

Waste treatment facility is the topic of town meeting

By Melinda Basnett

A special Town Meeting was called on Thursday Jan. 10 to discuss the needs of updating the waste water treatment facility.

Charlie Schwindamann, a tech from the Kansas Rural Water Association was the guest speaker. He outlined the steps that need to be followed to get the project started.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment sent the city a letter letting them know that the inspection performed in July indicated some major problems with the existing facility. Problems include the dosing siphon, the trickling filter, trickling arms, and the recirculation pump in the final clarifier. The existing facility was built in 1954.

The KDHE is recommending the city hire an engineering firm to evaluate the existing plant and also installation of a new waste water facility. They are asking that the city consider a non-discharging lagoon system.

Mr. Schwindamann has looked over the situation and agrees with the KDHE recommendation. He explained that once a letter of compliance arrives from the KDHE

there will be deadlines to have a plan in order. Booklets on how to go about finding and hiring an engineer were distributed to the council members. An engineer should be able to assist the council in finding funding sources such as grants and low interest loans to cover the cost. A conservative estimate for this project is around \$700,000.00.

Kathy Domsch was present and notified the council that the block grant for 2006 is already closed but the deadline for 2007 applications is in September, and recipients will be notified by March. The block grant is anywhere from \$250,000 to \$450,000. The remainder of the costs would probably be covered by a low interest loan.

Mrs. Domsch also warned the council that if sewer fee rates were below the current state average this would hurt the chances to qualify for funding. Bird City's current rate is nine dollars per month and the state average is \$15.00. An increase in sewer rates would also help to pay back any loans obtained for funding.

Mr. Schwindamann continued the meeting with an explanation of what a non-discharging lagoon sys-



Schwindamann

tem would entail. There would be three lagoon cells to treat the waste water. The first trapping most of the solids and the third being available to be used for irrigation.

The city council will start putting together a request for qualification for the engineering firms for the next regular city council meeting.



NEW BIRD CITY EDITOR — Melinda Basnett is getting some tips from Casey McCormick on her first day at her new job. Times staff photo by Karen Krien

New Bird City editor named

By Casey McCormick

The Bird City Times has a new associate editor. Melinda Basnett has joined the newspaper staff.

Publisher Karen Krien made the decision to place Mrs. Basnett in the position.

"I believe that she will bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the paper," Mrs. Krien said.

Mrs. Basnett is married to Donny Basnett and they have two

children: Chris, a sophomore, and Kelly, a freshman, both at Cheylin High School.

The family lives on a farm south-east of Bird City.

The Basnetts moved to Bird City in 1990 from Brush, Colo., where Mrs. Basnett grew up.

She will be covering news in the Bird City and McDonald areas. The drop basket at the Hometown Market will still be used for news items

and the mailing address will continue to be P.O. Box 220, Bird City, KS 67731. Mrs. Basnett's office will be out of her home. The telephone number is 785-734-2435.

Mrs. Basnett fills the vacancy left by DeAnza Church. Although Mrs. Church will no longer be part of the Bird City Times staff, she will do freelance writing for the paper.

Personnel policy is discussed

By Melinda Basnett

The Bird City Council met in a special meeting immediately following Thursday Town Hall Meeting to discuss the personnel policy. They had not been able to discuss this at the regular meeting due to the absence of Kari Gilliland, the city attorney, legal council.

The current policy describes the city clerk's hours to be 35 hours per week. City clerk Jana Diers reported she has been working approximately 33 hours a week, but she could use the extra time to

complete her tasks. The council told her to start using 35 hours.

Compensatory time was the main item brought up for discussion.

The council felt that as comp time accumulates and when it is paid at the end of the year, creates a problem with budgeting. Comp time also causes a loss of productivity when an employee takes that time off and something needs attention.

The council voted to discontinue compensatory time and just pay overtime at the current rate when

extra hours are needed in an emergency or when approved by the mayor and/or council members.

The overtime will be paid on regular pay periods as it is earned. This allows the council to know financial positions in their current state.

