

Per Section 19-72 (a) of the Concordia Code, the director shall put into effect a parking prohibition on parts of all snow emergency routes commencing December 1 and terminating March 1; (b) While the prohibition is in effect, no person shall park or allow to remain parked, any vehicle on any portion of any snow emergency route to which it applies; however, nothing in this section shall be construed to permit parking at any time or place where it is forbidden by any other provision of law. Citizens should remove parked vehicles when the weather forecast or conditions contain sleet, snow or ice to keep these streets clear.

### The following streets or portions of streets within the city are hereby designated snow emergency routes:

Second Street from Cedar to Valley  
Valley from Second to Sixth Street  
Cedar from Second to Eighteenth Street  
Archer from Sixth to Eighteenth Street  
Eleventh Street from east city limits to west city limits  
Eighteenth Street from Cedar to Lincoln Street  
State Street from Eighteenth to Campus Drive  
Campus Drive from State to Republican  
Sixth Street from Second Avenue to Doster  
Per Section 19-76 of the Code, a vehicle parked in an emergency snow route will be towed at the owner's expense and/or ticketed.

According to City Code 18-15, snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 5 hours after the snowfall.

**Please feel free to contact the Director of Public Works, 243-2670, if you have any questions.**

785-243-2424 Advertiser, Tuesday, December 31, 2013 3

## DOG TAX

Section 4, City Code: All dogs five months of age and older must be licensed. All dogs must have a certificate of Rabies Vaccination. License fees are five dollars (\$5.00) for each male dog and spayed female dog, and eight dollars (\$8.00) for each unspayed female dog, each dog over four (4) in a family, ten dollars (\$10.00). All persons, firms or corporations owning or harboring a dog or dogs within the city limits must provide a license for their dog before the 1st day of April or a fifty percent (50%) fee will be added to regular tags herein specified.

CONCORDIA, KANSAS 66901

Friday, January 3, 2014

# City approves airport settlement

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

The Concordia City Commission approved a \$50,000 settlement agreement Thursday night with Marilyn Blosser that gives the City sole ownership of Blosser Municipal Airport.

In October 2013, the Commission took the first step of eminent domain proceedings — taking private property for public use — to acquire the Blosser family's rights to the Airport. In 2005, Beldon Blosser sued the City over its use of the Airport to fuel police cars and store items in unused hangars.

As part of a settlement in that suit, in 2007, the Blosser family agreed to deed their underlying interest in the airport land to the City. In turn, the City agreed to a reservation clause stating that if the land ceased to be used as an airport prior to Sept. 20, 2032, it would revert back to the Blosser family.

Concordia City Manager Larry Uri told the Commission last year that the Federal Aviation Administration had notified the City in July 2012 that the reservation of

rights kept by the Blosser family needed to be removed before future federal funds are spent at the airport.

The FAA allocates \$150,000 each year to the airport, and covers 90 percent of the cost of most improvements at the airport.

Uri said last night that Marilyn Blosser had agreed to convey to the City all of the Blosser family's rights to the real estate where the Airport is located.

In exchange for \$50,000, the City would receive sole ownership of the airport, commit to continue using the name "Blosser Municipal Airport," and agree to erect a prominent sign displaying that name.

Uri said the sign will not exceed \$15,000, and be designed and built by Mara Smith, the artist who created the Whole Wall Mural and the City Park sign. The brick sign will feature a portrait of Charles Blosser as well as his 1928 Lincoln Page bi-plane.

Uri said that Marilyn Blosser had signed the deed to the land, and he will retrieve it from her lawyer in Salina on Friday, after the Commission approved mov-

ing forward with the payment and intent to build the sign.

"The Blosser family will no longer have any interest in the airport in any way, whatsoever," Uri said.

Uri said it was his understanding that the FAA will reimburse the City for 90 percent of the cost to acquire the rights, as well as legal fees. The FAA will not help pay for the sign, he said, but money for that can come from the airport fund.

During his manager comments, Uri laid out several goals he has for 2014. The number one goal, Uri said, is construction of the 21st Street and Plum Road dams. He said that the City now has every document needed to get a dam construction permit. Once the permit is issued, he said, bids will be solicited. "I really think the number one bullet point (on the list) is going to happen this year," he said.

Other goals Uri said he has are to complete the wastewater treatment plan design, attract occupants to the north and south developments, plan the layout of a new cemetery, construction of a

dog park, and downtown improvements.

In other business, the Commission approved dropping condemnation proceedings for the property at 1020-1022 Washington.

City Building Inspector Bruno Rehbein said the property is now owned by Abel Cuellar, who is in the process of remodeling the house, which had been damaged by fire.

Rehbein said Cuellar has been issued a building permit, and all the fire damage has been removed. The remodeling done so far, he said, is enough reason to discontinue the condemnation process.

Cathy Miller and Mike Linden were reappointed to three-year terms on the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Commission also approved a contract with Utility Safety & Design, Inc., for inspection of the gas line in the north development. The company recently acquired E.V. Cathodic Protection Services, which had been inspecting, surveying and checking the odor of the gas line.

## Pounds files for re-election to City Commission

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Incumbent Lyle Pounds is the first candidate to file for one of two open seats up for election on the Concordia City Commission.

Pounds, a former teacher at Concordia Jr./Sr. High School, filed on Monday morning. He was first elected to the Commission in 2011.

The filing deadline for the two open seats, which are both three-year terms, is January 21 at noon.

The general election will be on April 1. The two seats up for election are currently held by Pounds and Mayor Tim Parker.

If more than six candidates file for the positions, there will be a primary election, which will be February 25.

# CITY ELECTION

January 21, 2014, at noon, is the filing deadline for two (2) City Commission seats to be contested in the April 1, 2014, City General Election. To file for the City Commission, the signatures of at least eleven (11) qualified electors are required on a petition or the candidate may pay a filing fee of \$10.00. The filing will be for the positions now held by Lyle Pounds and Tim Parker. If more than six (6) candidates file for the position, there will be a primary election held on February 25, 2014.

## Cemetery cleanup

The staff at Pleasant Hill Cemetery will pick up holiday decorations on Feb. 5 as per City Code Sec. 7-46. Those wanting to keep their decorations should pick them up before the cleanup date.

## Superintendent: Jail on track for Jan. 31 completion date

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

With the deadline for completion of the new Cloud County Law Enforcement Center three weeks away, electrical work still remains the main component to be finished.

Jody Cotton, construction superintendent with Zahner Hansen Construction Group Inc., said at Monday's owners' meeting that everything is on track to meet the Jan. 31 completion date. He said electricians are currently working on getting the fire alarm system opera-

tional.

The electrical wiring for the HVAC system has been finished, and testing and balancing will begin soon, Cotton said. All the security cameras are operational, and final adjustments are being made.

"We're going to make it," Cotton said. "As it looks, we're going to meet the end of January date we talked about at the last meeting."

Once all the electrical work is finished, all that will remain are inspections by the city of Concordia and the state. Another owners' meeting has yet to be scheduled.

## NOTICE

The city of Concordia is accepting applications for curb and gutter replacement. The program enables persons to replace curb and gutter along their property with the city providing the labor, equipment and initial cost of removal of existing curb and gutter sections. The landowner shall pay the cost of materials for the curb and gutter, per-foot charge for saw cuts, and the out-of-pocket administrative costs. Applicable engineering plans and specifications shall be provided by the city and shall be paid for one-half by the city and one-half by the landowner.

Anyone interested in this type of construction should contact the City Clerk's office, 701

Washington, Concordia, KS 66901,  
or call 243-2670.

Deadline: February 28, 2014

## Bank did not receive judgment from city

Despite how it appeared in the District Court news in Monday's Blade-Enterprise, U.S. Bank National Association did not receive a \$117,255 judgment against the city of Concordia.

U.S. Bank National Association's judgment of \$117,255 plus interest and costs against Chris Edin and the city of Concordia was actually a mortgage foreclosure concerning property owned by former Concordia Police Chief Chris Edin.

Concordia City Manager Larry Uri said the City and various other entities were

## Parker files for re-election

Concordia Mayor Tim Parker has filed for re-election to the Concordia City Commission.

Parker, owner of Taco John's, filed Thursday. He was first elected to the Commission in 2011. He joins Lyle Pounds, who filed for reelection on Monday, in the race for two open seats on the Commission.

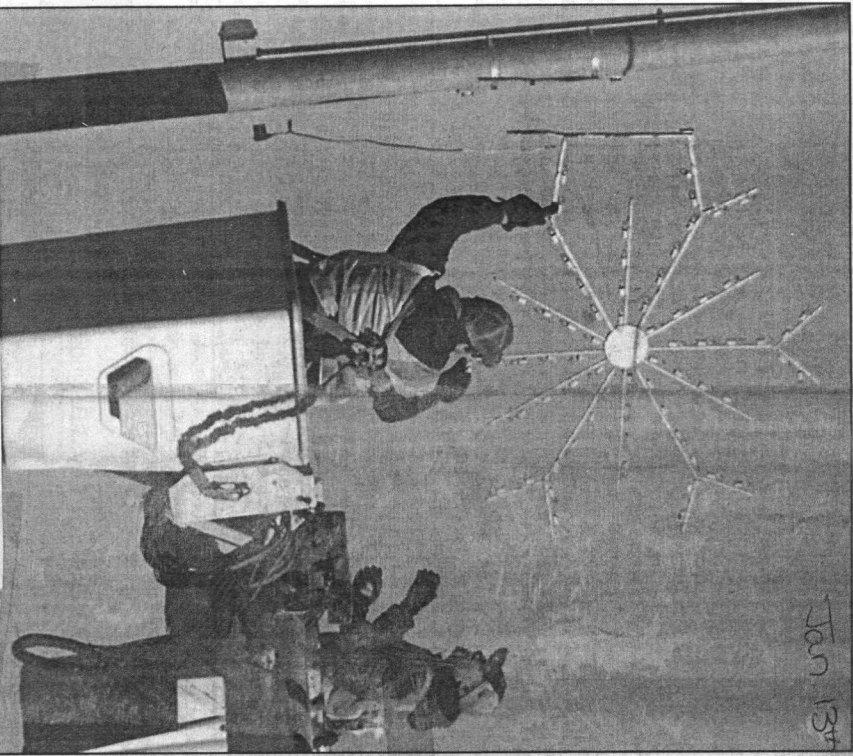
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## First responders

Concordia Fire Department and EMS personnel load a patient, who had fallen Friday morning, into an ambulance to be transported to Cloud County Health Center. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)







## PUBLIC NOTICE

The vehicle listed below was abandoned and left in the city of Concordia, Kansas, in Cloud County. This vehicle will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at Budreau Mulfler, Automotive & Tow, 1908 Lincoln St., Concordia, KS, on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 5:15 p.m.

1999 Ford Taurus

Vin # 1FAFP53UXXG228841



## Ongoing project

Dirt work continued Thursday morning on the city of Concordia's Broadway Street sewer project. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

## NOTICE TO BID

The City of Concordia is accepting bids for the demolition of the condemned structures (house and garage) located at **123 West 11th Street**, and the nuisance abatement of: debris, concrete rubble, dangerous rebar and the steep side slope of front yards at

**119, 123 & 127 West 11th Street.**

All bidders must meet the City's demolition requirement and have a demolition permit before work may be commenced. **Over digging foundations will be required for top soil.** Any materials brought to the Cloud County Transfer Station construction debris site shall be separated as per their requirements. Bids or bid inquiries shall be submitted to the office of the City Clerk, 701 Washington, Concordia, Kansas 66901. For detailed information on this project contact Bruno Rehbein at city hall. (785) 243-2672. All bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"Demolition Bid - (123 West 11th)."** Bids must be submitted no later than

**3:00 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2014.**

Proof of general liability insurance must be provided with bids. Bids received after the 3:00 P.M. deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened. Faxed bids will not be accepted.

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# USD 333 agrees to sell Lincoln School

A proposal to purchase the Lincoln School property was accepted by the Unified School District 333 board of education during its January meeting Monday night at the Concordia Elementary School.

The board received two proposals for the property, and approved accepting the higher bid of \$35,000 from James and Becky Kindel of Concordia.

Ron Lawrence, Lawrence,

Closing on the property will occur 30 days after the signing of a purchase agreement between the buyers and the sellers.

The school board voted in April, 2013 to close Lincoln School as a part of cost saving measures that included moving the fifth and sixth grade students from the Concordia Middle School to the Concordia Junior-Senior High School.

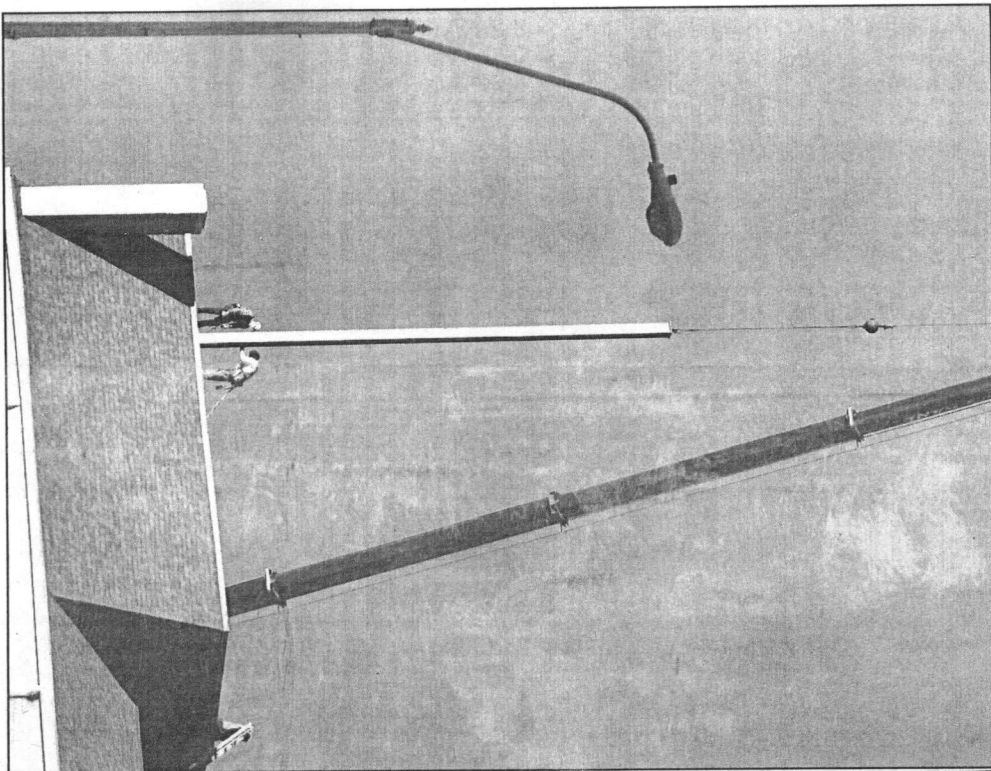
Originally, the district had contracted with Larry Lagasse Auction and Real Estate to auction off the Lincoln School property in November with a minimum bid of \$100,000. There were no bids submitted during the auction.

In other action taken during the meeting, the board approved a municipal resolution with Peoples Exchange Bank.

An interlocal agreement with Smoky Hill/Central Kansas Education Service Center was approved by the board.

The board approved a shared services agreement with the Learning Cooperative of North Central Kansas for Kathryn Brown, a paraprofessional. Board members Pat Murk and Steve Welter were appointed to the negotiation team. The board was recognized during Board of Education Recognition Month.

submitted a bid of \$32,500.



**Lowering the beam**  
Employees of Pellet Foundry & Machine Shop, Concordia, lower one of four 50-foot steel columns through the roof of the Brown Grand Theatre Wednesday morning. The columns will reinforce the roof and trusswork. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc) Jan 15th

## Two file for commission seats

The filing deadline for two positions on the Concordia City Commission expired Tuesday at noon, and only two people will be tying for those seats.

The two positions are currently held by Tim Parker and Lyle Pounds. Parker and Pounds, who are both finishing their first three-year terms on the Commission, both filed for reelection to the Commission. No other candidate filed, so

there will be no need for a primary election. The general election is scheduled for Tues., April 1.

Three positions will also be up for election on the Millonvale City Council. The seats are currently held by Michael Hamel, Dannon Warkentin and Brian Yonally. All three have chosen to seek reelection, and will be unopposed in the April 1 general election. Jan 19

CONCORDIA, KANSAS 66901

Thursday, January 16, 2014

# City to request grant extension

**By Jessica LeDuc**  
**Blade Staff Writer**

A light Concordia city commission meeting Wednesday featured one item of business and updates from department heads.

The commission approved applying for a six-month extension for the Community Development Block Grant housing rehabilitation program.

Building Inspector Bruno Rehbein said the grant money the city received is to be spent by Feb. 28. Currently, he said, there are three homes that have been rehabilitated, and two under contract. Bids have been awarded on four other homes, but none is under contract, and six applications have yet to be inspected.

"There is approximately \$117,690 left for rehabilitation," Rehbein said. "This should cover four or five more rehabs, depending on final contract costs."

All of the work cannot be completed by the end of February, he said, which is why the city needed to apply for a six-month extension.

The commission approved authorizing the mayor to sign the extension request.

During the city manager report, Larry Uri updated the commission on the Tax Increment Financing fund.

After completing the 21st Street dam project and the restoration work at the Brown Grand Theatre, Uri said the TIF fund's balance will be \$386,507.

The money on hand will be available for any projects in 2014.

By the time the life of the TIF district ends in 2020, if the increment does not increase, he said there will be a balance of \$1.5 million.

Uri said he is working with Cloud County Travel and Tourism and CloudCorp on a plan to use TIF dollars to make improvements to the downtown area.

One of Uri's 2014 goals is to finish construction on the 21st Street and Plum Road dams. He told the commission that the city's engineers have all the permit documents ready to submit to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Division of Water

Resources this month.

Once the permits are approved, Uri said the bid letting process can begin. "We still think we're going to build the dam this year," he said.

During staff comments, Police Chief Bruce Johnson said his number one goal is to bring the police department back up to full force.

Fire Chief Eric Johnson said the department will be host to both an EMT and Firefighter 1 class this year, and he will begin researching to purchase a new ambulance in 2015.

Rehbein told the commission his number one goal is to get the Cloud County Law Enforcement Center a certificate of occupancy. He said he will also continue to work on removing dangerous and unsafe structures in 2014.

Public Works Director Ron Copple said he will be working to finish the bathrooms at Rasure Field and help with the construction of the new playground in April. Once the playground is built, he said he will move the park equipment at City Park to Hood Park.

Another project Copple said

he has is improving drainage and parking on Fifth Street from Broadway to State.

Chad Buckley, utilities director, said he had received word from the Division of Water Resources that well 22 is not subject to the rules of minimum desirable streamflow.

Because the well is more than a mile and a half from the Republican River, Buckley said, the DWR cannot regulate its usage in the event of a drought.

Not having to cut that well's usage will provide the city with an additional 34 million gallons of water a year, he said.

On tap for 2014, Buckley said, is starting to replace the water line along 18th Street from Broadway to State, and installing a water fountain near the new playground.

No action was taken after a 10-minute executive session with Uri and CloudCorp Executive Director Ashley McMillan to discuss confidential business matters.

The commission adjourned to a study session to discuss gas billing and the demolition program.

### LIFEGUARDS & CASHIERS NEEDED

#### The City of Concordia

is now accepting applications for lifeguards and cashiers for the Concordia Municipal Pool. Lifeguards must be 15 years of age or older, cashiers must be 14 years of age or older. Lifeguards require CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard Certification with WSI certification preferred. Must turn appropriate age no later than the start of the season.

**Deadline:** City of Concordia application form must be completed and received at City Hall no later than 5:00pm on February 7, 2014. Apply at: City Hall, 701 Washington, visit the website at [www.concordiaaks.org](http://www.concordiaaks.org) or email [cityclerk@concordiaaks.org](mailto:cityclerk@concordiaaks.org) for application. EOE.



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## City Commission won't meet

Concordia City commission will not meet Wednesday, Feb. 19, because of lack of a quorum.

Feb. 19th

## GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Concordia City Commission intends to involve as many qualified citizens as possible in the governing process. To that end, the Commission announces that vacancies do now exist or will soon exist on the following citizen boards, commissions and committees:

## BOARD OF BUILDING TRADES PLANNING COMMISSION

If you are interested in serving the community by becoming a member of one of these boards, commissions or committees, you are asked to fill out a short Expression of Interest Form. To be considered for the above appointments, return a completed Expression of Interest Form to the City Clerk's Office.

You are urged to act at your earliest convenience. All members of boards, commissions and committees serve without pay - out of a concern for the public good.

Forms and more information are available in the City Clerk's Office, 701 Washington Street, P.O. Box 603, Concordia, Kansas, 66901.

If you have questions, please call the

City Clerk's Office at 785-243-2670

## CONCORDIA SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The City of Concordia is now accepting applications for summer employment for the Public Works and Recreation departments. Applications will be accepted for the following positions:

Public Works (Streets, Parks, Cemetery, Sports Complex), 18 & older

Tennis Coach, 16 and older

Tennis Assistant, 14 and older

Playground Leaders, 15 and older

Umpires, 15 and older

Must turn appropriate age no later than the start of the season.

Deadline: City of Concordia temporary seasonal application form must be completed and received at City Hall no later than 5:00p.m. on March 5, 2014. We will not accept late applications.

Interviews will be held during spring break. Exceptions must be noted when applying.

Apply at: City Hall, 701 Washington, visit the website at [www.concordiakg.org](http://www.concordiakg.org), or email [cityclerk@concordiakg.org](mailto:cityclerk@concordiakg.org) for application. EOE.

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CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS  
TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM October 1, 2013 THROUGH December 31, 2013

Jan. 31st

FUNDS	3rd Quarter Ending Cash Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	4th Quarter Ending Cash Balance
100 General Fund	\$1,131,358.38	\$733,270.29	\$807,159.98	\$1,057,478.69
205 Industrial Development	2,761.56	2,761.56	-	4,910.25
206 Special Highway	58,320.13	36,567.10	25,441.19	69,446.04
208 D.A.R.E. Grant	2,941.59	1,970.06	670.57	3,941.08
207 Civil Asset Forfeiture	1,643.22	-	-	1,643.22
208 Cyber Crimes	1,976.15	-	-	1,976.15
214 Animal Shelter	7,269.61	2,510.70	762.42	9,017.89
217 Special Park and Recreation	102,352.71	3,059.84	1,256.00	105,412.55
221 Computer Equipment/Replacement	1,786.34	-	-	530.34
222 Vehicle Equipment Reserve Act.	355,199.50	-	9,466.00	345,733.50
223 B.A.T. Reserve Fund	119.70	-	-	119.70
230 Judges Training Fund	2,290.25	2,298.46	2,753.16	1,825.55
244 911 PSAP	51,203.79	15,402.86	14,950.42	51,656.23
245 911 Wireless	3,895.99	-	287.70	3,608.29
250 Fire Dept. Grants	233.14	1,035.00	-	1,268.14
255 Police Dept. Grants & Donations	30,393.75	21.18	-	30,414.94
260 Animal Trust Fund	40,349.04	-	-	40,349.04
270 Cemetery Endowment	14,991.09	1,320.00	10,331.19	5,939.90
290 Recreation Grants & Donations	116,779.30	12,259.48	128,078.78	219,089.85
301 Bond and Interest	189,054.33	30,035.52	-	156,959.48
303 Tax Incremental Bond Fund	1,720,996.13	-	104,036.65	1,526,959.48
444 TIF Projects	528,885.53	36,094.02	137,177.74	427,801.81
450 Capital Improvement Projects	89,085.78	3,848.54	-	3,848.54
451 Wastewater Treatment Facility	58.40	216,700.00	270,047.75	35,748.43
550 Central Garage Fund	49,080.24	-	40,400.94	8,717.70
601 Water/Sewer Perpetual	318,510.24	359,398.66	361,411.74	316,496.58
608 Wastewater Bond & Interest	46,069.92	5,277.65	-	51,347.57
630 Airport Fund	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
703 Escrow Fund	12,615.85	5,132.07	4,414.06	13,333.86
725 CCC Cafeteria Plan	-	6,837.26	6,837.26	-
738 Library Fund	-	1,685.74	1,685.74	-
750 Confining Econ. Development Grant	430,982.07	7,067.18	29.43	438,019.82
780 Cloud County Landfill	5,389.62	73,295.13	46,761.35	31,923.40
802 Water Protection Fund	1,509.36	1,562.54	1,731.99	1,339.91
TOTALS	\$5,278,982.25	\$1,607,618.23	\$1,937,624.75	\$4,948,975.73

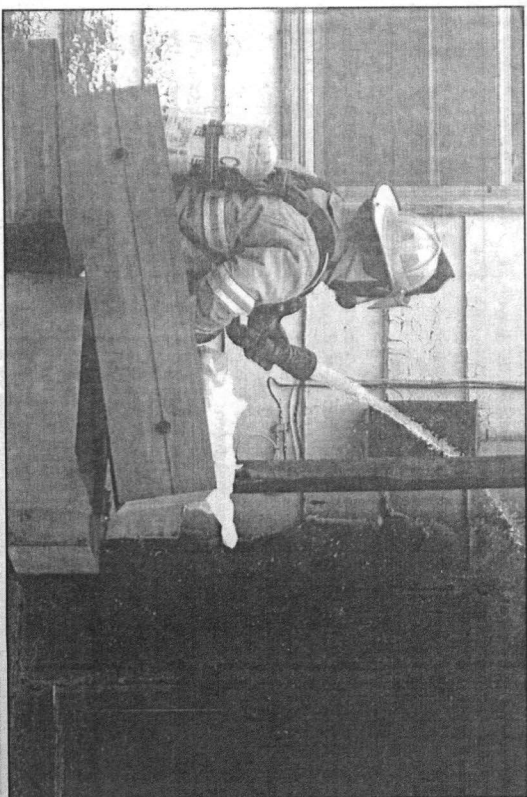
### LIABILITIES:

General Obligation Bonds	3,415,000.00
TIF General Obligation Bonds	2,995,000.00
Capital Leases	3,287.19
TOTAL	\$6,413,287.19

I, Amber Fatta, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

CASH AVAILABLE:  
Cash on Hand 1,951.33  
Checking Accounts 742,770.35  
Money Markets & Savings Accounts 1,622,367.36  
Certificates of Deposit 1,581,988.89  
KS Money Investment Pool 1,000,000.00  
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS \$4,948,975.73

Amber Fatta, City Treasurer



Jan. 31st

# Commission reviews TIF documents

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

Before approving two small Tax Incremental Financing projects Wednesday night, the Concordia City Commission reviewed the original TIF documents approved in 2000.

Concordia City Manager Larry Uri told Commissioners that in May 2000, when the city proposed a TIF district be formed, the city was required by law to prepare a comprehensive plan for the district. That plan was presented to both the USD 333 school board and the board of county commissioners, the city's partners in the TIF district.

As required by law to form the district, the city commission at the time made a finding that the district was a blighted area, Uri said. To assist the commission in making that determination, city staff prepared a comprehensive report outlining areas that needed improvement.

"At the time these documents were prepared, I was the city attorney," Uri said. "I wrote the TIF comprehensive plan. I was the primary drafter of the first 10

pages of the report to the governing body. We have a debate from time to time about what was intended (with the TIF district). That's why you put things in writing. It's been 14 years and memories fade or alter."

The initial development plan for the TIF district was to construct the necessary infrastructure for the Walmart Supercenter. Uri said part of the original plan was to use some of the revenue generated in the south portion of the district to make improvements in the downtown area.

Uri quoted a section of the comprehensive plan:

"Other projects presently planned for the district include substantial improvements and repairs to sewer and water lines that serve the corridor and the downtown area. . . . Plans also include the construction, repair or improvement of streets, sewer lines, water lines, lighting, sidewalks, utility service connections, and other infrastructure to support the private development of commercial, service and entertainment businesses in the district."

Uri said the TIF documents he quoted were provided to both the school board and county commission.

"At that point of the proceedings in May 2000, either the county commission or school board could have effectively vetoed the TIF district saying no, we don't want to participate," Uri said.

Uri said he did not want to start a new debate over TIF with the school board or county commission. Both have publicly opposed several of Concordia's TIF projects, mainly using the money to replace sidewalks in the downtown area.

In laying out the original plans of TIF, Uri said it was clear that the city had ample authority to do such projects, such as the curb and gutter and drainage project along 5th and Broadway, which the commission reviewed during the study session.

Commissioner Lytle Pounds suggested a meeting with the two entities to discuss the original TIF documents so they would be aware of what had been intended with the district in 2000.

The Commission passed a

resolution for a \$4,840 TIF project at 701 Lincoln for LeDuc Memorial Design. Troy LeDuc plans to move his monument business to that location, and the TIF money will be used for site clearance and seeding.

A second TIF resolution was passed for Sonic Drive-In at 1302 Lincoln Street. For \$3,966, the city will be replacing the concrete of Sonic's north entrance.

A hiking trail grant application to the Kansas Department of Transportation was also approved. Uri said the \$582,129 Transportation Enhancement Grant, if received, will pay for the construction of a hiking trail and three footbridges in the south flood control area.

The request is half as much as was requested when the city applied for the grant last year.

Uri said he narrowed the grant request to the parts of the park plan that relate directly to the trails and bridges, leaving out the shelter houses, restroom and parking lot. He said he thought there were other grant opportunities for those aspects of the park area.

(see TIF on page 8)

## Legals

(Published in the Blade-Enterprise on Tuesday, February 4, 2014)

### NOTICE OF HEARING BY

#### THE CONCORDIA PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Concordia Planning Commission to consider rezoning of property as follows:

Applicant: James & Becky Kindel seek to rezone the following described Tract "P" (Public Use District) to "C-1" (Office & Service Business District).

Said tract of land is located at 803 Valley Street, and more particularly described as follows:

Block 5, East Concordia, an addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The public hearing on the above-described tract will be held in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 701 Washington, Concordia, KS, on February 25, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

All persons desiring to be heard on this request regarding the above-described properties shall have the opportunity to be heard at this time.

Reasonable accommodations are available for persons needing assistance. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to Director of Community Development (785-243-2670) (TDD 785-243-2336) by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 21, 2014.

Bruno Rehbein  
Secretary

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## TIF

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If the city receives the grant, it will cover up to 80 percent of the project cost. Uri said he suggested that the city's 20-percent match come from TIF funds.

In other business, the commission approved the demolition of a condemned structure at 123 West 11th. The only bid is from Snively Excavating and is for \$10,310. Building Inspector Bruno Rehbein said the demo costs will be sent to the property owner as a bill, and he will have 30 days to pay it before it is assessed to his taxes.

The commission also accepted a structure at 325 West 5th into the city's demolition program. For \$5,200, Snell Contracting will demolish the house. Rehbein said the owner, Diana Bohling, plans to build a garage in its place.

At the recommendation of the planning commission, the city commission approved vacating a portion of the alley between Church and Niagra streets. Rehbein said Curt Stupka petitioned for the vacation to replat the area to build a house and create builder-friendly lots.

The commission also reappointed Steve Champlin and Suzy Tuggle to three-year terms on the Concordia Planning Commission.

agreed to continue to contract with Alfred Benesch and Company for engineering services at Blosser Municipal Airport, and directed the planning commission to consider amendments to the zoning code for adult oriented businesses.

Also approved was a bid from Most Dependable Fountains to purchase a drinking fountain to be installed by the new playground in City Park. The \$4,200 fountain will have two heights of drinking areas as well as a water bottle filling station. Uri said the commission had set aside \$10,000 in the 2014 budget for the park project, but since the committee has already raised the money needed to build the park, the cost of the fountain would come from that amount.

Public Works Director Ron Copple said he plans to move the playground equipment currently at City Park to Hood Park. The equipment will be placed south of the tennis courts, and be moved after the new playground is completed.

No action was taken after a 10-minute executive session for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with Uri and Ashley McMillan, executive director of CloudCorp.

The following vehicle has been impounded by the City of Concordia and will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on purplewave.com, if the owner does not claim it within 15 days of the second publication of this notice and pay the removal, storage and publication charges.

Vehicle 1: Maker: Acura, Model: Legend,  
Year: 1991, Style: 4D,  
VIN: JH4KA7668MC022485, Color: Beige

Feb. 13th 2014



# Construction volunteers sought for Park Project

The person who will orchestrate Build Week for the Concordia Community Park Project made a sweeping prediction about it last week.

"I'm inviting all of you to the best event in Cloud County of this generation," said Barry Segal of Play by Design, the New York company that designed Concordia's future destination playground in the City Park.

Segal has been involved with dozens of community-built playgrounds. The process, in which hundreds of volunteers build a playground over five days, becomes something they talk about for the rest of their lives, he said.

Segal was in Concordia last week to help the Park Project committee prepare for the final leg in what will be a yearlong effort to build the playground this spring.

The big push now is securing skilled and unskilled construction volunteers for Build Week, scheduled for April 23-27.

"If you can swing a hammer, hold a board or grease a screw, the committee wants you," Janet Lowell, a member of the Park Project's steering committee said. "We need 80 to 100 workers per four-hour shift."

Free child care will be available to participating families during Build Week. The committee will accept children who are potty trained up to age 10 at the First Christian Church, Lowell said.

The biggest volunteer commitments will come from construction supervisors.

Several people have signed on as chiefs, but the committee is seeking 12-15 additional working or retired people who can commit to working at least part or all five build days.

Crew chiefs should have building experience and be able to lead groups of 10-12 people each day, Lowell said.

Those interested in volunteering in any capacity may sign up at [concordiaparkproject.com/volunteer](http://concordiaparkproject.com/volunteer).

Volunteers will report to the site at 8 a.m. each build day. Work will wrap at 8 p.m. Lunch and supper will be provided.

"We've had great community response from organizations and churches that are providing meals," Lowell said.

In addition to securing volunteers, Lowell said, the committee still needs to raise \$15,000-\$20,000 to cover unforeseen expenses for building materials and expand the project for better accessibility.

The committee has met its initial goal of \$150,000.

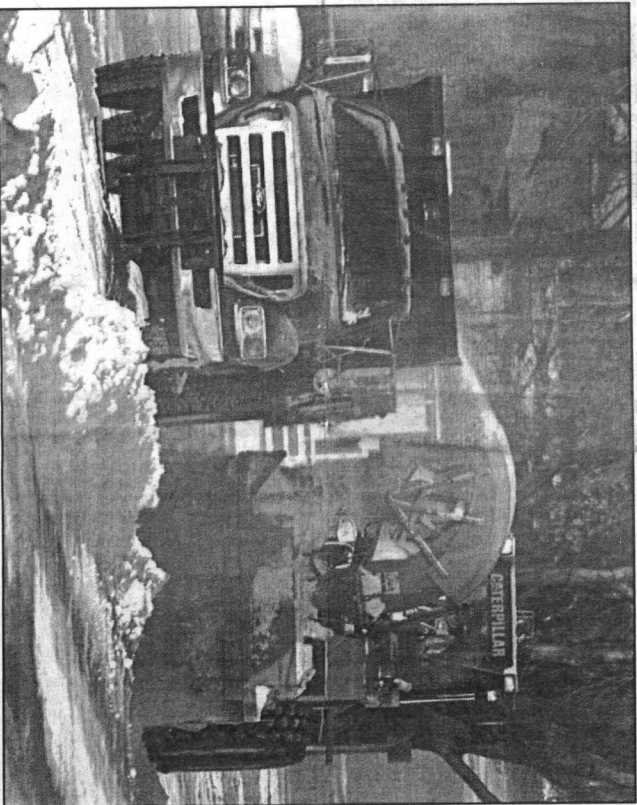
Several large sponsorships are still available. A musical instrument for \$5,000; multiple \$1,000 slots for the brick entry feature and \$500 sponsorships for a mosaic wall. Engraved bricks (\$30) and fence pickets (\$75) may be purchased through the end of February.

Visit [concordiaparkproject.com/donate](http://concordiaparkproject.com/donate) for more information and a PayPal link.

This month, the Park Project's Youth Committee kicks off its Name the Playground Contest. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade may participate.

Fliers will go home this week with Concordia Elementary School students. The winner gets a fence picket engraved with his or her name and the opportunity to cut the ribbon for the playground's grand opening April 27.

For more information, contact Brandt Hutchinson at [brandt-hutchinson@gmail.com](mailto:brandt-hutchinson@gmail.com).



**Cleaning up after the storm**

City of Concordia employees clear snow piled in the street after a winter storm on Tuesday. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

## LAB TECH Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City of Concordia Utility Department is seeking to fill the position of full-time Lab Tech. Complete job description available at City Hall.

This position is responsible for the proper operation and maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and is responsible for daily lab reports and analysis of samples.

**Deadline:** City of Concordia will accept applications until filled. Resume may be included with completed city application form.

**Apply at:** The City of Concordia City Clerk's Office 701 Washington, P.O. Box 603, Concordia, Kansas 66901. 785-243-2670. Reasonable accommodations are available for persons needing assistance.

## F&A Food Sales donates \$6,000 to Park Project

The Concordia Community Park Project has received a \$6,000 gift from F&A Food Sales, Inc., and owners Dan and Shelly Farha. Their names will be displayed as sponsors of the twisty slide in Concordia's future community-built playground.

"It just makes sense to give back to a community that has provided an opportunity for us to operate a family-owned busi-

ness, raise our children here and now watch our grandchildren make Concordia their home," Shelly Farha said.

A number of large sponsorships for the playground in City Park are still available, including a musical instrument for \$5,000; multiple \$1,000 slots for the brick entry feature and \$500 sponsorships for a mosaic wall. Engraved bricks (\$30) until Feb. 27. Engraved fence

pickets (\$75) may also be purchased.

All sponsorships can be made online at [concordiaparkproject.com/donate](http://concordiaparkproject.com/donate).

Hundreds of skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed to build the playground over five days, April 23-27.

Those who wish to help may sign up at [concordiaparkproject.com/volunteer](http://concordiaparkproject.com/volunteer).

Anyone is invited to volun-

teer on any of the days, but the committee is encouraging members of the surrounding communities to be a part of the adventure by attending the Community Days during Build Week. Designated community days are: Wednesday, April 23, Clyde; Thursday, April 24, Jamestown; Friday, April 25, Aurora; Saturday, April 26, Glasco; and Sunday, April 27, Miltonvale.

**We Are Still Taking  
Applications for:**

**PLAYGROUND LEADERS**

15 & older

**UMPIRES**  
15 & older

Application deadline Friday  
March 28th.  
Apply at City Hall, 701  
Washington

# Commissioner: Jail may open in March

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

Cloud County Board of Commissioners Chair Johnita Crawford told the entities at Wednesday night's intergovernmental meeting in Jamestown that the long-delayed Cloud County Law Enforcement Center may open in March.

Crawford said work continues on finishing the jail, which was scheduled to be completed five months ago. In August 2012, Zahner Hansen Construction Group of Brentwood, Tenn., was awarded the project to construct the new Law Enforcement Center and Jail.

Construction on the \$5.9 million, 80-bed jail and sheriff's offices began in the winter of 2012. Sept. 17, 2013, was the originally contracted substantial completion date for the Center, but a number of issues, including an electrical subcontractor briefly walking off the job, have resulted in numerous delays.

At last night's meeting, Crawford said a number of people had asked about the consequences facing Zahner Hansen for not finishing the jail by the

Sept. 17 deadline. Contractually, no penalties can be imposed on the contractors. In response to those questions, Crawford presented a statement from Cloud County Attorney Rob Walsh.

"We do not at this time have a projected occupancy date for the new facility," Walsh said.

"Project owners in the state of Kansas, including Cloud County, are entitled to recover damages caused by a contractor's unexcused delay in completion of the project. The consequences are expressed as either 'liquidated' or 'actual' damages for delay."

Walsh explained that liquidated damages are established, by agreement of the owner and contractor at the time of contracting, as a fixed dollar amount per day of unexcused delay. If, as in Cloud County's case, the construction contract does not include a liquidated damage clause, the owner may assert a claim for actual damages caused by the delay.

"Actual damages may include additional costs for financing costs, extended design-professional involve-

ment in the project, outsourcing, and revenue lost from the owner's inability to fulfill contracts with other counties," Walsh said in his statement. "Actual damages are limited only by the owner's ability to prove the amount of damages actually caused by the unexcused delay."

Crawford said the county commissioners are hopeful the jail will be open soon. "The Brown Grand is scheduled to open on April 1. We're hoping we're at least in front of that," she said.

Concordia Concordia City Manager Larry Uri said the south flood control project is moving through the permit phase and he is optimistic the dam will still be built in 2014.

Mayor Tim Parker said the Concordia city commission would like to have a meeting with the Tax Increment Financing partners — Cloud County, USD 333 and Cloud County Community College — to determine the best way to use the funds. At the end of the TIF district, which is in 2020, Parker said there should be \$1.5 million left over.

"The TIF partners should all

get together to sit down and have some discussions about what each group would like to see those TIF funds used on," Parker said. "We need to make sure we're following the intent of what TIF was (when it was implemented in 2000), but we also need to make sure we're following what each entity thinks."

With six years remaining in the life of the TIF district, Parker said now is the time to start planning. "The most important part is to make sure we get the most bang for our buck, and that where we're using the money is going to help the future growth of the county," Jamestown Mayor Randy Smith reported that work should begin at the first of April on replacing in excess of 8,000 feet of water lines in the city.

The city received a Kansas Small Towns Environment Program grant to replace the water lines. The grant requires volunteers to match the funds, and Smith said it would probably take close to a year to replace all the water lines, install seven new fire hydrants and 50 new meters.

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## Jail

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Cloud County Health Center Hospital CEO Don Bates said there are a number of projects going on at the hospital, one being transferring patient records to an electronic format. He said the information technology system at the hospital has been redesigned, and patient records should go digital on March 1.

Bates said he continues to work on recruiting new doctors to the hospital, as well as searching for a new general surgeon.

USD 333 Superintendent Bev Mortimer said architects are working on the new HVAC system, which will be installed at Concordia Elementary School this summer. She said CES students and staff will be getting out of school a week earlier than the rest of the district in May to allow for more time to work on the HVAC system.

Mortimer also said Cloud County may qualify for FEMA hazard mitigation funds. That money could be used to help build the FEMA shelter at CES, which she said could slow down construction of the shelter.

City of Glasco Mayor Charles Wilson said the bar and restaurant in Glasco closed in December but 11 investors purchased the

building and leased it to a new operator. The bar and restaurant reopened at the first of the year.

City of Clyde Mayor Terry Koch said the city had received one bid to repair the water tower, which was lower than anticipated. A new restaurant, Velma's Lazy B, opened in November of last year.

Cloud County Community College President Danette Toone said the College is working on building a multipurpose facility on campus. A capital campaign is in place, and will be launched soon to raise funds for the building.

"We're cautiously optimistic that this is the decade that it will get built," she said.

