

Commissioners talk about Kanorado addition

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Sherman County commissioners met with four contractors Tuesday morning to talk about an addition to house an ambulance at the Kanorado fire station.

Contractors will submit bids at 8:15 a.m. at a commission meeting on Tuesday, July 31, at the courthouse. The commissioners said the addition is to be completed by Nov. 15.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said the contractors had been invited to give everyone a chance at the job, and to discuss details of the 20-by-30-foot addition at the south end of the existing building.

Present were Terry Dobbs and Mike Cox of Dobbs Construction, Dennis Malsom of Malsom Welding and Building, Darwin McClung of Rhoads Construction and Mike Miller of Miller Construction, plus

Bruce Gleason, director of the county ambulance service.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure told the contractors the plans they were looking at were labeled wrong and the addition is to be 20 by 30, not 20 by 50.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he had measured the building to be sure of the correct size and found the plans were wrong. He said the commissioners want to match the existing building, and showed them where the exiting sewer, electrical and gas lines are.

Rasure said the addition will need a concrete approach all the way to the street. Tiede said the existing building has a water heater in the southwest corner, and it should be easy to bring a line into the addition.

Miller asked about the type of pit that should go under the ambulance. He said the

usual requirement is a double pit. Tiede said he thought the other ones in the building are double pits and this one should match.

McClung asked about lights and heat. Rasure said the lighting should match and they need electrical outlets along each wall.

Gleason said the ambulance needs an electrical outlet hanging down from the ceiling. He said the building does not have to be kept too warm, but at least 55 degrees.

Tiede said the overhead door in the front needs to be 12 by 10, and he thought a small gas heater in the back corner would handle the heating needs.

Malsom asked about a sidewalk from the side door around to the front, and Tiede said that would be a good idea.

Rasure said the county will move a tree and power pole.

Malsom asked if the county was going to do dirt work, but Tiede said the contractors

should include that in their bids.

Rasure said the commissioners want the building to be insulated to the same specifications of the original, and each contractor was given a copy of those.

Miller noted that the existing building has a suspended ceiling of perforated metal. "The ceiling is expensive," he said. "If you are looking for a place to save money, this would be a good one."

Malsom suggested an inside cover that would hold the insulation in place and follow the contours of the roof. Thomas said that was a good suggestion and was the reason the commissioners had asked the contractors to come to the meeting.

Rasure asked Gleason how many remote controls they need for the overhead door. Gleason said he needs three, but it would be good to have five as he would like to add volunteers for the Kanorado ambulance.

McClung asked when the county wants the project completed.

"We need it done by this fall," Rasure said.

The suggestion was to have the bids ready by July 31, and to have the addition done by the end of October or Nov. 15.

Malsom said it will take about two months to get the building, adding that he thought the mid-November date was better.

"Are you going to give us any weather days?" he asked.

Miller said he did not think he could make it work in that time period.

Malsom asked about the footings. The suggestion was for perimeter footing, and all the contractors agreed that would work.

Malsom asked about a sink, and Gleason said that would be OK.

Man causes stir at Wal-Mart

A man walking to Chicago created a stir Monday morning when someone reported he had a gun and was going to Wal-Mart to "take care of things," Police Chief Ray Smeed said.

Smeed said central dispatch got a call about 10 a.m. saying this man had made a threat and was on his way to the discount store.

"That got everything going very quickly," he said. "We had Wal-Mart close their doors while we searched for the man."

"We found him at K-27 and Business U.S. 24. We searched him and

found no guns.

"We let Wal-Mart know there was no problem and to reopen their doors after about 15 minutes."

"We talked to the man, and he said he was from Oklahoma and was headed to Chicago by way of Amarillo, Texas and Colorado."

"We suggested he keep walking east and escorted him to the east city limit."

Smeed said he thought the same man had been in Kanorado on Sunday, and was reported to the Sherman County sheriff's office then.

Woman's son dies in Phillipsburg crash

A Goodland woman's son was killed in a car crash northeast of Phillipsburg on Sunday.

Logan Allen Guinn, 18, Phillipsburg, son of Gina (Chuck) Bennett of Goodland, was riding with his father on a country road near Phillipsburg when his father lost control of a 1997 Ford F150 pickup about 7 p.m., state troopers said.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Bruce Allen Guinn, 49, of Phillipsburg was driving south on Phillips County Road 300 when he lost control of the pickup. It swerved back and forth, entering the east ditch, struck a tree and went airborne, rolling and landing on its top in the east ditch.

The accident took place two miles east and 1 1/2 miles north of the U.S. 36-U.S. 183 junction on the east edge of Phillipsburg.

Both Guinns were taken to the Phillips County Hospital, where Logan Guinn was pronounced dead. The truck was removed by Ace Auto Repair.

Logan Guinn was born June 5, 1989, in Grant, Neb. He graduated from Phillipsburg High School this

spring and worked with his dad at the Hollywood Rocks video store in Phillipsburg.

