

Winter fun



Lisa Carson, a sixth grader, and Amanda Mayfield, a fifth grader, enjoyed the snow on Tuesday evening after school let out as they went sledding near the railroad tracks on Cattletrail.
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County clarifies bidding rules

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to come from, as Snethen said it would help her.

Messamore said she didn't understand when bids were necessary. Cheryl Ketter, office manager for the county health department, said the state guideline was anything over \$500.

Crystal Linsner, computer manager, said she tries to get two or three bids on computers when she needs to purchase one and get one with a warranty. Then she tries to use the same people for similar purchases.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Curt Way said he gets quotes on three or four types of equipment and then calls around and gets the best price.

There was discussion about the difference between bids and quotes. Requests for formal bids are published, Messamore said.

"You're not tied into lowest price," Way added.

"When you get quotes or bids, do you count the freight also?" Rasure asked.

The response was yes.

Messamore said it would be nice to know the guidelines if an item is going to cost \$1,000 and wondered when department heads need to come back in to talk to the commissioners.

County Appraiser Terry Ballard said it is easy to fax a memo to the commissioners if there is a question.

Linsner said she feels better on computers if the department head talks to the commissioners before she does something.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby suggested that when setting up departmental budgets, to approve major items then with the commissioners.

"Is that something a county manager could do?" Rasure asked.

"A county manager would be good for that," Messamore replied.

Ballard said when it comes to purchasing, they have a line item for furniture and equipment.

"I don't think it's too difficult to anticipate what your needs will be over a two or three year period," he said. "If we have approval, it would be easier for me. If I make you aware in the budget process, then it would be a matter of me getting quotes and then purchasing it."

"I've always taken the attitude that if a quote is within 10 percent, I buy locally."

The county stores old equipment and furniture at the old Southwestern Bell office on Main.

"When that gets full, then I have an auction," said William McKnight,

county building supervisor.

Selby brought up inter-department billing for work done between departments, including oil changes being done by the road and bridge department for others.

"How is that figured?" Rasure asked.

County employee Steve Goodman said it was parts plus the hourly rate.

Whitson said the sheriff's department takes its vehicles to Dan Brenner Ford to have oil changed.

"We're getting oil changes now for \$20," the sheriff said.

Way said it ties up the shop and manpower to service county vehicles. Selby said she could see Way's position when they service so many vehicles in a short time.

Goodman said on the newer vehicles for the sheriff's department, the county doesn't have the equipment to work on them.

"I think it's been good that we had this meeting," Frankenfeld said.

Rasure said he thought there were pretty good relationships between the departments, and Frankenfeld congratulated Messamore for the awards she received from a national organization.

Commissioner-elect Mitch Tiede sat in on the meeting to observe.

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Well the election results are still unknown as I write this column. I've never seen such a mess or whatever you want to call it.

I was listening to a guy on TV and he said it could be some time before an official answer is arrived at. At the same time, Gore's camp is voicing the fact they will demand or legally ask for a county by county hand recount.

It could turn out to be the most expensive election in the history of the nation. Oh well, I voted, so I can gripe and I will have to take the result of this election, like it or not.

The news out of the Been household isn't what one wants to hear. Mac had his birthday last weekend, but he wasn't allowed to go home from the hospital.

He has had several ups and downs in the last few days. My last report is that he is a very, very sick man and only time will tell what the result will be. Say a prayer for this man and his family during the next few weeks.

A good news item is that Nancy Laughlin is doing OK since the death of Bill. I got an e-mail from her. She said it has been a very hot and long summer, but now the temperature is in the 70s.

She said she is still lawn bowling and many of her friends and the winter residents are beginning to arrive. It was good to hear from her. She said she hopes the papers come to her in an orderly fashion.

Apparently, she doesn't get them on a daily basis, but rather in groups of several papers. Have a good holiday season, Nancy.

I've got tenants on my front porch. Two of the three baby kittens who were there last week have decided they want to live on my porch swing.

At least that's where they and their mommy have been the past few nights. I don't know what has happened to the third one. The little white one lets me rub its head, but the black one still takes off like a shot when I'm around.



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Maybe they will leave since I don't intend to feed them and maybe they will join the neighboring cat family. Want some kittens?

It's going to be a busy weekend again. I have to make a bunch of pumpkin pies on Friday for the chicken noodle dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Saturday.

I got the makings for the pies Thursday evening, so I could get on with the chore on Friday afternoon, get it done and be ready to go to work at bingo that evening.

My friend Frances Musalek told me her family gave her a surprise birthday party a couple of weeks ago.

She thought they were going to go to Colorado Springs for the weekend. Instead, they had to go to Hays, then they "had" car trouble and finally decided to go to her daughter's home for supper.

When they got there, the entire family was waiting for her in the Quonset building at the farm.

Speak of being surprised, she said it was something else. Many happy returns, Frances.

There are a lot of people with really bad colds around town. Some have had a flu shot, but are still really ailing.

One lady said her doctor told her that the shot hadn't had time to go into effect. Some of the others haven't had a shot, so make up your own mind about the flu shots.

I think the best prevention is to keep away from those groups, if possible. In our case, you never know if a patient is coming down with the crud as they don't know themselves until a day or so after their appointment.

By then you've all been exposed and

life goes on. So far, we've been fortunate. I've knocked on my head a few times.

Who knows, that may work and keep me from getting the stuff.

My neighbor Christine Schiefen is having her share of back pain. She has been seeing a doctor, but has no concrete answer yet. Maybe the MRI they took will give them an answer.

I've got five people with birthdays on my sheet. They are John Golden, Fran Maricle and James Wegener on Nov. 12; Jennifer Mentzer on Nov. 15 and Sidney Rasure on Nov. 16.

Happy birthday wishes to these and any others. I don't have or know of any anniversaries, but I want to wish greetings to anyone who may be having one.

It's candy and popcorn selling time. Jonathan McClung sold me some popcorn and I will probably get a call from his sister, Ana, for candy in the next few days.

I know this will be late, but I do want to thank all of the local veterans for their time in service to make our nation what it is. My brother-in-law Bob and nephew Gary both served their country.

Bob served in World War II and Gary during the Vietnam War. Thankfully, they both came home uninjured. Bob was on a submarine tender during his time and Gary on the USS Hancock, an aircraft carrier.

Both of their service times were in the Pacific, a time they seldom talk about even to this day.

Get well wishes to those who are battling for health improvement. Among them are Betty Saint, Betty Rust, Isabelle Hellerud, Leo Hatcher and others that I can't think of or don't know about.

It is getting late, so I'll close for this evening and get this ready for turning in on Friday morning. Till next time, you all take care.

Judge rules principal can be prosecuted

WICHITA (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that a former principal can be prosecuted for pictures of nude girls found in his desk at the Plainville grade school.

Jeff Scott is charged with nine counts of receiving and possessing child pornography.

Senior U.S. District Judge Wesley Brown said the U.S. attorney's office could proceed in prosecuting Scott.

But Brown required ground rules leading to Scott's trial, set for Dec. 19.

The government must spell out specifically which among about two dozen pictures are being used to prosecute Scott and show that testimony is reliable about the age of the photographed subjects.

Scott was principal for more than a year, and left after a secretary discovered pictures of nude females in his

desk drawer in March.

Federal prosecutors say Scott should be punished for having the pictures.

Scott's lawyer, Dan Monnat, declined to talk about the judge's ruling, citing federal rules against pretrial publicity.

Monnat argued that the pictures Scott downloaded from the Internet are no different from the controversial work of artists such as Jock Sturges or David Hamilton.

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