CloudCorp Executive Director Ashley McMillan said the CloudCorp annual luncheon will be Friday, March 7, at the Catholic Church parish hall in Concordia. The featured speaker will be former Concordia John Lagemann, a senior vice president with John Deere.

McMillan also said April 23-27 is scheduled as Build Week for the Concordia Park Project. She asked that each city in the county spend a day helping with construction.

The next meeting will be in Concordia in May.

## NOTICE OF CITY GENERAL ELECTION CONCORDIA CITY

Notice is hereby given that a City General Election will be held in Concordia City on April 1, 2014, for the purpose of electing two (2) City Commissioners. Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot are:

Tim Parker  
Lyle L. Pounds

### VOTING PLACES FOR GENERAL ELECTION CONCORDIA CITY CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Fellowship Hall, 402 West 6th St.

1st Ward  
1st Precinct, 2nd Ward  
2nd Precinct, 2nd Ward  
3rd Ward  
4th Ward

The hours of voting in all precincts will be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. All voting will be by ballot.

Witness my hand and seal this 25th day of February, 2014.

## Legals

(First published in the Blade-Empire on Friday, March 14, 2014)

### Notice of a Public Hearing for Proposed Improvements at Blosser Municipal Airport, Concordia, Kansas

The City of Concordia, Kansas intends to undertake the following proposed actions at Blosser Municipal Airport:

- Construct a new primary Runway 18/36 that is 4,800 feet in length and 75 feet wide (2017)
- Decommission existing primary Runway 17/35, reduce its width from 60 feet to 35 feet to serve as a parallel taxiway. (2017)
- Construct new turf crosswind Runway 6/24 that is 2,236 feet in length and 250 feet wide. (2020)

- Decommission turf crosswind Runway 12/30 and turf crosswind Runway 3/21. (2014 for 12/30 and 2020 for 3/21)
- Acquire land in fee and easement (2014)
- Construct new connecting taxiways. (2018)
- Extend parallel taxiway (decommissioned primary Runway 17/35) approximately 430 north and 750 south. (2018)
- Install miscellaneous lighting systems (2018)
- Remove obstructions (trees and fence) for Runway 18/36. (2017)
- Provide New/Revised Instrument Approach Procedures. (2017)
- Relocate Automated Surface Observation System (ASOS). (2017)
- Remove Non-Directional Beacon (NDB). (2017)
- Construct Apron Expansion. (2020)

We are providing notice of a public hearing where we will address the proposed actions' potential economic, social, and environmental impacts. In addition, we will address the project's consistency with the goals and objectives of the affected area's land use or planning strategy.

Potentially affected environmental resources include: Wetlands.

The Public Hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 5:30 p.m.  
Concordia City Hall  
701 Washington Street  
Concordia, KS 66901

The draft environmental assessment (EA) describing the proposed actions' impacts will be available for public review until April 30, 2014. The draft EA may be viewed at:

Frank Carlson Library  
702 Broadway  
Concordia, KS 66901

Blosser Municipal Airport  
3015 Blosser Circle  
Concordia, KS 66901

Those wishing to make written comment must do so to:

The City of Concordia  
Attn: Stacey Crum, Concordia City Clerk  
701 Washington Street  
Concordia, Kansas 66901

or  
Glenn Helm  
Federal Aviation Administration, ACE-611F  
901 Locust St.  
Kansas City, MO 64106-2325

with the letter postmarked no later than May 10, 2014.

Concordia City Hall  
701 Washington Street  
Concordia, KS 66901

Concordia, Kansas

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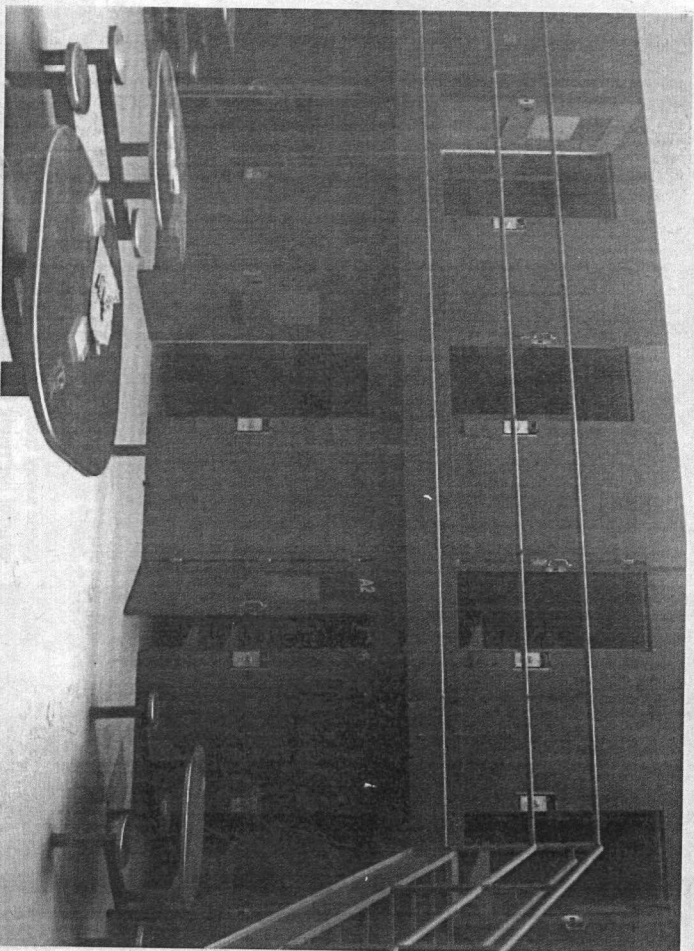
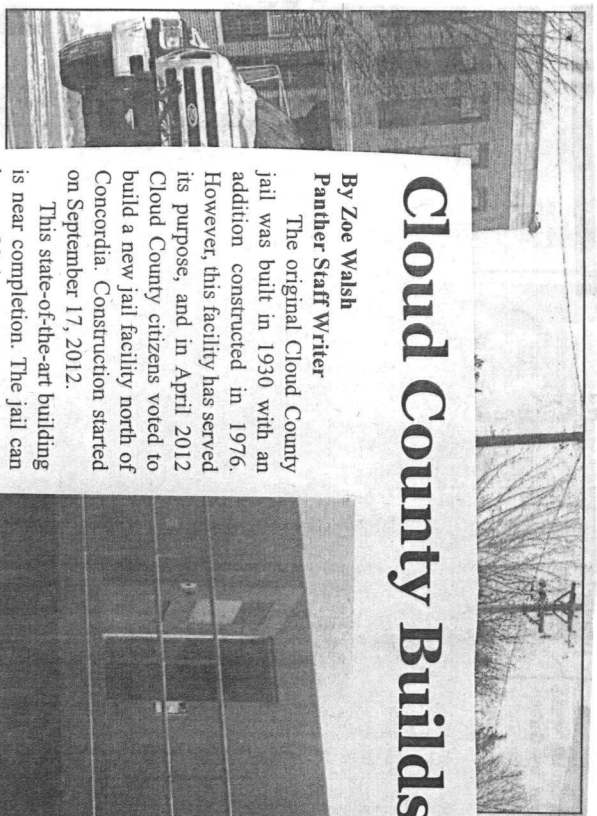
# Cloud County Builds New Jail

Chris Kumpster

By Zoe Walsh  
Panther Staff Writer

The original Cloud County jail was built in 1930 with an addition constructed in 1976. However, this facility has served its purpose, and in April 2012 Cloud County citizens voted to build a new jail facility north of Concordia. Construction started on September 17, 2012.

**Snow removal**  
City of Concordia School Monday



Pod A - a set of eight cells capable of holding two inmates each. Photo by Zoe Walsh

This state-of-the-art building is near completion. The jail can house 80 inmates at its maximum capacity. As inmates are transported to the jail they will go through a series of security checks. The jail features a Sally Port with a garage door on each side. Inmates will begin their incarceration journey there. The patrol car will pull into the Sally Port before the inmates are escorted in. Both garage doors will be shut as the inmate exits the patrol car to ensure the security of the inmates. They will be buzzed into an area where they will be booked in. Booking in consists of recording their height, weight, finger prints, and taking their mug shot. Next to the booking area are holding cells and a detoxification cell. There is also a room for the medical needs of the inmates. Inside this room is an isolation cell in case of possible disease outbreak.

The facility offers two lower security areas where inmates serving a short sentence for lesser crimes will be housed. For inmates serving a longer sentence, the jail offers three "pods" with six to eight cells in each pod. Each pod is secured behind a steel door. In each cell there are two beds. The inmates will have

access to a sink and shower. Each cell is also secured behind a steel door. Each pod includes a device for each inmate to purchase candy, calling cards, and miscellaneous items. The device is linked to a machine in the front of the building where visitors can put money onto the inmates' accounts to purchase these items. Of course, the items for sale are priced so that the jail will make a profit to help pay off the facility. The inmates can also use this device in their pod to video call their families, which will also be charged to their account. This will also help fund the jail.

People driving by this facility

shouldn't see any inmates outside because their recreational room is inside.

The heart of the building is called the Control Center. It is secured behind two steel doors. The Control Center overlooks all three pods. It is equipped for the surveillance of the entire building. The jail's brain is software made by a company called Accurate Controls. This software is programmed on a computer and was custom-made for the jail. On this computer you can speak to the individual cells via intercom, release cell doors, close cell doors, turn shower water on and off, sound alarms, and the list continues. The software

even lets the operator change the TV channels in each pod and adjust lighting in the facility. If the computer crashes, the jail can also operate manually with keys to lock cells. The control room also includes a bathroom and a small area with accommodations so the jailer should never have to leave.

The jail also includes a kitchen, office space, and maintenance area so the maintenance workers never have to interact with the inmates.

Although jails are an unpleasant topic, and no one wants to end up in them, it is comforting to know that the Cloud County jail will be a safe facility.



**Salt shake**  
A city of Conco  
(Blade photo by)



applicant under penalty of perjury.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of February, 2014.



Linda Bogart  
Cloud County Clerk/Election Officer



### Addressing the threat

Two Kansas Highway Patrolmen search the Alstom Power Air & Preheater plant with a bomb detection dog after a bomb threat led to the evacuation of employees Friday morning. No explosive devices were found, and workers were allowed to return. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

## Bomb threat leads to evacuation of Alstom plant

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

A bomb threat called in to Alstom Power Air & Preheater led to the evacuation of the business Friday morning.

According to Concordia Police Chief Bruce Johnson, the threat came into Alstom's answering machine prior to 6 a.m. this morning. The caller, Johnson said, indicated there was a bomb on the property that would go off in one of the buildings. Alstom workers arriving for the 6 a.m. shift called 911 at 5:50 a.m. to report the threat. Concordia Police, the Cloud County Sheriff's Department and the Kansas Highway Patrol responded to Alstom, 1830 East 6th Street and all buildings on the property were evacuated.

Johnson said officers, along with a member of Alstom management, made a quick sweep of the premises to make sure all employees were evacuated.

A Highway Patrol bomb detection dog was brought in to search for any explosives. Johnson said a portion of 6th Street, from Industrial Road to Cloud Street was closed to ensure no explosives would affect the highway. It was reopened by 7:30 a.m. Officers secured the area until two additional bomb detection dogs could be brought in from Topeka to search the property.

No explosive devices were found after a thorough search of the property. Employees were allowed to report back to work at 11 a.m.

CONCORDIA, KANSAS 66901

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

## March 7 set as completion date for jail

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

The end of construction may finally be in sight for Cloud County's new Law Enforcement Center and Jail.

Cliff Sullivan and Rick Morton with Goldberg, Sullivan and McCrerey, and Jody Cotton, construction superintendent with Zahner Hansen Construction Group met with Cloud County commissioners Monday afternoon to provide an update on the project.

Cotton said he is shooting for a March 7 date for the project to be substantially completed.

"We should be able to meet that March 7th date," Cotton told commissioners. "I'm doing everything I

can to bring it to a completion by then."

The jail was scheduled to be completed nearly six months ago. In August 2012, Zahner Hansen Construction Group of Brentwood, Tenn., was awarded the project to construct the new law enforcement center and jail. Construction on the \$5.9 million, 80-bed jail and sheriff's offices began in the winter of 2012.

Sept. 17, 2013, was the originally contracted substantial completion date for the Center, but a number of issues, including an electrical subcontractor briefly walking off the job, have resulted in numerous delays.

On April 1, the commission must make the first bond pay-

ment of \$117,300, which represents the interest on the bond.

Cotton told commissioners the main hurdle to overcome in completing the facility is a design issue and documentation problem with the fire alarm system. After a walk-through last week by the state fire marshal, Concordia Fire Chief Eric Voss, and Concordia Building Inspector Bruno Rehbein, Cotton said a problem with the smoke evacuation system was found.

Should a fire start in the jail, a smoke evacuation system is in place to remove smoke from the cell pods. Currently, there is a conflict between the HVAC and electrical contractors as to who was responsible for completing

the electrical work for that system.

Cotton said if that conflict is not resolved by Wednesday, he has workers ready to come in and finish that portion of the project. He also said he planned to talk to Rehbein in the hopes of receiving a temporary certificate of occupancy so sheriff's department staff can begin to move into the administrative portion of the facility.

Painters will be coming in this week to work on touch-ups, Cotton said, and final cleaning will be happening at the same time.

Once it is ready for occupancy, the commissioners plan to have an open house so the public can view the facility before prisoners are housed.

### Good Evening

The Concordia City Commissioners will be attending a tax increment financing partners meeting on Wednesday, March 26 at 6 p.m. in the community room at city hall.

### Good evening

Signup for Concordia Recreation T-ball, pee-wee baseball, softball, and K-18 begins Monday at 6:00 p.m.

### MENT OPERATOR/ MAINTENANCE

Public Works Division  
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# Agriculture key to local growth

By Brad Lowell  
Blade-Empire Editor

For continued growth and prosperity, county leaders along with CloudCorp should work to leverage the agricultural base of the community, John Lagemann, former Concoridian and senior vice president for Agriculture and Turf Division of John Deere, told a sold-out crowd at the annual meeting of the Cloud County Development Corporation Friday noon at the Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Lagemann said that the United States is locked in a global competition to feed a rapidly growing world population.

"We live in an intra-related global economy as evidenced by the recent developments in the Ukraine," he said. "Because of the events taking place in that country, corn prices have gone up in this country as well as around the globe."

As the world's population continues to grow, agriculture will be asked to produce more and more food with less available land, water and energy, Lagemann said.

Lagemann, the son of Mary Ann Lagemann and the late William Lagemann, said for those reasons Kansas farmers must be good stewards of their resources and must embrace technological advances in the way they farm. Since oceans make up 75 percent of the earth's surface, it would appear that there is plenty of water available, Lagemann said. "The problem is that there is not a lot of fresh water with only two and a half percent of the water on earth being fresh and only one third of that is accessible."

Most of the technological advances in agriculture are taking place in the Western Hemisphere where unfortunately there is not all that much undeveloped land remaining, Lagemann said. Brazil can increase its tillable land by between 12 to 15 percent and there is little land left in this country which can be developed, he said.

Lagemann said that on a recent trip to Brazil, he found farmers who were growing two crops on their land each year and were planning to begin growing a third crop each year. Even with a move to three crops a year, the fact remains that there is only so much water and so much energy available, he said.

Turning his attention to growth in global gross



**Sold-out crowd**

Former Concoridian John Lagemann, senior vice president for Agriculture and Turf Division of John Deere, addresses the crowd at the annual CloudCorp luncheon Friday at the Catholic Church Parish Hall. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

domestic product (GDP) and population. Lagemann said that most of the growth will come in developing countries like China and India. The global economy is growing at 4 percent a year, while the growth in developed countries such as the U.S. and Canada is growing at only two percent a year which is exceeded by a 6 percent growth in developing countries, he said.

From 1998 to 2014 the world's economy grew from \$30 trillion to \$77 trillion, Lagemann said. During that period of time, the developed countries GDP grew by 15 percent while the developing countries economies grew by 40 percent, he said.

The earth's population will grow from 7 billion people to 9.5 billion by 2050, Lagemann said. The growth of population in

developed countries will only be four percent during that time period, while developing countries like China and India will experience a 28 percent growth in population, the John Deere vice president said. "The least developed countries in Africa will grow by 103 percent."

As global economies grow and wages increase from \$1 a day to \$2 or \$3 a day, appetites for food will increase, Lagemann said. It would seem that the food supply would only need to increase by 50 percent to meet the demand resulting from the increase in population; however, economists conclude that the food supply needs to increase by 70 to 75 percent because of the increase in appetite, he said.

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## Lagemann

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"What does all of this mean to us in this room," Lagemann asked? "First, we need to realize we are in a global economy and second we should not fight technology, but rather embrace it," he said.

We are in a good position as we enter the next wave of development which is telematics, Lagemann said. With wireless data transmission, we can remotely manage equipment and be able to monitor such things as maintenance and fuel economy, he said.

With moisture sensors spread around a field connected to the Internet, we will be able to write fertilizer prescriptions based on varying moisture contents across a field, Lagemann said. "We need to make this technology a competitive advantage, he said."

Lagemann, who is responsible for John Deere marketing in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Latin America, urged those attending the meeting to figure out what the current trends are and apply them to their businesses.

CloudCorp, Lagemann said, is really important to this community. "Not all people realize its importance to the community," he said. "It is the pro-active organization in the community that can make a difference."

## DOG TAGS

Section 4, City Code: All dogs five months of age and older must be licensed. All dogs must have a certificate of Rabies Vaccination. License fees are five dollars (\$5.00) for each male dog and spayed female dog, eight dollars (\$8.00) for each unspayed female dog, and each dog over four (4) in a family, ten dollars (\$10.00).

All persons, firms or corporations owning or harboring a dog or dogs within the city limits must provide a license for their dog before the 1st day of April, or a fifty percent (50%) fee will be added to regular tags herein specified.

Lagemann said he was fortunate to grow up in this community. "Two important things that I learned growing up here were a belief in a strong work ethic and the importance of treating people with respect," he said.

In closing, Lagemann encouraged those attending the meeting to do everything possible to promote the local community, noting that a good place to start would be with the local educational system. He added that when he is hiring someone, if possible, he'll always go with the person who has midwestern family values.

Lagemann joined John Deere Company in 1982 as a marketing representative. Since that time, he has had assignments as an area service manager, territory manager, training manager and division sales manager for the Kansas City Branch. He also served as Manager, Factory Marketing for John Deere Harvester Works. Before being appointed to his current position, he managed John Deere's sales operations in Australia, New Zealand and East Asia for two years. He served as vice president for sales for the United States and Canada from 2002 to 2009.

He earned both his Bachelor's degree in Feed Science and Management and his MBA from Kansas State University.

# City approves option to purchase lots

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

After a 20-minute executive session Wednesday night, the Concordia City Commission agreed to pay \$1,000 for the option to purchase three lots of downtown property.

Concordia City Manager Larry Uri said the City will pay Doug and Cathy Funk \$1,000 for an option to purchase the three eastern most lots at 6th and Broadway. The city will have a year to exercise its option to purchase the lots for \$45,000.

Upon approval of the option, Uri said, the City will take possession of the land and can use it for public events. Should the Funks receive another offer in the next year, the City must exercise its option to purchase within 45 days.

"The future plans for this are in progress, but essentially we are looking at using this property as an anchor — the future spot of a downtown park that would be designed to draw people into the area," Uri said. "This will be a part of efforts we'll be proposing to you later in the year for a major expenditure of TIF funds for the revitaliza-

tion of downtown."

Uri said the purchase of the land would be a Tax Increment Financing-eligible expense.

In other business, the commission approved moving forward with two TIF projects along Highway 81. TIF money — \$4,840 — will be used for site clearance and grass seeding for LeDuc Memorial's future location at 701 Lincoln. The second project, at 1302 Lincoln, will be for the replacement of Sonic Drive-In's north entrance in the amount of \$3,966.

The commission also approved an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for a mill and overlay of Fifth Street from Broadway to State and Fourth Street from the west city limits to Davies Street.

Public Works Director Ron Copple said KDOT will pay 75 percent of the project, not to exceed \$200,000. The city is responsible for 25 percent of the project, as well as the design cost.

An agreement with Campbell and Johnson Engineers was then approved for \$21,000 to design and inspect the project. A low bid of \$223,859 from

APAC-Kansas Inc., Shears Division of Salina was also approved for another KLINK project. The mill and overlay of Sixth Street from Archer to Cloud is scheduled to begin on May 15 and be completed by June 14. The City's share of the project, including design, will be \$66,414.

During his city manager report, Uri said the dam permits may be issued this month. He said engineers with KLA Environmental Services and Campbell and Johnson are working together to finish the contract specifications so they will be ready as soon as the City can proceed with the dam project.

During public comments, Steve Snyder addressed the commission on the city's breed specific ban. Snyder said he had a wolf shepherd that he had registered and tagged within the city limits for the last five years. Earlier this year, he said, he received a call from Uri telling him the dog needed to be removed from the city limits because it was a hybrid, having been bred with a wolf.

Snyder said under federal and state law, his dog is a domestic animal, and not a

hybrid. He said there are a number of wolf dogs in the city, and a number of them are not registered. He presented a petition with 149 signatures asking that the commission reverse its breed specific ban, saying it does not work to keep pit bulls out of the City.

Snyder said he had removed his dog from the city limits, but it was not doing well because of its separation anxiety.

Uri said there was more to the issue, and he would be willing to gather materials to allow the commission to look into the situation at the next meeting's study session.

Commissioner Charles Johnson said if it would be two weeks before the commission could discuss Snyder's situation, he should be allowed to have his dog in the meantime, and Uri agreed.

In addition to the executive session for acquisition of real estate, the commission also spent 20 minutes discussing confidential business data with CloudCorp Executive Director Ashley McMillan and Utilities Director Chad Buckley. No action was taken after reconvening.

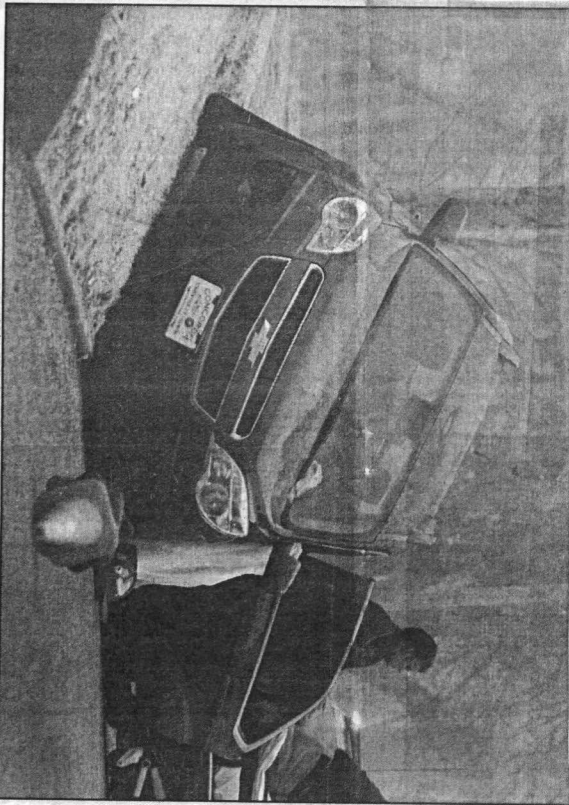
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## Injury accident

Tim Stangel, Concordia EMS, helps remove a victim from a car that was involved in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Ninth and Willow at about 7:45 a.m. Thursday. One person was transported to Republic County Hospital and then to Salina Regional Medical Center. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)



## NOTICE OF CITY GENERAL ELECTION CONCORDIA CITY

Notice is hereby given that a City General Election will be held in Concordia City on April 1, 2014, for the purpose of electing two (2) City Commissioners. Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot are:

Tim Parker  
Lyle L. Pounds

VOTING PLACES FOR GENERAL ELECTION  
CONCORDIA CITY  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Fellowship Hall, 402 West 6th St.  
1st Ward  
1st Precinct, 2nd Ward  
2nd Precinct, 2nd Ward  
3rd Ward  
4th Ward

The hours of voting in all precincts will be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. All voting will be by ballot.

Witness my hand and seal this 25th day of February, 2014.



*Lynnda Leggett*  
Cloud County Clerk/Election Officer



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Section 3. Boundaries. The boundaries of the area proposed to be

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## DOG TAGS

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Section 4. City Code: All dogs five months of age and older must be licensed. All dogs must have a certificate of Rabies Vaccination. License fees are five dollars (\$5.00) for each male dog and spayed female dog, eight dollars (\$8.00) for each unspayed female dog, and each dog over four (4) in a family, ten dollars (\$10.00).

All persons, firms or corporations owning or harboring a dog or dogs within the city limits must provide a license for their dog before the 1st day of April, or a fifty percent (50%) fee will be added to regular tags herein specified.

### Public meeting

Concordia city commissioners may be attending a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 30, at the Blosser Municipal Airport.

Apr 30th



### The wait is over

After nearly six months of delays, Cloud County Sheriff Brian Marks, left, received the keys to the new Cloud County Law Enforcement Center Wednesday afternoon from Hans Hansen, superintendent with Zahner-Hansen Construction Group. Construction on the 80-bed jail and sheriff's offices began in the winter of 2012. It was originally to be completed on Sept. 17, 2013. Inmates are scheduled to be moved into the new jail on March 31.

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(First published in the Bloke Empire on Friday, March 14, 2014)

Notice of a Public Hearing for Proposed Improvements at Blosser Municipal Airport, Concordia, Kansas

The City of Concordia, Kansas intends to undertake the following proposed actions at Blosser Municipal Airport:

- Construct a new primary Runway 18/36 that is 4,800 feet in length and 75 feet wide. (2017)
- Decommission existing primary Runway 17/35, reduce its width from 60 feet to 35 feet to serve as a parallel taxiway. (2017)
- Construct new turf crosswind Runway 4/24 that is 2,250 feet in length and 200 feet wide. (2020)
- Decommission turf crosswind Runway 12/30 and turf crosswind Runway 32/1. (2014 for 12/30 and 2020 for 32/1)
- Acquire land in fee and easement (2014)
- Construct new connecting taxiways. (2018)
- Extend parallel taxiway (decommissioned primary Runway 17/35) approximately 450 north and 750 south. (2018)
- Install miscellaneous lighting systems (2018)
- Remove obstructions (trees and fences) for Runway 18/36. (2017)
- Provide New/Reviewed Instrument Approach Procedures. (2017)
- Relocate Automated Surface Observation System (ASOS). (2017)
- Remove Non-Directional Beacon (NDB). (2017)
- Construct Apron Expansion. (2020)

We are providing notice of a public hearing where we will address the proposed actions' potential economic, social, and environmental impacts. In addition, we will address the project's consistency with the goals and objectives of the affected area's land use or planning strategy.

Potentially affected environmental resources include: Wetlands.

The Public Hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 5:30 p.m.  
Concordia City Hall  
701 Washington Street  
Concordia, KS 66901

The draft environmental assessment (EA) describing the proposed action's impacts will be available for public review until April 30, 2014. The draft EA may be viewed at:

Concordia City Hall  
701 Washington Street  
Concordia, KS 66901

Frank Carson Library  
702 Broadway  
Concordia, KS 66901

Blosser Municipal Airport  
3015 Blosser Circle  
Concordia, KS 66901

Those wishing to make written comments must do so by:

The City of Concordia  
Attn: Stacy Cunn, Concordia City Clerk  
701 Washington Street  
Concordia, Kansas 66901

## Battling the blazes

Top: Firefighters battle a blaze that destroyed a house at 315 West 2nd Wednesday night. (Blade photos by Jessica LEDuc)



## Two homes damaged by fires

Two fires in less than 10 hours caused extensive damage to two houses in Concordia.

The first fire, shortly after 11 p.m. Wednesday night, destroyed a house at 315 West 2nd Street.

According to Concordia Fire Chief Eric Voss, a neighbor called 911 to report the fire. When firefighters arrived, he said, the house was fully engulfed in flames.

No one was home when the fire broke out, and there were no injuries. Firefighters were finally able to get the blaze under control at 12:45 a.m., but the house was a total loss, Voss said.

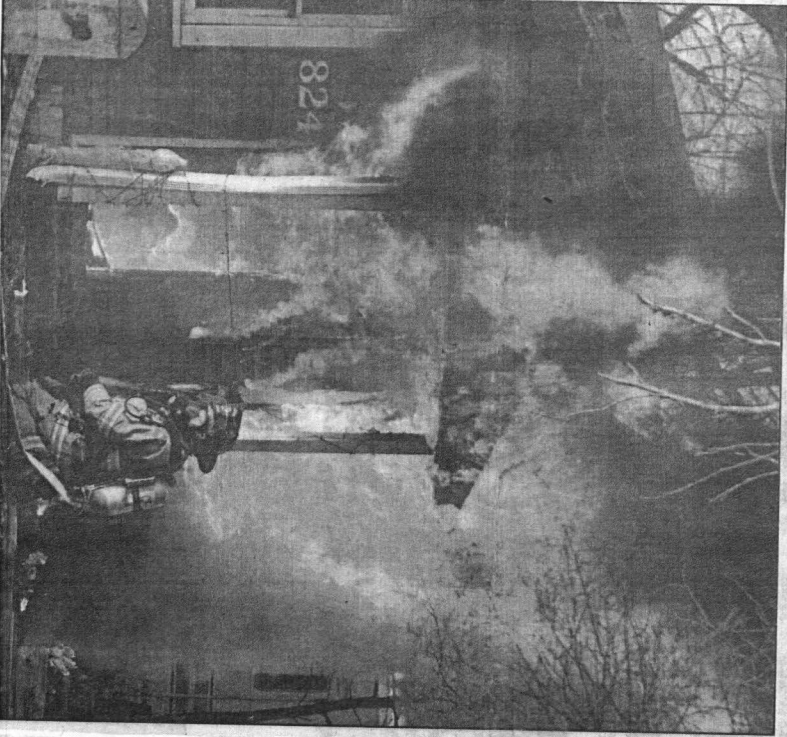
The state fire marshal was on the scene Thursday morning, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Another fire shortly before 8 a.m. Thursday morning caused extensive damage to a house at 824 East 5th Street.

Voss said the fire on East 5th Street started in the back of the house and rapidly spread. Firefighters were able to get the fire extinguished within 20 minutes, he said.

There were two residents in the home when the fire broke out. One person sustained minor burns and was transported by private vehicle to Cloud County Health Center.

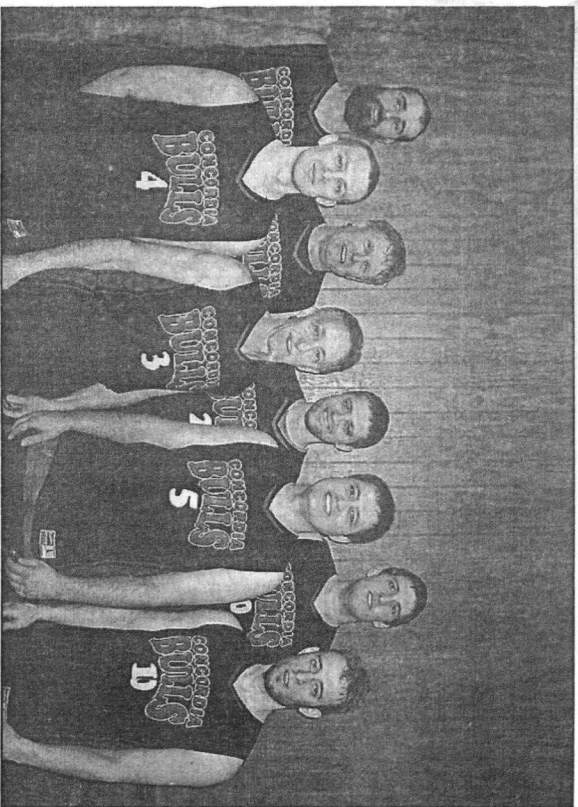
Voss said the cause of the fire was an extension cord that had been run as permanent wiring. Neither home, he said, had a working smoke detector.



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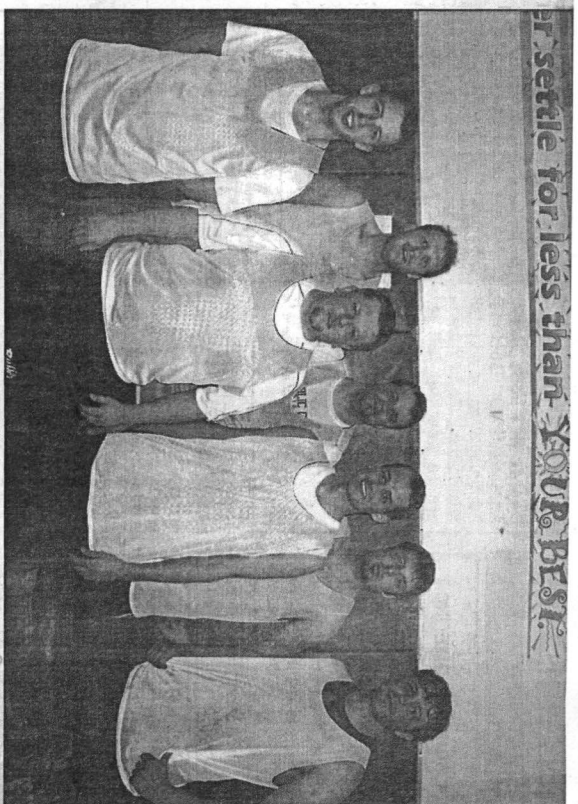
Put the letter postmarked no later than  
by 10, 2014.





### League champions

The F&A Bulls placed first in the Concordia Recreation Basketball Men's City League. Team members include Jeremy Thayer, Spencer Farha, Ron Johnson, Dan Farha, Matt Kueker, Richard Kueker, John Christensen and Garrett Farha.



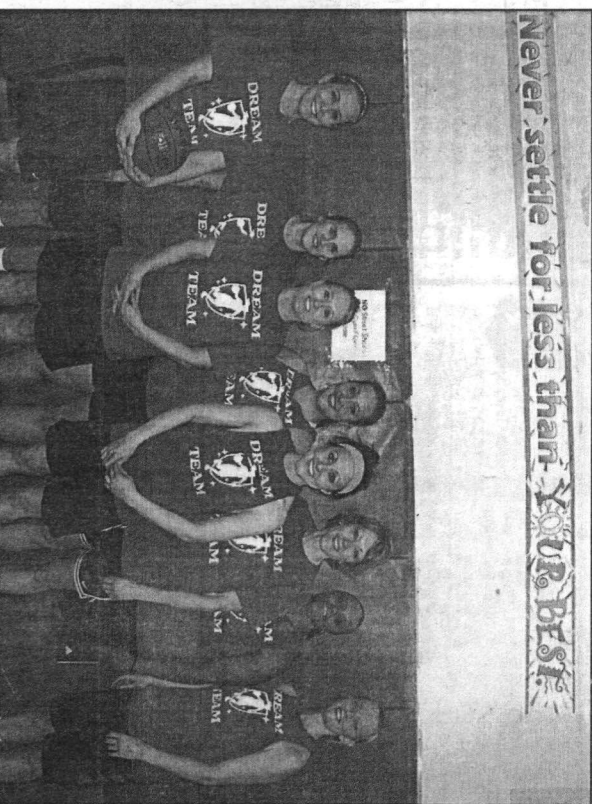
### Place second

Belleville placed second in the Concordia Recreation Basketball Men's City League. Team members include Kurt Childs, Chase Larsen, Colton Grove, Nathan Lindberg, Trevor Kuhlman, Eric Allgood and Caleb Mahin.



### Women's champions

The Red Hots finished first in the Concordia Recreation Basketball Women's City League. Team members include Dana Sandman, Kara Champlin, Paige Champlin, Emily Grauertholz, Melissa Cash, Kristy Charter, Kirsten Watson, Clara Knox, Becky Anderson, Trisha Smith, Jacy Crosson and Caitlyn Havercamp.



### Second-place finishers

Dream Team placed second in the Concordia Recreation Basketball Women's City League. Team members include Laura Krier, Christa Bergmann, Amber Farha, Bailey Garlow, Allison Carlgren, Amber Farha, Kim Reynolds and Rachel Kueker.

Mar 13<sup>th</sup>

# WELCOME TO "CLOUDVILLE"

## Name for new destination playground unveiled

By Jessica LeDuc

Blade Staff Writer

The name of the new destination playground was unveiled at Concordia's city commission Wednesday night.

Commissioner Marsha Wentz, co-chair of the Concordia Community Park Project's volunteer committee, said the name chosen through a contest will be "Cloudville."

The name came from fourth grader Aidan Poore, son of Justin and Kathy Poore. As the winner, his name will have a permanent place in the playground on an engraved fence picket, and he also won a \$75 prize.

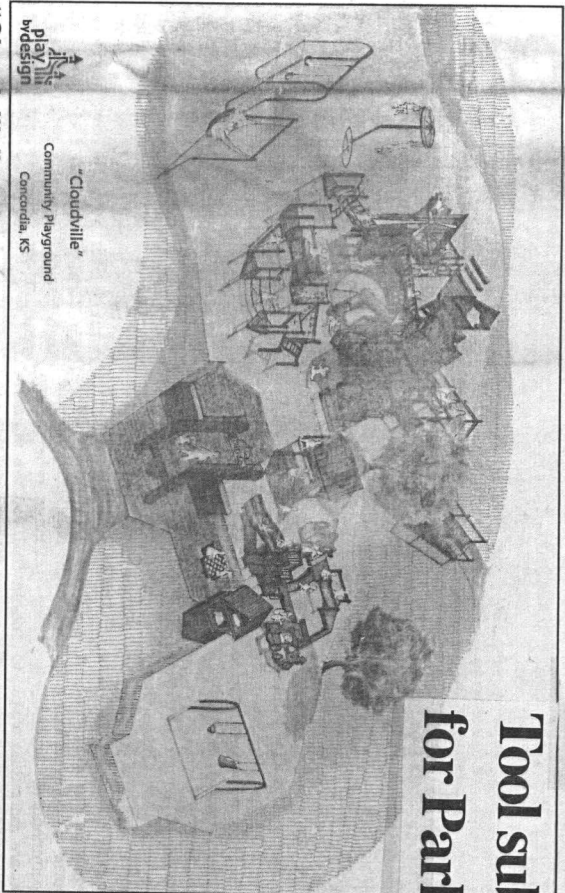
A five-person selection committee, made up of Toby Nosker, Gary Caspers, Susie Haver, Brad Lowell, and Tim Parker selected the name from 84 entries submitted by local schoolchildren.

Wentz said Aidan will cut the ribbon when the park opens on April 21, the final day of Build Week.

"We've raised almost \$180,000," Wentz said. "It's been an exciting project and we're looking forward to the build."

Public Works Director Ron Cople said his crew has started clearing and leveling the area where the playground will be located in City Park.

In action items, the commission approved a zoning change for the former Lincoln School at 803 Valley. The property, which had been zoned for public use, was changed to an office and service business district at the request of the new owners, James and Becky Kindel. The Kindels purchased the former school from USD 333 in January for \$35,000 and plan to reopen it as Valley Rental Center. They are in the process of making the space available to the community for a variety of uses, including office space



"Cloudville" Community Playground design Concordia, KS

A drawing of the "Cloudville" destination playground that will be built in Concordia in April was unveiled at the city commission meeting on Wednesday.

leasing, conferences and reception rentals.

The school district opted to close the Lincoln School in April 2013 as part of measures to save the district money.

The school board had originally planned to close Concordia Middle School, but reversed its decision because of the value the middle school had to the community.

All fifth and sixth graders were moved from the middle school to the junior/senior high school at the start of this school year.

The commission also approved exchanging \$63,470 in federal funds for Kansas Department of Transportation funds. Cople said the program allows the City to exchange federal dollars for state money to use for street projects. Currently, he said, the City has \$110,000 in its fund, which he plans to use for the eventual replacement of 18th Street from

## Tool submission deadline for Park Project is April 1

The next big day for the Concordia Park Project is April 1, tool submission deadline.

Any tools that haven't been offered for loan by that date will be purchased and resold at cost after Build Week. All tools must be on site for all five days of the build.

To make sure construction volunteers will be ready to hit the ground running, the committee will need tools as early as the Friday before April 18.

Owners will be able to pick them up the Monday and Tuesday after the build, April 28-29.

An inventory system will assign a number to each tool owner and all the tools loaned will be labeled with that number.

Volunteers will test and inspect the tools while the loaner is present, then fill out a receipt which will be needed after the build for loaners to claim their tools.

Construction volunteers who use tools will have to check them out. Tools will be stored in locked trailers overnight with security on patrol. If something should happen to the tools entrusted to the Park Project, they will be replaced.

Anyone who has tools they wish to loan to the Park Project may call Mike Wentz, 243-1801.

Members of surrounding towns are invited to help with the build on designated "Community Days":

April 23, Clyde; April 24, Jamestown; April 25, Aurora; April 26, Glasco; and April 27, Miltonvale. Community Days are meant as a guide. Anyone is welcome to volunteer at any time.

Lincoln to State.

Cople said the estimated cost of replacing the street is \$450,000, and he is trying to save as much money as possible so the City does not have to borrow as much to do the work.

The commission also approved allowing Cople to apply for a KDOT connecting link resurfacing project for Fifth Street from Fifth and Broadway to Archer.

The estimated cost of the project is \$297,495 and KDOT would contribute up to \$200,000. The City's match would be \$97,495 plus the cost of design. The mill and overlay project would be planned for 2016.

An amendment to the City's demolition policy was also approved. The total lifetime amount any one person or their spouse can receive from the City is now capped at \$15,000.

City Manager Larry Uri said the reason for the amendment

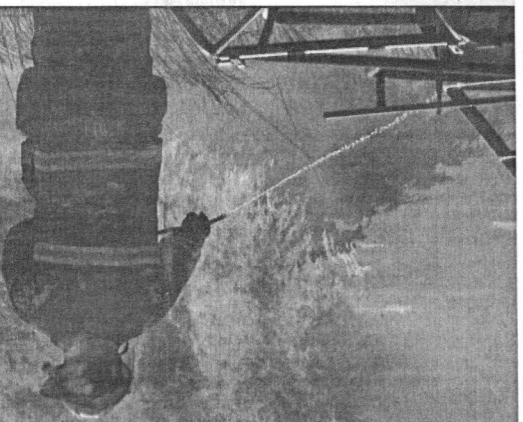
is that there seems to be a perception that the city could be encouraging people to buy dilapidated properties to receive city funds through the program.

The commission also approved drafting a resolution expressing its opposition to proposed legislation to move city and school elections to November, as well as keeping the elections nonpartisan.