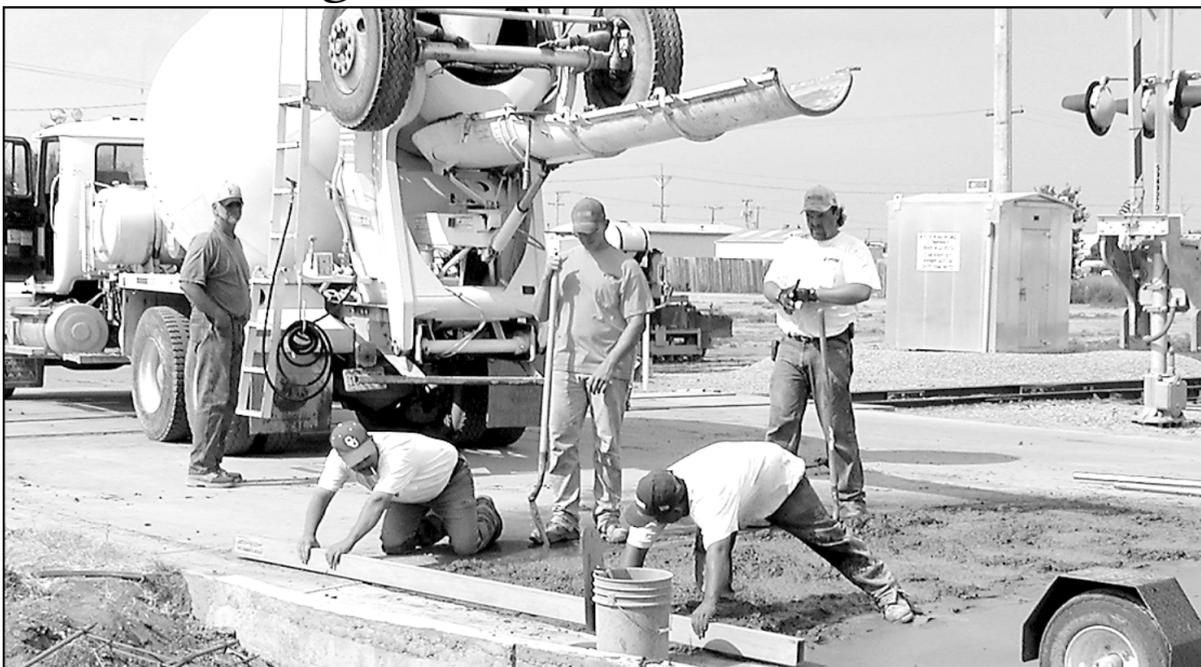
Other survivors include a stepmother, Denise Guinn of Oden, Md.; a sister, Alexandria Bennett of Goodland; a brother, Luke Guinn of Jacksonville, Ark.; two step-brothers, Keith and Bryce Grassel of Oden; his grandparents, Maurice and Pauline Guinn and Mimi Packard, all of Wray, Colo.; and a great-grandmother, Margaret Coffin of Shelby, Neb.

Services will be at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) today, Friday, July 13, 2007, at the Huck Boyd Community Center in Phillipsburg with Pastors Joel Hiesterman and Roger Miller officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Glendale Cemetery in Vernon, Colo.

Visitation was planned from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg.

Memorials may be made to the Logan Guinn Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home, 1115 N. Second St., Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661.

The end is in sight



Workers from Sporer Land Development poured the last straight section of the 17th Street project Tuesday morning. Rich Simon, public works director, said the intersection at 18th and Cherry Ave. should be opened on Tuesday, and the final piece of the project at the intersection of Cherry Ave. and 17th should be poured on Monday. Darin

Neufeld, engineer for Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who is inspecting the job for the city, said Sporer is pouring sections of sidewalk and corners today. He said the plans are to have the whole street open to two-way traffic by July 25.

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Bird City man dies from gunshot wound

By Karen Krien
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Emergency medical technicians and law officers responded to a call at 3 a.m. Sunday on First Street in Bird City and found Wade Lee, 31, dead from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound.

His uncle, Gerald Lee, was taken to the Cheyenne County Hospital by ambulance for injuries after falling off of an SUV driven by his nephew, then released on Tuesday.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation dispatched a three-member team headed by Agent John Nachtman to the town. Early Tuesday, a spokesman for the bureau would only say that the death had

been confirmed and agents were continuing to investigate.

Cheyenne County Attorney Justin Barrett said at this point, no foul play is suspected. He said the men had been to a wedding dance.

Gerald Lee told Casey McCormick he had attempted to stop his nephew from committing suicide. A gun was found on scene, he said.

Wade Lee was living in Bird City at the time. He is the son of Gail Lee, Osborne, and Sandy Kuhn, Hays. He graduated from Hays High School.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City.

He was born April 2, 1976, in Benkelman, Neb. Survivors include his parents; a son, Aaron Lee, and two daughters, Stephanie Lee and Danielle Lee, all of Goodland; three brothers, Wayne Lee of Hays and Wyatt and Wylie Lee of Osborne; and five grandparents, Clyde and Wilma Gleason of Plainville, Ray and Joan Lee of Wheeler, and Fay Bradley of Osborne.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m.

(Mountain Time) today, Friday, July 13, 2007, at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City, with burial in the Bird City Cemetery.

Visitation was planned from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday at Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, Kan. 67756.

Memorials may be made to the Wade Lee Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home.



Lee

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