 34 (to the Mills Hereford Ranch sign), then turn south for 2 miles.

3) From Haigler, travel 8 miles east on U.S. 34 (to the Mills Hereford Ranch sign), then south 2 miles.

In case of inclement weather, the ride will be held one week later.

"A bit of heart and soul goes into each trail ride so come join in the fun," Mrs. Olofson said.

For more information, contact: Gary Cooper, 785-332-2904; Doug Ross, 785-332-2256; Greg Cooper, 785-332-2615; or Mrs. Olofson, 785-332-2248.

## Improvements continue at city hall

By Sandy Barnhart

It is only a short time until the city council plans to move the city office and police department into the newly remodeled building across the street from the courthouse. At the Sept. 24 city council meeting, bills to be paid were approved and the crumbling mortar in the brick work on the front were discussed.

The council approved payment to Troy Porter for landscaping - \$26,000 which was his original bid. He was also paid for removal and replacement of

curb and gutter - \$1,700; removal and replacement of cement by back door - \$450; and crushed rock - \$560.

Councilmen Roger Jensen informed the council at a previous meeting that the new windows on the city hall building had leaked during the recent two large rain storms. After taking a closer look he felt that the leakage was coming from the mortar around the bricks on the front of the building.

Councilman Jensen had contacted Roger Goltl, a plaster, drywall and stucco contractor out of McCook, to

look at the building. Several options were given with Mr. Goltl suggesting the best way would be to stucco the front. Mr. Goltl felt the job would cost around \$10,000 with a leeway of 10 percent. Councilman Jensen also noted that this was not a firm bid as Mr. Goltl usually charges by the hour.

Both Councilwoman Kay Shay and Councilman Rick Krieger questioned if there was a way to save the original historical brick front of the building. Councilman Jensen explained that when the bricks were laid there was no

Portland cement in the mortar. Now the mortar was getting old enough to where it was turning soft and small holes were appearing. As far as tuck-pointing the joints, he explained that the mortar joints had not been struck back very far so the mortar is almost flush with the bricks making it almost impossible to go in and tuck-point them.

The council then instructed city clerk Mary Lampe to put an ad in the paper asking for bids to repair the front of the new city building. The bids will be **See CITY HALL on Page 7A**

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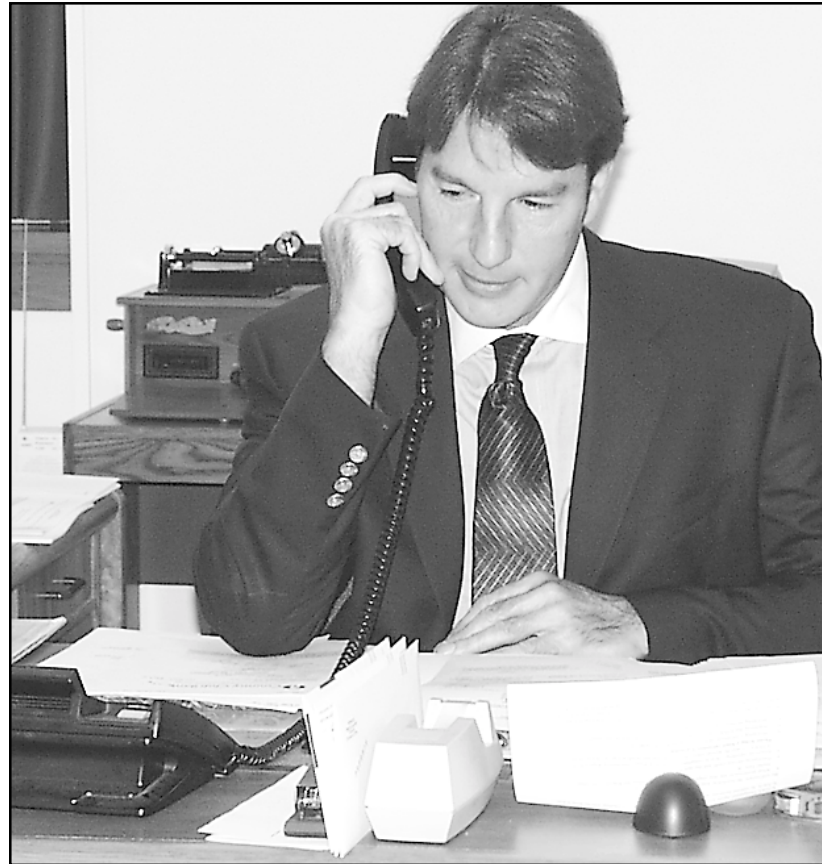
## Hospital bonds are bought

The bonds for remodeling and adding on to the Cheyenne County Hospital were sold Monday during the county commissioners' meeting.