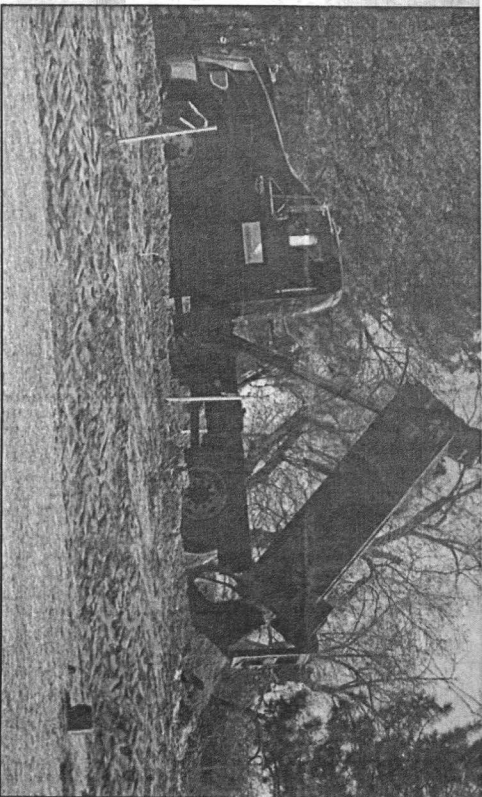
During his manager report, Uri updated the commission on plans for a dog park in Airport Park. The estimated cost of the one- and a half-acre park is \$24,600, and a fundraising campaign has begun to raise the funds. The proposed location, he said, allows for a grassy and partially shaded area with convenient access and parking.

The commission adjourned to a study session to discuss wolf dogs, a copier for the police department and increasing court costs.





CONCORDIA, KANSAS 66901



**Park project preparation**  
A city of Concordia truck dumps dirt at the City Park as preparations continue for the building of "Cloudville", a destination playground. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

CONCORDIA, KANSAS 66901

Thursday, March 27, 2014

# Plan presented for use of TIF funds

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

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The use of Tax Increment Financing money to jumpstart a revitalization of downtown Concordia was discussed at a TIF partners meeting Wednesday night at City Hall.

Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp executive director, and Sarah Isaacson, director of the Concordia Area Chamber of Commerce, presented a plan for the construction of a plaza at the corner of 6th and Broadway in downtown Concordia.

McMillan said there are 10 empty storefronts in downtown Concordia. Despite that, she said, the downtown has seen a large amount of private investment in improvements at businesses such as Rod's Food Store, 6th Street Fashions and Footwear, Jitters, Threads and Picture This, El Puerto, and the Majestic 4 Theatre.

But for a revitalization to be successful in the downtown, McMillan said, there need to be improvements in public infrastructure and event planning to go along with the private investments. Now is the time she said, to develop 20/20 vision for 2020, the year that Concordia's TIF district expires.

"We don't want to be looking back in 2020 and wish we'd

said. The way to have that vision, McMillan said, is to bring businesses and college-educated and skilled workers to town, and give those people an experience, rather than just a place to stop and shop.

The way to make downtown Concordia an experience Isaacson said, is to find a way to pull people off the highway and make it a destination point that brings people to the community.

The plan is for a plaza at the corner of 6th and Broadway that would feature a covered area, seating, a stage, restrooms, an information kiosk, movie screen, and bike rack. The space could be used for the farmer's market, flea markets, craft shows, community concerts, Fall Fest, and the art walk, to name a few.

McMillan and Isaacson, along with Concordia City Manager Larry Uri and Tammy Britt with Cloud County Convention and Tourism have been working on the plans for the project. "Our downtown is a stamp for what the community stands for, and we just need to enhance that message," Isaacson said. "We already have a lot of the pieces for success, but it will take everyone working

McMillan said utilizing TIF dollars for the downtown will help fill storefronts, keep existing businesses thriving and increase sales tax revenue.

Uri said since the city commission acquired the rights to purchase the five vacant lots at the corner of 6th and Broadway, he has heard positive comments about the decision. The City has until March 1, 2015, to purchase the lots for \$75,000.

"If we do this right, there's the ability for this to be something to turn the downtown around and set the downtown up for the next 20 years or longer," Uri said.

He said over the next six years, the TIF fund is estimated to generate \$1.5 million in revenues, which can be used for the downtown revitalization project.

"I think we need to go for something striking," Uri said. "Something you can't miss that will become something of a landmark in this area."

Another piece of the revitalization puzzle, he said, is the replacement of water and sewer lines in the downtown. That will be an expensive part of the project, but one that needs to be done because of the age of the lines.

plaza and fixing up the sidewalks, then have to come back and dig something up to replace a sewer line," Uri said. "Now's the time to do it."

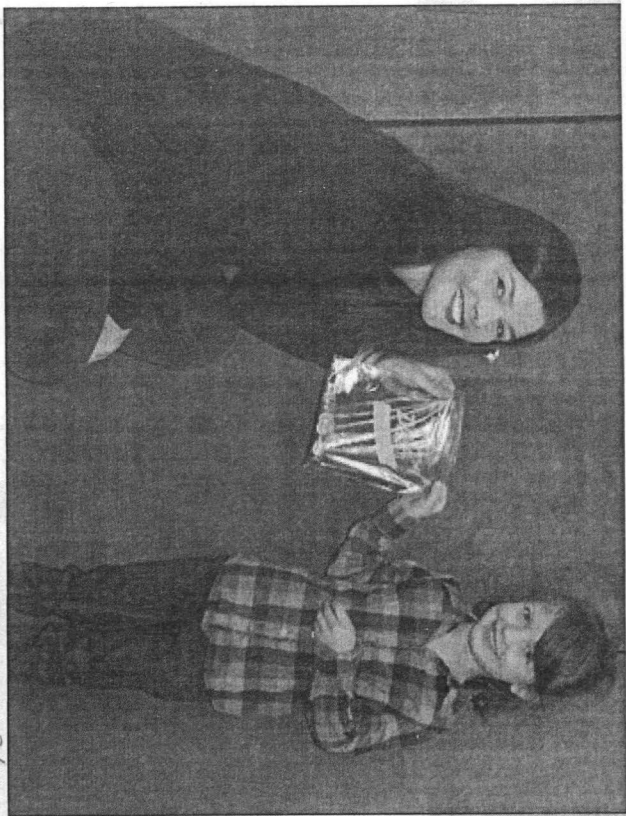
When the TIF district was formed in 2000, Uri said the original plan was to use money from the south development — Walmart — to make substantial improvements to the downtown because downtown does not have the ability to generate an increment for the district.

"Everything we're talking about to set up the downtown and the merchants so they can succeed for another 20 years or longer is well worth the money in sales tax revenue for the life of the community," Uri said.

Uri said the committee welcomes ideas from the public for the design of the space. "We want everyone to bring us their ideas," he said. "We want to build a structure for our ideas, and the ideas of everyone who comes after us."

Concordia Mayor Tim Parker said business activity in Concordia has improved over the last 20 years, and will continue to do so if all entities work together.

"We're asking you to take a leap of faith with us and think about what could happen in the



### Park Project donation

Five-year-old Kymmy Hoeshl donates money from her piggybank for the Park Project to one of the project organizers, Ashley McMillan. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

## Five-year-old donates to Park Project

The Concordia Park project has received many donations but a recent contribution from a five-year-old strengthens belief in the old saying "every little bit helps."

Kymmy Hoeshl recently presented money from her piggybank with a hand printed note of encourage-

ment to Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp executive director and one of the Park Project organizers.

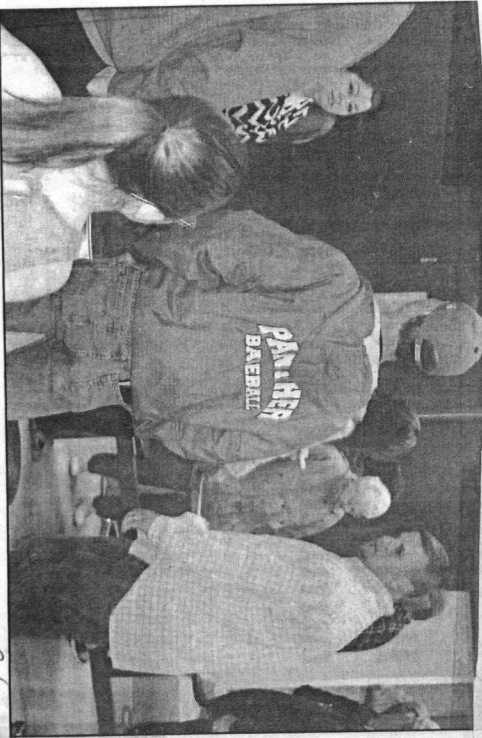
Kymmy's note:

**Dear the Park Project,**  
Hi! My name is Kymmy Hoeshl. I am five years old. I want to help people feel safe, healthy and happy. I also want to help make the

world a better place.

Here is the money I saved to help others. I think CloudCorp does a good job helping others and the community I live in and I want to help too. Please accept my donation of \$5.50 to help with the Park Project.

Love,  
Kymmy Hoeshl



### Checking things out

Many of the people attending the open house at the Cloud County Law Enforcement

## Brown Grand will reopen April 1

After two years of being closed because of safety issues and then renovations, the 107-year-old historic Brown Grand Theatre in Concordia will reopen to the public April 1 for tours, rentals and events.

"This is an exciting day for us to get that official stamp of approval from the city: Our Certificate of Occupancy," executive director Susan Cantine-Maxson said. "This means we can immediately begin with booking events and tours once again."

The first events scheduled for the Theatre include the season's last program of the Concordia Concert Association on April 7, a dance recital on April 13 and Teens for Christ on April 19. A concert by the Great Spirit Band with Linda Chubbuck, Max Pruitt, Mattson and Weaver and Stan Slaughter will be May 3.

The Theatre will be host for a Grand Reopening Open House May 4 from 2-4. This

will be a time when people can go backstage, tour the Theatre and visit with Brown Grand board members about the renovation process. There will be a short slide show of the project at 2:00 followed by refreshments and tours.

May 10 is the date of the first Brown Grand Event featuring Joseph Hall's Rock 'n' Remember tribute to Elvis. Hall was a finalist on NBC's America's Got Talent and is a featured performer at the Americana Theatre in Branson, Mo. Tickets will go on sale April 7 and may be purchased in advance at the Theatre at 310 W. 6th, reserved by phone or purchased on line at [www.browngrand.org](http://www.browngrand.org).

The Brown Grand is asking that those who received free tickets as a thank you for donations limit their use to two tickets per event. Those tickets are redeemable for a value of \$15.

A schedule of all upcoming events will be posted

on the Brown Grand website: [www.browngrand.org](http://www.browngrand.org). Guided tours and self-guided tours are available Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed for the noon hour).

Groups interested in renting the Theatre may call for more information about rental rates availability at 785.243.2553.

The final touches of cleaning will be Sunday, March 30, at 1:30 if volunteers would like to help before the Theatre opens to the public.

"If the weather permits, outside work such as trimming grasses, raking out leaves and putting down mulch will be a priority," Cantine-Maxson said. "If people can bring their own tools, that would be a plus.

We also need to finish up dusting and putting things on shelves in the basement. We have plenty of dust rags for that. We are in need of more shelving if anyone has any they want to give us."



### Donation for swings

Dr. Monte and Nancy Wertz (left) and employees of Wertz Eye Care made a \$2,000 donation to the Concordia Park Project for swings. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)



# County board sets time for open house

An open house for the new Cloud County Law Enforcement/Defention Center will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 29. Sheriff Brian Marks and the Cloud County board of commissioners set this time and date at the county board's Monday meeting.

In other business, the board approved a hiring authorization for Robert Westlie as a full-time construction laborer, effective March 31, at a wage of \$11.22 per hour. The hire was to fill an open position.

Highway department administrator Andy Asch reported his department plans to seal the Ames/Miltonvale road and the St. Joe road this year. He also reported the UP bridge will be closed for a bridge inspection Tuesday, March 25 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Solid Waste director Justin Murdock reported he and Steve Horkman will attend the WORKS Conference April 1-3 in Topeka. Ashley McMillan, Cloud Corp executive director, presented an application for wind farm funding which the board will take under advisement.

Barry Porter, county appraiser, reported he will be submitting the Model

Floodplain Management Resolution to the Chief Engineer at the Kansas Department of Agriculture for approval. He also discussed the new flood insurance regulations and reported the new Flood maps will go into effect July 16.

Commissioners gave reports on meetings and events they had attended the past week:

Gary Caspers—Cloud County Resources Council meeting, March 17; KWOR-CC Board of Trustees Conference call, March 20; and dedication at the Sports Complex, March 21.

Gail Engle—County Government Day and the KCCA Executive board meeting in Topeka, March 18; and Sports Complex dedication, March 21.

Johnita Crawford—visited Clyde Senior Center on March 17; attended Cloud Corp meeting March 18; Juvenile Detention meeting in Beloit, March 19; and Sports Complex dedication, March 21.

The board recessed at 11:45 a.m. and resumed session at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment was at 2:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be March 31.

CONCORDIA



**The walls come tumbling down**  
Snively Excavating demolishes a house in the 100 block of West 11th Street on Thursday. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

## County board discusses jail, no action taken

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

No action was taken by the Cloud County board of commissioners after 40 minutes of executive sessions Friday morning.

The new Law Enforcement Center and Jail were discussed during the 30- and 10-minute executive sessions for attorney client privilege with Cloud County Attorney Rob Walsh.

The commissioners also participated in a conference call with Wyatt Hoch, an attorney

with Foulston Siefkin, LLP out of Wichita.

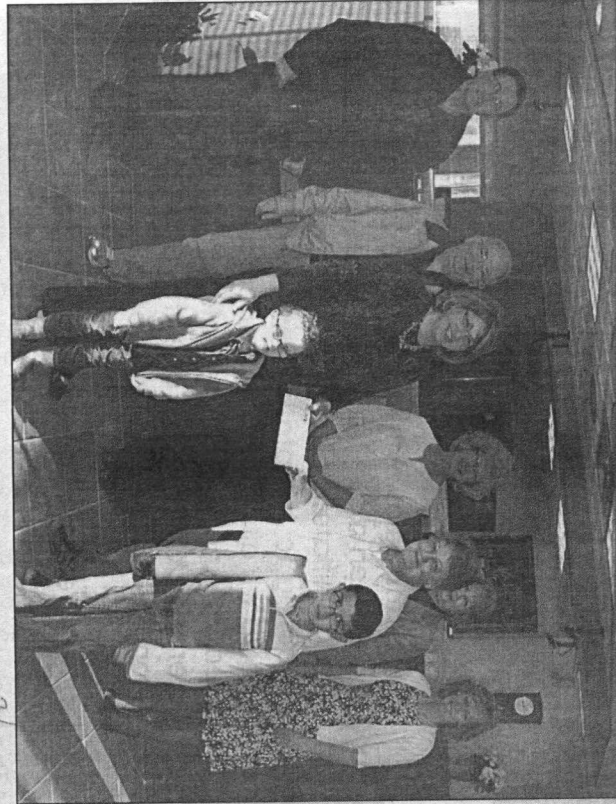
Walsh said Hoch is working with the county commission on issues with the Jail.

Hoch's practice includes design and construction contract drafting and consulting, claim negotiations, and dispute resolution in both arbitration and court settings nationwide.

The open house scheduled for Saturday morning, from 10 a.m. to noon will go forward as planned, the commissioners said.

### Park project donation

The Elk State Bank donated \$1,000 to the Concordia Park Project. Lynette Fredrickson, Elk State marketing officer, presents the check to Marsha Wentz, Park Project volunteer, with bank employees Debbie Deneault and Lauri Vancampen (right) and park volunteers (l-r) Chad Buckley, Mike Wentz and Janet Lowell looking on. Also pictured are future park users, Grant (front left) and Dallen Buckley. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)



# Public gets first look at new jail

Cloud County residents finally got a look at the new Law Enforcement Center during an open house Saturday morning, and many walked away impressed with the \$5.9 million facility.

The open house gave the county the opportunity to show off the new facility before inmates are moved in, which is expected to be later this week.

"It took a while, but I am impressed with what is here," Roger Berg said.

Cloud County voters approved issuing revenue bonds to construct the building in April 2012.

In August 2012, Zahner Hansen Construction Group, Brentwood, Tenn. was awarded the 80-bed project.

Work on the facility began in the winter of 2012 and Sept. 17, 2013 was originally contracted as the substantial completing date.

A number of issues resulted in several delays in construction of the building.

"It has taken a lot longer than we anticipated, but it was something that needed to be done," Cloud County commissioner Gary Caspers said. "We are excited to be able to show the people the building."

Cloud County Sheriff Brian Marks is ready to get moved into the new center.

"It has been a long time coming. What I really like about it is they took their time and did things right," Marks said. "I feel comfortable that the things they have done they have done right so we shouldn't have any problems for a long time. I am glad to be where we are at today. I can't wait to get in here and get inmates in here." Cloud County will abandon the old jail, which was built in the 1930s, and Marks said was outdated and unsafe, and move into a state-of-the-art



**Control room**  
Amber Lindberg, jail administrator, talks about the security system in the control room at the new Cloud County Law Enforcement Center during an open house on Saturday. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

facility. "The security is incredible in this place," Marks said. "I feel so much safer, not only for my staff but for the inmates."

Caspers said the county will have an open house at the old facility after the inmates are transferred.

"When we have the prisoners out of there we may have an open house and let them go through the old one and see what we were up against," Caspers said.

The center's control room made an impression on many of those attending the open house. "The state-of-the-art stuff is cool. It will be a lot safer for the jailers and people who have to work there," Roger Demanette said. "I like the control room. It is impressive," Jane Demanette said. Jeanette Deneault was also impressed with the control room.

"The control room is awesome," Deneault said.

Rod and Kathy Imhoff and Don Deneault were also impressed with the facility.

"I think it is very nice. I think it is going to be much more efficient," Rod Imhoff said.

"I think it is really nifty," Kathy Imhoff said. "It is pretty nice," Don Deneault said. "I think it is pretty much what I expected, maybe a little bit more than I thought."

(Published in the Concordia Blade-  
Empire on April 4, 2014, and April 11,  
2014)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1981

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas:

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as provided by Section 7-47 (c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Concordia, Kansas, has informed the governing body that in his opinion the following structure is unsafe and dangerous:

The premises located at 315 West 2nd Street, Concordia, Kansas, and more completely described as:

Lot 4, Block 194, Hageman's Subdivision of Block 194, Concordia Original Town Site, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

AND WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has determined that the structure should be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1752.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, that on May 21, 2014, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., the owner, the owner's agent, any lienholders of record and any occupant of such structure may appear at City Hall, 701 Washington Street, Concordia, Kansas, and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished. Notice shall be given by the City Clerk as required by K.S.A. 12-1752.

Passed by the Governing Body and signed by the Mayor this 2nd day of April, 2014.

Timothy S. Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Stacey Crum  
City Clerk



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April 11, 2014)

## NOTICE OF HEARING BY THE CONCORDIA PLANNING COMMISSION

Said Tract generally lies East of U.S.  
Highway 81, North of College Drive, West  
of Campus Drive and South of 19th  
Street.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Concordia Planning Commission to consider a Preliminary Plat of the College Drive Park.

Said tract contains 37.70 acres, more or less and is subject to easements, reservations and restrictions of record. (A complete legal description may be obtained by contacting City Hall)

The public hearing will be held in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 701 Washington, Concordia, KS, on the 13th day of May, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Reasonable accommodations are available for persons needing assistance. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to the Director of Community Development (785-243-2870) (TDD 785-243-2336) by 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 9, 2014.

Bruno Reibeln  
Planning Commission Secretary



# City moves forward on airport expansion

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

The Concordia city commission approved moving forward Wednesday night with plans to acquire land for the future expansion of Blosser Municipal Airport.

Brad Waller with Alfred Benesch & Company, the city's engineering firm for the airport, said the airport master plan calls for the construction of a new runway, which is the next phase of airport development.

The \$97,265 contract for services will be paid for 90 percent by the Federal Aviation Administration and allows Benesch to take all necessary

steps to acquire land rights that the city will need if the airport is expanded.

Waller said his company will provide land acquisition services for the airport for seven tracts of land that will eventually need to be acquired. The seven tracts will involve eight different property owners, not including the city, which already owns one of the tracts, and will require 12 different legal description documents. The contract also includes a boundary survey, legal document creation, appraisals, title commitments, negotiations, and two grant document submittals.

Concordia City Manager Larry Uri said acquiring land for an airport typically takes two years. Starting the process now will enable the city to use FAA funds it has been banking since 2011. The city has \$136,528 in FAA entitlement funds that must be committed to a specific project by July 1.

To take care of that money, Waller recommended the city make the middle third of the Mosher property, which was purchased in 2011, a part of the airport. The FAA will then reimburse the city for a portion of the purchase price of that tract. The city paid Lynn and Patricia Mosher \$300,000 for

the 56 acres south of the airport for future expansion. Waller said he estimates the city will receive \$150,000 for that land purchase.

In other airport-related business, the commission approved signing a \$10,000 contract with Architectural Murals in Brick for creation of a new sign for the airport.

Uri said the brick sign will be created by Maara Smith, and will feature a portrait of Charles Blosser as well as his 1928 Lincoln Page bi-plane. She should begin carving the brick later this month, and installation should happen in May or June. (see City on page 7)

## City

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The sign is part of a settlement the city reached earlier this year with Marilyn Blosser, when she agreed to convey to the city all of the Blosser family's rights to the real estate where the airport is. In exchange for \$50,000, the city would receive sole ownership of the airport, commit to continue using the name "Blosser Municipal Airport," and agree to erect a prominent sign displaying that name.

Several bids for public works vehicles and equipment were also approved.

A low bid from Concordia Tractor Inc. for \$32,721 was approved for a new John Deere riding mower with cab and snowblower. Public Works Director Ron Copple said he plans to sell the old mower on Purple Wave Auction.

A bid from Womack Sunshine Ford & Kawasaki for \$22,431 was approved to purchase a new half-ton 4x4 truck. Rather than trade in a 2000 Chevy half-ton truck, Copple said he would also sell it on Purple Wave.

Only one bid for a flat bed truck was received, and it came from Concordia Chevrolet-Buick for \$27,343. Copple said he would be trading a 1991 Ford one-ton truck for \$1,000.

Concordia Tractor did not have the low bid on a skid-steer loader, but it was close enough to the cheapest price for the commission to accept it.

Copple said the low bid came from Bobcat of Salina for \$29,600 with a \$6,500 trade in allowance. Concordia Tractor's bid was \$29,600, with a \$7,500 trade, making the difference only \$829.

Commissioner Marsha Wentz said she would rather go with a local business.

"Personally, I'd like to buy local," she said. "We'd have

access to parts and service quickly if we buy local. And that money turns around and is spent in Concordia."

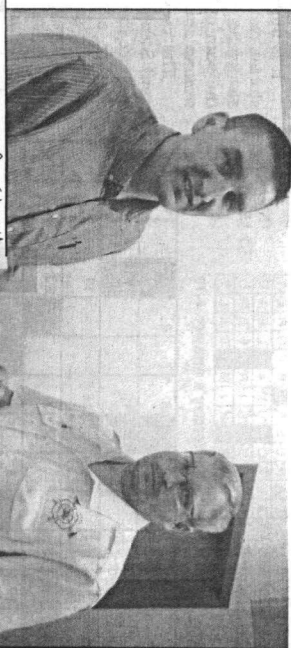
The commission approved two resolutions to start the condemnation process for two houses that were damaged by fire last month.

Uri said the resolutions needed to be adopted within 30 days of the city's receiving insurance proceeds on the properties. The city receives 10 percent of the insurance damage payout to hold until it can assure the properties have been cleaned up and made safe again. The resolutions deemed both structures as unsafe and dangerous and set public hearings for May 21.

A small change was made to the city's municipal court costs. Each person who pleads or is found guilty will now be assessed a \$5 charge. That money will be applied to the costs of training and qualification of dispatch, animal control and law enforcement officers.

The commission adjourned to a study session to discuss animals in the city limits and flood control in the eastern part of Concordia.

Apr 3rd



April 11th

## Brown Grand Theatre plans Open House

April 24th

The Brown Grand Theatre will be host for an Open House from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, May 4, to celebrate the reopening of the Theatre after being closed since March 2012 for structural renovations over the stage area.

Activities will begin with a large group photo and ribbon cutting on the front steps of the Theatre (everyone is welcome to join in), followed by a short program thanking those directly involved in the project.

After the program, the Theatre will be open for exploring.

**Restored**  
"One of Our Own," the bronze statue in Concordia City Park that was damaged in an accident last winter, has been restored and returned to the same location it had occupied since 1949. Ron Copple, Concordia public works director, said city workers installed the statue last week. Ad Astra Art Bronze Inc., Lawrence, did the restoration work which was paid for by the insurance of the driver who had run into it. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

April 3rd





**Signing on the dotted line**  
Art Staughter signs in to vote in the local election Tuesday morning. On the ballot are two unopposed Concordia city commission races. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

April 1st

## Turnout is low: Pounds, Parker are reelected

Almost 95 percent of Concordia's registered voters stayed home yesterday for the city-school general election.

With 5.88 percent of votes cast, both Tim Parker and Lyle Pounds were reelected to three-year terms on the Concordia City Commission. Both ran unopposed, and were the only two on the ballot.

Pounds received 178 votes, while Parker had 171.

Pounds received 74 advanced votes, 60 in the 1st and 2nd wards, and 44 in the 3rd and 4th wards.

Parker had 65 advanced votes, 61 in the 1st and 2nd wards, and 45 in the 3rd and 4th wards cast for him.

In Miltonvale, only 29 votes were cast, translating to a 9.76-percent voter turnout for the city council election.

Michael Hamel, Darnen Warkentin and Brian Yonally were all running for their seats unopposed. Hamel and Yonally received 27 votes each, while Warkentin received 23.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1982

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas:

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as provided by Section 7-47 (c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Concordia, Kansas, has informed the governing body that in his opinion the following structure is unsafe and dangerous:

The premises located at 624 East 5th Street, Concordia, Kansas, and more completely described as:

West 1/2 of lot 2 and all of lot 3, Block 3, Drake's Addition, in addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

AND WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has determined that the structure should be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1752.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, that on May 21, 2014, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., the owner, the owner's agent, any lienholders of record and any occupant of such structure may appear at City Hall, 701 Washington Street, Concordia, Kansas, and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished. Notice shall be given by the City Clerk as required by K.S.A. 12-1752.

Passed by the Governing Body and signed by the Mayor this 2nd day of April, 2014.

Timothy S. Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacey Cium  
City Clerk



**Pouring a sidewalk**  
City of Concordia employees pour a concrete sidewalk at the City Park on Thursday morning. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

April 10th

### AgMark donates rescue panels

Fire Department employees stand with the engulfment rescue panels recently donated to the department by AgMark LLC. Pictured (l-r) are: Jim Menard (firefighter); Mark Paul, Cloud County Co-op CEO; firefighters Tim Stange, Derek Champin; AgMark LLC operations manager Derek Sandman; Larry Brundridge, Farmway north region manager; and Levi Whitlev.



April 10th



# City set to revise animal codes

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

The city of Concordia's restrictions on specific breeds of dogs—as well as other types of animals—will soon go by the wayside.

The ordinance to completely revise the city's animal codes was tabled at Wednesday night's city commissioner meeting, only because of one omission regarding rabies vaccines and several typographical errors.

After discussing the issue during several study sessions, City Manager Larry Uri presented a new ordinance that completely did away with Concordia's restrictions on types of animals that can be kept in city limits, as well as all breed-specific restrictions. It will no longer be illegal for citizens to own pit bulls or fighting mastiffs.

The new ordinance also does away with dog tags and allows the city to institute nuisance proceedings concerning animals. A provision has been

added that allows any person to "take any action reasonably necessary to protect themselves or any other person from injury by any animal or to protect any property from damage by any animal." Uri said that provision is already state law, but he wanted to make sure it was in the city ordinance as well.

The issue of Concordia's breed-specific ban was brought to the commission last month by Steve Snyder, who owns a wolf shepherd. That type of dog—a dog crossbred with a wolf—is prohibited by the city.

Snyder told the commission that a number of wolfdogs live in the city and aren't registered. He presented a petition with 149 signatures asking that the commission reverse the breed-specific ban, because it did nothing to keep pit bulls out of the city.

Last night, Uri said the commission continually has to deal with these debates over animals, which shouldn't be their job.

"The problem we have is that

this is not the forum to determine the appropriateness of an animal, and that's what you're constantly asked to do," Uri said.

When a citizen approaches the commission, Uri said it is not the appropriate time to cross examine them to find the facts of both sides of the issue.

"Perhaps their claims and complaints are not as thoroughly examined as if they were in court," Uri said. "You're asked to be the jury without hearing as much as you might otherwise in court."

If the ordinance is passed, the issue of whether an animal is dangerous or is a nuisance will be decided by the municipal court judge. "We're trying to make it so you're not having to decide if a type of animal is a problem," Uri said. "The animal control office can pick it up and hold it until the court can decide. I'm tired of spending all this time on animals. I'd rather make Judge (Scott) Condray do it. His forum is better able to sort out if there is a problem."

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Ryan McMillan spoke out against the changes, saying he would not feel safe if any type of animal, such as horses, were allowed in the city limits.

"Growing up on a farm, I know how to act around these animals," he said. "A lot of people in this town do not."

If a horse were allowed in town, and got loose and scared, he said nothing would be able to stop it.

"A nine millimeter isn't going to put down a horse. If you're lucky enough to hit it," he said. "If these are allowed, I'm going to feel the need to carry every time I walk around."

If all animal restrictions are struck from the city books, McMillan asked what would stop someone from harboring a wild animal and walking it on a leash.

"If someone is licensed to have these wild breeds, say a bobcat or an alligator, what's restricting them from walking them down the street?" he asked.

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The new ordinance would do away with sections on dangerous dogs, such as pit bulls, and only deem them dangerous after they exhibited that behavior.

"I don't think the time to act is after something happens," McMillan said. "The animal" is "not considered dangerous until it does something to show it's dangerous. I don't think we should wait until that happens. I think we need preventative measures in place."

There were few comments from commissioners on the changes, other than Charles Johnson pointing out there were no provisions requiring rabies vaccines.

Uri said that did need to be in the ordinance, and he would bring it back at the next meeting with that added. The commission voted to table the ordinance until the May 6 meeting.

The commission did approve amending the utility billing code to remove the \$100 disconnection fee that city. Uri offered three options for the money—leaving it alone and deciding later how to spend it, refunding it to customers who paid, or giving it to the Cloud County Resources Council.

"The Resources Council will probably help the same clientele we were trying to help anyway," he said. The commission unanimously approved giving the balance of the water shut off fund to the Resources Council.

In other business, the commission approved making an application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for a geometric improvement project at the intersection of 1st Street and Highway 81.

The project would widen the turning radius of the intersection from 60 feet to 120 feet, which would allow turns to make the turn easier.

### Public Works Director

Ron Cople said the total cost of the project is approximately \$487,000, and the city's share would be close to \$50,000. If KDOT approves the project, it would be slated for 2017.

The commission also approved purchasing \$24,156 worth of materials to build a water main along College Drive.

Chad Buckley, utilities director, said the proposed line will be approximately 1,730 feet long, and will be in place to service potential retail developments along College Drive. City crews will complete the work this summer. Uri said the cost of the materials is part of the existing flood control Tax Incremental Financing project.

City Clerk Stacy Crum certified the results of the April 1 city general election, and Tim Parker and Lyle Pounds were sworn in to begin serving their three-year terms. Commissioner Marsha Wentz was elected mayor and Christy Hasch was appointed as the mayor dance.

### Fire Chief Eric Voss presented Dr. Justin Poore with a plaque as the KEMTA medical director of the year.

Voss said Poore has been medical director of both Concordia and Miltonvale's EMS programs for the last 10 years. Voss said he has worked to increase EMS service and been very supportive of changes in the past few years.

Poore, in accepting the award, said there has been a steady improvement in EMS services in the last couple of years.

"There have been a lot of sick patients who've been transferred out (to other hospitals) who owe their lives to you," Poore said to the EMS members in attendance.

Bruno Rehbein was the winner of two tickets to the NCAA basketball championship in Arlington, Texas, from Gambino's Pizza.

Gambino's customers in five states registered to win one of 5 pairs of tickets to see the NCAA basketball championship game on April 7. Rehbein won a pair of tickets to the game, as well as the Gambino's fan experience, which includes a tailgate party, photo opportunities with various NCAA legendary players and coaches, and \$200 for travel expenses.

"We're in Big 12 basketball country, and many of our customers love following college games while enjoying our pizza," said Gene Suellentrop, president of "In the Sauce Brands." "We welcome this opportunity to introduce more basketball fans to the variety of tasty Italian dishes on the Gambino's Pizza menu. Giving customers an added chance to win tickets is one way to thank customers for their patronage."

## Big winner

Bruno Rehbein, center, was the winner of two NCAA basketball championship game tickets through a promotion from Gambino's Pizza. He is pictured with, from left to right, Gambino's Pizza co-managers Jordan Bauer, Erin Crawford, and owners Greg and Kim Wiesner. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)



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also enter to win a \$100 pizza party. Three customers from each Gambino's Pizza location were chosen. Winners from the Concordia area: Dan Conn, Jeff Huber and Jessica LeDuc. The Concordia Gambino's Pizza, is owned by Greg and Kim Wiesner. Gambino's Pizza operates restaurants in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

## Getting it started

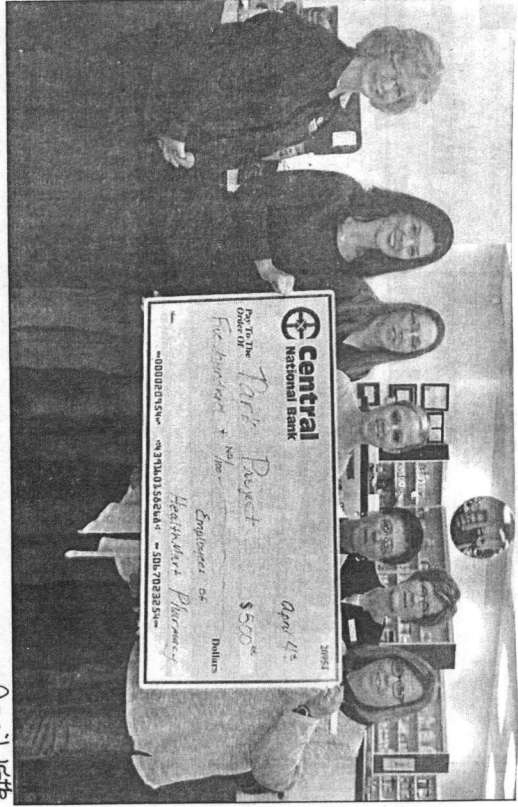
Shawn Cyphers lays brick for a pillar at Cloudville, the destination playground to be constructed at the City Park. Build week for the playground is April 23-27. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)



April 16

## Denim Days donation

Family Health Mart Pharmacy employees are pictured with Concordia Park Project organizers with their \$500 check generated from Denim Days begun Dec. 13, 2013, and ending April 1, 2014. Each employee of the pharmacy donates \$5 and can wear jeans on Fridays. All of the employees actively participated in the contribution project and have since decided to continue donating to chosen charities throughout the year. This is not mandatory. If an employee does not want to wear jeans, they do not have to. No donation, no denim. Everyone at Family Health Mart believes in helping others and wants to do their part. Pictured are (l-r): Park Project organizers Janet Lowell, Ashley McMillan; pharmacy employees: Kim Hubert, Anna Dormann, Jo



April 15

## GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Concordia City Commission intends to involve as many qualified citizens as possible in the governing process. To that end, the Commission announces that vacancies do now exist or will soon exist on the following citizen boards, commissions and committees:

### AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

If you are a citizen of Cloud County and interested in serving the community by becoming a member of this board, you are asked to fill out a short Expression of Interest form. To be considered for the above appointment, return a completed Expression of Interest Form to the City Clerk's Office. You are urged to act at your earliest convenience.

All members of boards, commissions and committees serve without pay — out of a concern for the public good.

Expression of Interest Forms will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2014.

Forms and more information are available in the City Clerk's Office, 701 Washington Street, P.O. Box 603, Concordia, Kansas, 66901.

If you have questions, please call the City Clerk's Office at 785-243-2670

Apr 11



# TIME TO PLAY

## 900 volunteers turn out to make Cloundville a reality

Cloundville, the newly constructed destination playground in the Concordia City Park, opened to rave reviews Sunday night.

"It is awesome," seven-year old Peyton Retter said during the dedication.

Retter was especially fond of the "mushroom".

Dozens of children got their first look at the community built playground after the ribbon was cut by fourth-grader Aidan Poore, whose Cloundville entry was selected in the contest to name it.

"It is fun. I like it," five-year-old Mya Niehues said.

Six-year-old Anna Widen had selected the "curly slide" as her favorite piece of equipment.

"I like it," Widen said. Beginning last Wednesday, Concordia residents, and those from surrounding communities, pulled together to build the playground in five days.

Men, women, business owners, attorneys, doctors, contractors, retirees, college students, middle school students...etc.

worked side by side, using hundreds of donated tools to complete a project that

had been proposed just a year earlier.

"This started as a Rotary project that turned into a community project, and we are so excited to be at this point," Janet Lowell, the co-project coordinator with Ashley McMillan, said during the dedication ceremony.

"Over 900 people helped build this project. That is amazing."

The playground will officially open when the rubber mulch is put down later this week.

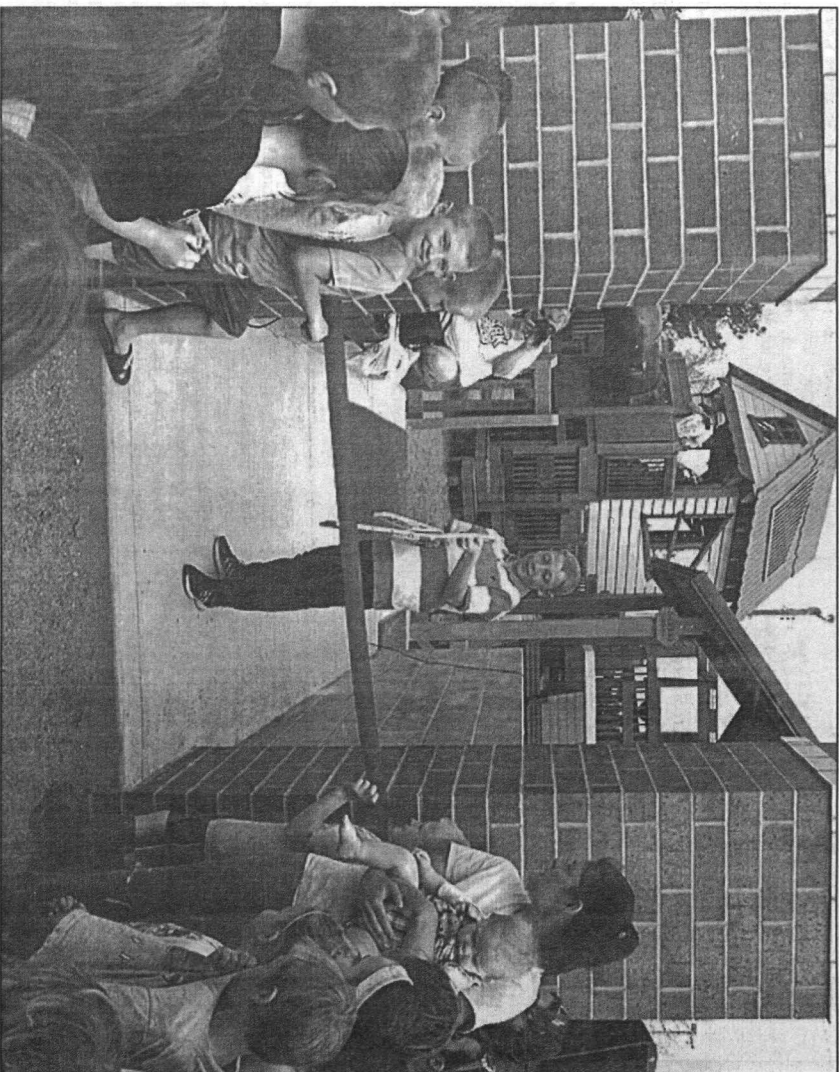
A suggestion by president Gordon Morrison in April, 2013 that the Concordia Rotary Club get involved in a project in the community led to the construction of Cloundville.

The idea of a playground similar to Tootleville in Miltonvale was proposed to the Rotary Club board, and approved.

A meeting was conducted at the CloundCorp office, and about 20 people attended and said they would serve on the Park Project committee.

Play By Design, Ithaca, N.Y., was selected by the committee to design the playground.

The Concordia city



### Making the cut

Aidan Poore, who submitted the winning name, Cloundville, in the contest to name the new playground in the Concordia City Park, prepares to cut the ribbon during a dedication ceremony Sunday night. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

commission gave permission for the project, and fundraising efforts began.

A goal of \$150,000 was reached by Dec. 1, and a total of \$182,000 was raised for the project.

"I was surprised we raised it that fast. It was good we could do it, because everybody we talked to was excited about the project," Lowell said.

Dennis Wille, Play By Design, came to Concordia on June 20 for a design day.

Wille met with the children in the community to get input on what they would like to have in a new playground.

up with included a combine, wind turbine, tree house, airplane, train, twisty slide, musical instruments and more.

"Play By Design is a really talented outfit that did a great job," Barry Segal, who along with Mark Cushing came to Concordia to oversee the construction of the playground said.

Beginning last Wednesday morning, the hundreds of volunteers began the construction process.

"The way the community is working together it is a pretty good project to get involved with," volunteer Scot Henderson said. "It is an example of what you

work together."

Food was donated to feed the volunteers breakfast, lunch and supper each night.

Volunteer Clint Tate enjoyed being able to help out with the project, and learn a few things while doing so.

"Everybody is enjoying it. I learned so much working with some of the old timers. It has been really educational," Tate said.

Contractors from the area gave up their time, and that of their employees, to help out. "I helped with Miltonvale's Tootleville, and now we get one in our home-

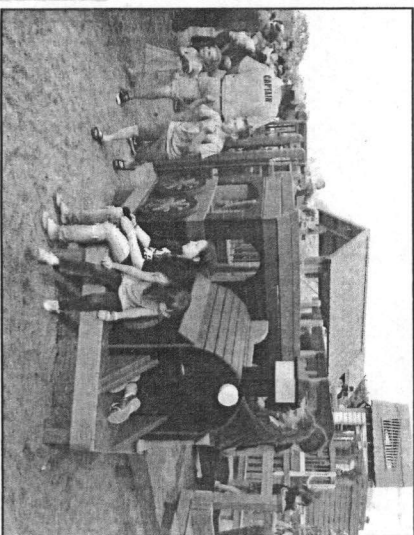
Wiesner Construction, said, "You get to meet all of the young kids coming to town and get to know their names."

Cushing was impressed with the skill level of the volunteers during the process.

"There is a very high skill level here," Cushing said. "The community, I just can't say enough about it."

