



Ben Brandvick crept slowly through one of the holes in the spider web at the ropes course Wednesday, but Harvey Swager said he touched a side and the Leadership Sherman County class had to start over. The spider web was the toughest obstacle for the class.

## Leadership class teaches teamwork

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Swager said the class had shown good teamwork as they worked out how to use the rope and get each other across.

When the class reached the “Mohawk Walk,” Swager said half the class had to walk along the cables while the other half helped spot. The first half included Linin and Brandvik, who were tall enough to use the overhead wires to

steady themselves as they walked across the cables.

Swager said no one had ever done that before, and decided it was cheating. After the second half of the class went through, Swager had the first group go back through again without using the top wires.

Even so, the class figured out how to move from section to section by holding onto each other and none of them fell off. Swager said if one did fall, they would have to start over.

The spider web was more difficult, as the group had to figure out how to get people through the different holes without touching the web. They kept touching the web and had to go back. It took a while to work out the plan to get all of the members through.

Swager said the object of the ropes course and the “true colors” program the class had taken that morning when they met at the Agriculture building at the fairgrounds

were to give the class members an understanding of who they were, and to develop a sense of team that will build through the next seven months.

The leadership class meets one Wednesday of the month, with upcoming sessions designed to teach them about agriculture, the schools and technical college, the city, the county, health care, the media and a trip to Topeka in February to visit with area legislators at the Capitol.

## Brewster street improvements move ahead

By Jan Katz Ackerman

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Street improvements in Brewster took another move forward with opening of bids at a Brewster City Council meeting Sept. 20.

Mayor Mike Baughn said Wednesday the latest project will pave three blocks of Third Street, now gravel, with concrete. The city is borrowing nearly a quarter of a million dollars to do the work.

“We’ve sold \$225,000 in general obligation bonds to be paid back over 20 years,” Baughn said.

Sporer Land Development of Oakley won the contract for the

project with a low bid of \$220,640, contingent on review by Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates Engineering of Goodland.

Other bids came from Miller Construction of Goodland, \$235,724; Woofter Construction of Colby, \$292,325; and Tarbet Construction of Ulysses, \$229,365.

City Superintendent Mike Schultz said the new project will bring the town’s total of paved streets to 33 blocks. With a population of 270, Schultz said this latest improvement is a way to thank them.

“These folks helped pay for a

street sweeper and now it’s time for us to repay them,” Schultz said.

The project will cover the three blocks running east and west from Illinois Street, which is in the central part of town, to Hastings Road, K-184, on the east edge of town. No start date has been set.

In other business, service awards were presented to volunteers who had met five-year milestones in city service.

Rex Jamison was cited for 15 years as a city councilman, Schultz received an award for 25 years, 19 as superintendent and six as councilman, and Baughn got one for 35

years.

“I started as a deputy city marshal, then was city marshal, then a councilman and have been mayor since 1979,” Baughn said.

Following City Treasurer Amanda Roulier’s resignation, effective Sept. 30, the city is taking applications for her replacement. No deadline has been set for applications.

Baughn said he will evaluate the applications and appoint someone, subject to confirmation by council members Dwayne Randolph, Gene Schoenberger, Jon Eicher, Ron Ribordy and Jamison.

## County to share cost of prairie-dog bait

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Rasure said the problem is that the season for legally using bait is from October to March.

Tiede made a motion to go with 50 percent.

Rasure said the county should reserve the right to adjust the percentage later, depending on how much bait is sold and how much money is paid back by the landowners that can be used to buy more bait.

West said he would let the people who have prairie dogs know about the county cost-sharing plan.

The commissioners asked County Clerk Janet Rumpel if a flier about the prairie dog cost-sharing program could be sent out in the property tax notices in November. Rumpel said it would have to be folded to fit in the envelopes, and that it would be difficult to keep from sending it to people who do not have land with prairie dogs.

The commissioners decided to have Rumpel work with County Treasurer Iris Scheopner to get a notice in the tax envelopes.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Announced that the state department of revenue sent a check to the county for more than \$90,000 for the first month collection of sales tax on the special one percent for road and street projects that went into effect in July.

- Held a 15-minute closed-door session with Brad Schields of Wilkens Track and Trailer about the possible acquisition of property. After the session, Rasure asked County Attorney Bonnie Selby to draft a contract to be presented at the next commission meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

- Donna Price, executive director of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau, was at the meeting to thank the commissioners for a \$500 donation to the Flatlander Fall Festival. She said the cold weather caused some chal-

lenges, and the money would come in handy to try to cover the costs. She said the committee had met to review the festival and to begin working on fund-raising ideas to pay for next year’s event.

- Talked with Goodland Rural Fire Chief Alan David about the emergency medical care protocol agreement for the firemen. David has been working with Bruce Gleason, head of the Sherman County Ambulance Service, and Jay Jolly, hospital administrator, to work out a list of emergency services trained firemen may do to treat injuries at a fire or accident scene before the ambulance arrives.

David said the basic agreement had been approved, but there were some details to be worked out. Commissioner Rasure said Allen should meet with Gleason to work out the details.

The protocol was requested by the county’s insurance carrier, the Kansas County Association Multipurpose Pool, to cover the firemen who were treating people.

David said there might be some interest among the firemen to take an emergency medical technician class if the county would help pay the tuition. The commissioners asked David to give them potential cost figures.

- Rasure reported that an anonymous donor was paying to expand and improve the handicapped parking on the north side of the Agriculture building at the Sherman County fairgrounds. He said the old concrete slab had been torn out and the new area would be expanded a bit to the east and west, plus there would be a new sidewalk connecting the parking area with the existing sidewalk coming out of the building. Rasure said the donor is paying all the costs.

- Rumpel said the county budget hearing would be on the agenda for Oct. 10.

The meeting began at 8 a.m. and adjourned at 9:40.

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