Chuck Curfman with Cooper, Malone, McClain, the bonding company in charge, arrived at 10:30 a.m. to take phone calls concerning the bonds and conduct the sale of the bonds. There were four bids received and, at the close of the sale, he announced that Commerce Bank, Country Club Bank, UMB Bank and Gold Capital Management had submitted bids along with the required \$28,000 good faith deposit.

However, Commerce Bank had the winning bid with a true interest rate of 2.260760 percent.

A proposed resolution detailing the bond sale, announcing the interest rate and winning bid was read. Resolution 02-08 was adopted by the commissioners and Commerce Bank was accepted



**HOSPITAL BONDS were sold during the Monday county commissioners' meeting. Chuck Curfman with Cooper, Malone, McClain bonding company, manned the phone during the sale.**

as the low bidder and, if Commerce Bank were not to meet the necessary re-

## Council continues working to meet sewer requirements

At the Sept. 24 St. Francis City Council meeting, Thaniel Monaco, of Miller and Associates, McCook, discussed what was needed next to meet the Kansas Department of Health and Environment requirements concerning the city's sewer system. He presented three basic items which the city would need have in place and approved by the Oct. 15 meeting.

They included: 1) an option to purchase land to explained the sewer

waste site; 2) an engineering contract for the design and construction services for the waste site, which will be provided by Miller and Associates; 3) a series of public informative meetings to discuss the grant and funding process.

The informative meeting and public hearing is a requirement for the Community Block Development Grant for the sewer and is a requirement by the Environmental Protection Agency in the plans to upgrade

the system.

Mr. Monaco explained that the project in which the city is applying for a grant will include the upgrade and expansion of the existing waste water treatment facility which is a "controlled discharge lagoon."

To date, the city has completed the manhole inspections which will be reviewed at the Oct. 8 meeting.

A different type of lift station is also in the planning. At the present **See SEWER on Page 7A**

## City crew plans fall cleanup in October

The Fall City-Wide Cleanup has been scheduled for shortly after the 17th but residents will need to call in to the power plant on or before Oct. 17 to get their items picked up.

During the cleanup, citizens having anything as big as a vehicle or refrigerator, or as small as yard waste may have it picked up for no charge. To have items picked up, people must call the power plant at 785-332-3031. "Without a call, the crew is not au-

thorized to pick up items, even if they are beside the trash container," said J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent.

He said that items to be hauled away must be outside the house because the city crew is not authorized to enter homes.

Residents are asked to put yard waste in bags, boxes or containers that can be emptied or use on-ground sheets. Those having questions should call the power plant.

"Your cooperation will be sincerely appreciated," the superintendent said. "We also ask that residents be patient as the cleanup will require several days to complete.

This is an opportunity for residents to clean up their yards and homes before the winter months arrive. Those items not called in for pick up will need to wait until next spring or the resident will need to haul them to the landfill themselves.

# REQUIREMENTS

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 The commissioners were concerned at the cost of this type of cleanup. They asked Kevin Berens, county attorney, to see if the law would allow the commissioners to clean up the site and then charge for the service by adding the cost to the tax bill. It was noted that the city of St. Francis is able to make these charges on resident's taxes.

Commissioner Krien felt that these requirements were coming but did not know when. He just wanted residents to be aware of what "might be coming down the pipe."  
 Commissioner Tim Raile reported that in Colorado, there are rural dumpsters which pick up trash and it may come that Cheyenne County will be looking into a similar solution for helping farmers.

Also at the landfill meeting, Commissioner Krien learned that regulations for extending the landfill site were not as stringent as they once were so advised that the commissioners try to purchase land adjoining the landfill site.