The project also left an impression on Segal, who has been involved in hundreds of park builds.

"I just enjoyed the people immensely. I would move to Kansas," Segal said. "Concordia is a great place to grow up and a



### Play time

Children attending the dedication ceremony for Cloundville, the destination playground in the Concordia City Park, play on the

# for Cloudville playground



**Mosaic for Cloudville**  
Tami Peltier (left) and Kim Sprague pose with their mosaic for Cloudville, the new playground that volunteers will build April 23-27.

## Dear Editor,

Everyone is invited to the "greatest event in Cloud County of this generation!" That is how our builder from Play By Design describes this upcoming playground build in Concordia's City Park. Please join us beginning Wednesday, April 23 through Sunday, April 27.

Our goal was to raise \$150,000. We have raised more than \$180,000—pretty amazing! Our thanks go out to all the businesses and individuals who stepped forward to make this happen.

All the materials and components have been ordered. Now we need 100 volunteers per day to build this new playground. All skill levels are needed. You must be at least 14 years old to be on the build site and at least 18 to run power tools.

For those who have offered to lend us tools, check-in will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday, April 19, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Easter Sunday, April 20.

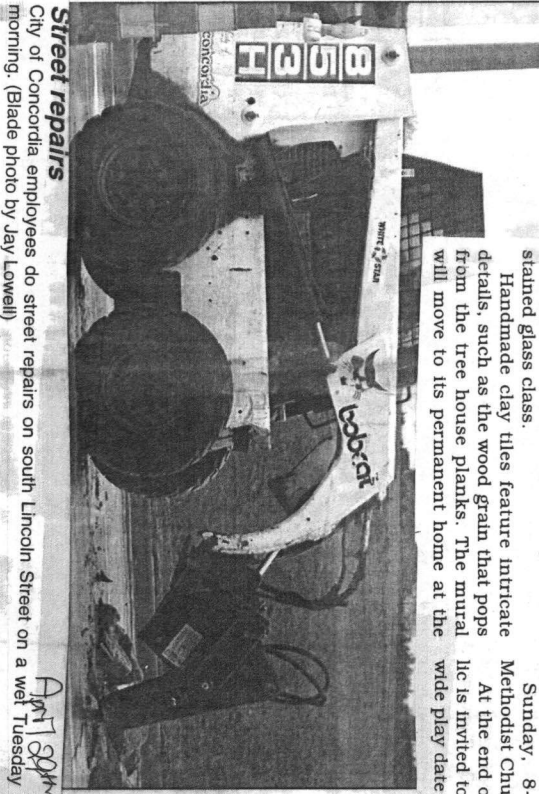
We will have child care in the evenings and on weekend days at no charge to parents who work on the build. On the Wednesday of Build Week, children will go to Club 81 from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. On Thursday and Friday: 3:30 p.m.-8 p.m. at the First Christian Church. Saturday child care will go from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, and Sunday child care will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Children must be toilet-trained. You will need to provide a sack lunch for meals. We do need to know ahead of time if you will be requiring child care, so please call Jennifer Sieben at 614-2684, message us on Facebook or email through our website, concordiaparkproject.com.

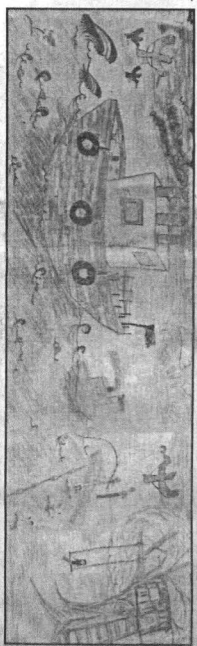
If you have more questions or want to volunteer, please call Ashley McMillan at 243-9710 or Janet Lowell at 614-2150. And if you decide at the spur of the moment that you can help, come on over to City Park. We start at 8 a.m. and work until dark!

Ribbon cutting is set for 6 p.m., April 27.  
Watch for exciting activity at City Park beginning next week.

Thank you!  
Ashley McMillan and Janet Lowell,  
project coordinators



**Street repairs**  
City of Concordia employees do street repairs on south Lincoln Street on a wet Tuesday morning. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)



## Inspiration for Mosaic

This original drawing by Belle and Brigham Chavey and mom Sarah Chavey was used by Tami Peltier and Kim Sprague to create the mosaic that will be placed at the entrance of Cloudville during Build Week.

Hundreds of volunteers welding hammers and drills will descend on the construction site of Concordia's new destination playground next week, but much of the detail work began months ago.

The creators of Cloudville's most intricate feature, a 10-by-8-foot mosaic of stained glass and clay, already have logged about 150 hours toward the artwork's completion.

Local art teachers Tami Peltier and Kim Sprague, co-chairmen of the Concordia Community Park Project's art committee, have spent most of their Saturdays this year hunched over a spectacular puzzle of broken glass.

With the help of a few volunteers, they are recreating a boat and tree house motif they commissioned from Belle and Brigham Chavey, the third- and first-grade children of local artist Sarah Chavey and husband Lucas.

"We wanted a childlike design," Sprague said.

That it is, Sarah Chavey said. Belle drew the tree house, and Brigham helped with the boat, especially the stream coming out the top and the waves in the water.

"We are absolutely thrilled and honored to do it," Sarah Chavey said.

Peltier and Sprague used stained glass scraps Peltier had been collecting for several years from Gena Kearns' high school stained glass class.

Handmade clay tiles feature intricate details, such as the wood grain that pops from the tree house planks. The mural will move to its permanent home at the

entrance of Cloudville during Build Week, which spans from Wednesday, April 23, through Sunday, April 27.

Also that week, local artist Bill Hart will paint another mural on the wall opposite the mosaic, similarly inspired by the work of his daughter, third-grader Eden.

The Harts' display will feature a train, biplane and naturally, children playing. The Park Project still needs volunteers. Eighty people are needed per four-hour shift each day of Build Week, and many slots remained open this week.

Volunteers begin reporting to the build site at 8 a.m. daily; work concludes at 8 p.m. Meals will be provided.

To sign up, call Ashley McMillan at 243-8710 or fill in the form concordia-parkproject.com/volunteer.

Child care will be available for families who help with the build. Children must be toilet trained, up to age 10. To reserve a spot, call Jennifer Sieben at 614-2684.

Times and locations are as follows:  
Wednesday, 3:30-8 p.m., Club 81.  
Thursday and Friday, 3:30-8 p.m., First Christian Church.

Saturday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., First Christian Church.  
Sunday, 8-6 p.m., at First United Methodist Church.

At the end of the Build Week, the public is invited to a ribbon cutting and city-wide play date at 6 p.m., Sunday.

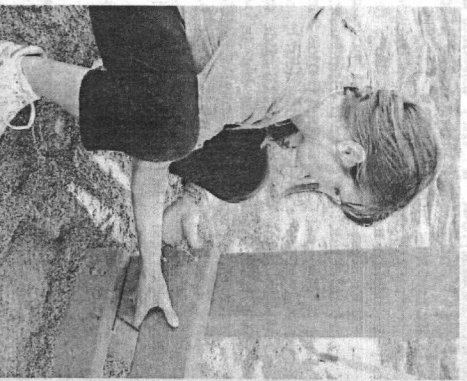
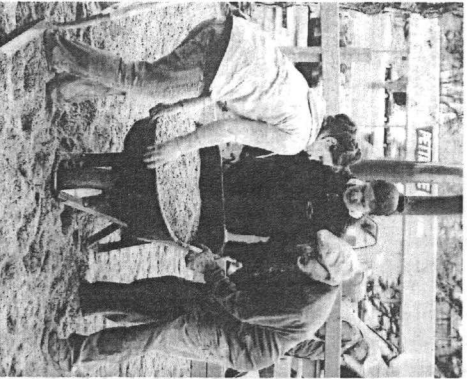
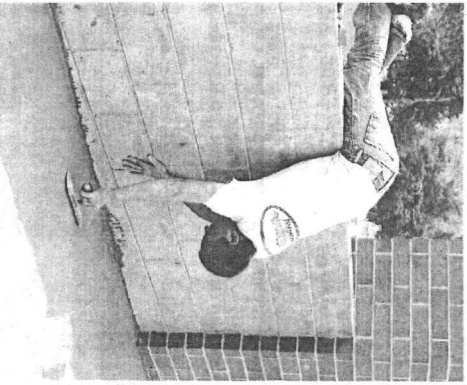
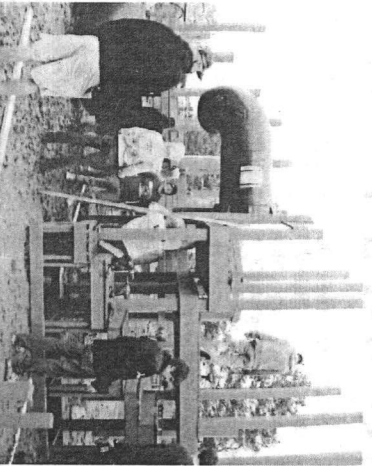
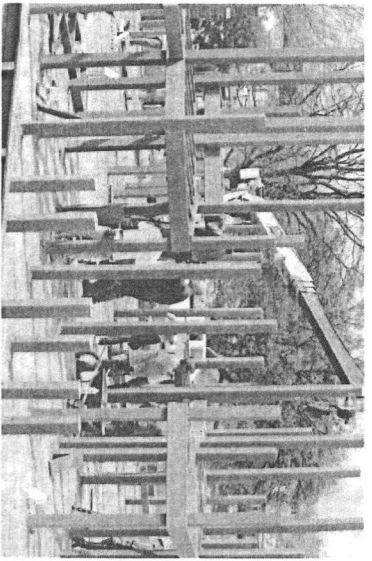
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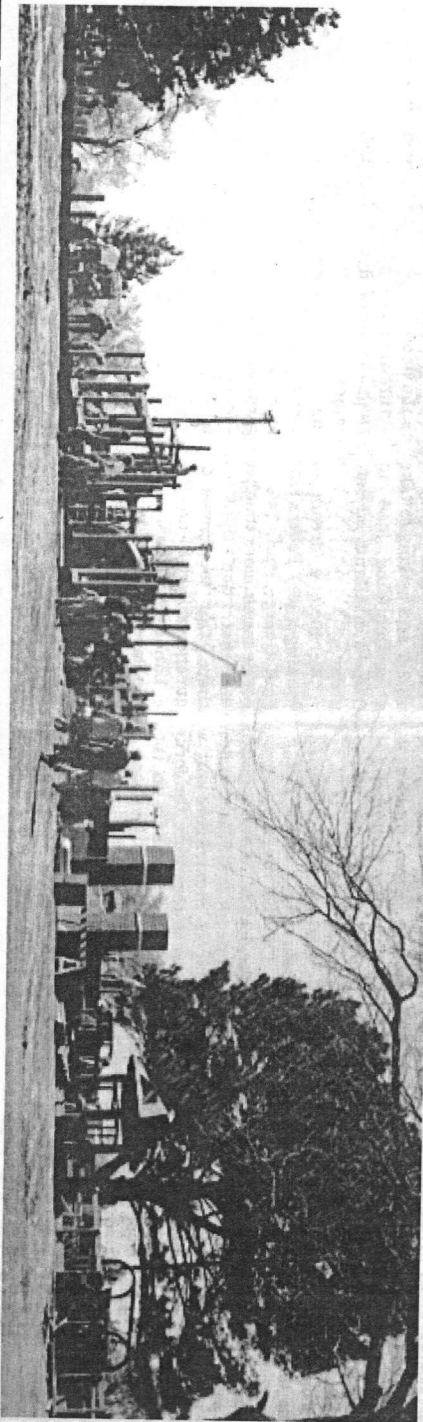
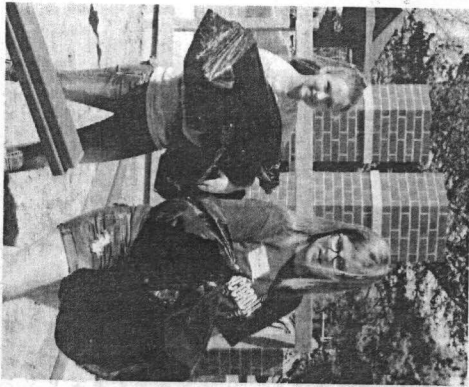
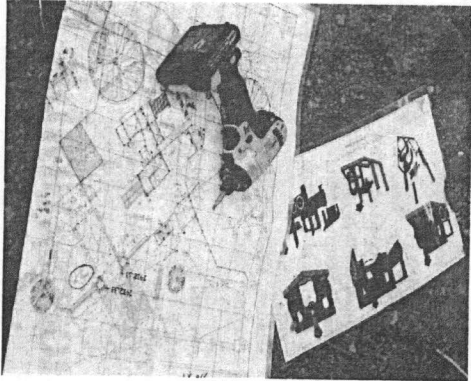
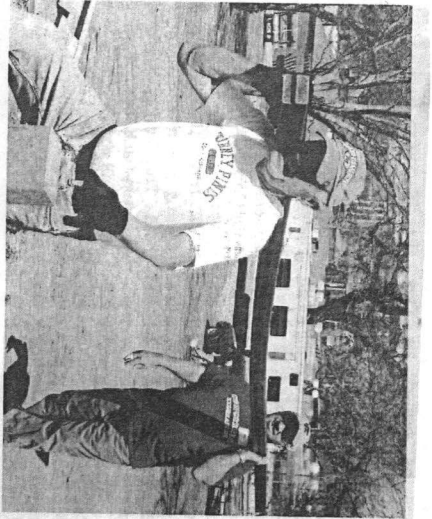
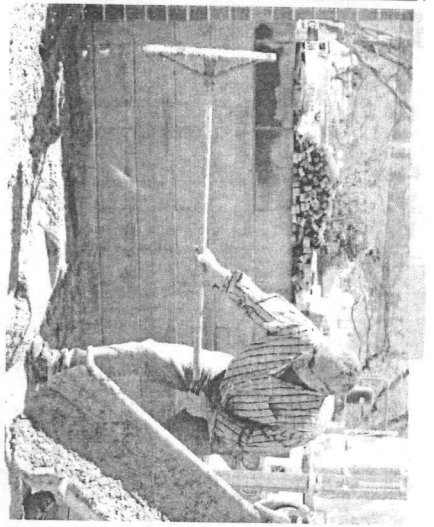


April 23-24

# Closville

## Community Park Project Build Week

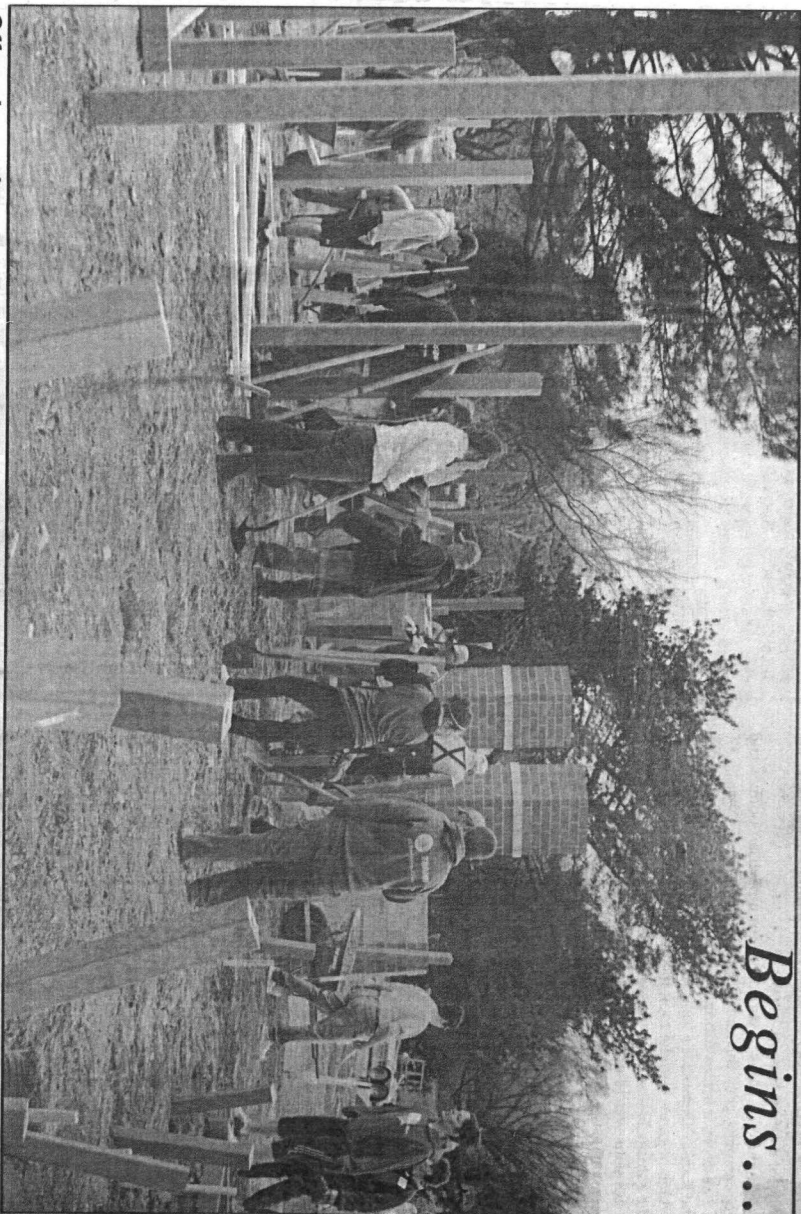






# Cloudville

Begins...



**Off and running**  
Day one of the Community Park Project Build Week began Wednesday morning. Cloudville will be built by volunteers over the next five days in Concordia City Park. The day started out with a host of volunteers setting of posts and leveling the play area. Follow the progress of the park construction at [www.bladeempire.com](http://www.bladeempire.com). (Blade photo by Jessica Lebuc)

**BROWN GRAND THEATRE  
OPEN HOUSE**  
Celebrate our reopening!

**Sunday, May 4  
2-4 p.m.**

THANK YOU  
to all who supported the  
renovation project.

## Open house scheduled May 2

There will be an open house at the Brown Grand Theatre Sunday, May 4, from 2-4 p.m. There will be a group photo on the front steps at 2 p.m. The public is invited to participate. Tour the theatre, welcome new theatre director Emily Kramp, and bid farewell to outgoing director Susan Cantine-Maxson.

## City seeks opinions on animals

Concordia residents are being asked to give City Hall their opinion concerning what kinds of animals should be allowed within the city limits.

A questionnaire has been posted on the City of Concordia website. The same questionnaire has been included with the city utility bills that were mailed this week.

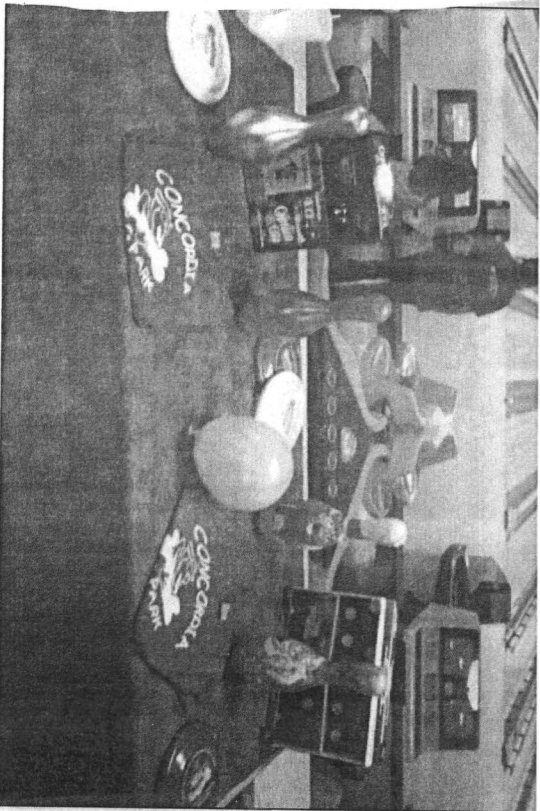
"We're asking our citizens to tell us if they want controls on what kinds of animals can be kept within the city. If they do, then we're asking them to tell us what kind of animals they would not want in town," said city manager Larry Uri.

Responses to the questionnaire will be accepted at City Hall until June 11. Results will be reported to the city commission.



## Ready to play

Gary Champlin spreads rubber mulch at the new Cloudville play ground Thursday afternoon. With the assistance of Champlin Tire Recycling, the park committee received a \$16,000 grant for approximately 125,000 pounds of rubber surfacing. (Blade photo by Jessica Lebuc)



### Bowling for Bones prizes

Pictured are some of the prizes offered at the recent Bowling for Bones Tournament to benefit the Concordia Dog Park Project.

## Bowling for Bones event raises money for Dog Park

Bowling for Bones, a tournament to raise money for the Concordia Dog Park Project took place April 19 at Thunderstrike.

Kimberly Sprague, art teacher at Concordia Elementary School, allowed

some of her students to decorate bowling pins which were given as prizes. Other prizes were donated by Gambino's Pizza, John Deere, Corner Liquor and Thunderstrike.

The next Dog Park event will be Doggie Dash, a 5K for dog owners and their dogs. Details will be published in the near future. Anyone interested in helping with this project may visit the Concordia Dog Park Facebook page at City Hall or email [cue1001@yahoo.com](mailto:cue1001@yahoo.com).



### Smoothing

Will Metcalf smooths edges on posts Friday morning, during the ongoing construction of Cloudville, the destination playground in City Park. (Blade photo by Jessica Lebue)

### MUNICIPAL SERVICE

#### Public Works Division

*May 23*

The City of Concordia Department of Public Works is seeking to fill the position of Municipal Service Worker. Job description is available at City Hall.

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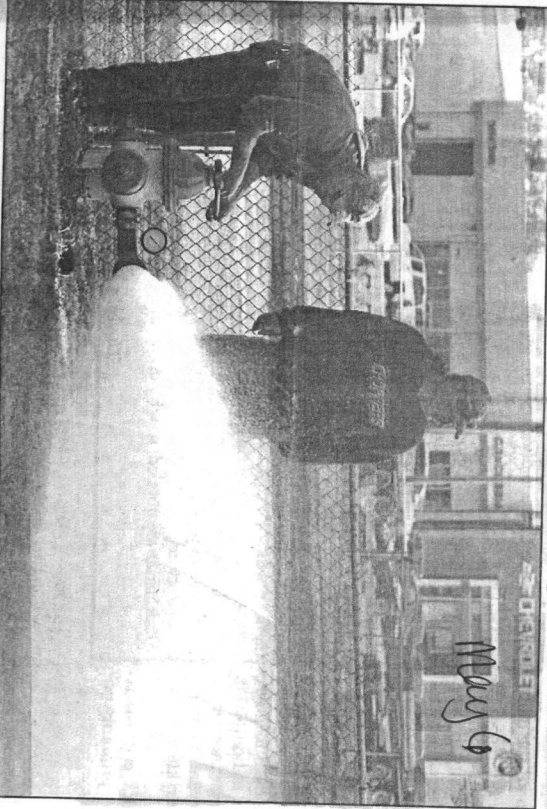
Concordia Sports Complex  
Thursday evenings  
Games begin May 29  
\$200<sup>00</sup> per team

Deadline to sign up is May 16

Contact Tom Gennette  
243-2670 or 275-1092

### Spring cleaning

City of Concordia water department employees flush a hydrant and check its pressure on East 6th Street Tuesday morning. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)





# The show must go on

## As Brown Grand reopens, Lambert remembers the Brown Grand Players

By Don Lambert

It was nearly 50 years ago that the Brown Grand Players was born — the brainchild of Sue Sutton. Its first production was the first time in decades that live theatre had been seen, heard and felt at the Brown Grand Opera House.

With the official reopening of the Theatre on Sunday afternoon, it seems fitting to remember the formation of the Players: a spark which inspired the entire community to restore Concordia's gem on the Kansas prairie.

That year, 1967, was an important one. For better or for worse, the country was changing. Some things were loosening up, others tightening down in both our nation and our town.

There were nearly half-a-million men and boys serving in Viet Nam. John McCain was captured. It was law and order vs. flower power. The old vs. the young.

The arrival of the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show three years earlier led boys to grow their hair longer. The arrival of Twiggy led to girls shortening their skirts. Parents liked neither.

There was Civil Rights unrest. Black vs. White. Thurgood Marshall, due to his efforts to end school segregation, became the first African-American on the Supreme Court. Interracial marriage became legal.

All of this was unfolding on a national stage being seen on our televisions and in our movie theaters.

That year, 1967, was also a great one for the movies. The Graduate, Bonnie and Clyde, Cool Hand Luke. In the Heat of the Night. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. To Sir With Love. In Cold Blood.

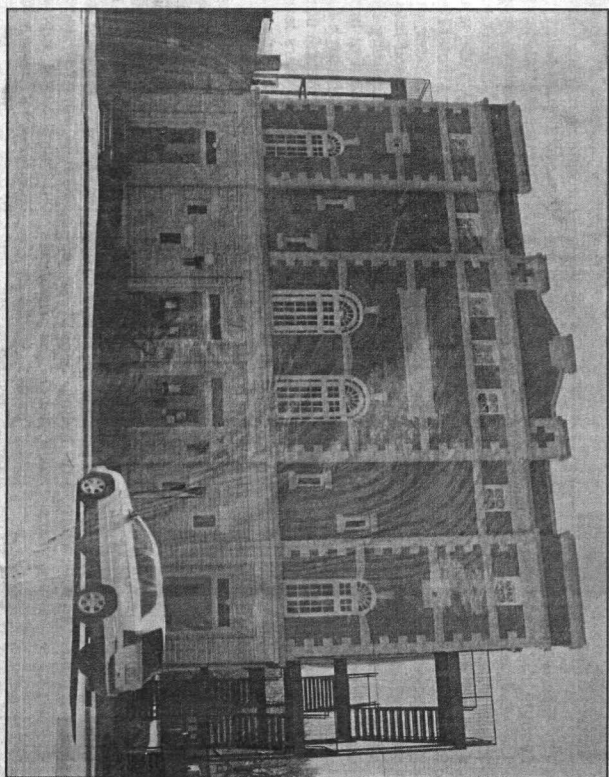
Sue Sutton was 19. She'd gained considerable attention during her teenage years as a jockey. That year she took up the reins of a different career — theatre. During her freshman year at Cloud County Community College (back when it had a "Junior" in it and was housed at Concordia High School) Sue took a theatre course from Peggy Doyen. That sum-

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## Players

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The Brown Grand, once home to sell-out crowds for theatre and opera, had been converted to a movie theater. Its once crisp gold, white and green decor painted over with more modern,



### Grand reopening

After two years of being closed for repairs, the Brown Grand Theatre will celebrate its reopening with an open house on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

mer, with no more racing and, apparently, by some time on her hands, she realized there were young people in Concordia who might like to be in a play during the summer between their school activities.

She began by talking to Jack Roney, owner of the Brown Grand. Not only did he give permission to put on a play but he seemed to like the idea. But first, there were questions to be answered. What play should be chosen? Who would be in it? Who would come? How do you pay for it? She began by pounding the downtown streets and raised about \$50 which, back then, could get you more than it would today.

She asked her high school English teacher, Miss Fletcher, what a good play might be. Miss Fletcher recommended "The Heiress."

It began as a story based loosely on

in 4-H. And it is a long way from the horse barn to the theatre. She took it all in stride.

That year, 1967, was also important in Concordia. A June 9 tornado had taken

roofs off buildings and flattened others. Even the venerable Brown Grand did not go unscathed. High winds and rain caused extensive water damage to the roof over the stage.

real life written by Henry James 1880. It was converted to a stage play, then a movie. Olivia de Havilland, best known as Melanie in "Gone With the Wind," earned an Academy Award for her portrayal of Catherine in the 1949 movie production. Catherine is being courted by a handsome young man (Montgomery Clift) and they make plans to elope.

But her wealthy father intervenes, old vs. young. He tells her that the young man is only after her money and convinces the young man to leave for the good of his daughter. Years later, after the father's death, the two reunite and decide to resume their plans to marry.

When the middle-aged suitor returns, the hardened woman has bolted the door. It ends with the suitor frantically banging on the door.

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around the new college under construction, there were reports of UFOs. The high school principal was forcing girls onto their knees to make sure their skirts touched the floor.

Concordia had thriving grocery stores, three shoe stores, clothing stores including a fancy one called the Bon Marche. J.C. Penney's, Montgomery

with homemade candies and ride the mechanical horse. Young and old, men and women were glued to the television. Bonanza. The Beverly Hillbillies. The Newlywed Game. Big Valley. The Lawrence Welk Show. Returns of the Twilight Zone. And let's not forget Lassic.

There was, of course, more to do in Concordia than stay home watching TV. On a good night, DJ's could pack in 600 people, drinking beer and enjoying local bands like The Blue-ethings and regional bands like The Flippers. There were bowling and dancing at the VFW. And there was Cloud 9 drive-in where a favorite antic among the boys was to pack themselves into a trunk, allowing them to get in free. It is, however, unknown how many attending the drive-in actually saw a movie there.

That summer of 1967, Sue Sutton had no time for the movies, TV or even bowling. She had a show to put on. Nagging problems kept coming up. Rehearsals for one. The Brown Grand was open during the week but closed on weekends when all movie-goers went to the drive-in. The problem was that rehearsals could not be conducted while there was a movie showing at the Brown Grand. Actors, therefore, rehearsed on stage both before and after the movie showed on the big silver screen. Which meant that while the movie was showing, actors were left to their own amusements.

The actors were in awe. While they had seen many movies there, rehearsing for "The Heiress" allowed them to be on the other side where the view from the stage was even more spectacular.

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the day before the play was to open. The costumes rented from Omaha arrived, including the huge hoop skirts to be worn by the female characters. No one realized quite how big a hoop skirt is: approximately 4 feet across at the hem. That big silver screen, bolted to the Brown Grand floor, was too large to move. Thus, the playing area, while 40 feet wide, was only about five feet deep. It was not possible for two hoop skirted characters to pass each other on stage. Certain scenes had to be re-staged to remedy the problem.

All involved declared "The Hetress" a success. Its name had been placed on the marquee by Jack Roney himself. Live theatre had returned to the Brown Grand.

In 1969, two years after "The Hetress," Kansas State University published Peggy Doyen's book chronicling the history of the theatre in Concordia. The citizens of Concordia had begun to see The Brown Grand as a true gem. After thousands of man hours and dollars, the fully restored Brown Grand Opera House re-opened in 1980.

Closed once more for the past two years during renovation of the stage area, the theatre reopens again on Sunday.

Sue Sutton recently announced her retirement after 39 years of teaching theatre at the college and throughout the community. The Brown Grand Players continue to perform after all these years. These days, however, opera is seldom performed there -- except for the "Grand Ole" variety!

--For more information about the Brown Grand Theatre read Sue Sutton's history located on the Web at [www.browngrand.org](http://www.browngrand.org).

--When Don Lambert was 16, Sue Sutton invited him to be in the Brown Grand Players and the cast of "The Hetress." He worked at the Blade Empire while at CCCC and while getting a journalism degree from K-State. He now lives in Kansas City.

# Restored & ready

## Brown Grand reopens after two years

By Brad Lowell  
Blade-Empire editor

The Brown Grand Theatre was officially opened for the third time yesterday afternoon with a ribbon cutting on the front steps of the historic building.

Cutting the ribbon was Luann Miller, president of the Brown Grand board of directors. The theatre had been closed since March 2012 when a rigging inspector from Omaha deemed the stage area not safe because of the deterioration of the wood structures supporting the riggings, roof and catwalks.

The theatre first opened on Sept. 17, 1907, the creation of Col. Napoleon Brown and his son, Earl. At the time it was the only opera house between St. Joseph and Denver and traveling theatre companies would stop to give performances in Concordia.

By 1925 live theatre was losing its appeal and the Brown Grand was sold to the Concordia Amusement Co. and turned into a movie theater with Carl "Punch" Rogers as the manager. Fox Midwest Theatre Company was half owner in the new enterprise.

In 1968, the theater was sold to Jack Roney, who also operated another theater in downtown Concordia and a drive-in theater north of town.

Speaking at the ceremony yesterday Everett Miller, retired music instructor at Cloud County Community College and

longtime board member of the Brown Grand, said that after attending a movie the thought occurred to him that the theater would make a magnificent performing arts center.

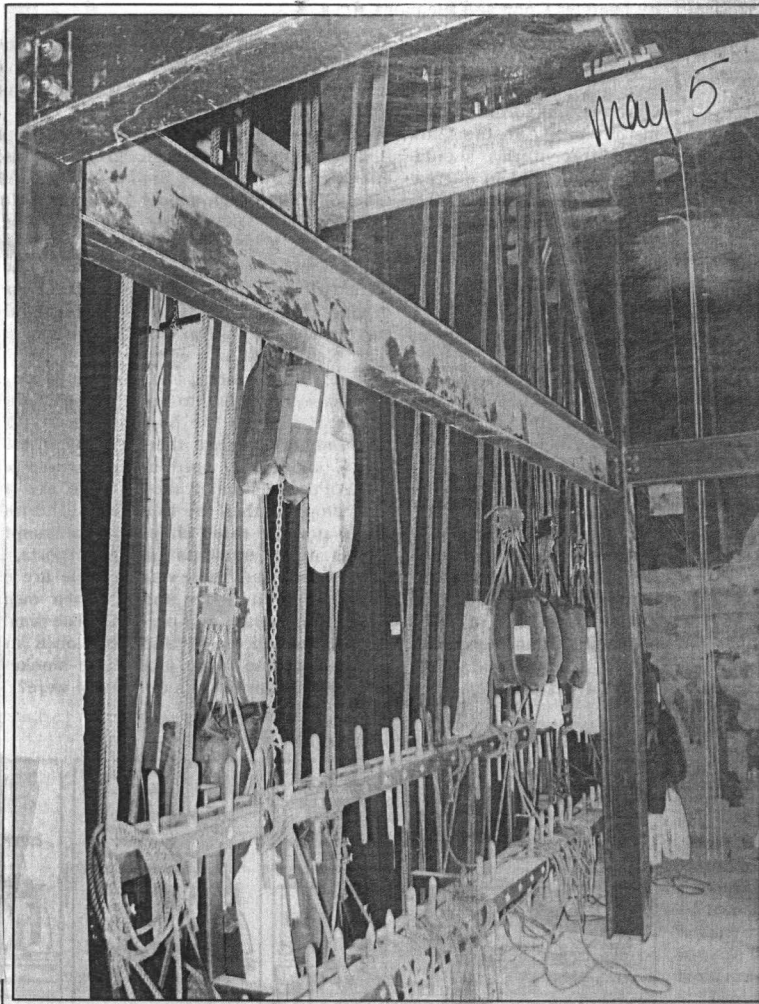
Eventually, a group of community leaders came together and offered to buy the theater from Roney, Miller said. The asking price was \$30,000, but Roney said if the building was converted to a performing arts center he would donate the first \$2,000 of the asking price, he said.

About that time, Miller said, Leon Genette, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, suggested that the theatre restoration would be an excellent Concordia Centennial project.

Miller said an important step for the project that would make it eligible for federal funding was to have it designated as a National Historic Site. At first, state officials were hesitant because of lack of documentation, but when they were told that Peggy Doyen wrote her masters thesis on the Brown Grand permission was granted, he said.

Hilary Wentz, a retired contractor, volunteered to be restoration supervisor and Charles Hall was hired to be the project architect, Miller said. The first phase of the project was to restore the exterior of the building which was completed in 1977, he said.

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### Ready for performances

A new pin rail, to raise and lower backdrops, is ready to be used after an extensive restoration project at the Brown Grand Theatre. The theatre's reopening was commemorated at open house Sunday. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

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# City moves forward on TIF project

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

A plan to improve the downtown area with Tax Increment Financing dollars moved forward after the Concordia City Commission approved a redevelopment project resolution Wednesday night.

According to City Manager Larry Uri, the downtown TIF project will support the private development and retention of commercial, service and entertainment business. The plan may include streetscape amenities, including the proposed Broadway Plaza at 6th and Broadway streets, replacement of water, sewer and other utility lines and business connections, and construction or improvements of the streets and alleys between 6th and 7th streets in the downtown area.

The cost of the improvements

to be undertaken is estimated at \$1.5 million. The project encompasses all of downtown that lies in the TIF district, and would potentially include resurfacing 6th Street from Cedar to Broadway, as well as reconstructing the alley between 6th and 7th from Lincoln to Cedar.

"This is not saying specifically what will be done, because the improvements are yet to be determined," Uri said.

Finance Director Amber Farha said after all present TIF obligations are paid, including the construction of the dam at 21st Street, an estimated \$1.5 million will be available for use in the remaining life of the TIF district. The TIF district will expire in 2020.

A public hearing to consider the adoption of the downtown redevelopment project plan as a TIF project will be at the July 2

City Commission meeting at 5:30 p.m.

As part of the proposed revitalization of the downtown, plans are in the works for Broadway Plaza, an outdoor public venue to be constructed on the vacant lots at 6th and Broadway.

Last night, the Commission moved forward with that aspect of the project by approving a \$43,950 contract with Bowman, Bowman and Novick (BBN) to develop a master plan for the Plaza, as well as the entire downtown area.

According to the contract, BBN will review the area and conduct a public workshop where those in attendance can provide thoughts on what they would like to see included in the downtown streetscape.

During the workshop, BBN will develop a list of possible

improvements, which include the Plaza, gateways, decorative paving, landscaping, crosswalk improvements, lighting enhancements, site furnishings and signage.

The Broadway Plaza planned as an area to host community events, as well as features such as a stage, screen, bathrooms, and seating on the five current vacant lots.

The master plan is expected to be completed in 10-12 months.

In other business, the commission gave its approval to the Concordia Revolving Loan application made by Dallas Lisa Hasenbank. The \$24,000 loan will allow the Hasenbank to purchase Geisler Roof Home Improvement for a total of \$515,000.

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## small business grant fund

The establishment of "Get in the Cloud," a small business grant fund, was announced by the Cloud County board of commissioners and CloudCorp during the intergovernmental meeting hosted by the city of Concordia Wednesday night at City Hall.

Entrepreneurs who own an existing business in Cloud County, or are developing a business concept they intend to locate in the county, will be eligible to apply for a one-time grant of 50 percent of start-up costs or \$50,000, whichever is less, to fund eligible expenses.

Eligible expenses include the repair of an existing structure, including the repair of remodeling of the interior or exterior of a building, and new building construction. Application for funding will be open five times a year upon availability of funds. The first application deadline is July 1, 2014; Sept. 1, 2014; Nov. 3, 2014; Jan. 5, 2015 and March 2, 2015.

An application from CloudCorp director Ashley McMillan for funds from the Meridian Way Wind Farm Grant Fund to establish "Get in the Cloud" was approved by the county board of commissioners earlier this month. McMillan requested \$100,000 of the \$300,000 the county receives from the Meridian Way Wind Farm.

The county commission approved providing \$150,000 for the small business grant fund.

McMillan said that CloudCorp will be targeting areas like Salina and Manhattan in the initial marketing push for the grant.

Those serving on the advisory board for the grant include: Neils Noel, Kathy Imhoff and Phil Sudduth, Concordia business owners; Loren Swenson, rural Concordia business owner; Terry Koch, Clyde business owner; John Herbin, Jamestown business owner; and Shelly Farha, instructor at Cloud County Community College.

### Concordia

Concordia city manager Larry Uri reported that the city is expecting the permits to build the dam any day now.

"It will be refreshing when we are at that stage to start building it," Uri said.

Uri also reported that the committee for the downtown plaza project, to be located at Sixth and Broadway, was formulating con-

cepts for the project. "I have been very pleasantly surprised to see how popular that idea is to everybody," Uri said.

### CCHC

CEO Don Bates said that Cloud County Health Center is meeting the objectives for meaningful use for the CPSI Healthcare System.

Bates also reported that CCHC had interviewed a possible candidate for a general surgeon.

Dr. Muhammad Butt will be retiring at the end of the year.

### Jamestown

Mayor Randy Smith said that Jamestown is currently looking for a new city superintendent. Smith also said that most of the equipment for the city water line project has arrived.

"We are pretty much ready to roll once we get our ducks in a row," Smith said.

### CCCC

Cloud County Community College vice president for enrollment management and student services Joel Figgs reported that enrollment for summer and fall sessions had started on April 14.

Figgs said that projections for enrollment are looking pretty flat.

"We are doing everything in our power to get enrollment back to where it was," Figgs said.

### Clyde

Mayor Terry Koch reported that Clyde will be painting the water tower in June.

Koch also said that instead of \$55,000 in street work the city may be doing \$78,000 in work.

### Cloud County

Cloud County commissioner Johnita Crawford reported that the budgets for next year "are probably going to be awful."

"The state keeps adding to us and taking things away," Crawford said.

Crawford also said that the new jail is open.

"Hopefully in the near future we will be housing out of county prisoners," Crawford said.

### CloudCorp

McMillan thanked everyone who helped with the park build in April.

## NOW FORMING

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Games begin May 29

\$200<sup>00</sup> per team

Deadline to sign up is May 16

Contact Tom Gennette  
243-2670 or 275-1092

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Ron Gerard, who was a young contractor at the time, volunteered to paint the inside of the building and persuaded Ted Krone, an art instructor at the college, to do the gold trim around the stage, boxes and balcony, Miller said.

There was a lot of scraping of faded pink and blue paint to determine the original colors of white, green and gold, Miller said. Seats donated by Bethany College were remarkably like the original ones, he said.

With phase two of the project complete, the second opening of the Brown Grand was on Sept. 17, 1980. The estimated cost to restore the building was \$307,000, but it grew to nearly \$500,000.

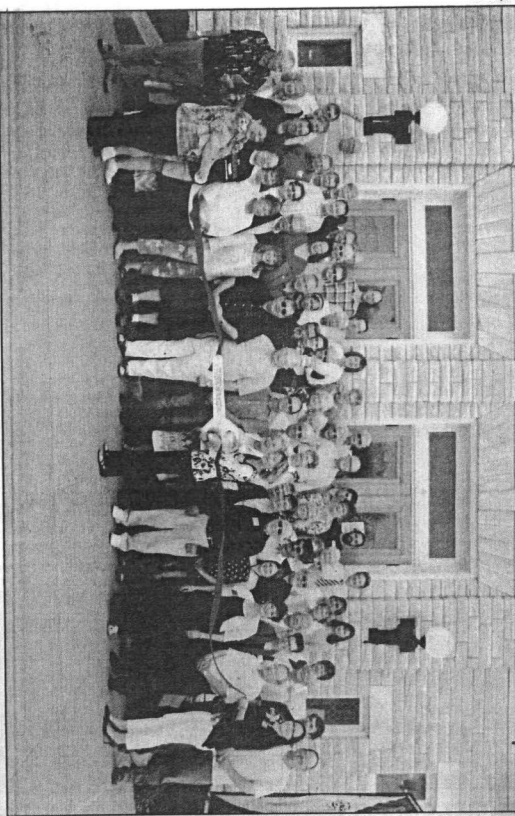
A mill levy was defeated by 300 votes to raise \$280,000 for the project over 10 years.

