

Kanorado area people complain about roads

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the phone, gas and other buried lines located so the county is not fined if they hit one.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said she had to agree with the men when he said the burn was used to fill ruts. She said she has not seen a grader run this winter.

Way said the winrow is there because of the vegetation, and that grading adds to the curb and gutter.

Strnad said the county is trying to work on the weed problem with changes in the spraying program.

Vandiver said the roads have been worked in the south more than in the north.

Way said that is because they have not gotten into the pit on the north side of old U.S. 24.

Strnad said she had several calls and did go driving through Dist. 1, 2 and 3. She said Dist. 2 has some bad areas north of old U.S. 24, and felt these were the worst in the county.

Commissioner Linin said it was an unusual winter, and that he has not gotten any farming done.

Bruce Gleason, director of the ambulance service said he has some problems north of Kanorado with the ambulance, and some ambulance people will not drive on those roads.

"I was behind the wheel on one run," he said. "My ambulances are 13,000 pounds, and with duals have to keep the speed up. It does make it difficult."

South of Kanorado he said the biggest problem is roughness with washboards. "With that we have to slow down," he said. "That delays us getting there and getting back."

"We have not had any time when we did not get there, but have had some problems."

Strnad asked about the overtime the commissioners budgeted, and if the road and bridge people could work extra days.

Way said the road and bridge people are working extra hours. He

said the operators do work on extra days if the need to.

"There are responsibilities that have to be met," Cromwell said. "We are asking to have the job done we have paid for."

Way said there is no way the county is being negligent on the roads.

"I think there has been a vast improvement since we got the new equipment and with what we have been able to do," he said.

Vandiver said the plan is to work

101 miles in the north this year from the new gravel pit. He said it will take some time, but that is the plan.

Strnad said the problem is Road 3 and Road 5 are major roads and need to be worked on.

Linin asked what determines when you shoulder or grade.

Way said you can shoulder when you have a defined road. If you have ruts you have to try to cover them up.

Armory to be named for fallen guardsman

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best suggestion.

"I would hate to see it sit there and rot away," he said.

Dechant suggested giving the college a long term lease for \$1 a year.

Gerber said that was one thing that needed to be decided was what the commissioners wanted to do and for what terms.

Finley said Dr. Mills feeling that is the idea of a lease is not as saleable as it being deeded to the college. He said the feeling is it would be better to have it deeded with an agreement it could return to the city if it does not continue as part of the college.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks, who was part of the commit-

tee, said that is something that was talked about, and that it was the feeling of the committee the city could deed the building on the basis of the amount of money that would have to be put into the building and the large amount of equipment to be brought in for the aviation classes.

Commissioner John Garcia said he felt it was important for the city to work with the college to get this put together.

Commissioner Dave Daniels said he thought it was a great idea for expanding the college. He said he liked the idea of the aviation classes, and did not want to see it used for storage. He agreed the deed needs to have some language to return it to the city if the college no longer uses

the building.

Debbie Martin, committee member, said she felt the college was the best plan, and that Dr. Mills had said they will not want to have an empty building they cannot use and are paying utilities on.

Finley said the program expansion would not happen overnight. He said it will have to go through the Kansas regents, and it will take at least a year to get something done.

Daniels asked what kind of aviation programs are being considered.

Finley said aviation maintenance and avionics. He said the idea is new and some of it will depend on what they talk about on Thursday with the people from K-State-Salina.

Dechant said he did not want to see the project get derailed and the city did not want to stand in the way. He suggested the city begin working up the deed for the college.

Daniels asked about naming the building for Sgt. Derrick Lutters.

"We are 100 percent behind that," Finley said.

Daniels said with the closing ceremony on Thursday it would be a good time to announce the naming of the building in Lutter's name. He made a motion to name the building for Sgt. Derrick Lutters and it passed unanimously 4-0 (Commissioner. Rick Billinger was absent, but had been one of those to suggest naming the building for Lutters at previous meetings.)

SuperCroc exhibit opens at Sternberg Museum

You might say it was a case of letting the cat out of the bag, but in this case the "cat" is a 40-foot-long, 10-ton crocodile.

"The Science of SuperCroc" exhibit, which has previously been seen only in Chicago, Cincinnati and the Netherlands, opened at Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum of Natural History on Saturday.

The exhibit, which has as its centerpiece the 40-foot-long crocodile, will be at the Hays museum until Aug. 5. The exhibit includes the actual fossil skull of the SuperCroc, a copy of the 6-foot-long skull for photo opportunities, and an interactive skeleton of the crocodile-mimic dinosaur, Suchomimus (pronounced SUE-koh-MY-mus).

"SuperCroc's scientific name is Sarcosuchus imperator (SAR-koh-soo-kus IM-peer-AH-tor), which means flesh crocodile emperor," Dr. Edward H. Hammond, university president, said. "The first fossil was

discovered by a French paleontologist during the 1940s and '50s. Paul Sereno discovered SuperCroc on an expedition to Niger in Africa in 2000, and it took more than a year for technicians and students to clean up the bones. Artist Gary Staab, a Hays native, fashioned the "skin" version of the croc."

He said a Facebook page had been created to keep up with all things SuperCroc. "For updates about the Science of SuperCroc exhibit at the Sternberg, go to the Facebook fan page and become a fan," he said. "Just log in to your Facebook account and search for SuperCroc at Sternberg Museum."

Dr. Reese Barrick, director of the Sternberg Museum, said he contacted Project Exploration in Chicago because it was time again "to do something spectacular."

He learned that a part of the SuperCroc exhibit was already scheduled to be in Kansas later this summer, and he was able to schedule the full

exhibit for the five-month stay at the Sternberg. "This is a 10-ton major predator," he said. "That's exciting to see in western Kansas."

Greg Walters, exhibits director of the Sternberg Museum, was involved in the Sternberg's blockbuster showing of "A.T. Rex Named Sue" when the museum first opened in the dome.

"I think this one's a whole lot more involved," he said. Sue was spectacular because of Sue herself, but the exhibit was a skull, the skeleton and nine interactive exhibits.

SuperCroc, the animal itself, at 40 feet is as big as Sue was, and the exhibit includes the original skull and a copy, a cast skeleton, an interactive skeleton of a dinosaur from the same period that mimicked crocodilian features, a fleshed out version of the skeleton and a fleshed out head plus an expedition tent and supplies to give a taste of what it was like to dig SuperCroc out of the Sahara. Another half-dozen or so exhibits

give the context of SuperCroc's evolutionary family tree.

The installation at the Sternberg is the full "Science of SuperCroc," said Carl Gustafson, exhibits coordinator for Project Exploration. "It has a lot of size, so not a lot of places can get it all in."

SuperCroc requires a minimum of 5,000 square feet, said May Her, manager of exhibit sales at Project Exploration, one of three people the project had in Hays to help install the exhibit.

"There's about 6,500 here, so this is the full exhibit," she said.

The third member of the crew, Stacey Mann, said "Science of SuperCroc" has shock value because of the size of the beast itself and has a great deal of content value.

"It gives a lot of context," she said. "It gives an impression of the climactic conditions of the time and its relationship to other crocodiles of the time and to modern crocodiles and to other creatures."

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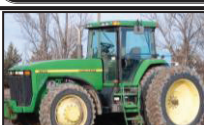
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