**Emergency medical service**  
 Clerk Terry Miller, speaking for Larry Gabel, emergency medical service director, said that, because of recent Health Information Portability and Accountability Act rulings, the commissioners would no longer be able to see those listed in the ambulance's list of write-offs which the county can no longer collect. He

also said that Janelle Bowers, ambulance service bookkeeper would be taking over all billing for the service as the personnel in Plainville who was previously doing the billing had gotten behind and, because the bills were turned in late, they were not paid.

The commissioners were concerned as they had been told at a previous meeting that all late billings had been written off and, now they had more in the amount of \$7,840. They decided to have the director and bookkeeper come to the next meeting to give more information on the matter.

The commissioners also decided not to sign the write-off list until the next meeting.

**County health office**  
 Susan Roelfs, county health nurse, gave a report on what has happened in her office in the past quarter. She presented the programs the department is currently operating and the numbers associated with each program.

Nurse Roelfs has been working on a bio-terrorism grant and will be receiving \$22,881. She also gave the commissioners a copy of the county's Bio-Terrorism Preparedness and Response Plan and asked about purchasing a two-way radio with 911 funds. The commissioners asked her to talk further with Gary Rogers, emergency preparedness manager, to see if there were any of

the county's radios not being used and to report back at another commissioners' meeting.

**In other business**  
 • Attorney Berens suggested that the commissioners not sign the juvenile center contracts.  
 • Clerk Miller read a letter from the State Property Valuation stating that the county was in compliance.  
 • Commissioner Jane Brubaker, who was unable to attend the Monday meeting, wanted the other commissioners to know that she was interested in once again discussing county-wide law enforcement. Commissioner Raile said that he would support the effort but did not have the time to head the research.  
 • Open enrollment for the county's Corporate Plan Health Insurance was discussed. Currently, employees may not add a family member to the plan once a selection of coverage is made. However, now there are two employees wanting to add their spouses because the spouses' present insurance rate has made a significant jump in cost. The commissioners were concerned that by having an open enrollment, this might cause the insurance rate to cost more. The clerk will look into gaining more information.  
 • Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, gave his report. Western Sprinklers was wanting to put an electrical cable under a county road and the commissioners signed a permit allowing the cable to be laid.  
 • Ranae Pilkington, road and bridge secretary, was selected by the commissioners to attend this year's Leadership Cheyenne County class.  
 • Mary Morrow, register of deeds, was given permission to attend a Kansas Association of Commissioners meeting in Wichita.

**Next meeting**  
 The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Oct. 15 in the commissioners' room at the courthouse in St. Francis.

**Island project**  
 Council woman Shay reported that the U.S. 36 Island Project Committee had met with a representative from the Kansas Department of Transportation concerning the Enhancement Grant. She felt that the officials had been favorable of the idea. She also noted that the application deadline is Nov. 8. The grant is an 80/20 reimbursement grant.

**Superintendent report**  
 • Paul Larson is working with the city crew as a co-op student.  
 • The council approved to share a load of 50 poles with Goodland. The cost will be \$5,651 for 25 poles delivered to St. Francis.

**Other business**  
 In other business:  
 • Superintendent Landenberger said four letters had been sent to residents asking them to mow their yards.  
 • The council instructed Superintendent Landenberger to make an inspection at 218 E. First Street concerning rodents and report to the council at the next meeting. Skunks have been seen in that area.  
 • The council approved the bill of \$23,286 to Miller and Associates for the proposed service for the waste land evaluation and manhole study.  
 • The council approved to reimburse Ashley Holzwarth for the tuition for lifeguard certification in the amount of \$133. They also approved to reimburse

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 opened at the Oct. 8 meeting.

The council instructed Clerk Lampe to also get bids for a drop slot and telephone lines for both the city and police offices.

**Old city building**  
 After reviewing the appraisal on the city building at 113 W. Washington, the council approved to first open the building up for bids for 30 days and bids will be opened the first meeting in November. If the council does not accept any of the bids the building will then be listed with the realtors in town. The council also noted that in the best interest of the city the appraisal value of the building will not be open to the public.

**Building permits**  
 Building permits were approved for the following businesses and residents: Cheyenne County Clinic, additions and

Meredith Knodel for lifeguard certification.

• Bids for the 1989 Ford Bronco, formerly used as a police vehicle, were not opened because of a misprint in the paper stating that the Bronco was a 1998. The ad will be run again with the correct information.

• Mayor Scott Schultz and the council authorized payment of \$20,076 to Western Auction for the purchase of the Gary Ferguson property between Spencer and West First streets.