However, the supporters of the project did not give up and eventually through grants and private donations raised the necessary funds.

Susan Cantine-Maxson, who served as theatre manager the past 7 1/2 years, said that the problems with the riggings became serious when a piece of wood fell on the stage in March of 2012. Subsequently, the rigging inspector was called in to determine the safety of stage area, she said.

It was determined that all of the weight of riggings and catwalks were supported by rapidly deteriorating wooden trusses, Cantine-Maxson said. It also was discovered that stage could only support 16 pounds of pressure per square foot, while the safety requirement was 160 pounds per square ft., she said.

Cantine-Maxson said that the plan developed by



## The show goes on

President of the Brown Grand Theatre board of directors Luan Miller cuts the ribbon to commemorate the reopening of the theatre after an extensive restoration project. Outgoing executive director Susan Cantine-Maxson, left, and new director, Emily Krampe, right, hold the ribbon.

On Jan. 15, 2013 the four 50 ft. columns were lowered into the building by using a crane which appeared to be 100 ft. high, the theatre manager said. Next all of the grids, riggings, ropes, pulleys and catwalks were replaced, she said.

Cantine-Maxson said the Theatre was reopened on April 1 and that the cost of the project had risen to nearly \$800,000 and that another \$75,000 needs to be raised.

She added that she could not thank the city enough for all of its support and help.

Brown Grand board president Miller expressed the community's gratitude to Maxson for her years of service to the Theatre and praised her accomplishments.

Cantine-Maxson replied that it had been a labor of love for her. She also intro-

duced the new theatre director Emily Krampe, who comes to the position with excellent credentials including a masters degree in performing arts.

Funding for the project includes: one-third of project costs from the Kansas State Historical Society through tax credits; \$100,000 in tax credits from the Kansas Department of Commerce; \$180,000 from the City of Concordia's TIF fund; a \$60,000 grant from Cloud County Meridian Way Wind Farm; a \$30,000 grant the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; \$7,500 from the North Central Kansas Rural Development Initiative; \$17,500 in grants from Cloud County Convention and Tourism, the Community Foundation and the Duclos Foundation; and \$100,000 in donations from area groups, businesses, churches and individuals.

## TIF

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CloudCorp Executive Director Ashley McMillan said the Hasenbanks have an owner's injection of \$59,000 and Peoples Exchange Bank will supply a separate \$80,000 loan for the purchase of the building.

The Hasenbanks are seeking a \$376,000 loan through Peoples with the \$245,000 loan guaranty from the revolving loan fund.

McMillan said Peoples is unable to fulfill the entire \$376,000 loan request due to the collateral coverage not meeting the bank's internal requirements. However, the bank would be willing to provide financing to the Hasenbanks if the Commission approved the revolving loan application, which it did unanimously.

The Commission received a favorable report on the 2013 audit, which was accepted as presented. Neil Phillips of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA, presented the audit, and said the city is in compliance with all Kansas cash basis laws. There were no audit violations or adjustments, which Phillips said is a big positive for city staff.

The Commission also accepted a bid of \$12,542 from Century Business Systems, of Salina, for a lease-purchase agreement on a new copier for the police department. Police Chief Bruce Johnson said Century Business Systems will provide

maintenance as part of the contract, and at the end of the four-year agreement, the department will own the copier.

The Commission also accepted into the city's demolition program a house at 824 East 5th that had been damaged by fire earlier this year, and agreed to return insurance funds on the fire-damaged house at 315 West 2nd, as it has been demolished.

During public comments, Megan Patterson addressed the Commission on the recently released survey concerning what kinds of animals should be allowed in the city limits.

Patterson asked how the survey, which is available to take online, could be valid if citizens aren't required to give their name or address. She also questioned the breed-specific ban, which is currently in place, and said there is not such breed of dog as a fighting mastiff.

Later in the meeting, Uri said the surveys had also been sent out with water bills, and since Monday, the majority of the 285 surveys received have been mailed or dropped off at City Hall. He presented a graph laying out responses, which overwhelmingly indicated citizens are against allowing pit bulls, hybrid dogs, baryard animals, and wild animals.

The surveys can be filled out online, via the city's web site, or returned to City Hall until June 11.



# 2014 Summer Recreation *Now!*

## PLAYGROUND

A full schedule of events will begin Tuesday, May 27, and continue for six weeks through July 3.

Summer Playground Directors:

Amanda &

Carlee Baumann

9:00 - 11:45 a.m. Monday-Friday

**\$25 PER CHILD**  
(\$10 each additional child)

In case of inclement weather, listen to KNCK 1390 or 98.3 (F.M)

Contact Numbers:

Playground: 243-7979

Tom Gennette: 243-2670

Location: East Shelterhouse at the City Park

May 27 - July 3

Time: 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

Children need to be dropped off no earlier than 8:45 a.m., and must be picked up no later than 11:45 a.m.

Activities will include Swimming (Mon., Wed. & Fri.), Arts & Crafts, Fantastic Friday Events, Movie Days, Kickball Tournaments, Dodge Ball, Snack Days

Ages: 4-12

(Must turn 4 before May 27)

Registration: Children can be enrolled NOW at Concordia City Hall.

## SWIM TEAM

Practice: Begins May 27

Mon.-Fri., 10:45 - 11:45

Schedule: Age 8 & under M-W-F, 10:45-Noon  
Age 9 & above Mon.-Fri., 10:45-noon

Registration Fee: \$40

Location: City Pool

Meets: Saturdays

Must be able to swim

For more information, call:

Charlotte Anderson • 275-1949

## SWIMMING POOL

Manager: Annie Bergmann

Assistant Manager: Heather Bergmann

Opens: Saturday, May 24

Closes: Sunday, August 10

Daily Admission: 4 & under, Free  
4 & over, \$2.00

10 Punch Ticket

\$15.00

Pool Parties after 7 p.m.:

\$70 per hour, 1 to 50 people

\$80 per hour, 51 to 75 people

\$90 per hour, 76 to 100 people

Adult Swim: Noon to 12:50 p.m.

Daily \$2.00 admission

10-Punch Ticket, \$15



## CONCORDIA SPORTS COMPLEX

1500 East 7th Street

(785) 243-2362 or (785) 243-2670

## BASEBALL DIVISION

AMERICAN LEGION BLUES

Contact: Derrick Hittle

K-18

\$10.00 Registration Fee

Contact: Tom Gennette

Concordia Teams: F&A Food Sales, Inc. & Citizens National Bank



PEE WEE BASEBALL

\$10.00 Registration Fee

Contact: Tom Gennette

Concordia Teams: 16th Street Carwash, American Legion, Lions, Knights of Columbus, Concordia Chevy/Buick, Family Health Mart Pharmacy

Days Played: Monday, Wednesday & Friday

## SOFTBALL DIVISION

GIRLS SOFTBALL

\$10.00 Registration Fee

Contact: Tom Gennette

Concordia Teams: American Legion, Subway, Funk Pharmacy, Cloud County Co-op

Days Played: Tuesday & Thursday



MEN'S SLOW PITCH & CO-ED SOFTBALL

Contact: Tom Gennette - Teams & Coaches

please contact Tom at City Hall (243-2670)

Days Played: Tuesdays & Thursdays

T-BALL

\$10.00 Registration Fee

Contact: Tom Gennette

Concordia Teams: Gambino's Pizza, Schendel Pest Control, Fleming Construction, Peoples Insurance, Cloud County Health Center, Tom's Music House

Days Played: Tuesday & Thursday

GROUPS CREW

City of Concordia • Jared LeDuc  
David Strait & Bretn Hake

## TENNIS

\$10.00 per child

Monday-Friday

2 Sessions

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Come for one session, or stay for both

Supervisors: Josh Timme  
and Sadie Mosher



## SWIMMING LESSONS

Contact

Annie Bergmann

for group & private lessons

785-243-3451





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May 16

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## IN YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Concordia City Commission intends to involve as many qualified citizens as possible in the governing process. To that end, the Commission announces that vacancies do now exist or will soon exist on the following citizen boards, commissions and committees:

### • BOARD OF BUILDING TRADES

### • BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

If you are interested in serving the community by becoming a member of one of these boards, commissions or committees, you are asked to fill out a short Expression of Interest Form. To be considered for the above appointments, return a completed Expression of Interest Form to the City Clerk's Office.

You are urged to act at your earliest convenience.

All members of boards, commissions and committees serve without pay - out of a concern for the public good.

Forms and more information are available in the City Clerk's Office, 701 Washington Street, P.O. Box 603, Concordia, Kansas, 66901.

*If you have questions, please call the City Clerk's Office at 785-243-2670*

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243-1150

May 8, 2014

# City takes steps to protect Alstom

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

In an effort to protect Alstom Power Air and Preheater from flooding, the Concordia city commission approved a contract with KLA Environmental Services Wednesday evening.

Concordia City Manager Larry Uri told the commission that the new flood insurance maps have Alstom now in the flood plain, along with portions of eastern Concordia. For \$12,770 Uri said KLA engineers will complete an analysis of the area to see what can be done to protect the Alstom property from flooding, as well as getting it removed from the flood plain.

"The focus is removing Alstom from the flood plain map," Uri said. "We have to have an engineered study for FEMA to do that."

The commission accepted four properties into its demolition program. Three are owned by Larry Naillieux at 109, 113 and 119 Strain Ave., and the fourth is owned by Jeffrey Wallace at 236 West 2nd St. Building Inspector Bruno Rehbein said the Strain properties have been on his list of nuisance

liens purchased them at a sheriff's auction to demolish them.

The three properties on Strain will cost \$17,800 to remove, and the bid for the house on West 2nd was \$10,200.

Two ordinances authorizing the expenditure of Tax Incremental Financing dollars were also approved. The first was \$4,840 site clearance and grass seeding at LeDuc Memorial's future location at 701 Lincoln.

The second was for \$3,966 for the replacement of Sonic Drive-In's north entrance.

At the recommendation of Utilities Director Chad Buckley, the commission approved spending \$22,000 to repair and rebuild the motor of the pump in well #18.

Erin Cuellar gave a presentation on work she had been doing to raise funds for a Concordia dog park.

As part of a leadership class at Fort Hays State University, Cuellar chose to spearhead an effort to build a dog park. She said she chose a dog park because it would be a family friendly way to use underutilized space at Airport Park. The closest dog park is in Manhattan, she said, and one here could create revenue from people traveling through who stop to let their dogs run.

Cuellar said she had had two fundraisers - a frisbee for Fido and dog costume contest, and a bowling for bones event. So far, she has raised \$2,500 of the \$25,000 goal.

The next event planned is "Doggie Dash," where people can run a 5K with their dogs.

The commission gave Russell Detloff permission to install a flag pole at the city park sign at 11th and Washington for his Eagle Scout project. Detloff said he will install the pole, which will be 12 feet tall, as well as a stone column around the base. He plans to have the project completed by the end of summer, and Public Works Director Ron Copley will install a light to illuminate the sign and the flag.

During the study session following the meeting, Uri presented commissioners a survey asking whether the city should prohibit certain types of animals.

Last month, the commission tabled an amendment to the animal ordinance that would do away with the breed specific ban, as well as restrictions on what types of animals can be kept in the city. The amendment also would do away with dog tags and allow the city to initiate nuisance proceedings concerning animals.

Commissioners said last night they had been approached by citizens who were not in favor of eliminating restrictions on animals.

"I don't think we want cows or horses in peoples' backyards," Christy Hasch said.

Mayor Marsha Wentz said she had no problem with the way the ordinance currently reads. If people want to have an animal that is prohibited, she said, they can come before the commission to ask for a permit.

"I'd be in line with having a list of animals we don't allow," Charles Johnson said. "Everybody wants some sort of restrictions."

Uri said he would post the survey on online at [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com) for citizens to participate, as well as circulate it around town. He asked commissioners to also take the survey. The issue will be revisited in the future.



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(Published in the Blade-Enterprise on  
Tuesday, June 3, 2014)

### NOTICE OF HEARING BY THE CONCORDIA PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Concordia Planning Commission to consider amending the Zoning Regulations. The amendment proposed is as follows:

Repeal existing Article 19, "Flood Hazard Regulations", creating a new Article 19, "Floodplain Management Regulations" section and regulations therein.

The public hearing will be held in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 701 Washington Street, Concordia, Kansas on the 24th day of June, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Reasonable accommodations are available for persons needing assistance. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to Director of Community Development, 785-243-2670 (TDD 785-243-2336) by 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 20, 2014.

Bruno Rehbein  
Secretary

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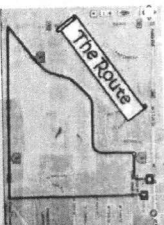
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**Drawing winner**  
Bill Haislip, vice president of Kansas Pipeline Association, presents a \$1,000 check to Concordia 911 dispatcher Heidi Bower. Bower won the money in a drawing at one of two KPA meetings in Kansas. The money will go to the Concordia Police Department. (Blade photo by Day Lov

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1983  
BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas:

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as provided by Section 7-47 (c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Concordia, Kansas, has informed the governing body that in his opinion the following structure is unsafe and dangerous:

The residential structure on the premises located at 824 East 5th Street, Concordia, Kansas, and more completely described as:

West 1/2 of lot 2 and all of lot 3, Block 3, Drake's Addition, an addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has determined that the structure should be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1752.

WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of April, 2014, the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas, adopted Resolution No. 2014-1982 resolving that on May 21, 2014, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., the owner, the owner's agent, any lien holders of record and any occupant of such structure may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished; and that notice shall be given by the City Clerk as required by K.S.A. 12-1752.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2014-1982 of the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas, was published in the Concordia Blade-Emprise on April 4 and April 11, 2014, in accordance with K.S.A. 12-1752.

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2014, in accordance with K.S.A. 12-1752, a copy of Resolution No. 2014-1982 of the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas, was mailed, within three days after its first publication, by the City Clerk by certified mail, marked "deliver to addressee only," to each of the following:

Lutisia Dowling  
824 East 5th  
Concordia, KS 66901

The same being all of the owners, the owners' agents, any lien holders of record and any occupants of such structure whose names and addresses the City Clerk has been able to determine after diligent inquiry

WHEREAS, at least 30 days have elapsed between the last publication of

# Dole to visit Concordia

Concordia will be among the stops on Sen. Bob Dole's fifth of several trips to Kansas this year.

Dole is scheduled to be at the Cloud County Convention and Tourism office, 130 E. 6th Street from 4-5 p.m., Tuesday, July 1.

Other towns he will be visiting that day are Ellsworth, Ellsworth Steakhouse, 10:15-11:15 a.m.; Lincoln, Sunrise Cafe.

WHEREAS, the City of Concordia, Kansas is considering the adoption of a redevelopment project plan within Concordia Redevelopment District 2000 pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1770 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the planning commission of the City of Concordia has found that the project plan is consistent with the intent of the comprehensive plan for the development of the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS:

Section 1. Public Hearing. A public hearing will be held to consider the adoption of the Downtown Redevelopment project plan on July 2, 2014 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, 701 Washington, Concordia, Kansas.

Section 2. Redevelopment District. The Redevelopment District was established on May 31, 2000. The boundaries of the Redevelopment District are described as:

(a) Bounded on the North by the alley immediately North of Fifth Street, on the South by Seventh Street, on the East by Kansas Street and on the West by Cedar Street;

(b) Bounded on the North by Seventh Street, on the South by Twelfth Street, on the East by Kansas Street and on the West by Broadway Street;

(c) Bounded on the North by Twelfth Street, on the South by the South boundary of Blosser Skylene Addition to the City, on the East by U.S. Highway 81 and on the West by Republican Street and the county road extending south from Republican Street, except property in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery;

(d) Bounded on the North by Ninth Street, on the South by Court Street, on the East by Lawn Street and on the West by Kansas Street;

(e) Along Broadway Street extending North from the alley immediately North of Fifth Street to Third Street.

ATTEST:  
Stacey Cunn  
City Clerk

PASSED by the Governing Body and signed by the Mayor this 21st day of May, 2014.  
Marsha L. Wentz, Mayor

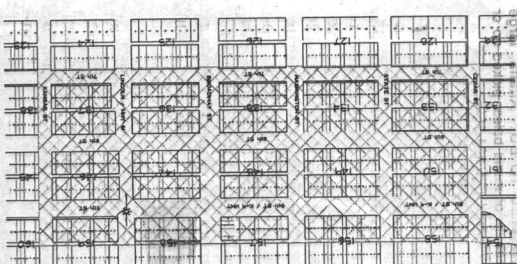
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12-1 p.m.: Minneapolis, VFW Hall, 2-3 p.m.: and Belleville, Bel-Villa Restaurant, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

"I'm looking forward to continuing my tour of Kansas," Dole said. "I hope to see friends and former supporters of mine, and I'll plan on enjoying lots of brownies and oatmeal raisin cookies along the way."

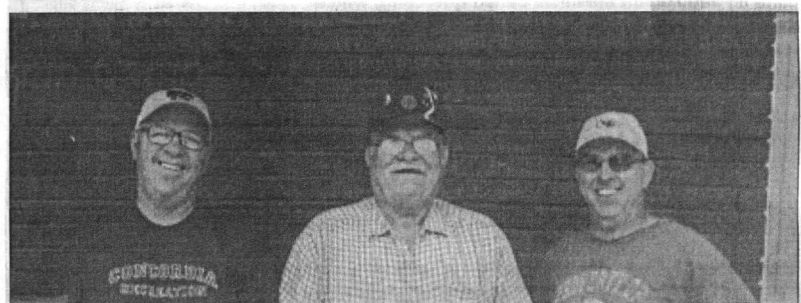
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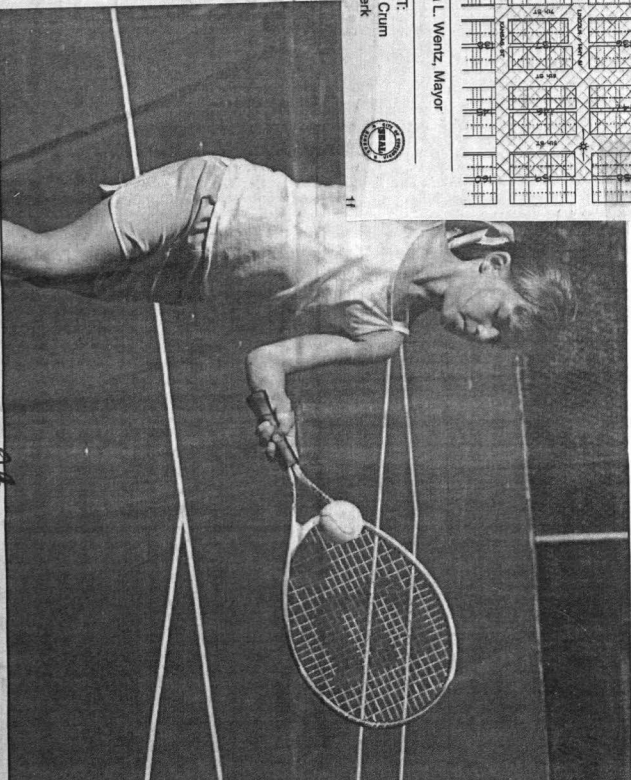
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## Softball for Fireworks June 30

Tom Gennette (left) and Todd Gennette (right) present a check for \$742.75 to Bill Valcours of the American Legion to be used for the annual fireworks display which the American Legion now handles. The money was raised at the 21st Annual Softball for Fireworks Tournament June 14 by the Leon Gennette family in memory of Leon's many years of work on the yearly fireworks display. Tom and Todd are Leon's sons. More donations are needed for this year's event which will be July 3 at the Concordia Sports Complex. Those wanting to help may contact Valcours at the American Legion home or Sarah Rothfuss at the Concordia Chamber of Commerce. (Blade photo by Dixie Winter)



## Hitting the forehand

May 26

Aubrey Stahlman hits forehand during Concordia Recreation Tennis Wednesday morning at the City Park. (Blade photo by David I. Howell)





**Dog park donation** May 29  
The City of Concordia received a \$2,000 grant from Walmart for its proposed dog park. Erin Cuellar (back, second from left) has been raising funds for the project. Also pictured are (back l-r): Abel Cuellar, Walmart manager Rod Hollerich, Concordia city manager Larry Uri, front row (l-r): Tristen Cuellar, Zane Cuellar. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

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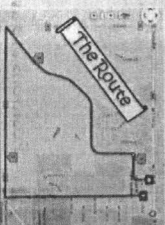
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FEDERAL FINDING OF NO  
SIGNIFICANT IMPACT/RECORD OF  
DECISION

For Proposed Development

Blosser Municipal Airport

Concordia, Kansas

The Federal Aviation Administration has approved a Finding of No Significant Impact/Record of Decision (FONSI/ROD) for the improvements identified as the Blosser Municipal Airport, Concordia, Kansas. THE FONSI/ROD is being made available to the public pursuant to Part 1506 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations concerning implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act. A copy of the FONSI can be viewed at City Hall, 701 Washington Street, Concordia, Kansas, and at the Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 901 T Locust, Kansas City, Missouri 64108.

# City hears request from Senior Center

By Jessica Laduc  
Blade Staff Writer

With very little on the agenda Wednesday night, the Concordia City Commission heard a budget request from the Concordia Senior Center.

Gary Dvorak, bookkeeper at the Center, asked the Commission for \$4,000 from the City's 2015 budget. The amount requested has not changed in seven years, Dvorak said, and is used to supplement the wages of the Center's nutrition staff.

The Center provides healthy meals and home care services to more than 60 seniors in the Concordia and Jamestown areas.

For a suggested donation of \$3.15, citizens 60 and older can receive a balanced meal. However, Dvorak said, whatever the recipients can afford is accepted as payment.

Dvorak also informed the Commissioners that the Center had applied for and

received a grant for two new lifts vans that are used for public transportation.

Public transportation is available for anyone who needs a ride — at \$1 each way — and an average of 57 people take advantage of the service each day.

In the only other items of business, the Commission re-appointed Brian Donovan and Mike Holmes to three-year terms on the Airport Advisory Board, and Mayor Marsha Wenz proclaimed June 14 as Buddy Poppy Day.

During city manager comments, Larry Uri told the Commission that he had received the final permit needed to build the 21st Street dam. Bid opening will be scheduled for Sept. 1, at the recommendation of KLA Environmental, the dam engineers.

"In their experience, a later bid opening may attract the contractors who are coming off their main summer jobs, and

we may have more people bidding," Uri said.

If all goes as planned, he said, work could begin on the dam in the fall of this year.

Uri also invited Commissioners to a Broadway Plaza and 6th Street Streetscape meeting on Tuesday, June 10. The meeting will be at the location of the proposed Broadway Plaza, on the vacant lots at 6th and Broadway streets, and run from 6:30-8 p.m.

Representatives from Bowman Bowman Novick Inc., who were hired last month to develop a master plan for the Plaza and the downtown area, will be in attendance. The purpose of the meeting is to hear citizens' thoughts on the development of the Plaza as well as the 6th Street Streetscape master plan.

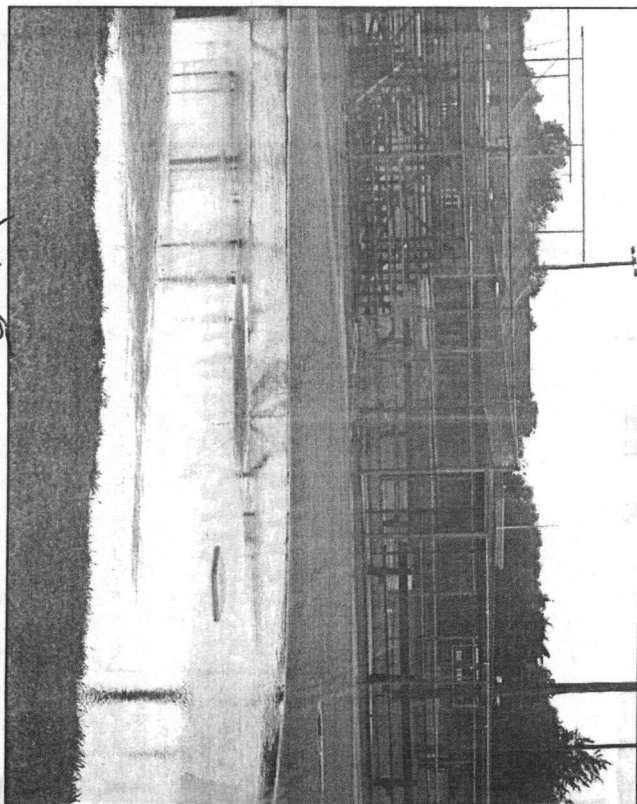
The Broadway Plaza is planned as an area to host community events, as well as offering features such as a

stage, movie screen, bathrooms, and outdoor seating on the five currently vacant lots.

Uri also said the public hearing on the proposed downtown Tax Increment Financing project, which would include the Broadway Plaza, will be July 2. Should the Commission proceed with the downtown TIF project, he said staff would be bringing forward a small project as part of it.

James Reynolds has purchased the former West Side Inn, Uri said, and plans to demolish it, and build a new building in its place. He said Reynolds has approached the City about using TIF dollars, in the amount of \$8,860, for the demolition of the building.

No action was taken after an executive session for attorney-client privilege, and the Commission adjourned to a study session to discuss the old playground equipment, special event liquor licenses, and the vacation of an ordinance.



**Flooded field** *JML*  
Heavy rain that fell Thursday morning left a field at the Concordia Sports Complex flooded. Area residents reported receiving more than an inch of rain. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)



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**Bubble maker** *JML*  
Sadie Mould blows bubbles during Concordia Recreation Summer Playground Monday at City Park. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

## Consumer Confidence Report - 2014 Covering Calendar Year - 2013

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For more information please contact: Chad Buckley at 705-243-2670.  
Your water comes from 5 Ground Water Wells.

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This source of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) includes minerals, trace inorganic chemicals, and other substances. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in surface water before we treat it include: Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may cause illness and death in some cases; Inorganic chemicals, such as nitrates, which may cause health problems in some cases; Organic chemicals, such as pesticides and herbicides, which may cause health problems in some cases; and Radon, a radioactive gas that may be found in some wells. Radon is a naturally occurring gas that can be found in some wells. Radon is a radioactive gas that can be found in some wells.

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**Public forum**  
P.J. Novick, principal with Bowman Novick, Inc., addresses the crowd at the Broadway Plaza streetscape public forum Tuesday evening. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

## Concordia residents share ideas for renovation of downtown

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

An estimated 125 people crowded under a big white tent at the proposed location of the Broadway Plaza Tuesday evening to share ideas for the renovation of downtown Concordia.

Representatives from Bowman Novick, Inc., the landscape architects recently hired to develop a master plan for the Plaza and downtown Concordia, were on hand to hear what citizens want to see in the way of rejuvenating the area.

P.J. Novick, a principal with BBN, said Tuesday night's gathering was probably the largest crowd he has seen at a preliminary planning meeting. He said he and two of his colleagues had spent the day walking downtown Concordia to get a feel for the area. They were joined by Concordia City Manager Larry Uri, CloudCorp Executive Director Ashley McMillan, Tammy Britt with Cloud County Convention and Tourism, and business owner Monte Wentz. The group also visited Pelletier Foundry, and met with brick artist Maurea Smith. They will tour Cloud Ceramics Wednesday.

The purpose of the gathering Tuesday night, Novick said, was to come up with potential materials and uses for both the Broadway Plaza and the "streetscape" — the four-block section of downtown. "We just want to hear what you want in your streetscape and your plaza," he said. "Everyone will pick their five favorite ideas so we can get a better idea of what you want in your downtown."

The idea of an entryway sign spanning 6th Street was voiced. Novick said it wouldn't be possible to have a sign like that on the east side of downtown, because Highway 9 is a state highway. "But, we could do something mid-block," he said.

"One of our goals is to identify the corridor, and that would be a good way to do that."

Dannie Kearn said he would like to see the history of the town incorporated into the design, as well as improved lighting.

The most popular ideas from the public for the 6th Street streetscape were improved lighting, incorporating art and local history into the design, trash and recycling bins, a clock, brick accents in the sidewalks, and additional greenery. Scott Bingham, a landscape architect with BBN, led a second group discussion on the design of the Broadway Plaza. He said the goal is to design a space that will get people downtown.

The Plaza could be used as an event space for food vendors, art shows, weddings, receptions. Bingham said the design could incorporate some elements of shade, as well as a water feature that would "be dynamic, so that during the winter months, it would still look attractive."

"These are just some basic elements we have in mind, but they aren't set in stone," he said.

Art Slaughter said Concordia doesn't need another city park, and that the space should have a roof over most of it.

The most popular ideas for the Plaza were making it available for year-round use, a movie screen, permanent stage, restrooms, a water feature, an information kiosk, seating, shade elements, and the area being illuminated at night.

Novick said they will tally all the ideas, and use them to form a program for development. The architects will collaborate, begin sketching and formulate two concepts that will be presented to the public.

After getting more input from the public, Novick said, they will use that information to formulate a final design that will be presented to the Concordia City Commission.

**Postponed**

Start/Finish line at Concordia High

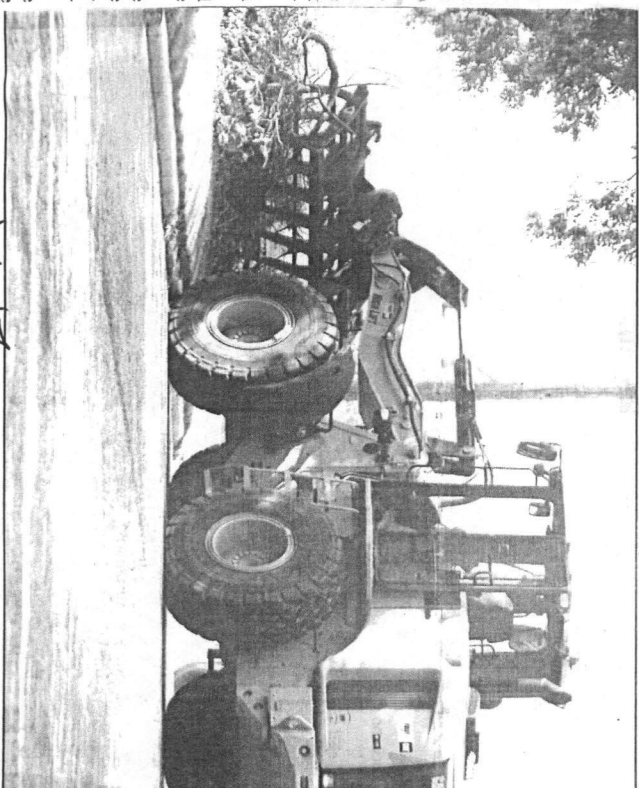
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (with or without dogs)

As for top 3 finishers in each age group! (under 13, 14-24, 25-50, 50+)

**\$35 sign up fee**

Sign up at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or at Concordia City Hall





**Cleaning up**  
City of Concordia employees clean up tree limbs that were blown off during a thunderstorm Saturday night. A wind gust of 67 miles per hour was registered at the Concordia airport. (Blade photo by Jay Lavett)

# City hears requests for funding

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

The Concordia City Commission heard several requests for funding during a routine meeting Wednesday night.

Executive Director Ashley McMillan made a \$55,000 funding request for CloudCorp, which is the same as last year. The appropriation goes to help fund CloudCorp's general operations and project development.

Earlier this month, the same amount was requested from the Cloud County Commission.

The remaining third of CloudCorp's budget, McMillan said, comes from private memberships and donations. The amount requested has been unchanged since 2012. "We feel we can operate efficiently within that budget," she said.

Tina Walsh, executive director of the Cloud County Community Resources Council, requested \$14,000 in funding for the organization for 2015.

The Council is responsible for overseeing the Cloud County Food Bank, the crisis assistance fund and the Club 81 youth center.

Walsh said there has been a steady increase in the number of families and individuals who have been served over the past year.

In 2013, the Food Bank served 380 families. Since the beginning of 2014, she said, that number is already 218, including 492 individuals who have received assistance.

"It is apparent that this year, we will likely need to assist nearly double the number of people that we served during the entire year last year," Walsh said.

Last year, the Resource Center provided \$6,553 in direct client assistance through the crisis fund, which is available to those who cannot pay utility bills. In the first five months of 2014, that number already stands at \$8,094.

Club 81 has been closed for renovations, but donations and grants are being sought to reopen the facility.

David Strommen, president of the Frank Carlson Library board of trustees, asked for a slight increase in city funding. In 2014, the city appropriated \$156,552 for library operations and \$44,432 for employee benefits.

Strommen said this year, the library is requesting \$159,132 for operations, but asking for slightly less — \$43,141 — for the benefit fund.

The library also receives some state aid, as well as funding from the Central Kansas

Library System, and continues to make major repairs and replacements to the facility without needing additional city funds.

Strommen said examples of some recent repairs are the replacement of the roof and carpet, and in 2014, the library plans to replace the air conditioner.

The North Central Kansas Small Business Development Center, an outreach center of Wichita State University that provides resources and services to start-up and existing businesses. In North Central Kansas, is requesting \$14,000 to provide half of the total \$28,000 local funding required. This funding request is the same as last year.

The commission will consider all requests during the 2015 budget planning process.

In other business, the commission approved low bids for housing rehabilitation projects at 411 West 12th Street at a cost of \$15,410, and 316 East 6th Street at a cost of \$19,375.

A small fireworks show at Relay For Life, to be held at Harold M. Clark Stadium on August 9, was also approved.

Dan Haist said the Relay committee would like to do a "celebration of life" ceremony at 10 p.m. during the Relay, and

he would like to shoot off small fireworks. The show would only last 5-10 minutes, and the fireworks would be small. The request was approved, depending upon the weather and whether there is a burn ban in place.

Ron Cople, public works director, gave an update on the purchase of playground equipment for Hood Park.

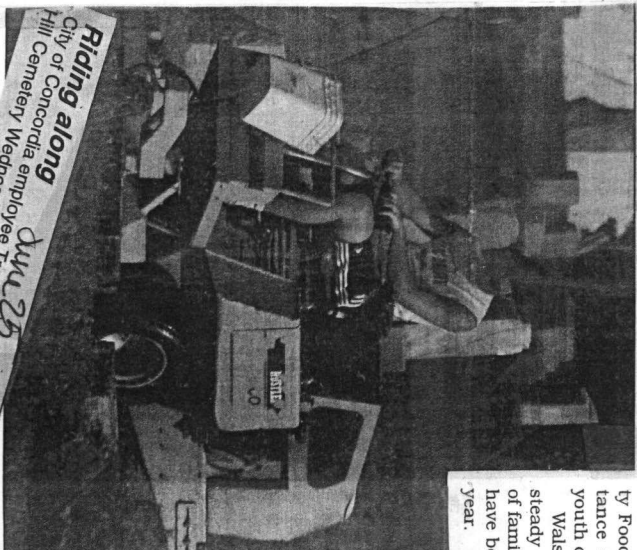
The equipment to be purchased for the park will cost approximately \$44,628, and will be paid for with money he has set aside over the years.

Cople said he will also need to purchase concrete, wood chips and benches, which will cost \$9,500, for a total of \$54,178.

Cople said he has been working with a group of parents in the Hood Park area, and they picked out the equipment for the park. He said he will contact the company for a proposal, and city workers will install the new equipment.

During his City Manager report Larry Uri said the results from the animal ordinance survey will be posted on the city's web site, and will also go out with next month's water bills.

The Commission discussed the ordinance during the study session, and should make a decision at the next meeting.



Riding along  
City of Concordia employee Trevor Nordell is riding along while mowing the grass at Pl...

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## NOTICE TO CONCORDIA CITIZENS OPPORTUNITY FOR WORK

The City of Concordia has received a \$249,500 Community Development Block Grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce. Funds will be used to improve a historical downtown building located at 101 E. 6th Street.

This grant will provide the City of Concordia the opportunity to search for eligible local citizens interested in participating in the project. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended through 1994, provides that to the greatest extent feasible, preference for economic opportunities will be given to citizens in Concordia who are determined to be low-to-moderate income individuals. A low to moderate income individual can be determined by calculating and documenting household income of less than 80% of the county median income. Opportunities such as job training and employment that arise through this CDBG project will be directed toward City residents. Contractors may be eligible for a Section 3 contract as awarded in connection with the CDBG project if they meet one of the following definitions:

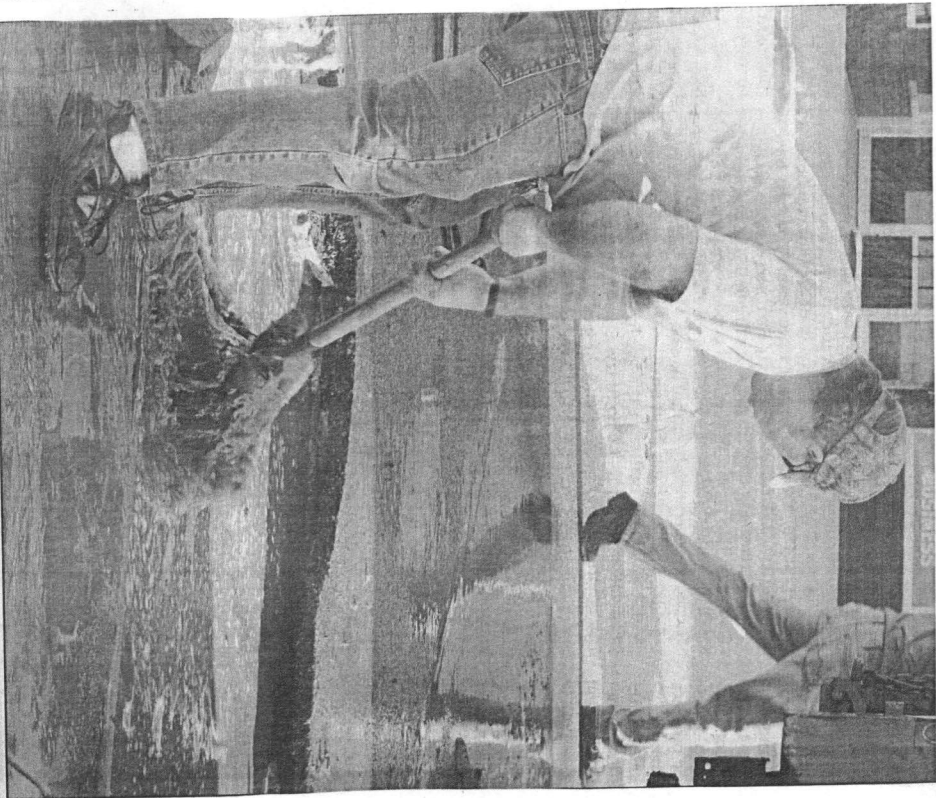
- Business is owned by 51% or more Section 3 residents;
- Business employs Section 3 residents in full-time positions;
- Business subcontracts with other businesses that provide economic opportunity to Section 3 residents;

Section 3 requirements apply to the City as a grantee, if the project activities funded by CDBG funds awarded to the grantee are over \$200,000 and to all contracts and subcontracts over \$100,000 if the \$200,000 threshold is met.

If you wish to determine if you qualify, have an interest in job training or have an interest in serving as a subcontractor for this project, please contact Debra Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commission, Project Administrators, P.O. Box 565, Beloit, Kansas 67420, 785-738-2218.

If you are interested in job training or other employment resources, please contact KANSASWORKS services at 1-877-509-6757.  
www.kansasworks.com





**Broken main** June 13  
City of Concordia employee Gary Strait cleans mud off of the sidewalk after a water main broke at 118 W. Sixth St. shortly after 6 a.m. Friday. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALUMINUM, TOTAL	2/22/2011	345	292-345	MCL	300
CHLORIDE	2/22/2011	160	110-160	MCL	200
CHLORIDE	2/22/2011	72	72-72	MCL	250
CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHOSCM	2/22/2011	980	750-980	UMHOSCM	1500
COPPER	2/22/2011	0.31	0.072-0.31	PPM	0
GROSS IRON/ALUMINUM BY ACTIVITY	5/3/2011	8.7	8.7	PCCL	400
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO3)	2/22/2011	440	330-440	MCL	0.3
IRON	2/22/2011	0.07	0.019-0.07	MCL	150
MANGANESE	2/22/2011	12	11-12	MCL	0.05
MANGANESE	2/22/2011	0.014	0.0027-0.014	MCL	0.05
PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL	2/22/2011	7.4	7-7.4	PPM	8.5
POTASSIUM	2/22/2011	0.44	0.26-0.44	MCL	10
SILICA	2/22/2011	5.7	4.3-5.7	MCL	50
SODIUM	2/22/2011	41	28-41	MCL	100
SULFATE	2/22/2011	80	27-80	MCL	250
TDS	2/22/2011	160	58-160	MCL	500
ZINC	2/22/2011	640	410-640	MCL	5
	2/22/2011	0.015	0.014-0.015	MCL	

During the 2013 calendar year, we had no violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.

Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

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Testing Results for: City of Concordia

Microbiological		Result		MCL		MCLG		Typical Sources	
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2013									
Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Sources		
ARSENIC	2/22/2011	3.4	1.1-3.4	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits		
ATRAZINE	12/14/2011	0.11	0.11	ppb	3	0	Runoff from herbicides used on row crops		
BARAD	2/22/2011	0.29	0.29	ppm	2	2	Discharge from metal refineries		
CHROMIUM	2/22/2011	2.7	1.9-2.7	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills		
FLUORIDE	2/22/2011	0.35	0.21-0.35	ppm	4	4	Natural deposits. Water additive which promotes strong teeth.		
NITRATE	3/18/2013	8.2	0.94-8.2	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use		
SELENIUM	2/22/2011	7.4	3.8-7.4	ppb	50	50	Erosion of natural deposits		
Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Sources		
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM)	2011-2013	9	9	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination		
Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	State Over AL	Typical Sources		
COPPER-FREE	2011-2013	1.3	0.033-2.6	ppm	1.3	2	Corrosion of household plumbing		
LEAD	2011-2013	2.3	1.2-6.6	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing		
<p>If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the State Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-6263 or <a href="http://www.epa.gov/lead">http://www.epa.gov/lead</a>.</p>									
Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Sources		
COMBINED RADIIUM (226 & 228)	5/5/2011	3.8	1.4-3.8	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits		
COMBINED URANIUM	5/5/2011	12	12	µCi/L	30	0	Erosion of natural deposits		
GROSS ALPHA EXCL.	5/5/2011	11	11	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits.		

