

Weather Corner



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County hears other options for capping landfill cell

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coming, and now that it's here, they are prepared for it. Sheriff Rod Taylor brought commissioners a bill from Larry Heier Plumbing for \$5,100 for installation of a new stainless steel commode in the jail.

a new deputy that would save most of the overtime spent over this past year. He said if salaries remain the same, he could spend \$28,500 and save around \$14,000.

He said in the federal forfeiture rules, there is an equitable sharing program which allows that money to be used to pay the first-year salary.

'We have one year to figure it out,' he said, 'and we'll see how it plays out.'

Commissioner Steele told the sheriff the budget was in place, and said the commissioners trusted him to work out the guidelines.

Taylor said if he can hire someone that is already trained, it

would help sooner on overtime, because a new hire has to be paid while they go to school, and the overtime goes on during the training time for the new hire.

He also told the commissioners he is trading a 2002 car for a 2008 pickup out of the forfeiture account. He said could have informed the commissioners by letter, but wanted to tell them personally, because it was not coming out of taxpayers' money.

Road boss Clair Schrock came to tell the commissioners his department could do more gravel this year if they hire a contractor to do some asphalt rehabilitation. He said he had a quote from

Hall Brothers to resurface asphalt roads for \$28,000 a mile. He said it would cost about \$45,000 plus \$5,000 for sealing to have the county crew do the work.

He said Hall would mill a couple of inches off the pavement, grind it, re-oil it and lay it back down. That's cheaper than the county can do it, and hiring the contractor would free up time for his men to concentrate on gravel.

Schrock said he would like to be able to haul additional mix to make the resurface a three-inch layer on the road from K-25 to Mingo, County Road 402, and for the Frahm Road, County Road 415, which runs south from

U.S. 24 four miles west of town. Right now, he added, the priority is on Road 412, the Campus Road, which leads to a big alcohol plant.

In other business the commissioners:

- Approved a maintenance agreement with Manatron Inc. until the new computer system is up and working.
• Accepted an education grant for the ambulance department.
• Reviewed the road and bridge, noxious weed, landfill and Emergency Medical Service reports.
• Approved the county departments' inventory.

Colby High graduate gets K-State scholarship

A Colby High graduate has been selected for the 2009-2010 Joseph Lieber Memorial Cooperative Scholarship at Kansas State University, named for a long-time leader of Kansas co-ops.



Wyatt Rundel

Wyatt Rundel, a senior majoring in agribusiness with a minor in business, operates Mobile Disc Jockey Service, works for Deaver Custom Combining and is an independent contractor for Wildcat Services.

After graduation, he says he plans to pursue a career in agricultural banking and lending. He is the son of Tom and Nancy Rundel of Colby.

The scholarship was established in honor of Joe Lieber, executive vice-president, president and chief executive officer of the Kansas Cooperative Council from 1986

until his death in 2003. It was first awarded in 2006.

'The scholarship was established to perpetuate the memory of the contribution of Joseph Lieber... to encourage an interest in ... all types of cooperatives, including agricultural, financial, electric, telephone, housing and consumer cooperatives,' said Professor David Barton, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center.

To be eligible, a student must be either a junior or senior in K-State's College of Agriculture and have some affiliation with a member of the council.

The council accepts donations for the scholarship through the university's foundation. For information, e-mail dbarton@ksu.edu.

Lawmakers may cut school money

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all courthouses. Justice Lawton Nuss told court employees in a recent letter that a hiring freeze in place since 2008 and other measures have produced enough savings that furloughs can be avoided this month.

Nuss said that with the extra \$5 million, the court will need only four days of furloughs. But legislative researchers are

predicting the state will end its current fiscal year on June 30 with a \$39 million deficit — even with the changes in the bill before the House.

'We don't have \$5 million sitting around,' said Rep. Kasha Kelley, a conservative Arkansas City Republican.

Yet Parkinson has said he doesn't support further cuts in the current budget.

State aid to public schools rose sharply after the Supreme Court

rulings in 2005 and 2006, but schools gave up much of those increases last year. Their base aid declined from \$4,400 per student for the 2008-09 school year to \$4,012 for the current school year, a drop of \$388, or nearly 9 percent.

'In terms of cutting the education budget any more to finance the judicial branch, I don't think it's a good idea,' Parkinson said. 'I think that we've cut education enough.'

Heart Month

While 1 in 30 American women die of breast cancer, 1 in 3 women die from cardiovascular disease.

New technology and staff help test diets at Colby hospital

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said, 'and is the only one between Salina and Denver.'

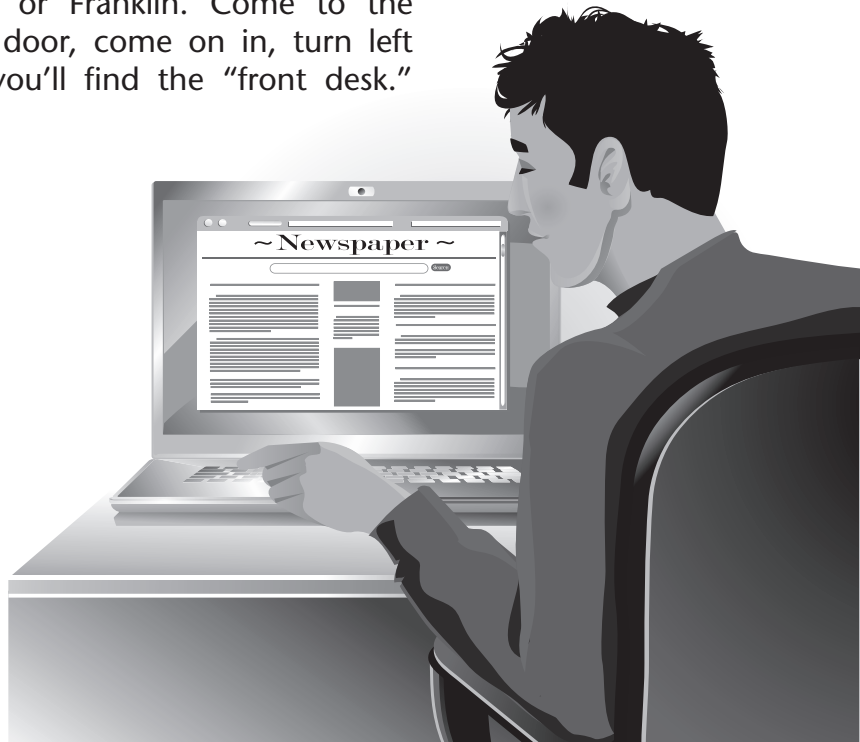
McCarty and Collins said they're taking appointments for anyone who wants to get a sci-

entifically structured caloric measurement before beginning a weight-loss program and are available for consultations during the program. For appointments or questions, call the hospital at (785) 462-7511, extension 894.

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