• A check in the amount of \$1,587 was received from Kansas Municipal Energy Agency.

**Council comments**  
 Councilman Rodney Bracelin noted that he had received several complaints of semi trucks parking on the streets with their engines idling. The council instructed Chief Jason Ryan to proceed with ticketing these trucks.

**Next meeting**  
 The next regular city council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday. A public meeting to discuss the grant and funding will be held Oct. 15 and the public hearing will be held Oct. 29. Both meetings will be held at 7 p.m.

# VICTIMS

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 he saw anything but had heard some rustling. He told the director to get out of the room and he positioned himself behind the door to stop anyone who might come out. At that same time, Coach Olofson and the custodian were guarding the locker room door.

Only seconds after the director left the room, Coach Kechter heard some commotion and someone running behind the door which was followed by hysterical screaming of girls.

Adam F. Juenemann, a 23-year-old Brewster man, had tried to get out the other door which was locked and when that failed, had gone through the vent into the other locker room where the Saintry girls were gathering up the last of their gear and equipment.

As he fled through the locker room door, Coach Olofson tackled the suspect and the custodian assisted until Coach Kechter arrived.

Juenemann was dragged into the gym away from the girls and doors where he was kept until authorities arrived.

"I was thankful that we could catch him," Coach Kechter said. "We need to put the heat on to make sure that this doesn't happen again."

Coaches Kechter and Olofson, along with Scott Carmichael, principal, spent most of Monday in Brewster delivering depositions and talking to authorities. Coach Dinkle was in Brewster on Tuesday identifying girls on the tape.

According to the Colby Free Press, Juenemann was arrested and remains in the Thomas County Jail in Colby. Charges being recommended to County Attorney Allen Taylor include aggravated burglary, criminal damage to property, criminal trespassing, sexual exploitation of a child, as well as possible eavesdropping.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation has been asked to assist in the case.

On Tuesday, Mike Baughn, Thomas County Undersheriff, reported that school officials are in Colby identifying the girls on the tapes and that charges will be filed later. The date of the arraignment has not been set.

# RED SOX

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 another home run. The socks hang on the front porch for a week.

Hillenbrand has been featured in a number of publications including the *Boston Globe* and other newspapers, the *Red Sox*' official magazine and he made the front cover as well as having a feature article in the *Boston Baseball* magazine.

In fact, the April 14 Sunday *Boston Globe* printed, "Hammerin' Shea Hillenbrand pulled off the nearly unfathomable by slamming a two-out, two-strike-two-run homer to lift the Sox to an electrifying 7-6 victory over the Yankees."

During the game, Yankees' pitcher Mariano Rivera delivered a 95-mile-an-hour fastball into Hillenbrand's wheelhouse, the Sox' youngest position player, and he drove it high, resulting in the victory.

This spring when the Red Sox played the Los Angeles Dodgers, Hillenbrand did most of the scoring himself, going 4 for 4 with two homers and a double. Unfortunately for the Red Sox, that he-

roic effort wasn't enough to win.

Hillenbrand was one of five Red Sox players selected to play in the 2002 American League All-Star team. He led the voting for American League third basemen with 116,231 votes. Hillenbrand reaction was, "Wow. I'm very surprised. I'm baffled."

Hillenbrand said he grew up as a "die-hard Dodgers fan." He spent his childhood in Arcadia, Calif., and the Dodgers was the only team he ever followed. When he wasn't watching baseball, he was dreaming of baseball and, that someday, he would step on the Dodger field and be able to play.

In an article which appeared in the *Boston Red Sox News*, Hillenbrand said, "Once you dream about playing here (Dodger Stadium), you dream about hitting a home run here. Experiencing that in my second at bat of my first game at Dodger Stadium.... I've had dreams the whole last week about just playing here."


Hillenbrand is 6-foot, 1-inch tall and weighs 200 pounds. This is his second year playing with the major leagues.

# SEWER

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 lift station is around 35-years old and the city crew must go some 30 feet underground to work on the station. The new lift station will be completely above ground.

The complete project cost being submitted for a Block Grant is \$800,000. The grant is a 50/50 grant, the city hopes to receive \$400,000 from the grant and obtain a State Revolving Loan for the remaining \$400,000.

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