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**Non-Detects (ND):** the analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Pesticides per Million (ppm) or micrograms per liter (ug/l)**

**Pesticides per Liter (PCL):** a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Millirem per Year (mrem/yr):** measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Monitoring Period Average (MPA):** An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

**Heath/Hazardous Toxicity Unit (HTU):** a measure of the clarity of water.

**Toxicity in excess of 3 HTU is just noticeable to the average person. Toxicity is negligible at 1 HTU.**

**Running Annual Average (RAA):** an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

# Assessment June 30

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Once Brooks found the POW camp, he said his first reaction was, "you're promoting this as an attraction?" There is no signage telling visitors where to go or what to see.

"Why are you promoting something when there's no context?" he asked.

The National Orphan Train Complex should drop the word "complex" from its sign and replace it with "center," Brooks said.

Inside the museum, he said he was impressed by the photographs and panels, which are easy to read and tell a story.

"It's one of the most important and one of the very best historical museums of any size in North America," he said.

The heart and soul of a community, aside from its people, is its downtown, Brooks said.

"The potential for downtown Concordia is exponential," he said. "The bones are here, but there is no focus. What are we about?"

A downtown needs to follow the 10+10+10 rule - in a minimum of three blocks there need to be 10 places that sell food, 10 destination retail shops and 10 places open after 6 p.m.

Beautifying the downtown corridor would pay large dividends, he said. The blue planters downtown are a start, but not enough. Retailers need to attend to their own façades, because 90 percent of first time sales come from curb appeal.

"Some are doing well, but not all," Brooks said.

Downtown should have at least 30 benches to make it seem more welcoming and inviting. All businesses need blade signs, like the one at Threads and Picture This, so people walking the sidewalks can see what businesses offer.

The restaurants should all have two or three tables outside during the summer months to give patrons the opportunity for outdoor dining.

"Where is the outdoor dining? It would help bring downtown to life - it's dead!" Brooks said.

As far as downtown dining, Brooks said Jitters Coffee House was by far, the most beautiful dining establishment in Concordia.

Retailers should also extend their window displays to outdoor displays to create an invitation to potential shoppers.

Brooks also showed a photo of the vacant lot at 6th and Broadway, saying it would be an ideal spot for a plaza to draw people downtown. Plans are already in the works to make that happen using Tax Increment Financing dollars.

In closing, Brooks said Concordia needs to focus on specifics and promote what works for the town - Marla's Joy Tea House, Jitters, the Brown Grand, Nazareth Convent, and the Orphan Train Museum. In addition, there needs to be more visible signage in the downtown, as well as wayfinding signs throughout the town.

"You cannot let local politics get in the way of your marketing," he said.

## Keeping it clean June 26

Concordia Firefighter Jim Menard cleans the windshield on one of the fire trucks Thursday morning. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)



# Brooks reveals findings of community assessment

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

The comments weren't always flattering, but according to a community assessment, Concordia has the building blocks in place to thrive in the future.

Friday morning, Roger Brooks of Roger Brooks International, a company that specializes in helping communities find ideas to increase traffic, develop and market tourism, and community branding, presented his findings after a week-long stay in Concordia.

Brooks and his wife arrived in Concordia on Monday evening, to experience the town and surrounding area. He said their first impression of Concordia was that it is a clean town, uncluttered and beautiful. But, Brooks said, a negative was the lack of signage directing visitors anywhere in town, especially to the downtown. Tuesday took the Brooks to the Sisters of St. Joseph Nazareth Convent, where he said the information sign at the entrance welcomes visitors and directs them to the other attractions in town. He said all attractions should have similar information kiosks.

"We were so pleased to see your community working together," he said. The Whole Wall Mural, Brooks said, could definitely use a better name.

"Can you guys be a little more creative with your naming?" he jokingly asked. "How about 'Life in Concordia'?" To a visitor,

for, "The Whole Wall Mural" doesn't have any sex appeal."

The Travel and Tourism office needs 24/7 brochure distribution displayed in a prominent kiosk.

"Only 32 percent of brochures are used in planning a trip, but 81 percent are used once someone is here," Brooks said. "The number one rule of tourism is to get people to stop. Get them to spend two hours, and spending doubles. If they stay the night, spending will quadruple."

At the American Legion Golf Course, he said there is nothing to tell a visitor that the course is open to the public or that it also houses a restaurant.

The Brown Grand Theatre is stunning Brooks said, and something for Concordia to be proud of, though it needs larger signage.

"This is one of the best community theaters I've seen, and I've seen thousands," Brooks said. "It's stunning and something you should really be proud of."

The building next to the theatre, he said, would be a prime location for an upscale restaurant, something that is missing from Concordia's landscape.

At the Cloud County Historical Society Museum, Brooks said he had never been in a museum with so much "stuff." The challenge facing the museum, he said, is that there are no stories to be told, just items to look at.

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# Dole visits Concordia on homecoming tour

By Brad Lowell

Blade-Empire Editor

Bob Dole's homecoming tour of Kansas came to Concordia yesterday afternoon where he met with more than 100 admiring friends and supporters at the tourism office and the Cloud County Museum Annex.

With his visit to Cloud County, the 90-year old former U.S. Senator had visited 56 Kansas counties.

The former Republican presidential candidate was on his way to Belleville, after having visited Lincoln and Minneapolis earlier in the day.

Dole said that Concordia is a special place for him because of his association with Sen. Frank Carlson.

When Carlson decided to retire from the Senate, Dole was his handpicked successor.

"Carlson said he couldn't openly help me as a candidate, but he could help in other ways," Dole said.

The Russell native said that when he was in the Senate he worked with Democrats including Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York and John Stennis of Mississippi.

Dole said that one of the most gratifying accomplishments of his tenure was the saving of Social Security in 1983. A commission of six Republicans and six Democrats was appointed to come up with a plan to fund the country's obligation to the 30 million Americans receiving Social Security benefits, he said.

"We weren't getting anywhere, so after the Christmas break I met with Sen. Moynihan and almost simultaneously we both said 'we can't let

this fail,'" Dole said.

Dole said his biggest disappointment was not being able to get a balanced budget amendment passed.

"I thought the measure would be approved because we had a 51 to 49 majority in the Senate at the time," he said.

"However, one of our Republicans defected and the amendment failed on a 50-50 vote."

Dole was not without his famed humor saying, "I'm not here to ask you for money. I could, but I won't."

Also, when talking about the \$180 million he raised as chairman of the World War II Memorial fund drive, he said, "I wonder what Hillary would think about our \$17 million surplus."

Clinton has recently received criticism for her comments about being broke when they left the White House.

Commenting on the Veterans' Administration scandals, the decorated veteran who was wounded as a U.S. Army officer in Italy, said that it is wrong for us to ask young men and women to serve their country and then when they come home they can't get medical attention for weeks or even months.

"There are even allegations that some veterans died waiting for treatment in Phoenix," he said.

Dole said that the president needs to appoint a hard-nosed, hard-working head of the VA. He also criticized the paying of bonuses to VA administrators.

"They are well paid public servants," he said. "I can't see why they would be paid bonuses."

The senator also acknowl-



## Homecoming tour

Former U.S. Senator Bob Dole speaks to those attending his homecoming tour stop in Concordia Tuesday. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

edged that he worked with Sen. Ted Kennedy to enact the controversial and contentious Americans With Disabilities Act.

"The ADA has been a big help to people with disabilities and the bill has not destroyed small businesses as the critics predicted," he said.

Retired district court judge Tom Tuggle told the story about how when Dole came to campaign at his parent's drug

store in Cimarron that after he had left the store his mother came to the front and asked his father who the man was with all of that pineapple juice. Dole replied that he was running against a man named Doyle from Beloit and he needed to make a distinction.

"I also had a female singing group, Dols for Dole," he said. Dole was introduced by State Senator Elaine Bowers of Concordia.

# City receives KDOT grant

The Kansas Department of Transportation has selected Concordia's proposed pedestrian and bicycle path as one of 20 projects for inclusion in its Transportation Alternatives program.

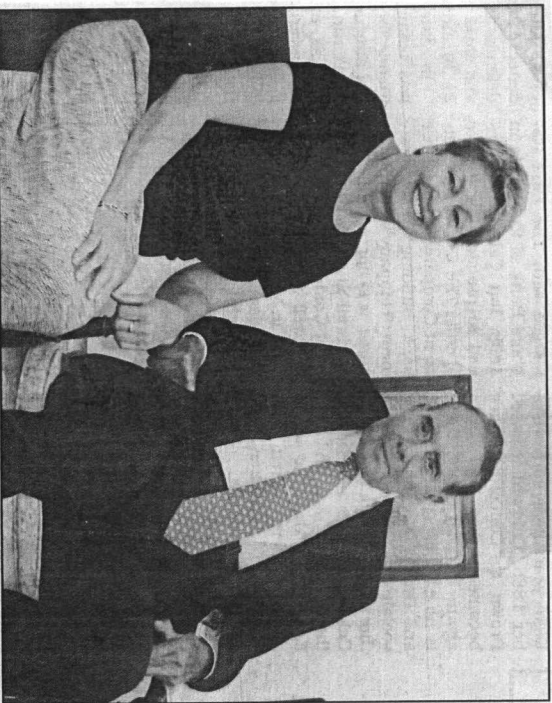
KDOT received 43 applications from local units of government for funding consideration totaling more than \$22.5 million.

Transportation Alternatives projects under this federal program include facilities for pedestrians and bicycles; rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities; construction of turnouts, overlooks and viewing areas; conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails; community improvement activities such as downtown streetscape enhancements and the control or removal of outdoor advertising. Total cost for the 20 selected projects is \$11.5 million. A minimum of 20 percent of the project cost must come from the applicant.

Concordia received \$462,387 for shared use pedestrian/bicycle paths through College Drive Park.

**School board accepts bid for safe shelter**

The Unified School District 333 board of education accepted the low bid from Harbin Construction for the construction of a storm safe elementary school. The shelter is one of the projects included in the \$5.5 million bond issue passed by district voters. It also includes the replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning unit at the elementary school and energy efficiency improvements in district buildings. Construction's alternate bid included the installation of new wireless clocks in the elementary school at a cost of \$16,500. It calls for the 300 calendar days to complete the project. The safe shelter will provide additional classroom space at the elementary school.



## Longtime connection

Former U.S. Senator Bob Dole, right, has close ties to the family of Concordia resident Susan Dawson Retter, left. The two visited during Dole's stop in Concordia on Tuesday. (Photo by Tammy Britz)

## Concordian's family has close ties to Dole

"Is Susan Dawson here?"

These were the first words out of former Sen. Bob Dole's mouth as he entered the Cloud County tourism office on his 105-county homecoming tour of Kansas. Dole has close ties to the Dawson family from Russell because as a young man he was a soda jerk at the Dawson Drug.

Susan Dawson Retter of Concordia is the daughter of Bub Dawson, who along with his brother Chet owned the drug store.

After Dole was seriously injured in Italy during World War II and it was determined he would need additional surgery when he returned home, a cigar box was placed on the soda counter at the Dawson Drugstore for the people of Russell to place donations in for his additional medical expenses.

Dole took the cigar box with him when he went to Washington and kept it on his desk until 1996.

When he came to Russell that year to announce his candidacy for the presidency of the United States, the cigar box filled with campaign donations from the people of the community was presented to him once again. The cigar box remains one of Dole's most cherished memories.



# City moves forward on downtown TIF project

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

The Concordia City Commission took the first step toward creating a downtown Tax Increment Financing project with a public hearing Wednesday night.

With the TIF district set to expire in 2020, City Manager Larry Uri has presented a plan to use the estimated \$1.5 million in revenues to revitalize the downtown corridor. The plan includes the construction of Broadway Plaza at the corner of Sixth and Broadway streets, improving the streetscape of Sixth Street, and replacing water and sewer lines

in the downtown.

At the public hearing last night, CloudCorp Executive Director Ashley McMillan said the TIF project is the first step in revitalizing the downtown.

"We need to have 20/20 vision by 2020, and this is the first step to get to that 20/20 vision," she said.

"By 2020, the TIF district is finished, and we have to ask if we have adequately used the funds to get the most bang for our buck."

With the dam project moving forward in the south development — bids are scheduled to be opened on the project on Sept. 3 — McMillan said that area of town will soon be seeing

development. The money generated from the south development can then be used in the downtown corridor.

"With the funds we have available to use for the downtown, this really gives us an opportunity to make our downtown a district that can be popping," she said.

The three things needed for downtown revitalization are private investment, public investment, and a well-planned event schedule.

"We've seen a lot of private investment with our businesses here in town," McMillan said. "This gets us to our public invest-

ment — making a downtown plaza and doing some streetscaping to make the place more attractive to draw people in. Then, we'll start seeing our buildings fill up. I think we are well on our way to seeing economic development with these TIF dollars."

Sarah Rothfuss, director of the Concordia Chamber of Commerce, said she and Uri have been working on an event schedule for the proposed Broadway Plaza. The plan is to have 50 to 100 events year round at the Plaza.

"The hope is that every one of these events draw in commerce for our current businesses," Rothfuss

said. "And it makes the empty storefronts — very attractive, while rewarding those businesses who have been here and put a lot of money in privately."

The Commission delayed action on the TIF resolutions due to the absence of Commissioner Tim Parker.

They will be considered at the July 16 meeting. The Commission also tabled action on the city's animal ordinances.

Earlier this year, the Commission had considered doing away with all restrictions on animals in the city limits. However, after more than 700 citizens responded to a survey

regarding the ordinance, Uri recommended leaving the ordinance unchanged and keeping the existing restrictions on the types of animals that can be kept in the city, as well as keeping the existing restrictions on pit bull and mastiff breed dogs.

In an effort to encourage more voluntary compliance with the city's dog licensing and rabies vaccination requirements, the ordinance will be changed to offer free dog tags for up to four dogs per household that are registered within the first 30 days of the annual renewal date, which is April 1.

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## NOTICE

There will be no Airport Advisory Board quarterly meeting in July. The next quarterly meeting will be on October 7, at 7 p.m. 7-1

## Legals

(Published in the Blade-Enterprise on Thursday, July 3, 2014)

On July 2, 2014, the City of Concordia adopted Ordinance No. 2014-3073, adding a new Concordia Code Section 3-34 to provide for certain types of special event liquor licensing and amending Concordia Code Section 17-14 to establish a \$50.00 license fee for such a license. A reproduction of this ordinance will be available for not less than one week following the publication of this summary of the ordinance at the website address of the City of Concordia, [www.concordia.org](http://www.concordia.org). This summary is certified by the city attorney to be legally accurate and sufficient.

## Project

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"The whole deal is to encourage people to get tags so we know which dogs are vaccinated (against rabies)," Uri said.

Uri recommended the Commission table the ordinance so he could add language regarding wolf dogs being allowed if they pass a canine good citizenship test.

In action items, the Commission approved the purchase of playground equipment for Hood Park. Ron Copple, public works director, presented the proposal from Athco for \$45,564 for the new equipment. Copple said his workers will install the equipment, saving the city \$11,700.

A proposal from Layne Christensen Company for \$10,808, was also accepted for work on city well #22.

The Commission also approved an ordinance to

amend the city's special events liquor licensing. The ordinance allows the Commission to grant preliminary approval for the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor at special events on the public streets, alleys, roads, and sidewalks. The ordinance also established a city license fee of \$50.

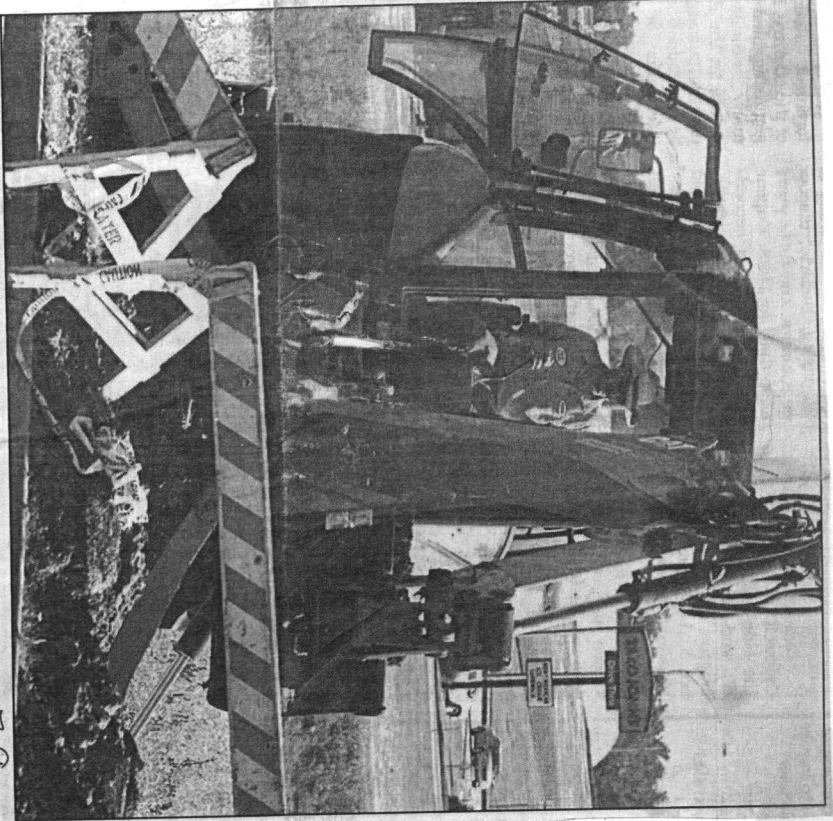
During his manager report, Uri said bids for the dam project will be opened on Sept. 3. He suggested scheduling a special meeting in September so the Commission could consider costs of the dam, the Broadway Plaza and upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. That meeting will be Sept. 24.

No action was taken after a 10-minute executive session for attorney-client privilege with Uri, and the Commission adjourned to a study session to discuss a floodplain ordinance.

Meeting adjourned

The Concordia City Commission adjourned to a special budget meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall.

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**Water work**  
The city of Concordia Water Department works on a water line near Walmart Wednesday morning. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

## Legals

*(Published in the Blade-Enterprise on Friday, July 11, 2014)*

On July 9, 2014, the City of Concordia adopted Ordinance No. 2014-3074, amending the local hazard regulations of the city as set forth in Article 19 of the Zoning Regulations for the City of Concordia. A reproduction of this ordinance will be available for not less than one week following the publication of this summary of the ordinance at the website address of the City of Concordia, [www.concordia.org](http://www.concordia.org). This summary is certified by the city attorney to be legally accurate and sufficient.

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## PUBLIC GROUNDS MUNICIPAL SERVICE WORKER Public Works Division

The City of Concordia Department of Public Works is seeking to fill the position of Municipal Service Worker for Public Grounds. Job description is available at City Hall.

**Deadline:** City of Concordia will accept applications until filled.

The City offers an excellent benefits package, including health & life insurance, leave time, and retirement.

**Apply at:** The City Clerk's Office, 701 Washington. Application is also available online at [www.concordia.org](http://www.concordia.org). Accommodations are available upon request for persons needing assistance.

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# Funding for downtown project approved

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

The Concordia city commission took final action Wednesday night to establish a Tax Incremental Financing plan for the City's Downtown Redevelopment Project.

The passage of the ordinance is the final step needed to use TIF funds for the downtown revitalization plan, with the cornerstone of the project being construction of an outdoor plaza at 6th and Broadway streets.

Approval of the ordinance was followed by approval of a resolution authorizing Concordia City Manager Larry Uri to proceed with the purchase of the five vacant lots at the corner of 6th and Broadway.

In March, the commission paid for the option to purchase the lots. With approval of the resolution last night, the City will use TIF dollars to pay for the land at a price of \$75,000.

The area is the proposed site of Broadway Plaza, which is planned to be an outdoor public event space featuring a stage, movie screen, bathrooms, and other amenities.

Also approved in the resolution was a \$43,950 contract with Bowman and Bowman, a landscape and architecture design firm based out of Kansas City, to prepare a design for the Broadway Plaza, as well as streetscape improvements to 6th Street from Lincoln to Cedar.

In June, nearly 125 people attended a planning meeting at the Broadway Plaza site with Bowman and Bowman representatives. People were encouraged to offer their thoughts and ideas as to the design of the Plaza and streetscape.

Today, Uri, CloudCorp Executive Director Ashley McMillan, Chamber Director Sarah Rothfuss, downtown business owner Monte Wentz, and Toby Nosker

will meet with Bowman and Bowman representatives to view their initial concept design.

As another portion of the downtown TIF project, the commission approved paying an estimated \$8,860 for the demolition of the West Side Inn at 232 West 6th.

The building will be demolished and in its place, James and Mechelle Reynolds will construct a new building.

James Reynolds said they plan to build a new building that will be available to rent. If a renter cannot be found, he said, he plans to make it a storefront for his business, JR & Sons General Contracting.

"Anything will be better than what's there now," he said. After several months of discussion and a survey with nearly 1,000 city respondents, the commission approved the City's animal ordinance, leaving it mostly unchanged.

According to the ordinance a

dangerous dog is now a dog that has the appearance or characteristics of being predominantly of a pit bull type breed or a mastiff type breed, or that has been hybridized with a wild canine.

These types of dogs will be allowed in the city limits if they have earned a Canine Good Citizen certificate from the American Kennel Club; have been implanted with a microchip for identification; and have not been found to be dangerous in accordance with other sections of the ordinance.

In an effort to make sure all dogs in the city limits have had rabies vaccines, the City will offer free dog tags during the month of March, for up to four dogs per household. A \$10 fee shall be assessed for each additional dog in excess of four.

According to the ordinance, dogs who have not been vaccinated for rabies will now be considered dangerous.

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## Funding

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In other business, the commission approved an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for the exchange of federal funds. The City will exchange \$63,477 in federal funds for \$57,129 in state funds.

Public Works Director Ron Copple said he has been saving the federal fund exchange dollars in anticipation of rebuilding 18th Street from Lincoln to State. The estimated cost of the project is \$460,000, and he said he hopes to have close to half that amount by 2016. Copple said his plan is to then use the yearly exchange dollars to make the bond payment for the project.

The commission also approved a \$3,950 bid from Diehl Enterprises, Salina, for the demolition of a structure at 414 East 7th Street. The project will be paid for by Community Development Block Grant funds.

A resolution expressing support for an application for a Safe Routes to School grant was also approved. Uri said city staff has been working with USD 333 school

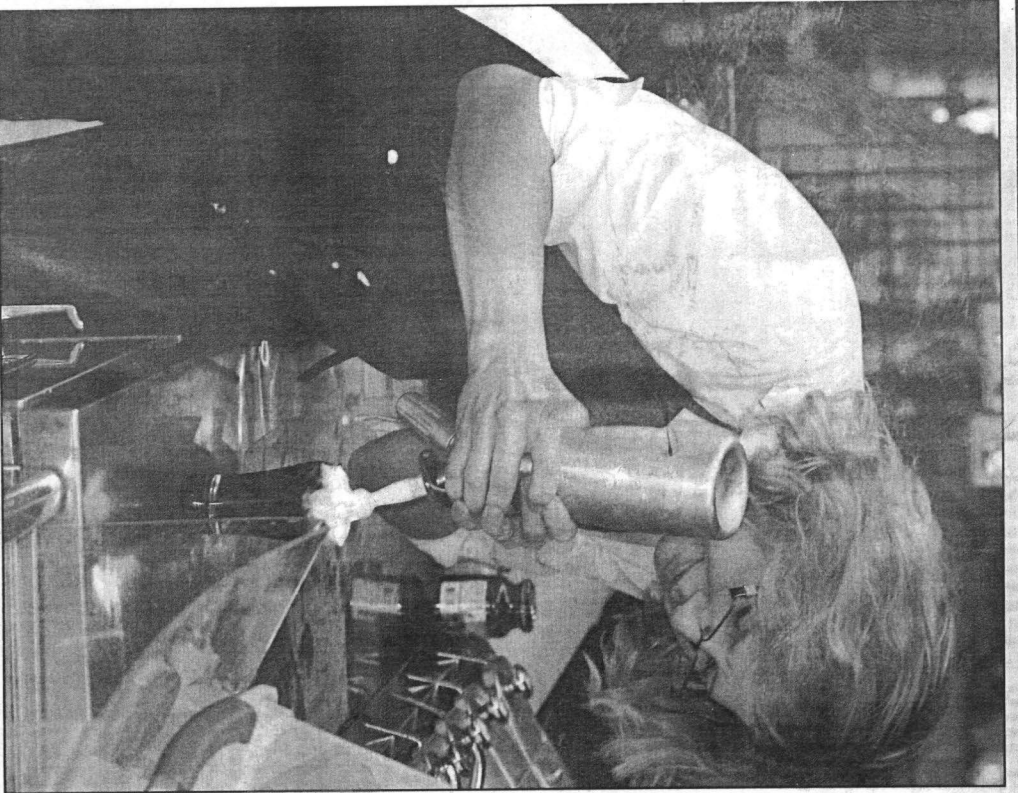
administrators to submit the planning grant application. If successful, the City would receive up to \$15,000 to assist in a yearlong planning effort to determine what might be done to encourage walking to school.

Uri said the plan that emerges from the process will be submitted as the application for a second grant in the amount of \$200,000. These funds could be used for educational materials, programs of encouragement, or infrastructure such as sidewalk improvements.

During his manager report, Uri said he has received a number of comments about fireworks at the ALCO parking lot prior to the city fireworks show on July 3. He said he plans to recommend to the commission that a sign be posted there stating no fireworks are allowed.

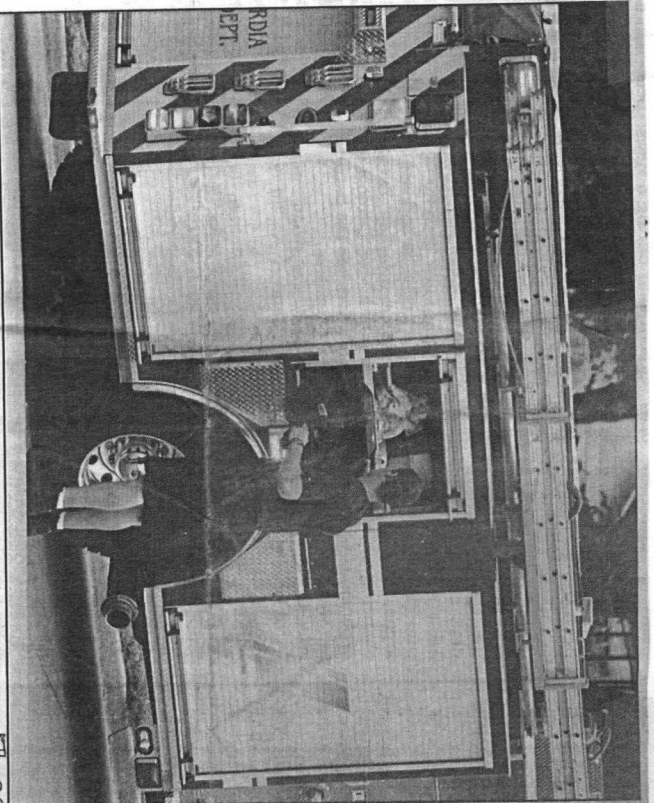
Uri also said he would be presenting an ordinance at the next study session to establish an Arts Council Advisory Board. He said such a council would be helpful in the Broadway Plaza planning process, and members would serve on a volunteer basis.

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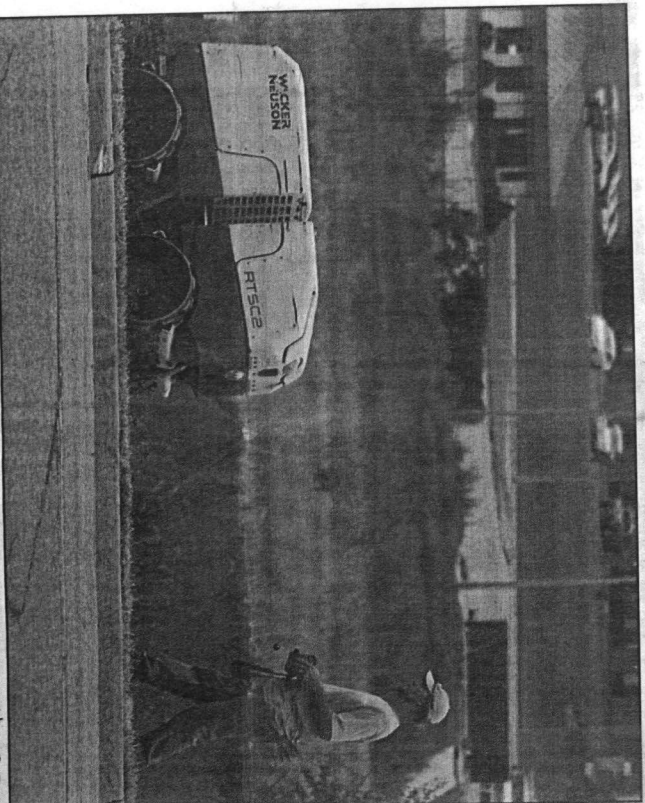
**Topping it off**  
Tammy Britt tops off a Darth Vader with whipped cream at the soda fountain of Britt's Fountain & Gifts, which opened in downtown Concordia on Monday. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

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**Packing up**  
Concordia Firefighter John Christensen packs up equipment after responding to a call in the 400 block of West Fifth Street this morning. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

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**Packing it down**  
Jeff Roberts, City of Concordia Water Department, uses a remote controlled packer to pack soil over a newly installed water line on College Drive. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1891**  
**A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE ADVISABILITY OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, AND AUTHORIZING SUCH IMPROVEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY & K.S.A. 12-6a01 ET SEQ**

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-6a02 authorizes the governing body of any city to make or cause to be made municipal works or improvements which confer a special benefit upon property within a definable area of the city and to levy and collect special assessments upon such property for the payment of all or any part of the costs of the improvements with the proceeds of such special assessments;

WHEREAS, a petition, executed by all of the owners of certain properties located within certain proposed improvement districts, has been filed with the city clerk of the City of Concordia, Kansas, requesting certain improvements be made in accordance with K.S.A. 12-6a01 et seq., and

WHEREAS, in accordance with K.S.A. 12-6a04 upon receipt of a sufficient petition, the Governing Body of the City may (a) make findings by resolution as to the advisability of the improvements requested in the petition, the nature of the improvements, the estimated cost, the method of assessment, and (b) order the improvements without notice or public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds it necessary to make its final findings by resolution as to the advisability of the proposed improvements and finds and determines it necessary to authorize the improvements;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. The Governing Body finds and finally determines that: (a) and (b) are hereby adopted for use in the City of Concordia, Kansas:**

- (1) 444 W. 14TH ST., COLLINS: curbing and guttering along the south edge of the improved surface of 14th Street adjacent to the following described real estate:  
Original Town, Block 49, Lot 11 & 12, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas. ESTIMATED OR PROBABLE COST OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT: \$3,330.70.
- (2) 1401 HILL ST., GENNETTE: Curbing and guttering along the east edge of the improved surface of Hill Street adjacent to the following described real estate:  
Craig's Addition, Block 1, S 25' of Lot 12, all of Lot 14 & N 50' of Lot 15, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas. ESTIMATED OR PROBABLE COST OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT: \$11,069.63.
- (3) 437 W. 8TH ST., HAWLEY: curbing and guttering along the north edge of the improved surface of 8th Street adjacent to the following described real estate:

**SECTION 2. The approved estimated cost of the improvements as set forth in this Resolution. The Finance Director shall prepare a proposed assessment roll for each lot, piece or parcel of land within the improvement district for the improvements proposed in this Resolution. The proposed cost of the improvements shall be maintained on file with the City Clerk and be open for public inspection. Following preparation of the proposed assessment roll, the Governing Body shall hold a public hearing on the proposed maximum assessments on or after the first regular meeting thereafter after compliance with the notice provisions set forth in this paragraph. The City Clerk shall publish notice of the public hearing, and shall mail to the owner of the property liable to pay the assessments, at its last known post office address, a notice of the cost proposed to be assessed all in accordance with K.S.A. 12-6a08.**

**SECTION 3. This resolution shall be published one time in the official City newspaper.**

ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas July 18, 2014.  
Marsha L. Wentz, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Stacey Crum  
City Clerk



Original Town, Block 129, East 11' of Lot 28, all of Lot 27 & W 1/2 of Lot 28, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas. ESTIMATED OR PROBABLE COST OF IMPROVEMENT: \$8,880.75.

(4) 630 W. 9TH ST., MANSFIELD: curbing and guttering along the north edge of the improved surface of 9th Street adjacent to the following described real estate:  
Elmhurst Addition, Block 7, N 69.75' of Lots 8 & 9, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas. ESTIMATED OR PROBABLE COST OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT: \$6,770.00.

(5) 123 E. 9TH ST., MCMILLAN: curbing and guttering along the north edge of the improved surface of 9th Street adjacent to the following described real estate:  
Original Town, Block 114, Lot 16, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas. ESTIMATED OR PROBABLE COST OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT: \$3,074.08.

(6) 721 E. 12TH ST., WILLIAMS: curbing and guttering along the west edge of the improved surface of 12th Street adjacent to the following described real estate:  
Original Town, Block 75, Lot E 1/4 of Lot 14, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas. ESTIMATED OR PROBABLE COST OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT: \$7,104.75.

(b) The method of assessment is equally per front foot against all lots and pieces of land in the improvement district.

(c) The apportionment of the cost of the improvements between the city-at-large and the improvement district and 0% to be paid by the city-at-large.

On July 16, 2014, the City of Concordia adopted Ordinance No. 2014-3079, amending the animal control ordinances of the City of Concordia to provide that there shall be no fee charged for licenses issued for up to four dogs per household between March 1 and March 31 of each year, or for licenses issued within 30 days after a dog first becomes subject to the ordinance also increases for violations of the city's animal control rules, and amends various provisions of the Concordia Code with respect to the keeping of animals within the city. A reproduction of this ordinance will be available for not less than one week following the publication of this summary of the ordinance at the website address [www.concordia.org](http://www.concordia.org). This summary is certified by the city attorney to be legally accurate and sufficient.

Marsha L. Wentz, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Stacey Crum  
City Clerk



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**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-3079**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONJUNCTION THEREWITH.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS:**

**Section 1.** The proposed redevelopment project plan known as the Downtown Redevelopment Project Plan is hereby adopted for use in the City of Concordia, Kansas. **Section 2.** It is anticipated that the City will, from Tax Increment (as defined by the Act) generated in the Downtown Redevelopment District 2000, pay all of the costs of the Downtown Redevelopment Project. **Section 3.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication in the official newspaper of the City.

PASSED by the governing body of the City of Concordia, Kansas this 18th day of July, 2014, and signed by the Mayor.

CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS  
TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM April 1, 2014 THROUGH June 30, 2014

FUND	1st Quarter Ending Cash Balance	Post Closing Adj	Beginning Balance as Adjusted	Receipts	Expenditures	2nd Quarter Ending Cash Balance
100 General Fund	\$ 1,351,820.45	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ 1,355,320.45	\$ 1,128,024.67	\$ 973,122.62	\$ 1,511,172.70
203 Industrial Development	4,923.86	9,000.00	13,923.86	18,791.99	3,500.00	28,115.65
205 Special Highway	90,917.31		90,917.31	33,033.25	10,000.00	107,446.09
206 D.A.R.E. Grant	3,921.09		3,921.09			3,921.09
207 Civil Asset Forfeiture	1,643.22		1,643.22			1,643.22
208 Cyber Crimes	1,976.15		1,976.15			1,976.15
214 Animal Shelter	6,995.07		6,995.07	3,005.00	1,403.30	10,680.47
217 Special Park and Recreation	104,327.59		104,327.59	5,007.86	2,047.80	115,415.66
221 Computer Equipment/Replacement	4,691.73		4,691.73			4,691.73
222 Vehicle Equipment/Replacement	345,723.50	(500.00)	345,723.50	47,500.00	100,246.63	298,987.87
223 B.A.T. Reserve Fund	119.70		119.70			119.70
230 Judges Training Fund	2,684.51		2,684.51	1,972.44	3,153.31	1,513.44
244 911 PSAP	54,601.13		54,601.13	14,002.15	5,366.78	63,637.10
250 Fire Dept. Grants & Donations	(2,701.88)		(2,701.88)	3,722.00	1,025.14	1,025.14
260 Animal Trust Fund	30,438.12		30,438.12	3,550.49		33,988.61
270 Cemetery Endowment	40,376.14		40,376.14	7,108.50	1,438.43	40,376.14
290 Recreation Grants & Donations	3,521.11		3,521.11	206,287.46	65,170.00	277,873.73
301 Bond and Interest	209,287.46		209,287.46	282,328.15		629,697.64
303 Tax Increment Bond Fund	631,369.49		631,369.49	700.00	78,379.70	829,697.64
444 TIF Projects	1,210,406.34		1,210,406.34	194,011.30	377,164.87	1,132,726.64
450 Capital Improvement Projects	338,613.04		338,613.04	35,278.68	10,900.00	85,468.47
451 Wastewater Treatment Facility	38,628.85		38,628.85	10,000.00	89,323.31	64,000.53
453 Brown Grant Project	(262,794.06)		(262,794.06)	39,452.54	383,522.27	(352,092.37)
550 Central Garage Fund	303,869.27	(2,000.00)	301,869.27	5,277.65	14,852.65	41,772.57
601 Wastewater General	51,347.57		51,347.57	285,827.72	383,522.27	224,274.72
630 Airport Fund	3,870.60		3,870.60	3,863.16	4,955.16	2,576.60
650 Gas Fund	10,000.00		10,000.00			10,000.00
703 Easement Fund	3,750.00		3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
710 Post Fire Debris Removal Fund	13,184.23		13,184.23	5,132.07	3,750.00	15,460.25
725 COC Canteen Plan				56,830.26	9,984.93	
735 Library Fund				16,741.11		
736 Library Employee Benefit	470,007.39		470,007.39	5,019.63	74,548.02	475,027.02
750 Continuing Econ. Development Grant	5,789.29		5,789.29	74,548.02	1,199.30	5,789.29
760 Cloud County Landfill	984.12		984.12	1,300.42	1,065.24	1,065.24
802 Water Protection Fund				1,300.42	1,199.30	
TOTALS	\$ 4,938,641.02	\$ -	\$ 4,938,641.02	\$ 2,374,627.52	\$ 2,325,081.80	\$ 6,048,186.74

I, Amber Frantz, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Amber Frantz, City Treasurer

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Published in the Blade-Emple on Wednesday, July 23, 2014

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
City of Concordia  
will meet on August 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at Commission Chambers of Concordia City Hall for the purpose of hearing and  
answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.  
Detailed budget information is available at City Hall, 701 Washington and will be available at this hearing.  
BUDGET SUMMARY  
Proposed Budget 2015 Expenditures and Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2015 budget.  
Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2013	Current Year Estimate for 2014	Actual	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimated Tax Rate *
General	4,137,278	4,184,841	4,184,841	4,593,382	833,680	10.74%
Debt Service	399,878	409,574	409,574	679,875	246,037	10.74%
Library	156,537	156,532	156,532	139,132	142,429	6.22%
Library Employee Benefit	38,059	1,408	44,433	43,141	38,112	1.65%
Economic Development	55,000	1,582	55,000	60,000	36,197	1.58%
Special Highway	153,415	140,000		201,841		
TIF	506,500	501,800		1,096,304		
Special Parks & Rec	1,151	3,608		78,321		
Wireless 911 Telephone	145,133					
Wireless Service Bond & Interest	1,526	32,500		139,761		
911 PSAP	45,079					
Water & Sewer Utility Fund	2,082,534	1,493,429		1,686,031		
Gas Utility Fund		27,400		54,820		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	211,145					
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	1,215,216					
Non-Budgeted Funds-C	796,120					
Totals	9,944,181	6,932,567	54,758	8,794,608	1,398,455	56.72%
Less: Transfers	655,659	577,603		1,224,641		
Net Expenditure	9,288,542	6,354,962		7,569,967		
Total Tax Levied	1,285,243	1,286,553		xxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	23,472,767	23,519,046		22,892,418		

Outstanding Indebtedness,	2012	2013	2014
January 1,	5,050,000	7,272,600	6,410,200
G.O. Bonds			
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	1,976	235,682	156,619
Total	5,051,976	7,508,282	6,566,819

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

City Official Title: City Manager





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Concordia Recreation Announces its

Kansas City Royals Bus Trip

**Kansas City Royals**

vs.

**San Francisco Giants**

(Alex Gordon Bobble Head Day)

**Sunday, August 10**

**Price \$65 per person** Includes ticket & bus fare

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for more info - 275-1092

— There will be no Chiefs trip this year —

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# Vying for title

Five contestants will be vying for the title of Miss NCK CASA 2014 at the 11th Annual Men in Tights Saturday night at the Concordia High School auditorium. Contestants are Todd Robinson, front left; Damon Warkentin, front right. Back row, from left, are: Shane Champlin, Derek Champlin and Roger Garrett.

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## Five contestants vying for title of Miss NCK CASA 2014

Five contestants will be vying for the title of Miss NCK CASA 2014 when they participate in the Eleventh Annual Men in Tights Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Concordia High School Auditorium.

Competing in the categories of Interview, Talent, Fitness and Daisy Duke Summer. Wear will be Cherry Wood (Damon Warkentin), sponsored by the Citizens National Bank; Shareef Rogers (Roger Garrett), sponsored by Geisler Roofing, Inc.; Dara Medie (Derek Champlin), sponsored by Central National Bank; Bustina Poacher (Todd Robinson), sponsored by Performance Lawns; and Regina Rancher (Shane Champlin), sponsored by Champlin Tire Recycling, Inc.

Emcees for the evening will be Jack Widen and Lloyd Preston. Judges will be Don Bates, Dustin

Breault and Sherrie Radcliffe.

In addition to the title winner, a People's Choice Award also will be given based on the amount of donations placed in the hats of contestants by members of the audience.

Men in Tights is an annual fundraiser for NCK CASA, an organization that, with the help of volunteers, works with children who are in the court system because they have been the victims of child abuse and/or neglect.

Some children are in the home with the parent or guardian receiving services, such as counseling, case management, visitation, transportation or housing assistance. Saturday's program starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at area banks and also will be sold at the door.





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## GET INVOLVED 8-7 IN YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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If you are interested in serving the community by becoming a member of this commission, you are asked to fill out a short Expression of Interest Form and return it to city hall before noon on August 15, 2014.

Forms and more information are available in the City Clerk's Office, 701 Washington Street, P.O. Box 603, Concordia, Kansas, 66901.

*If you have questions, please call the  
City Clerk's Office at 785-243-2670*

CONCORDIA, KANSAS 66901

Thursday, August 7, 2014

# City commission approves budget

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

At a brief meeting Wednesday night, the Concordia City Commission approved the 2015 budget, which calls for a two mill increase.

City Finance Director Amber Farha said the increase is for the debt service fund, while the mill levy for the general fund will remain the same. The increase brings the total mill levy for 2015 to 56.721. The budget is based on a drop in the assessed valuation from \$23.5 million in 2014 to \$22.8 million in 2015.