All employees were in agreement with this change.

A cost-of-living increase will be researched for the next regular council meeting. This increase could be made retroactive to Jan. 1.

Ladies defeat Oakley, earn first win of year

By Betty Jean Winston

The junior varsity girls played two quarters of basketball with Oakley on Friday night in Oakley and scored a 20-17 victory.

"The good news is that we finally got a win; the bad news was that we know we can play much better," Coach Larry Flemming said.

Holly Keller led the scoring with eight points in the abbreviated contest.

From the free-throw line, Oakley was 5-of-8 for 63 percent while the Lady Indians were 3-of-7 for 43 percent.

Sidnee Crabtree and Katie Ford each collected five rebounds out of the team total of

18. Twelve of the 18 were defensive boards.

The team had 17 turnover and five assists in this game and managed six steals with Crabtree and Andrea Holzwarth having two each.

The team record stands at 1-6.



SFCHS HONOR ROLL

SECOND NINE WEEKS ♦ 2005-2006

Superintendent's Honor Roll - Grade point avg. above 3.75

SENIORS	FRESHMEN
DAVID CLARK • SCHUYLER COATES JADE DEGOOD • MCKENZIE GRACE GRACE HNZIDL • HEATH KIBEL SAM MARIN • SHERYL MILLER HEATH OWENS • ALLYSON REICHERT ADAM TYGART • SAWYER WHITE	CJ DOUTHIT • JON FINLEY CARA HUNT • SAM SOWERS KIM VOELLER • MATT WHITMORE
JUNIORS	EIGHTH
SHAINA GOHL • AMY HILT RUSSELL ROGERS • ADRIENNE SWIHART ALECIA ZIMBELMAN	BROOKLYN HNZIDL • BENJAMIN NEITZEL DALE NORTHRUP • TRENT RAILE
SOPHOMORES	SEVENTH
HEATHER HNZIDL • KATHERINE JONES HOLLY KELLER • DARA LOYD KATLIN MARIN • SARA MILLER • GAVIN SMULL TERI WALTERS • LAUREN ZWEYGARDT	GARRETT FIGGINS • BRENDAN FINLEY MIKAELA GRACE • SHAYLA HILT BROOKS HOBROCK • BRETT LAMPE ALYSON MARIN • AUBREE SCHLEPP CODY SHERLOCK

High Honor Roll - Grade point avg. 3.33 to 3.74

SENIORS	FRESHMEN
MARGO DOUTHIT • ASHLEY DOWGWILLO TAL EARL • MADDIE KNODEL DYLAN LOYD • CHRISTI MILNE ERIN NEITZEL • TREVOR RICHARD GABE SMULL • TALISA VOORHIES SAM ZWEYGARDT	SIDNEE CRABTREE • ELIZABETH GIENGER ANDREA HOLZWARTH TAYLOR KENNEDY • JONI PEVLER TARYN RICHARD • JACOB RIEDEL
JUNIORS	EIGHTH
DANIELLE FLEMMING • NATHAN KETZNER BRITANNY LUCAS • AMANDA NIPPS MEGAN RICE • LAUREN ROSS	DARRIS KELLER • MARVIN MILLER EMILY MULLINS • EDGAR PACHECO MATT RAILE • AMBER SMULL BRITNEY STATLEY • DAVID STEPHENS DREW ZWEYGARDT
SOPHOMORES	SEVENTH
JOSH CARPENTER • CASSIE DANKENBRING CHANCE HOBROCK	ALEX DRAPER • CHRISTINA HILT JODIE HILT • SHAYLA HILT LEXEE REICHERT