There were no comments during the public hearing for the budget. City Manager Larry Uri and the commissioners praised Farha for her work.

A public hearing for a second Brown Grand Theatre Tax Increment Financing project was also conducted, with no comments being made. The TIF project paid the costs of installation of a new sprinkler system and water curtain at the Theatre. An ordinance paying the costs of the installation with TIF money was also approved. In December, the commission approved moving forward

with the installation of the system at the Theatre at a cost of \$71,330. The cost was added on to the original \$100,000 TIF project the city had approved in early 2013 for the Theatre's stage and structural reinforcement work.

In other business, the commission approved purchasing five drinking fountains from Most Dependable Fountains, Inc., for \$12,925.

Public Works Director Ron Coppel said the fountains will be installed at Rasure Field, Reinwald Field, Airport Park by the shelter house, and at the

gazebo in City Park. City crews will install the fountains this fall, and they will be ready for use in the spring.

During his manager report, Uri said there will be a meeting with KLA Environmental engineers next Wednesday, who will present the dam project to prospective contractors. The meeting will be an opportunity for contractors to see the project and ask questions prior to the bid letting in September.

The commission adjourned to a study session to discuss the formation of an arts commission.

# Sallman's plaque carries a meaningful message & Co

By Sharon Coy  
Blade Staff Writer

For the past seven years, a round hole on the limestone wall on the east side of the building at the corner of 6th and Washington in Concordia gave a somewhat mysterious appearance.

What's missing here?  
Why doesn't someone fill that space in?

The need to wonder is over. When The Sallman Builders, Clifton, purchased the building which formerly housed the Fidelity State Bank in 2007, the depository was removed from the wall and sold.

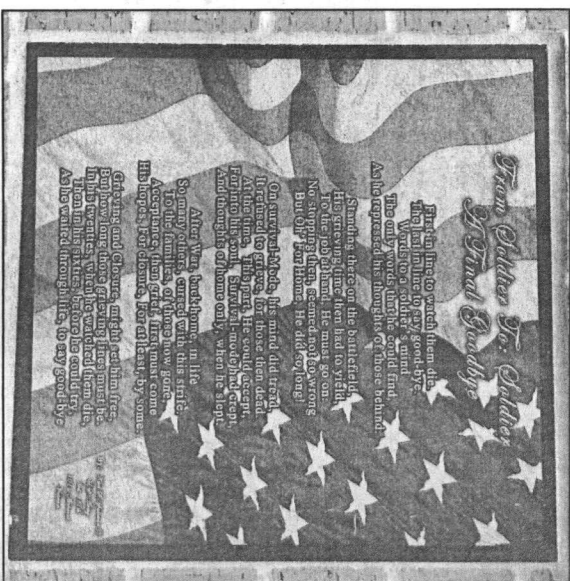
Last month, a beautiful engraved marble plaque was installed in the empty space, bringing both beauty and a meaningful message to all who pass by.

Engraved on a background of the American flag is the poem, "From Soldier To: Soldier. A Final Goodbye," written by Karl Sallman, a 1971 Vietnam War veteran. His name, U.S. Army, 3rd 187th, 101st Airborne, Vietnam is engraved at the bottom of the poem.

Sallman said he was inspired to write this poem when he awoke one night from a dream he had about three men in his platoon who were killed together by a booby trap.

He said he was kneeling in front of their three graves and several people were behind him, but when he turned around, the people had all disappeared, he was alone and it startled him awake.

Sallman's wife, the former Debbie Gannette of Concordia, said Karl talks very little about his war experiences. "The thoughts in this poem are very personal, but he hopes maybe the words will help other combat



## A soldier's goodbye

This plaque with an engraved poem written by Vietnam veteran, Karl Sallman, was recently installed on the limestone wall of the former Fidelity State Bank building in Concordia. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

veterans cope with what they went through—maybe knowing that they are not alone, dealing with war memories and possibly survival guilt that sometimes comes with being safely back home," Debbie said.

Sallman also hopes that the poem might help the families of those fallen realize that the comrades of their loved ones have not forgotten or just walked away unscarred.

When Sallman's sons, Brock and Chad, realized what the poem meant to their father, they decided to have it engraved and mounted in stone as a surprise Father's Day gift to him several years ago.

After telling Troy LeDuc of their idea, when they pur-

chased the plaque at LeDuc Memorial, they found someone else who saw the importance of their father's poem.

Believing the message would provide meaning to both veterans and the public, LeDuc offered to engrave the stone for free.

Karl's cousin, Chad Lowell of Picture This, provided the flag background for the poem.

When the Sallmans asked Shawn Cyphers, who was doing some truck point work on the outside of the building last month, how hard it would be to turn the round hole into a square one, he said he saw no problem and was able to install the plaque. (see Plaque on page 6)

## Plaque

(continued from page 1)

Cyphers cut away more of the stone to turn the round hole into a square hole and laid a ribbon of brick behind and around it so that it could accommodate the plaque.

Chad Sallman said it was always their intention to cover the hole with something meaningful. What could be a better choice than their

father's plaque? Chad said the time Cyphers was working on the wall proved to be the perfect time to install the plaque because if Karl happened to be driving by he wouldn't notice anything unusual.

The result was a nice surprise not only for Karl but also for anyone walking by the limestone wall at 6th and Washington.

## From Soldier To: Soldier A Final Goodbye

First in line to watch them die,  
The last in line to say good-bye.  
Words to a soldier's mind  
The only words that he could find.  
As he repressed his thoughts of those behind.

Standing there on the battlefield,  
His grieving time then had to yield,  
To the job at hand. He must go on.  
No stopping then, seemed not so wrong  
But Oh, For Home, He did so long!

On Survival-Mode, his mind did tread,  
It refused to grieve, for those then dead.  
At the time, This part, He could accept,  
For into his soul, Survival-mode had crept,  
And thoughts of home only, when he slept.

After War, back home, in life  
So many others, cursed with this strive.  
To the families, of those now gone,  
Acceptance, then grief, first must come  
His hopes, For closure, For at Least, by some.

Grieving and Closure, might set him free,  
But how long those grieving lines must be,  
In his twenties, when he watched them die,  
Then in his sixties, before he could try,  
As he waited through life, to say good-bye.

By: Karl R. Sallman  
U.S. Army  
3rd 187th  
101st Airborne  
Vietnam



## PUBLIC NOTICE 8-14

The following vehicle has been impounded by the City of Concordia, and will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on [www.purplewave.com](http://www.purplewave.com), if the owner does not claim it within 15 days of the second publication of this notice, and pay the removal, storage, and publication charges.

Vehicle: Maker: Ford; Model: Aerostar EV; Year: 1994; VIN: 1FMDA31XRZA04946; Color: Dark Red

The City of Concordia will be selling the following items at public auction on Purple Wave:

- 1997 Chevy 3-Ton Truck Chassis
- 2000 Chevy 1/2-Ton 4x4
- 2006 Harley Davidson - wrecked
- Hustler Mower/Snowblower

View them at [www.purplewave.com](http://www.purplewave.com)

### FULL-TIME COMMUNICATIONS/ RECORDS SPECIALIST 8-19

#### Police Department 8-21

The Concordia Police Department is seeking to fill the position of full-time Communications/Records Specialist. This position provides two-way radio communication for public safety departments; 911 emergencies and administrative telephone service for citizens in the city of Concordia and maintains agency records

Interested persons must meet the following minimum requirements: Be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. Citizen. Equivalent of a high school diploma. No criminal convictions; Good typing and communication skills; Pass a comprehensive video examination, oral board interview and in depth criminal history and past employment background check. Computer experience a plus. Physical examination and drug screening tests will follow all conditional offers of employment. Experience in Police Communications/Records is preferred but not required to apply.

Communication Specialists are paid hourly. Starting salary is \$12.80-\$13.12 per hour depending upon experience. Benefits include employer provided medical, dental, and vision insurance, KPERS retirement plan and paid vacation & sick leave.

Complete job description is available at City Hall.

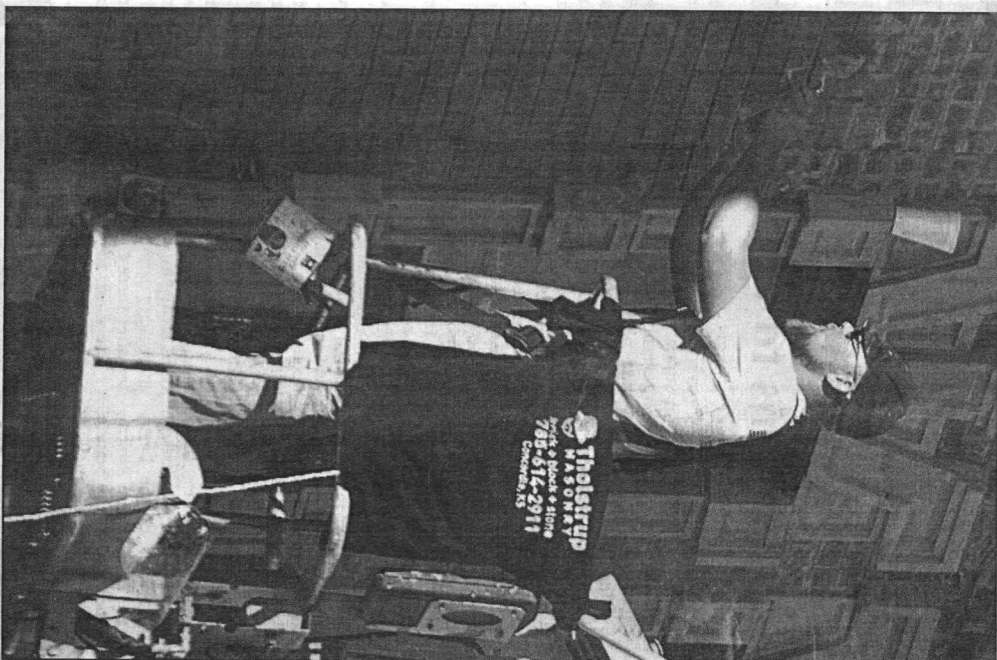
**Deadline:** The City of Concordia will accept applications until the position is filled. Resume may be included with completed city application form.

**Applications available online at:** [www.concordiakr.org](http://www.concordiakr.org)

**Or Contact:** The City of Concordia City Clerk's Office, 701 Washington, P.O. Box 603, Concordia, Kansas 66901, 785-243-2670. Reasonable accommodations are available for persons needing assistance. Requests for accommodations should be made at the time of application.

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### Tuck pointing

Matthew Seward is tuckpointing the Nels P. Noel, Attorney at Law, building in downtown Concordia Thursday morning. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

# Six appointed to arts commission

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

Six people were appointed to the newly formed Concordia Arts Commission during Wednesday night's city commission meeting.

City Manager Larry Uri said the idea for an arts commission came about because of a grant he is working on for a mural at the proposed Broadway Plaza at 6th and Broadway streets.

The six-member commission will be responsible for determining the value of artistic, literary and theatrical works, architecture and events that affect the environment of the city.

The mission of the Arts Commission is to enhance and enhance the community by promoting cultural opportunities and arts education, while nurturing an environment of aesthetic vitality.

Members appointed last night are Destiny Breault, Wonda Phillips, Braden Bruntzel, Chris Krampe, Christen Napier, and Kelsey Larson. Uri will serve as an ex officio member, voting on matters only in the event of a tie.

Breault and Bruntzel will serve one-year terms, Krampe

and Larson will serve for two years, and Napier and Phillips will serve three-year terms.

Uri said the commission will operate as other boards of the city in that members will not receive compensation and will be tasked with making recommendations to the city commission.

"They will have no authority to buy or sell things," Uri said. "They will be tasked with delving into things and making recommendations to the city commission."

The first meeting of the Arts Commission is scheduled for tonight, and Uri said he would recommend they meet monthly.

In other business, the city commission approved moving forward geographic information system (GIS) mapping of the city. Ken Johnson with Campbell & Johnson Engineers presented a contract with Aerometric/Quantum Spatial, Mission, Kan., for \$12,900. The company will take the aerial photos that will be the base of an electronic mapping system. GIS is a computer system that will allow the city to map, model, query, and analyze large quantities of data about the city.

The GIS system, when completed, will store data about the city in a collection of layers that can be linked together and then analyzed.

Johnson said, as an example, the map of the city would include the location of all utilities. The map could then be searched to find all utilities and easements.

Completely implementing the GIS system will be a five to six year process, Johnson said.

The commission also accepted a contract with the Federal Aviation Administration for reimbursement of costs the city incurred acquiring rights to Blosser Municipal Airport.

In January, the commission approved a \$50,000 settlement agreement with Marilyn Blosser that gave the city sole ownership of the airport. In addition to the \$50,000 the city paid Blosser, there was also an \$18,487 administrative expense and \$3,293 in engineering fees. The FAA agreed to reimburse the city for 90 percent of the \$71,780 total project costs, giving the city \$64,602.

Uri said the funds will be returned to the capital improvement fund.

Also approved was an extension for the community development block grant housing rehabilitation program.

Building Inspector Bruno Rehbein said the grant fund balance is approximately \$28,000, and the state does not want it returned.

With the six-month extension, Rehbein said he would be able to spend the money on two house rehabilitations or one house rehab and one demolition.

During his manager's report, Uri said he hoped to have preliminary plans and costs for the Broadway Plaza to present at the next meeting.

Uri also presented revenues and expenses for all summer recreation programs. Several lost money, including the city-sponsored bus trips to Kansas City sporting events. The most recent trip — to see the Kansas City Royals earlier this month — lost \$1,000. Uri said the city will no longer sponsor such bus trips.

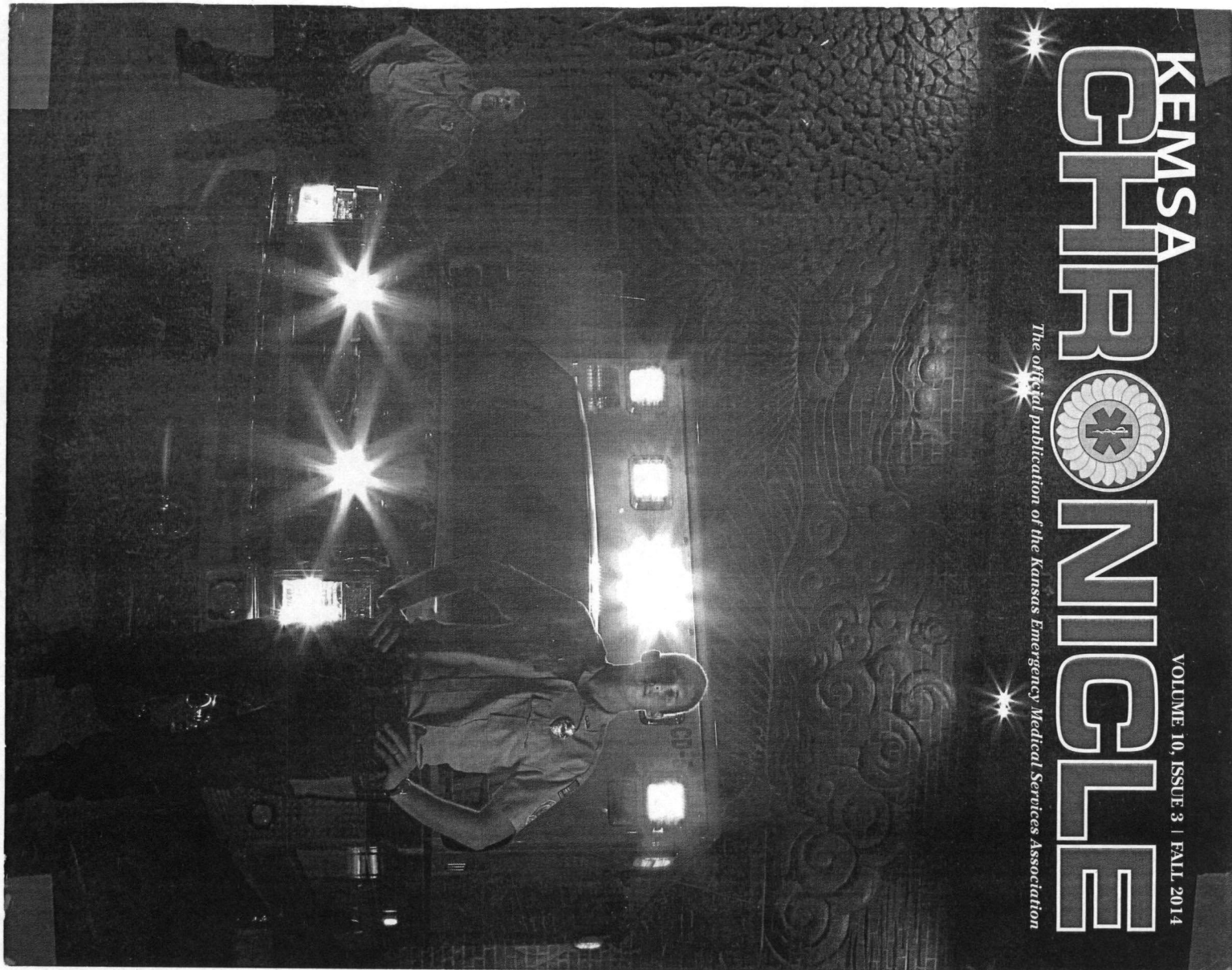
No action was taken after a 10-minute executive session for confidential business data and preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real estate.



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# Concordia Fire/EMS



Article by Michelle Rutherford  
Riley County EMS

Photos by Jon Friesen

For this issue, we travel to north-central Kansas for our service spotlight of Concordia Fire/EMS.

Concordia, Kansas is located in Cloud County with a population of approximately 9,500 residents in the county and 5,395 in the town of Concordia. Concordia is located in the rolling Smoky Hills region of the Great Plains of Kansas and is located along the Republican River. Major highways into Concordia are US Highway 81, K-9, and US Highway 24 to the south. Salina is the closest city to Concordia, with Wichita 125 miles to the south and Omaha, Nebraska 189 miles northeast. Other small communities within Cloud County are Aurora, Clyde, Glasco, Jamestown, and Miltonvale.

Concordia is home to the Brown Grand Theater, which opened in 1907 as an Opera House and has since been restored to reflect that era. A point of interest about Concordia is that during World War II German POWs were sent to the United States and Concordia housed 4,027 prisoners in "Camp Concordia." The site had 304 buildings, its own

fire department, and a 177 bed hospital. Cloud County Community College is located in Concordia and has a student population of approximately 2,600.

Concordia Fire/EMS houses four ambulances, two engines, one rescue truck, one aerial truck, and two staff vehicles out of one station. They also have a hazmat/mass casualty trailer. Their ambulance fleet is comprised of two Road Rescue and two Medtec Type II van style units, which allows them to respond to Glasco and Jamestown as the department covers half of Cloud County. Clyde and Miltonvale have their own EMS services and Concordia Fire/EMS offers ALS mutual aide to those communities when requested. Belleville (Republic County EMS) and Concordia help cover their respective hospital transfers, when one agency is busy and cannot provide



transports. Annual call volume for Concordia Fire/EMS is 800 calls per year with call volume increasing in recent months. The service stays busy with many local community events, as well as EMS coverage for high school football and cross country meets, wrestling events, county fair rodeo, and dirt track Derby racing.



The service is a Type IIa (provides ALS care) and has always been Fire/EMS based. The Concordia Fire Department was established in 1874 and EMS came along in the late 1960s to early 1970s. Current leadership is provided by Chief Eric Voss and three captains. The agency staffs two employees per day with one being a paramedic or AEMT. Full-time staff consists of three paramedics, four AEMTs and one EMT, all cross trained in Fire/EMS certifications. There are three crews of two with one captain and one paramedic each who work 24-hour shifts, on/off three times with four days off. There is also a "floater" position that works a 48 on and 24 off schedule to bump up staffing per day to three one time each shift rotation. Four PRN staff help cover sick and vacation days and then a group of dedicated reservists help with transfers and fire calls as needed. Chief Voss says he is thankful for the support community member reservists provide to the department. The service also has three tactical medics who train monthly with local law enforcement in active shooter and special rescue incidents.

Under the direction of Medical Director Dr. Justin Poore, DO, employees have a progressive protocol with continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), a standing order for cricothyrotomy, interosseous needle placement (IOs), and Zoll E and X series monitors with 12-lead capability. The agency is working with their

Medical Director to establish a protocol for Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI). Chief Voss states they are in talks with Region IV and Salina Regional Health Center to initiate a Stermi Alert protocol/program.

Voss is proud of the great relationship they share with their Medical Director as well as the in-house training his agency provides. Concordia Fire/EMS is active in providing initial courses of instruction by four state certified EMS training officers and two certified EMS instructor coordinators. QA review of reports is done at the beginning of each rotation by the captains and then disseminated out to employees for discussion and follow-up. The agency uses the software "FIREHOUSE" for their fire and EMS documentation.

As a smaller community, Concordia Fire/EMS knows the importance of recruitment and retention and provides AEMT and EMT classes along with once a month continuing education for their EMS service and surrounding agencies. Because of their affiliation as a fire and EMS service, crews also participate in fire prevention education and are proactive in CPR/AED training for their community.

When asked what his agency is most proud of, Chief Voss responded "I'm proud as a smaller community we work aggressively to improve and stay actively involved in the communities we serve. We are also proud to have one paramedic on each shift and coverage for the county is good." 🌟



# City opens bids on dam project

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

Almost 20 years after talk first began of replacing the 20th Street dam at the south edge of Concordia, construction on a new dam is just over the horizon.

City Manager Larry Uri told the Concordia city commission last night that bids had been opened for the construction of the dam earlier in the day. Four bids were received, with the low bid coming from Ebert Construction in the amount of \$1.4 million.

The bid includes construction of the Plum Road dam for \$637,374, building the 21st Street dam for \$755,490 and additional site work in the amount of \$79,947.

The 21st Street dam and the additional site work are included in the Tax Increment Financing district.

Ebert Construction also submitted a bid for optional additional work — which would include bringing the lots along Highway 81 up to grade, should there be enough dirt after the dam construction — in the amount of \$586,915.

Uri said the commission would have until next summer to make a decision on that aspect of the bid.

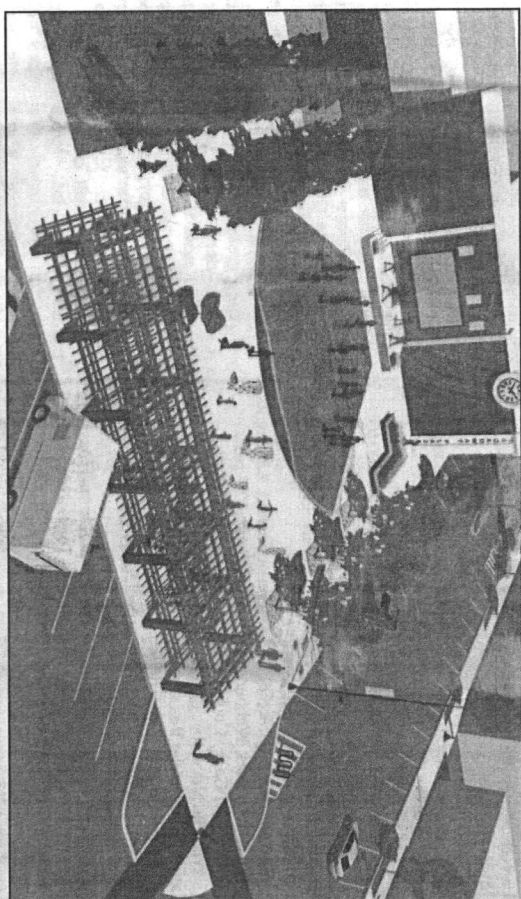
The total for both dams, as well as all the optional dirt fill projects is slightly more than \$2 million.

Uri said the city will also incur additional engineering costs for construction inspection and administration, totaling approximately \$250,000, which would make the entire project \$2.3 million.

The city's engineers will review the bids for accuracy, and present a more complete report at the Sept. 17 meeting. Uri said the commission would be able to accept the bid at that meeting, and work could potentially begin several weeks after that.

During the study session, commissioners got their first look at what Broadway Plaza will look like.

Members of the downtown working group — Uri, Cloud-Corp Executive Director Ashley McMillan, and Chamber Direc-



## Concept design

A concept design, by Bowman & Bowman landscape architects, for a plaza in Downtown Concordia was presented to the city commission on Wednesday.

for Sarah Rothfuss — presented the concept drawing and proposed costs for the plaza, which will be located on the vacant lots at 6th and Broadway streets.

McMillan likened the plaza to Concordia's front porch — where people will be able to gather to reconnect, share stories, music and ideas, and meet friends.

At a community meeting on the plaza lots on June 10, citizens talked about what is important to see in the plaza.

"As a community, we talked about what is important to us and important for our future," McMillan said. "We talked about what we want passersby and our neighbors to see."

The top five elements were a bathroom, stage, water feature, movie screen, and a clock — all of which are incorporated into the concept design from Bowman & Bowman landscape architects.

Uri said the group had been working diligently toward a design that would be a popular gathering space for the town.

"We want this to be something people will come to see. We don't want to make a plaza no one will use," he said. "If I get asked by somebody about anything, most often it's about this. The community is excited about this and feels it will make things better."

The concept design includes a brick face to the exposed wall on the east side of the Coldwell Banker/Kaleidoscope Realty building, along with additional structural work to accommodate an 11x20' LED outdoor video screen, clock and plaza signage. The design also includes a water feature, a 14'x25' raised concrete stage, and a permanent building to house restrooms, additional storage and a roll top door for concessions.

There will be dining tables and chairs, large trees for shade, and a trellis along the east side of the lot.

Rothfuss outlined for the commission potential activities that could take place at the plaza, which would utilize the space throughout the year.

Fall activities could include reunions, football game watch parties and tailgating, Fall Fest, and live music, while the space could be used for Christmas activities in the winter. Spring could see farmer's markets, church services and open mic nights.

The plaza would be busiest in summer, with picnics, movies, children playing in the water feature, and story hours. The estimated total for the concept design is \$828,609.

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Once a final design is approved, and bids are accepted, the construction phase is expected to last nine months.

Commissioner Tim Parker and Mayor Marsha Wentz both thanked the working group, which also includes Tammy Britt, Monte Wentz and Toby Nosker.

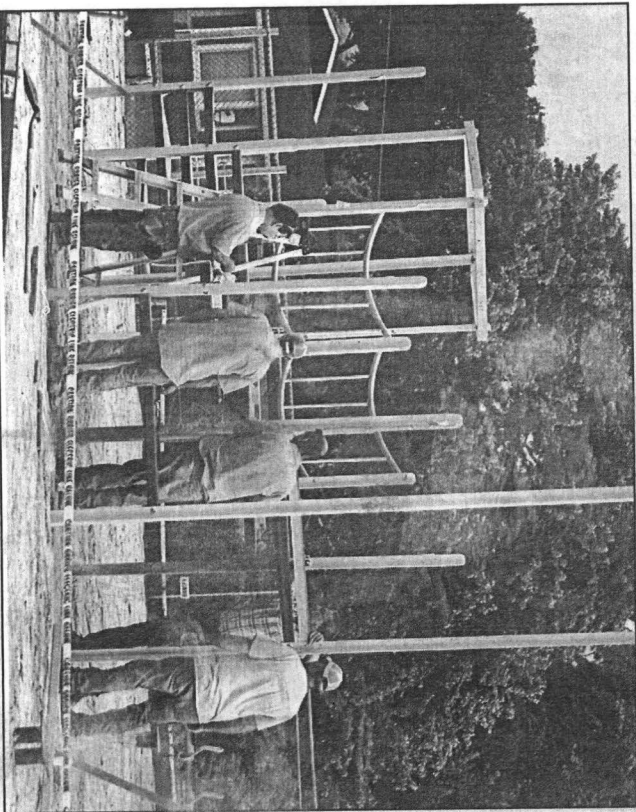
"We appreciate the work you have done," Marsha Wentz said. "I think it's an exciting plan, and if we do it, we have to do it right the first time."

The only item of business during the regular meeting was approval of the purchase of land at the corner of 1st Street and Highway 81 for \$25,000.

Uri said it has become apparent something needs to be done with the intersection, which is too small for semis to make the turn.

By purchasing the property from Merlin Biles, the city will have the necessary land to widen the intersection sometime in the future. The city currently has a grant request in with the Kansas Department of Transportation to widen the intersec-





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**Installing equipment**  
City of Concordia employees install new playground equipment at Hood Park on Tuesday morning. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

## New playground equipment being installed at Hood Park

A second park project in less than six months is currently under way in Concordia.

In April, over 900 volunteers came together to construct Cloudville, the destination playground in the City Park.

City of Concordia employees are now installing new playground equipment in Hood Park.

The new equipment includes a main structure with three phases. There will be several pieces of equipment which expand off of the main structure.

Included are three slides, a swing set, a spinner, a fire engine, a fire pole, a bubble rider and more.

"It is going pretty good right now," Concordia public works director Ron Cople said. "We are hoping to maybe be done by the end of next week."

The original plan was to move the old equipment from City Park to Hood Park after the construction of Cloudville.

Cople said that some parents had requested that the old equipment be left at City Park.

It was then decided that the city would use money in a recreation fund to purchase new equipment for Hood Park.

The money in the fund comes from a liquor by the drink tax.

Cople said the city receives approximately \$24,000 per year from the tax. Half of that goes into the general fund and half goes into the recreation fund.

There is currently \$113,415.56 available in the recreation fund.

"We have been saving it up for the last several years," Cople said. "We came up with this money to use on this, and the commission approved it."

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$56,664. That includes \$45,564 for the equipment, \$8,100 for mulch and an estimated \$3,000 for concrete slabs, benches and a sidewalk.

Thanks to these sponsors, 384 kids played ball this summer! q-9

### T-Ball

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Also, a big thank you to all coaches & volunteers, umpires, Altius Awards, Press Express, and Amy and Derrick Hittle & family

## GET INVOLVED q-19 IN YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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### • BOARD OF BUILDING TRADES

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# School board approves carpet bid

A bid of \$15,526.99 from Square One Flooring, Concordia, for new carpet to be installed in the Concordia Junior-Senior High School library was approved by the Unified School District 333 board of education during its September meeting Monday night.

The board received two bids for the carpet squares and the installation, and accepted the low bid.

USD 333 received a \$25,000 community facilities grant from the United States Department of Agriculture to help cover the costs of the improvements to the library. The district will cover \$30,455 of the costs.

In other action items, the board approved the list of Site Council members presented at the meeting.

A 2015 IDEA grant application for the Learning Cooperative of North Central Kansas was approved.

The board approved setting Oct. 9 for Title I Family Literacy Night. A meal will be provided for those families attending at no charge.

A resolution to change the location for the December board meeting was approved. The December meeting will be at the Concordia Elementary School, and the January meeting will be in the junior-senior high school library.

Quentin Breese, assistant superintendent of schools, presented a report on the projects covered by the \$5.5 bond approved in Nov. 2013.

The heating, air conditioning and ventilation system (HVAC) at the elementary school was replaced as part of the bond projects.

Breese said there were six rooms in the school with issues. Some of the fans shipped from the manufacturer were damaged, and were making extra noise. Parts were ordered to fix the problem.

Breese told the board that the humidity problems that had previously existed in the school had improved immensely.

"We solved a lot of the humidity issues,"

Breese said.

Breese also said that work is continuing on the chiller sequence.

Harbin Construction is expected to break ground soon on the FEMA approved shelter to be constructed at the elementary school.

"It is still on schedule. They are waiting on paperwork to break ground," Breese

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Breese reported he was in contact with the city of Concordia and the Wesleyan Church concerning the installation of a sewer line for the shelter.

The Wesleyan Church is considering building on the south side of 11th Street across from the school.

Breese said that the district is looking into partnering with the church and a couple of other local businesses to install a new main, which would require 165 feet of sewer line.

"It would be a lot easier for us to maintain 165 feet of sewer line than 310 feet," Breese said.

Superintendent of Schools Bev Mortimer presented a report to the board on her work on the K-12 Student Performance and Efficiency Commission.

Mortimer is one of nine individuals appointed to the committee.

**Notice**  
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Regular Quarterly  
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Tuesday, Oct. 7,  
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City Commission  
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Public welcome

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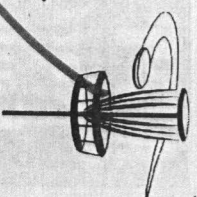
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# City accepts bid on dam project

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

A low bid was accepted by the Concordia City Commission Wednesday night, and work should begin next month on Concordia's long-awaited 21st Street dam project.

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The city's bid specifications requested four alternate bids, though the commission did not take action on accepting any of them. The alternate bids — to do work in addition to building the dams — include dirt fill of land across from Cloud County Community College for a future parking lot; dirt fill of lots along Highway 81 south of Taco John's; and installation of a 54" concrete storm sewer extension.

Jarred Green, with KLA Environmental Services, said

the decision was made before bids were solicited that the city would accept the lowest base bid. The alternate bids would be accepted if enough dirt remains after the dam construction to complete the projects.

City Manager Larry Uri said the commission is not obligated to accept Ebert's bids for the alternative projects. It would most likely be a year before a decision would need to be made on those projects, and they could be rebid at that time.

Green said his company had checked Ebert's bid numbers, and evaluated the company to ensure they were fit for the job. He said he contacted owner representatives on four recent projects Ebert had completed, and no one had anything negative to say about the company. He said if the commission accepts the bid, Ebert Construction will begin mobilizing their equipment.

It will take 20-30 days, Green said, to get all the paperwork signed, and work should begin in mid-October.

"I've been waiting a long time to say that," Mayor Marsha Wentz said after the commission accepted the bid.

Lynn Moore with Professional Engineering Consultants gave a presentation on updates needed for the wastewater

treatment plant. Moore said there are significant permit changes coming soon from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment that concern reducing the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus emitted from the plant. He also presented optional work for improved bio-solids processing and effluent reuse.

The estimated cost of improvements needed at the plant is \$4.5 million, Moore said.

Uri said staff will continue working with Moore on planning for the improvements. The commission will meet again Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 5:30 to discuss both the dam and wastewater treatment plant.

n action items, the commission approved a Broadway Plaza user agreement, as well as an ordinance to allow alcohol on the property. Because the site is owned by the city, the commission has the option to allow the consumption of alcohol.

The ordinance makes alcohol consumption subject to the approval of the city manager, and provides that events at which alcohol is served must be conducted in accordance with the user agreement.

Uri said the ordinance was necessary at this point to allow for the music festival that will

be taking place at the Plaza the night of Fall Fest.

During public comments, Marsha Doyenne said she was concerned about the safety of the sidewalk in front of Fabric Essentials after a water main break in June.

When the water line broke, she said, it filled the basements of the businesses in that part of the block with water and mud.

"Where did the mud come from?" she asked. "I suspect it came from under the sidewalk, and that there are huge caverns under the sidewalks. That's a huge safety concern."

She said with Fall Fest planned for next weekend, she was concerned that the increased traffic could cause the sidewalk to collapse. She asked if it would be possible to barricade that portion of the sidewalk to keep people from walking on it.

Uri said the city engineer had inspected the sidewalk and is concerned that some of the fill sand had washed away, which could eventually cause the sidewalk to settle. He said there was no sign of immediate danger, but it would need to be repaired at some point.

No action was taken after a 15-minute executive session for attorney-client privilege, and the commission adjourned to the Sept. 24 meeting.

# **All offers for the ALCO Building will be heard on Wednesday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m., at the Concordia City Commission meeting room.**

*Offers must include the following components:*

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2. Offer Price
3. Proposed use of the property
4. List of all planned enhancements to the property
5. Financing Structure

*All offers will be entertained in a private executive session to preserve confidentiality.*

Please contact Ashley at CloudCorp if you plan on making an offer, or need access to the building.

785-243-2010 9-24  
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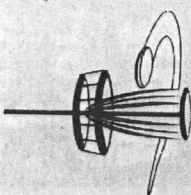
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# Purchase proposal for ALCO building discussed

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Concordia city commissioners met with the three county commissioners in a joint study session Wednesday night to hear a proposal for the purchase of the former ALCO building.

Denise and Amanda Baumann met with the two commissioners, as well as City Manager Larry Uri and CloudCorp Executive Director Ashley McMillan, during a thirty-minute executive session to discuss confidential business matters.

No action was taken following the session, but Uri said the matter would be discussed further at Monday's county commission meeting.

Prior to the executive session, Uri said several people had expressed interest in the property, including the Baumanns.

An advertisement last week asked anyone with serious proposals to attend the meeting, and only the Baumanns attended.

The city and county jointly purchased the former ALCO building, at 1401 East 6th Street, in 2011 for \$150,000.

The purchase was in an effort to land Spirit AeroSystems, an aerospace manufacturing company.

Spirit's plan was to support sub-assembly work on underlying aircraft components as part of a multi-phase project. The company ultimately chose to expand its company in Chanute.

Since that time, the property has been managed by CloudCorp.

In December 2013, the city and county commissioners met in the joint study session to discuss the fate of the ALCO building.

At that time, the consensus among commissioners was to put a for sale sign up on

the property, and continue to market its availability. They had planned to revisit the issue at the end of the year, if it hadn't sold.

In action items, the commission approved a flood control construction inspection contract with KLA Environmental Services. The contract, in the amount of \$211,618, will provide engineering services for the construction of both the Plum Road and 21st Street dams.

The commission also approved costs not to exceed \$8,000 for services rendered by KLA from the bid opening through the notice to proceed on the dam construction. Two resolutions were also approved stating the city's intent to issue bonds for several water and street projects.

Uri said the city would be financing approximately \$450,000, as part of the Plum Road dam project, to pay for water and street improvements that have already been completed. The bond is necessary to repay the water department, which had encumbered the costs of building the \$450,000 gas line to service the north development.

An ordinance was also passed that will now allow golf carts on city streets. To be legal, golf carts must be equipped with head and tail lights, reflectors, brake lights, turn signals, rearview mirrors, and seat belts.

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## Early start

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## Legals

(Published in the Blade-Enterprise on  
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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Concordia Planning Commission to consider rezoning of property as follows:

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# Huelskamp addresses issues at town hall

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

Congressman Tim Huelskamp, a member of the House of Representatives for Kansas' 1st congressional district, was in Concordia Wednesday afternoon for a town hall meeting.

The event at the Concordia American Legion drew a crowd of 15 who heard Huelskamp lay out his achievements and policies he would pursue if reelected on Nov. 4. He will face Democrat James Sherow, Manhattan, in November's general election.

Huelskamp said some of the big issues currently facing Congress are the mounting national debt, border security, and regulatory issues from the Environmental Protection Agency.

"Border insecurity is a real issue," he said. "And it's still going on."

In June 2012, Huelskamp said the president signed an executive amnesty order allowing immigrants 18 and younger to receive amnesty at the border. He said that was the reason for the influx of immigrants coming across the border this past summer.

"Thousands and thousands of families and drug runners and drug cartel folks came across the border, claiming they were under 18," Huelskamp said.

He said in late July, the House passed a bill which would have done away with the executive order, but it never made it to the floor of the Senate.

Potential regulatory issues coming from the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers are another concern, Huelskamp said. The EPA and Corps are proposing to regulate more of the nation's water, which he said would make road ditches, dry creek beds, and ponds, subject to EPA regulation.

Huelskamp said he proposed working with state and local governments to regulate water, which was not a popular idea with the EPA.

When asked why he was

removed from the agriculture committee at the end of 2012, Huelskamp said it was political.

He said he received a call from a Congressman asking what committees he would like to serve on, because he was being removed from the ag committee. Huelskamp said he was not told why, but assumes it was because he would not vote the way John Boehner and Eric Cantor wanted him to.

"I was told by a party leader I could get back on the committee if I voted the way they told me to," Huelskamp said. "Well, I can't do that."

Veterans Administration reform is one of his proudest accomplishments, Huelskamp said. The bill passed would provide options for rural health care for veterans who do not live close to a VA Hospital.

Althea Sicaud asked Huelskamp about the Mexican border issue.

"All I hear is we're talking about it," she said. "As an outsider, I think you're doing nothing." Huelskamp said the House had passed a bill to address immigration, but the Senate has not taken action on it.

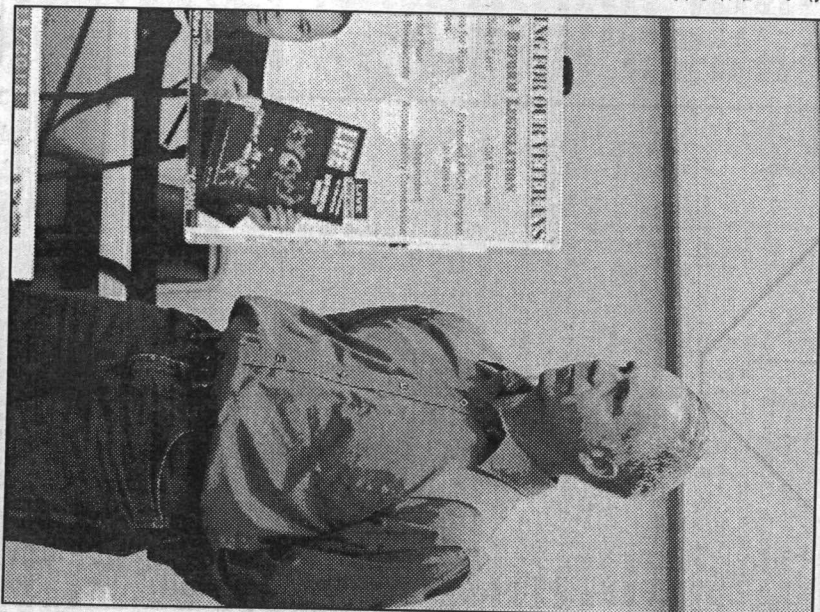
"The Senate has sat on it since this summer and our southern border is not secure," he said. "This has led to 70,000, in my opinion, illegal children coming across our border."

Joe Gerard told Huelskamp there is an employment problem in Cloud County, because people are not willing to work.

"The government is doing out too many handouts," Gerard said. "It's more lucrative to sit around and take the freebies."

Huelskamp said that is a problem nationwide, with nearly 2 million people receiving food stamps who are capable of working.

"They aren't required to do anything to get food stamps," he said. "If you require them to work, they might go find a job." If reelected, Huelskamp said one of his goals is to repeal "Oba-



## Hosting town hall

Congressman Tim Huelskamp hosts a town hall meeting at the Concordia American Legion on Wednesday. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

macare," which is the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

"Some folks like it, and some folks don't," he said. "It's a real strain on small business' budgets. Walmart announced yesterday they're kicking most of their employees off to Obamacare."

Wal-Mart announced Tuesday that it was cutting the health benefits for its 30,000 employees who work fewer than 30 hours a week.

"Big corporations have figured out how to work that system," Huelskamp said.