Honor Roll - Grade point avg. 3.0

SENIORS	FRESHMEN
KATORA SHERLOCK ANGELA VANALLEN	MEGAN GILLILAND • SARAH GUTHMILLER TRENT KINEN • JEREMY MEYER JAMI PEVLER • SHAWN WARREN CANDICE WIESE
JUNIORS	EIGHTH
MINDY COOPER • MAC FREWEN JOEL MCATEE • ZACH MILLS	GRADY BRUNK • BRITANNY HENDERSON TERRENCE LAMB • KAYCEE WILLIAMS
SOPHOMORES	SEVENTH
ANDREA BORN • TED CRABTREE KATTIE FORD • KEATON FREWEN DAVID GUTHMILLER	ADAM GUTHMILLER • ROBERT HERMAN BRANDON KEEKER • CODY KILLINGSWORTH TYLER LAUER • ZACH ZWEYGARDT

FIRST SEMESTER ♦ 2005-2006

Superintendent's Honor Roll - Grade point avg. above 3.75

SENIORS	FRESHMEN
DAVID CLARK • JADE DEGOOD MCKENZIE GRACE • GRACE HNZIDL SAM MARIN • SHERYL MILLER HEATH OWENS • TREVOR RICHARD ADAM TYGART • SAWYER WHITE	SIDNEE CRABTREE • CJ DOUTHIT JON FINLEY • ELIZABETH GIENGER ANDREA HOLZWARTH • CARA HUNT SAM SOWERS • KIM VOELLER MATT WHITMORE
JUNIORS	EIGHTH
SHAINA GOHL • AMY HILT BRITANNY LUCAS • RUSSELL ROGERS LAUREN ROSS • ADRIENNE SWIHART ALECIA ZIMBELMAN	BROOKLYN HNZIDL • BENJAMIN NEITZEL DALE NORTHRUP • TRENT RAILE
SOPHOMORES	SEVENTH
HEATHER HNZIDL • KATHERINE JONES HOLLY KELLER • DARA LOYD KATLIN MARIN • SARA MILLER • GAVIN SMULL TERI WALTERS • LAUREN ZWEYGARDT	BRENDAN FINLEY • MIKAELA GRACE BROOKS HOBROCK • ALYSON MARIN AUBREE SCHLEPP • CODY SHERLOCK

High Honor Roll - Grade point avg. 3.33 to 3.74

SENIORS	FRESHMEN
EDWARD BARGO • SCHUYLER COATES MARGO DOUTHIT • ASHLEY DOWGWILLO TAL EARL • LESLIE HERNANDEZ HEATH KIBEL • MADDIE KNODEL DYLAN LOYD • CHRISTI MILNE ERIN NEITZEL • ALLYSON REICHERT ASHTON RUEB • GABE SMULL TALISA VOORHIES • SAM ZWEYGARDT	TAYLOR KENNEDY • TRENT KINEN JONI PEVLER • JACOB RIEDEL
JUNIORS	EIGHTH
MINDY COOPER • DANIELLE FLEMMING JORDAN GIENGER • NATHAN KETZNER AMANDA NIPPS • MEGAN RICE	DARRIS KELLER • MARVIN MILLER EMILY MULLINS • EDGAR PACHECO MATT RAILE • AMBER SMULL BRITNEY STATLEY • DAVID STEPHENS KAYCEE WILLIAMS
SOPHOMORES	SEVENTH
JOSH CARPENTER • TED CRABTREE CASSIE DANKENBRING • DAVID GUTHMILLER CHANCE HOBROCK	ALEX DRAPER • GARRETT FIGGINS ADAM GUTHMILLER • CHRISTINA HILT JODIE HILT • SHAYLA HILT BRETT LAMPE • LEXEE REICHERT

Honor Roll - Grade point avg. 3.0

SENIORS	FRESHMEN
MATT BROWN • KATORA SHERLOCK ANGELA VANALLEN	MEGAN GILLILAND • SARAH GUTHMILLER LACEY KIBEL • JEREMY MEYER JAMI PEVLER • TARYN RICHARD SHAWN WARREN • ASHLEY ZWEYGARDT
JUNIORS	EIGHTH
MAC FREWEN • BENJAMIN KILLINGSWORTH • JOEL MCATEE ZACH MILLS • BRANDON RUEB	TERRENCE LAMB • DREW ZWEYGARDT
SOPHOMORES	SEVENTH
ANDREA BORN • KATTIE FORD KEATON FREWEN • JUSTIN SHERLOCK	ROBERT HERMAN • BRANDON KEEKER CODY KILLINGSWORTH • TYLER LAUER ZACH ZWEYGARDT

Keep up the good work

Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts
BANKWEST-OF KANSAS
Bartlett Grain Co. L.P.
Becky's Bierocks
Bier's Hometown Store
Brice's Auto Repair
Bud & Eunice Burnham
Burr Retail Liquor
Cooks' Empire Motel
Sam & Paula Crabtree
Craig & Nadja Button
Hoagie & Dara Carmichael
Cheyenne Bowl/Dairy King
Cheyenne Co. Clinic/Hospital
Cheyenne Feeders L.L.C.
Pat & Vicki Cress
Theron & Carolyn Culwell
Patrick & Brenda Delano
Diamond R Bar & Grill
Dr. Melvin & Barb Dunn
Farm Bureau Insurance
Bruce & Sharon Feikert
First National Bank

Frewen Insurance Agency
Fromholtz Body Shop
Larry & Beth Gabel
Kelly & Penny Gienger
Good Samaritan Village
Homesteader Motel
& Trailer Park.
JB Well & Trenching Service
Jenik Oil Co.
K-Store
Perry & Paula Keller
One More Year Ranch -
Pete & Alice Kinen
Kite & Day Law Office
Knodel Funeral Home
Don & Twila Kramer
Krien Masonry Service
Krien Pharmacy
Krien Steel Buildings
Lampe Hardware
Leach Insurance Agency
L & W Andrist Ins. Agency LLC-
Linda & Walt Linthacum

Daryl & Keely Loyd
Casey & Lezie McCormick
Massage Therapy & Bodyworks
Marvin & Anita Miller
Terry & Mary Beth Miller
James Milliken, Chartered
Morrow's Garage
Neitzel Insurance Service
NAPA Auto Supply
Owens True Value
Park Hill Restaurant & Lounge
Pizza Hut
Brett Poling Chiropractic
Dr. Tim & Margaret Poling
Republican Valley Vet Clinic
Bud & Marla Rice
River Valley Ranch
Kenneth & Janet Roberson
Krien Steel Buildings
Marlin & Anabelle Rueb
Rueb Cattle -
Randy & Ricki Rueb
Marlin & Anabelle Rueb

St. Francis Equity
St. Francis Herald
St. Francis Sand & Pedi Mix
St. Francis Super's
St. Francis Tire & Service
Schultz's
Shay Realty, Inc.
Silver Crest Farms
Dan & Rita Stephens
Stuart's Jewelry
Dr. Pat & Bonnie Stuart
Talley's Portrait Photography
Tri-State Lumber/Photogs Plus
Unger Chiropractic Clinic
Video Connection
Video Kingdom
Gale & Mary Walz
Wiese Angus Farm -
Kip & Deone Wiese
Carl Werner
Western Sprinklers
Wheeler Equity
Betty Jean Winston

How to kill a business in just 10 easy steps ...

1. Don't advertise. Just pretend everybody knows what you have to offer.
2. Don't advertise. Tell yourself you just don't have time to spend thinking about promoting your business.
3. Don't advertise. Just assume everybody knows what you sell.
4. Don't advertise. Convince yourself that you've been in business so long customers will automatically come to you.
5. Don't advertise. Forget that there are new potential customers who would do business with you if they were urged to do so.
6. Don't advertise. Forget that you have competition trying to attract your customers away from you.
7. Don't advertise. Tell yourself it costs too much to advertise and that you don't get enough out of it.
8. Don't advertise. Overlook the fact that advertising is an investment in selling — not an expense.
9. Don't advertise. Be sure not to provide an adequate advertising budget for your business.
10. Don't advertise. Forget that you have to keep reminding your customers that you appreciate their business.

Call Casey at 785-332-3162

The Saint Francis Herald

310 W. Washington • St. Francis, KS 67756 • 785-332-3162