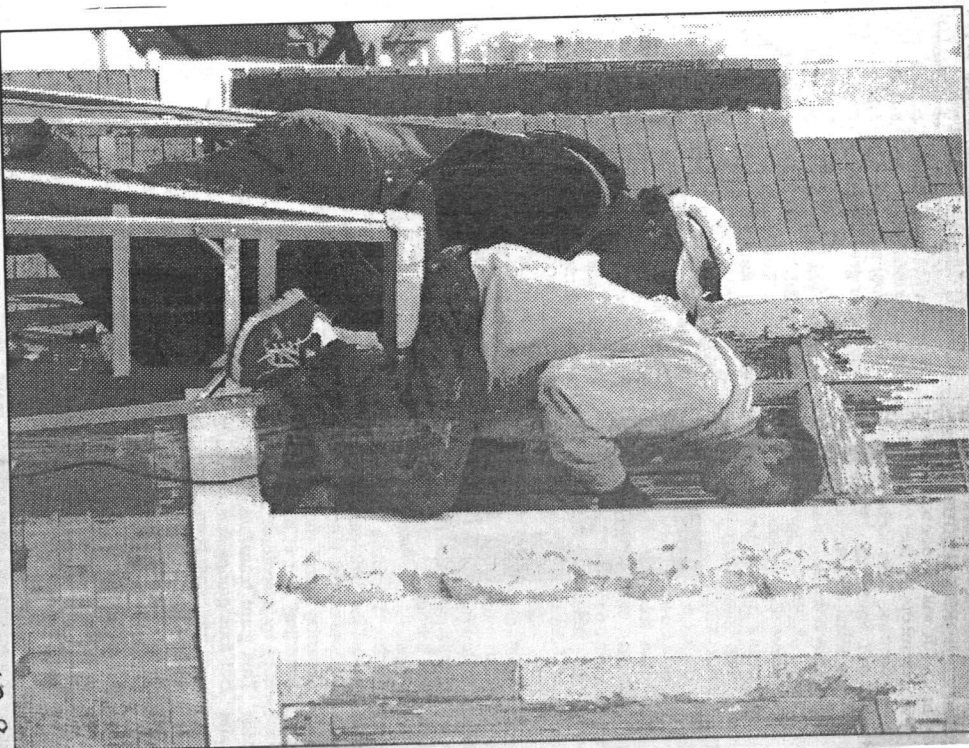
With control of the Senate up

for grabs in the general election, Huelskamp said there are a number of Republicans in Washington worried about gaining control of both the House and Senate.

"In the House the last three and a half years, they could pass all kinds of stuff knowing full well it wouldn't ever come to a vote (in the Senate)," he said.

"Now the heck's going to hit the fan. Now it's going to be for real. We have to come together and pass some things we think are really going to work and have those sitting on the President's desk."

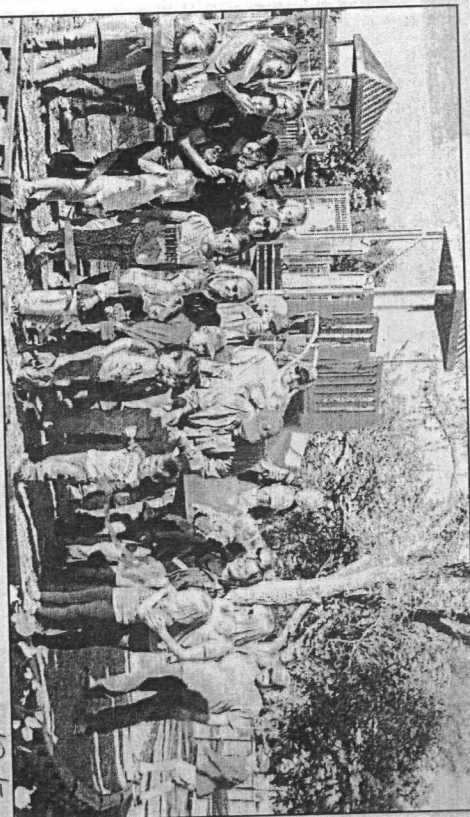




### Scraping it off

Workers scrape the paint off of the trim at the Kansas Bankers Building located at Sixth and Broadway. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

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### Ribbon cutting

Concordia city commissioner Charles Johnson cuts the ribbon as a number of children and adults gathered last Friday to celebrate the many new additions to Hood Park in east Concordia.

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## Police give scam alert

Concordia Police Department is asking area residents to be aware of a computer scam which has already affected several local individuals.

The victim's computer is suddenly frozen by an outside source and a pop-up appears demanding that the victim pay money or the computer will be flooded with viruses by this outside source. If the victim calls the 1-800 number listed on the pop-up and follows the instructions provided by the call center (which is masquerading as a tech support group) the computer is then infected with Malware which the victim must pay hundreds of dollars to remove.

It is recommended that individuals do not click on the pop-up but instead contact a licensed computer technician and report it to The Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov). People should always make sure they have current anti-virus Malware protection on their computers.

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**Drive-through**  
A car came to a halt in the south end of LeDuc Memorial Design building after crashing through the building at 701 Lincoln St. on Tuesday afternoon. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

## Car crashes through LeDuc Memorial Design

Missy LeDuc and her aunt Rhonda Hanson were sitting in the office at LeDuc Memorial Design, 701 Lincoln St., when they heard the crash of a two-vehicle accident that had occurred at the intersection of Seventh and Lincoln at about 2 p.m. Tuesday.

LeDuc and Hanson got up to see what had happened and they saw a vehicle approaching the building from the north.

One of the two vehicles that had been involved in the collision crashed into the building, passing in-between LeDuc and Hanson, who were able to get out of its path.

"I could have reached out and touched it," LeDuc, co-owner of LeDuc Memorial with her father Troy LeDuc, said.

The vehicle continued through the building before coming to a stop after hitting a garage door in the south end.

"She couldn't have driven a more straight

line through the building," Troy LeDuc said.

There were no serious injuries reported in the accident, and no transport was made. The LeDuc Memorial Design building received extensive damage.

According to a report from the Concordia Police Department, officers investigated an accident involving vehicles driven by Betty Humes and Kathleen Rice, both of Concordia.

Following the collision, one of the vehicles pulled into the LeDuc Memorial Design parking lot and then crashed through the building.

LeDuc Memorial Design had been open at the new location for just over a month, and hopes to be back up and running in a short period of time.

The LeDuc family expressed their appreciation to the Fire Department, Police Department and those in the community who came to help them.



# Broadway Plaza design proposal approved

Moving forward on the Broadway Plaza project, the Concordia city commission approved a design proposal with BBN Architects, Inc. during its meeting Wednesday night.

BBN Architects will provide the city with a final design and construction administration of the proposed project, located at the southwest corner of Sixth and Broadway at a cost of \$98,109. Reimbursable expenses are in addition to the fees, and will be billed to the city at cost, and should be approximately \$2,300.

The proposal from BBN Architects states that the direction of the design will follow the general direction described in the Master Plan.

The first task for BBN Architects will be an assessment of the existing conditions. At the

conclusion of that assessment a consultant will discuss the findings, and their impact on the Master Plan, with the city's steering committee.

Based on the direction given in the Master Plan, and findings from the assessment of existing conditions, the BBN Architects design team will complete the design phase and produce design development drawings for implementation.

The project schedule provided by BBN Architects calls for the design development phase to be two months from October to November; the construction document phase to be three months from Dec. 20, 2014-Feb. 2015; the bidding phase-awarding of contracts to be two months, March-April 2015; the notice to proceed in April 2015; and the construction period to

be six months from April-Sept., 2015, prior to Fall Fest on Sept. 26.

"I am proposing we pay for this part of it out of the Downtown TIF funds," city manager Larry Uri said.

Prior to the vote on the design proposal commissioner Charles Johnson asked if the city had looked at any firms other than BBN Architects.

Johnson said that the rates provided by BBN Architects looked high.

"I don't think these fees are any different than any other professionals," Uri said.

During a study session on Sept. 24, the commission discussed a number of Downtown projects including the Broadway Plaza and infrastructure improvements.

"I hope we are not forgetting

about the infrastructure downtown," commissioner Lyle Pounds said.

Uri said that the agreement with BBN Architects is the plan for the Broadway Plaza and not a construction contract, and it will get the city closer to knowing what the costs will be.

"It is \$100,000 that we might want to put on infrastructure and water mains," Johnson said. "Personally I would like to see it all at one time where we are going to spend the money, but we are getting piece meal."

Uri said that the city can estimate the cost of the sewers and streets, but the design plan is needed to estimate the cost of the Broadway Plaza project.

"You are right we should have a whole plan before we decide anything," Uri said.

(see Design on page 8)

## Design

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The commission voted 4-1 to approve the agreement with BBN Architects, with Johnson voting against the motion.

In other action during the meeting, the commission approved an audit engagement letter from Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA to do the 2014 city audit at a cost of \$12,450.

The commission approved appointments to the planning commission and the Frank Carlson board of trustees.

LaDonna Peltier was appointed to another term on the planning commission.

Jane Linden was appointed to the library board of trustees to fill an unexpired term.

The commission also approved a demolition project agreement from Leiszler Oil Company for the demolition of a house at 121 E. 11th St.

A bid of \$6,955 for the demolition from Snavely Excavating & Septic Systems, Inc. was approved.

A request from the Concordia Disc Golf Association for the city to sponsor a grant application for \$1,000 from the Leva and Frank Duclos Foundation was approved by the commission.

The Concordia Disc Golf Association is working on completing the 18-hole course at the Airport Park.

Tanya Jordan presented the commission with a proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The commission approved the signing of the proclamation.

During public comments, Frank Headrick told the commission he had some concerns about the way

things are being handled with the Broadway Plaza project.

Headrick said that local vendors had been asked to submit bids without specifications. He addressed the video screen that is a proposed part of the project, and the brick work needed on the east side of the building at the location.

"It should be a project that gives the local vendors a chance," Headrick said.

Mayor Marsha Wentz told Headrick that the city hasn't put anything out for bid on the project.

"We are just getting cost estimates," Wentz said.

During the city manager's report, Uri discussed a request to reduce the speed limit on Archer Street near Hood Park to 20 miles per hour.

"That appears to be the neighborhood opinion that you might want to do that," Uri said.

The commissioners agreed that reducing the speed limit should be done.

Uri said he would bring them an ordinance to reduce the speed limit.

Prior to the regular meeting, the commissioners took a tour of the railroad tracks within the city limits.

"The further west and the further east you got it seemed like there was some cause for concern," commissioner Tim Parker said.

"The Kyle is the one that needs the most improvement," Wentz said.

It was agreed that Uri would send a letter to the railroad stating the concerns and include the city ordinance in place.

"It is a pretty big step to bring the ordinance down on the railroad," Uri said.

# Hunger

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Hands Across also helps people with budgeting. Other projects the Council helps with include the Back Pack program which helps children obtain school supplies, the warmth program, holiday store and holiday baskets.

Recently the Council was able to sponsor the mobile food pantry which served 150 families and 598 individuals. No requirements were required for this distribution.

The Council is also working with Cheryl Holmes and special education students who come in and sort cans and do other small jobs at the Food Bank.

Walsh said that Cloud County has a 13 percent food insecurity rate. She said that the people on the floor as well as some the middle table who because of unforeseen circumstances needed help, reflects the 1,339 people the Council has served this year LeDuc

told the crowd that Helping Hands served 425 families, almost a thousand people, this year. They assisted with food, utilities and medical bills. They also worked with the Resources Council to help transients.

Nosker closed the evening with this quote from Nelson Mandela: "Massive poverty and obscene inequality—rank alongside slavery and apartheid as social evils. In this new century, millions of people . . . remain imprisoned, enslaved, and in chains. They are trapped in the prison of poverty. It is time to set them free."

"Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is manmade and it can be overcome . . . Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life."

The Hunger Banquet was sponsored by the Concordia Year of Peace Committee.

## Lower income meal

A boy representing the 50 percent segment of world population in the lower income level of the world population prepares to eat his bowl of rice at the Hunger Banquet held Thursday evening at the Valley Rental Center. (Blade photo by Sharon Coy)



## Hunger Banquet offers lessons on hunger, poverty

By Sharon Coy  
Blade Staff Writer

"We are here today because more than 2.5 billion people live in poverty." This was the opening sentence of the evening's Hunger Banquet at the Valley Rental Center in Concordia. Approximately 70 people attended the event to learn more about hunger and poverty issues in the world.

Other facts Nosker presented were that 870 million people suffer from chronic hunger and a child dies from malnutrition or a preventable disease every nine seconds (9,500 children a day).

"Hunger is about power," Nosker said. "Its roots lie in inequalities in access to resources. The results are illiteracy, poverty, war and the inability of families to grow or buy food."

These inequalities were illustrated in the way people were seated at the banquet. When they entered the room, each person drew a slip of paper from a bowl which designated which segment of the population they were in. Those in the upper income level (representing 20 percent of the world's population) were seated at a table where they would receive a meal of lasagna, bread and salad. Those in the middle income level (30 percent of the world's population) sat at a table where they were served rice and beans. Those in the lower income level (50 percent of the world's population) were seated on the floor and were served rice with the men being served first.

Nosker gave verbal snapshots of the lives of people in each segment of the population. Asking certain individuals to stand, he gave them names and told their stories. He later revealed that the stories were about real people.

Following the meal, Tina Walsh, director of the Cloud County Resources Council, and Susan LeDuc, director of Helping Hands at Manna House, spoke to the crowd about their work.

Walsh began by telling of some of the ways the Resources Council is financed which she said includes "begging," grants and fundraising. She is paid for 20 hours and anything else is volunteer.

Walsh recognized Caney Thurner, full time volunteer, calling her "her right arm." The food bank is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. People may receive food every three months. "We are working to obtain more food and more service so we can come in more often and are hoping to extend the hours of the Food Bank," she said.

Walsh said they try to treat recipients with dignity and respect. "It's hard for people to come in and ask for food," she said. "I want them to feel welcome. Caney and I talk privately with the people who come in about their needs."

The Council works with Hands Across the Community which helps people who are struggling financially but want to become self-sufficient. Director Christina Brodie teaches people how to prepare meals with basic ingredients. (see Hunger on page 10)



## CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS

## TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD FROM July 1, 2014 THROUGH September 30, 2014

FUNDS	2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter	
	Ending Cash	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Cash
100 General Fund	\$ 1,511,172.70	\$ 884,309.51	\$ 1,277,864.08	\$ 1,117,618.13
203 Industrial Development	29,215.85	5,066.59	27,500.00	6,782.44
205 Special Highway	107,448.09	34,405.60	55,789.42	86,064.27
206 D.A.R.E. Grant	3,921.09	800.00	-	4,421.09
207 Civil Asset Forfeiture	1,643.22	2,600.00	-	4,243.22
208 Cyber Crimes	1,976.15	-	2,091.88	1,976.15
214 Animal Shelter	10,566.87	4,480.00	12,864.99	12,864.99
217 Special Park and Recreation	113,415.56	3,033.10	54,746.50	61,702.16
221 Computer Equipment/Replacement	6,443.93	-	-	6,443.93
222 Vehicle Equipment/Replacement	284,987.87	246,200.00	85,043.99	446,143.88
223 B.A.T. Reserve Fund	119.70	-	-	119.70
230 Judges Training Fund	1,513.44	2,563.39	1,887.94	2,218.89
244 911 PSAP	63,637.10	21,612.16	6,311.60	78,937.66
250 Fire Dept. Grants & Donations	1,025.14	1,918.50	183.97	2,759.67
260 Animal Trust Fund	33,966.61	21.18	3,500.00	30,477.79
270 Cemetery Endowment	40,376.14	26.65	-	40,402.79
280 Recreation Grants & Donations	9,219.78	800.00	3,571.75	6,248.03
301 Bond and Interest	277,673.73	112,463.78	244,458.75	146,678.76
303 Tax Increment Bond Fund	829,697.64	21,607.70	465,900.00	385,405.34
444 TIF Projects	1,132,726.64	-	218,113.99	914,612.65
450 Capital Improvement Projects	95,459.47	545,878.21	195,142.69	446,194.99
451 Wastewater Treatment Facility	64,005.53	34,964.91	38,150.00	60,820.44
453 Brown Grant Project	(352,092.37)	95,361.27	-	(256,731.10)
460 Central Garage Fund	-	41,107.40	41,107.40	-
601 Water/Sewer General	224,274.72	357,315.33	413,056.00	168,534.05
630 Airport Fund	41,772.57	-	-	41,772.57
650 Gas Fund	2,575.60	3,954.72	2,059.21	4,474.11
703 Escrow Fund	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
710 Post Fire Debris Removal Fund	3,750.00	-	3,750.00	-
725 CCC Cafeteria Plan	15,640.25	5,132.07	5,246.61	15,525.71
735 Library Fund	-	14,934.25	-	14,934.25
736 Library Employee Benefit	-	3,938.21	-	3,938.21
750 Continuing Econ. Development Grant	475,027.02	3,366.50	-	478,393.52
780 Cloud County Landfill	5,718.46	74,382.21	74,864.02	5,246.65
802 Water Protection Fund	1,065.24	1,875.30	1,440.20	1,520.34
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 5,048,186.74</b>	<b>\$ 2,523,658.54</b>	<b>\$ 3,221,790.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,350,055.28</b>

## CASH AVAILABLE:

Cash on Hand	1,851.33
Checking Accounts	400,736.09
Money Markets & Savings Accounts	1,120,174.16
Certificates of Deposit	1,827,209.89
KS Money Investment Pool	1,000,083.81
<b>TOTAL CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 4,380,055.28</b>

Amber Farina, City Treasurer

I, Amber Farina, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

(Published in The Concordia Blade-Empire October 24, 2014.)

## Regulation concerning traffic

The speed limit on Archer Street between 13th Street and 14th Street in the City of Concordia shall be 20 miles per hour at all times of day, from and after the publication of this regulation, and after appropriate signage has been posted.

This regulation is issued pursuant to Section 19-40 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Concordia.

Larry Uhl  
City Manager  
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(First published in the Concordia Blade-Empire, Friday, Nov. 14, 2014)

## NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Concordia Governing Body will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on December 3, 2014, at the Concordia City Hall.

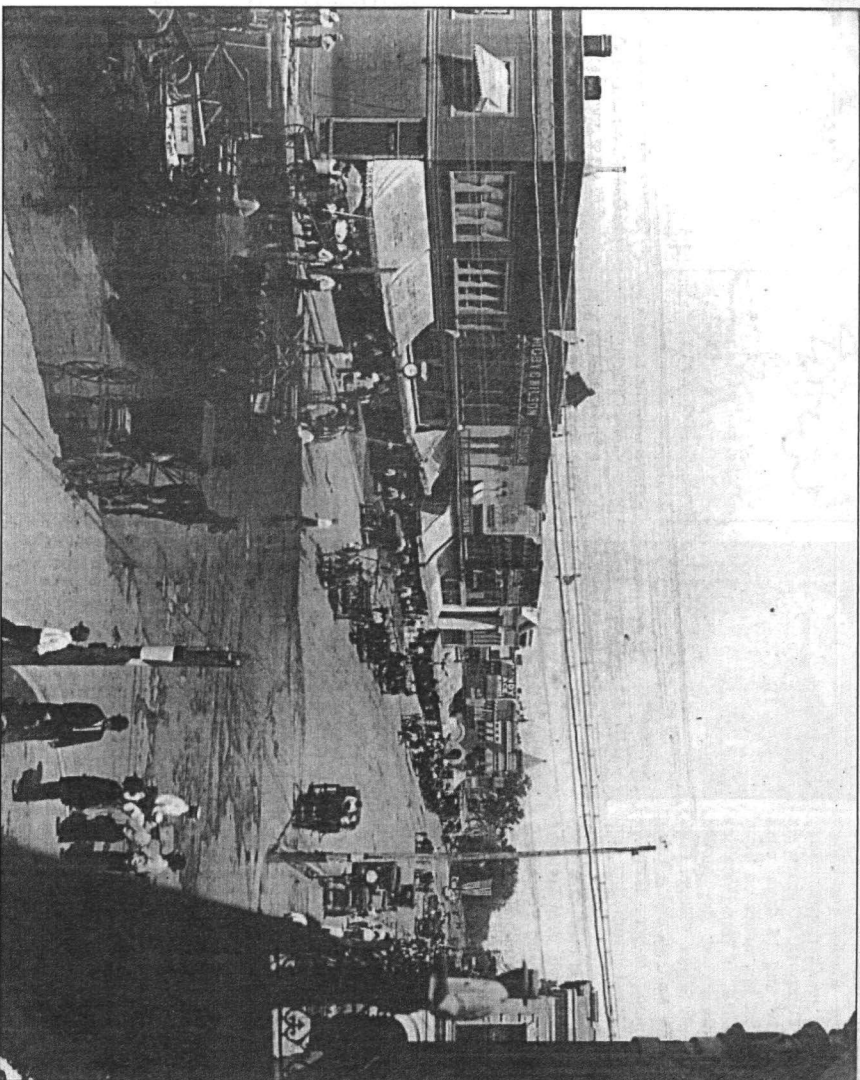
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The Governing Body is authorized by K.S.A. 12-17-117, et seq., the Neighborhood Revitalization Act, to adopt a neighborhood revitalization plan and enter into an interlocal agreement with Cloud County, other cities and unified school districts within Cloud County and Cloud County Community College for the purpose of promoting the conservation or redevelopment of areas within Cloud County, in order to protect public health, safety and welfare of citizens of Cloud County.

The proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Cloud County, 2015, is available for public review at the office of the City Clerk at Concordia City Hall during regular business hours. The Plan can also be viewed at the following website: [www.concordia-ks.org](http://www.concordia-ks.org).

Mayor Marsha Wentz

ATTEST:  
Stacey Cunn, City Clerk



Early Day Concordia Mainstreet

# Museum has new mural project

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Recently, the Cloud County Historical Society Museum moved vehicles from the main building to the Museum Annex with assistance from Harley Adams of Concordia Tractor Inc., and Charles Bowers of Concordia Chevrolet/Buick.

Charles and Isabell Blosser started their first business in 1927, the Blosser Motor Company, in what is now the Museum Annex building. The historical society would like to preserve this business enterprise and believes that everyone still enjoys an experience with automobiles and trucks—horse power of a different kind.

Plans are to install a mural of Concordia's Main Street on the wall adjacent to the front window. Fran Trost of Picture This will enlarge the photo that is selected and have it made into a mural approximately 12'x9' in size.

This photo of Main Street was given to authors Dena Bisnette & Joe Gilliam by Dallas Nading for the upcoming book, "Images of America: Concordia" to be released this spring!

The public is invited to come to the Annex and look at four photos to possibly be used in this endeavor, choose one and cast a vote for their favorite. Donations toward this project would be appreciated.



# City approves bonds for dam project

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

An ordinance to proceed with using general obligation bonds to fund the construction of the Plum Road dam was approved by the Concordia City Commission Wednesday night.

The ordinance allows the city to construct a dam for the purpose of managing storm drainage areas in the unincorporated areas within three miles of the city. Because the dam is outside the city limits, construction cannot begin until it is approved by the County Commission.

Concordia City Manager Larry Uri said he would have a resolution prepared for Monday's County Commission meeting. The estimated construction and engineering costs for the dam project are \$729,005.

The city will issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 to cover all costs.

The Plum Road dam is part

of the city's south flood control project, which will also include construction of a dam at 21st Street.

Ebert Construction, Wamago, began site clearance at the dam site on Oct. 27.

According to Ken Johnson, with Campbell and Johnson Engineers, approximately 35 percent of the clearing and grubbing and 40 percent of the clearing has been completed.

Ebert Construction's subcontractor, Larson Construction, is planning to start work on the waterline relocation this week, and the contractor for AT&T is waiting for cable to arrive to relocate the phone line.

On a 3-2 vote, the Commission approved a proposal from

Town and Country for fence materials for the new dog park to be located at Airport Park.

The vote came on the recommendation from city staff to accept Town and Country's higher bid of \$14,800. The low bid of \$13,995 came from Con-

cordia Homestore.

Uri said staff left it to the vendors to calculate the quantity and type of posts and related materials that should be used for the project. In reviewing the proposals, he said Public Works Director Ron Coppel concluded that the Homestore proposal included less fence and smaller posts than the Town and Country proposal.

Uri said Coppel's recommendation to go with the higher proposal had more to do with the heavier fence posts. He said the Commission could accept either option, but the Homestore's total would end up being a little more because more fence would need to be purchased.

It would still come in lower than the Town and Country amount, Uri said.

Commissioner Tim Parker asked if the project could be rebid so both companies would be basing their numbers on the same materials.

As per Coppel's recommen-

dation, the Commission approved the proposal from Town and Country on a 3-2 vote.

Parker and Charles Johnson voted against it.

In other business, the Commission approved a Community Development Block Grant housing rehabilitation bid of \$20,650 from M&R Building for a house at 603 East 8th.

Several parents and children from the neighborhood around Hood Park presented the Commission with a thank you letter and photo for the city's work installing new playground equipment at the park.

During Uri's manager report, he said he and Coppel had met with representatives from the Kyle Railroad last week concerning the conditions of railroad crossings in the city. He said the railroad has agreed to use cold patch asphalt to temporarily improve the crossings, and will be back in the spring to permanently fix them.

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Mayor Marsha Wentz

ATTEST:  
Stacey Crum, City Clerk

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Friday, November 21, 2014)

On November 19, 2014, the City of Concordia adopted Ordinance No. 2014-3085, assessing parcels of land for special assessment if not paid by December 31, 2014, for curb and gutter replacement. A reproduction of this ordinance will be available for not less than one week following the publication of this summary of the ordinance at the website address of the City of Concordia, [www.concordiakas.org](http://www.concordiakas.org). This summary is certified by the city attorney to be legally accurate and sufficient.

(Published in the Blade-Empire on  
Friday, November 21, 2014)

On November 19, 2014, the City of Concordia adopted Ordinance No. 2014-3086, amending Concordia Code Sections 20-31 and 20-32 to increase water and sewer utility billing rates by six percent per year for three years, effective for utility billings issued after December 1, 2014, after December 1, 2015, and after December 1, 2016, and to increase the wastewater treatment plant improvement sewer service charge from \$5.00 per meter per month to \$10.00 per meter per month. The complete text of this ordinance may be obtained and viewed free of charge at the office of the city clerk. A reproduction of this ordinance will be available for not less than one week following the publication of this ordinance at the website address of the City of Concordia, [www.concordiakas.org](http://www.concordiakas.org). This summary is certified by the city attorney to be legally accurate and sufficient.

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On November 19, 2014, the City of Concordia adopted Ordinance No. 2014-3087, allowing for the rezoning of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, Block 135, Concordia Original Town Site, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, more commonly known as 600 Broadway Street, from "C-4" (Central Business District) to "P" (Public Use District). A reproduction of this ordinance will be available for not less than one week following the publication of this summary of the ordinance at the website address of the City of Concordia, [www.concordiakas.org](http://www.concordiakas.org). This summary is certified by the city attorney to be legally accurate and sufficient.

# Entities discuss Neighborhood Revitalization 11-13

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

Entities heard details on the renewal of the Neighborhood Revitalization program at an intergovernmental meeting Wednesday night, hosted by CloudCorp.

First enacted in June 2010, the Neighborhood Revitalization program allowed the county to create a revitalization district to encourage construction.

In the district, property owners have the opportunity to apply for a property tax rebate on building projects that increase the incremental market value of the property by \$30,000 or more.

The plan was implemented three years ago to encourage people to start businesses, expand existing businesses, build homes, and improve the quality of the housing stock in Cloud County.

The partnership is between Cloud County, the cities of Aurora, Clyde, Concordia, Glasco, Jamestown, and Milltownale, and the 224, 334 and 333 school districts.

The agreement is set to expire at the end of this year, but if all entities agree, it can be extended another three years.

Ashley Hutchinson told those in attendance that the County Commission had approved the extension of the program at its Monday meeting.

Each taxing entity now is required to conduct a public hearing on the program, and approve it before the end of the year.

"The county commission is really the linchpin in this because it couldn't happen without them," Hutchinson said. "They're ensuring further investments for our economy."

In the past three years, she said 72 property owners took advantage of the program. More than 60-percent of those who utilized the rebates said it was a contributing factor in their decision to build.

Lowell Thoman, CloudCorp president, said Cloud County needed the program, because surrounding counties also have implemented it.

"If we don't, we become the island," he said. "Everyone around us is doing it. Are we going to die if we don't have it? Certainly not, but it would put us at a distinct disadvantage."

Phil Gilliland, a CloudCorp board member, said the Neighborhood Revitalization program is a tool in the toolbox for economic development.

"There are very few tools Ashley (Hutchinson) has in her tool box to encourage retail and residential building, and this is one of them," Gilliland said.

## Cloud County Community College Board of Trustees member Ellen Anderson reported that the summer class schedule

that the Transfer Station will be closed Nov. 25, 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

John Denney, County auditor, reported he will be retiring as of Dec. 31 and introduced Jeff Reece and Randy Hofmeier who will be replacing him.

Larry Uri, Concordia city manager, presented a resolution approving construction by the City of Concordia of storm drainage improvements located outside the corporate limits of the city and within an unincorporated area of the county.

will be coming out soon. In an effort to boost summer enrollment, students can enroll in six hours, but only pay for four, she said.

College President Danette Toone said the college should receive preliminary results by the end of the year of a feasibility study on construction of a multi-purpose facility on campus.

Representatives from Carlisle and Company have been on campus conducting interviews the past several months. The major source for funding the building, Toone said, will be alumni donations.

## Cloud County

Outgoing County Commissioner Johnita Crawford said the board continues to work on issues at the Law Enforcement Center.

"It continues to be a burr in our saddle, but hopefully, by the time I leave office (in January), we'll have that all settled," she said.

## Jamestown

Randy Smith said the Kan-Step water line replacement project is ongoing. Because of the cold temperatures, work has halted, but would begin again in the spring.

The fueling station sold more than 15,000 gallons of fuel last month.

## City of Concordia

City Manager Larry Uri reported that work has finally begun on the city's flood control structures.

Andy Asch, highway administrator, reported George Motor Company, Clyde, was awarded the bid for two vehicles for the highway department at a total cost of \$44,900.

Commissioners Johnita Crawford and Gail Engle reported they attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission annual meeting Nov. 6 at the Valley Rental Center in Concordia. In other business, the board approved department payroll totaling \$136,645.88.

Trees have been cleared at the Plum Road dam site, and once construction starts, the road will be closed approximately three months. He said the contractor's plan is to have most of the preliminary work done now and start construction of the dams in the spring.

## USD 333

Superintendent Bev Mortimer said the district is dealing with budget cuts because of a decline of more than 60 free lunch students. She said the district receives at-risk funding for those students, as well as at-risk four-year-olds, which the district also saw decline.

Those declines translate to a \$312,000 cut in the district's budget.

With talk at the legislative level of more cuts mid-year, Mortimer said it is worrisome to the board.

"We're going to get to the point of program cuts," she said. "But we'll find a way to get through it — we always do."

She also said the HVAC system is being finished at the elementary school, and all energy-saving measures have been implemented district-wide.

Work on the FEMA shelter at CES is ongoing as well, though the cold temperatures have brought it to a halt.

The next meeting is scheduled to be in Clyde in February.

# County approves revitalization resolution

Following a public hearing, Cloud County board of commissioners Monday approved a resolution to adopt the 2015 Neighborhood Revitalization Plan presented by Ashley McMillan Hutchinson, CloudCorp executive director.

McMillan Hutchinson presented the same revitalization at the Intergovernmental meeting Wednesday evening.

In other business, Mike Hake, Solid Waste director discussed his visit with the Republic County Commissioners last week. He also reported

that the Transfer Station will be closed Nov. 25, 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

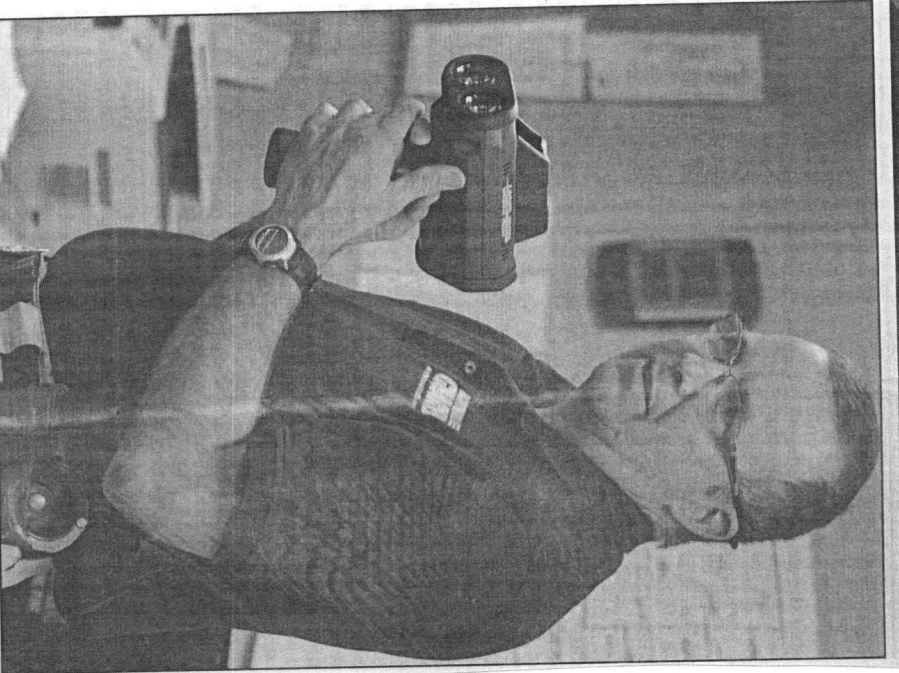
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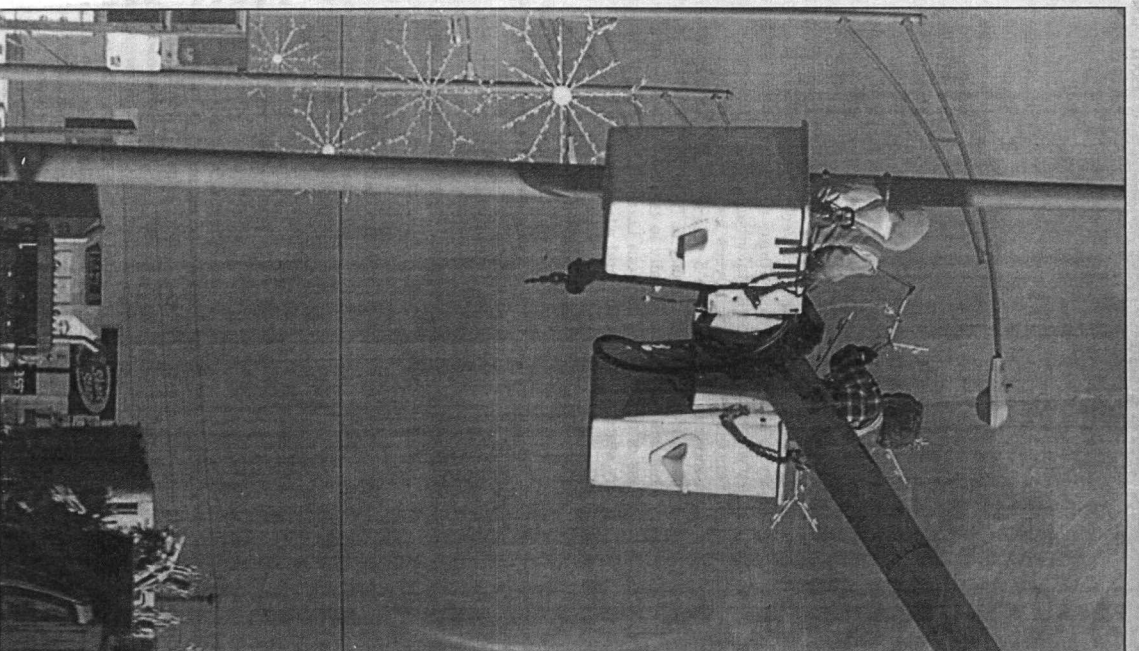
\*approved signing the letter of engagement with Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce, Faris for their services for the 2014 audit. Adjournment was at 3:33 p.m. Next meeting will be at 9 a.m., Nov. 17.





### **Speed gun demonstration**

Concordia Police officer Richard Vickers demonstrates a new LIDAR speed gun at a training Wednesday morning. The gun, one of two in service, uses a time-of-flight method for taking measurements to determine a vehicle's speed, and is more accurate than traditional radar guns. The guns were purchased with grants from the Community Foundation for Cloud County and the County Attorney, and will be used by both police and sheriff's officers. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)



### **Hanging flakes**

City of Concordia employees hang the snowflake Christmas decorations along Lincoln St. on Monday morning. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

# Possible construction of

## transloading facility discussed

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

The Kansas Department of Transportation officials and Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer made a stop in Concordia, Thursday morning, to hear input on possibly constructing a rail transloading facility in Cloud County.

Transloading is the process of moving goods from one mode of transportation to another or, in this case, from truck to rail and rail to truck.

According to KDOT, a transloading facility can provide more flexible and cost-effective solutions for customers who may not have local access to freight rail service.

"A transloading facility is a place where a unit train or shuttle train can come in with 50 to 110 cars, drop off that amount of train, pick up that same amount, and leave," explained Mike King, state secretary of transportation. "Over time, they are unloaded or loaded, so when a major class one train comes by, either the UP or BNSF, they can pick them up."

From a transloading facility, the freight would then be shipped to the coasts in sea containers to be exported to eastern international markets.

"Transloading facilities are very important, because one of the ways the Kansas economy is going to grow is through international exports," King said.

King said KDOT is working to identify what commodities — whether they be manufacturing goods or agricultural products — can be shipped.

"It's extremely cheap freight to get on those containers, on those ships and on to those Far East markets," he said.

In September, KDOT announced it was working to find possible locations for the

loading facilities.

"The need for transloading facilities was identified by the state's Freight Advisory Committee in April," King said in an earlier press release. "Transportation typically makes up 15 percent of product cost, so anything we can do to lower that is important to Kansas farmers, manufacturers and the state economy."

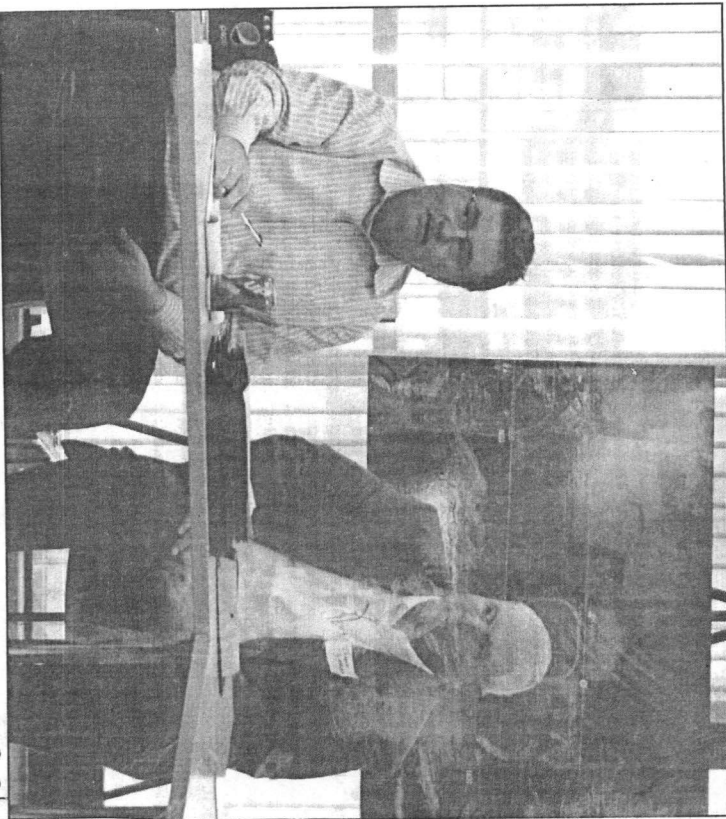
King said officials are just starting the process of studying potential locations. He estimated it would be another six months before KDOT developed criteria to choose a site.

"We just hired an engineering/economist firm, and it will probably take six to nine months to have that done," he said. "At that point, we'll probably have identified a number of locations around the state, then we would go to those communities for additional input."

There are funds set aside in KDOT's budget, King said, to fund at least one transloading facility. However, he said, if there are additional sites with existing facilities that could be utilized, KDOT could potentially fund more facilities statewide.

Approximately thirty industry leaders attended the meeting at Cloud County Community College, hosted by CloudCorp, to offer input on locating the facility in Cloud County.

"We were pleased to have both Lt. Gov. Colyer and Secretary King in town to showcase the wide range of industry in North Central Kansas and talk about opportunities to enhance transportation through rail," said CloudCorp Executive Director Ashley Hutchinson. "Our industries made it clear today that they can grow and expand if we pave the way for more affordable and timely shipping."



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### Transloading facility discussed

Kansas Department of Transportation secretary Mike King, left, takes part in a discussion on the possible construction of a rail transloading facility in Cloud County during a Thursday meeting. Also pictured in Theyne Larson. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)



# Commission approves water rate hike

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

Starting next month, citizens will see an increase in water bills after rates were raised at Wednesday night's Concordia City Commission meeting.

After several months of discussion, the Commission last night approved a six-percent increase in water and sewer rates each year for the next three years. The changes will go into effect with the December billing cycle.

Starting Dec. 1, the minimum charge for water will be \$10.79. In December 2015, it will increase to \$11.44, and in 2016 it will be \$12.12. Next month, the minimum sewer charge will be \$8.78. In 2015 it will increase to \$9.30, and in 2016 it will be \$9.86.

The Commission also approved an additional \$10

wastewater treatment plant surcharge, which will be charged to each user.

In November 2013, the Commission approved a \$5 surcharge to help fund future wastewater treatment plant improvements. The improvements will be needed to address the reduction of nitrogen and phosphorus emitted from the plant.

"The increase is basically keeping up with the costs of things, and allows us to have funds to do what we do," City Manager Larry Uri told the Commission.

The Commission also approved an agreement with George K. Baum & Company to provide bond services for the Plum Road dam, which is part of Concordia's south flood control project. The company will offer for sale \$1,225,000 in gen-

eral obligation bonds to fund the construction of the dam.

In September, the Commission approved the low base bid of \$1.4 million from Ebert Construction, Waamego, for the construction of dams at Plum Road and 21st Street.

Forty-three percent of the total project is associated with the construction of the Plum Road dam, while the remaining 57 percent is for additional site work and the building of the 21st Street dam.

The dam at 21st Street is in the city's Tax Increment Financing district, and TIF funds will be used for its construction.

Ebert Construction began work on the project in October.

A zoning change was also approved for 600 Broadway, which is the future home of Broadway Plaza. The property

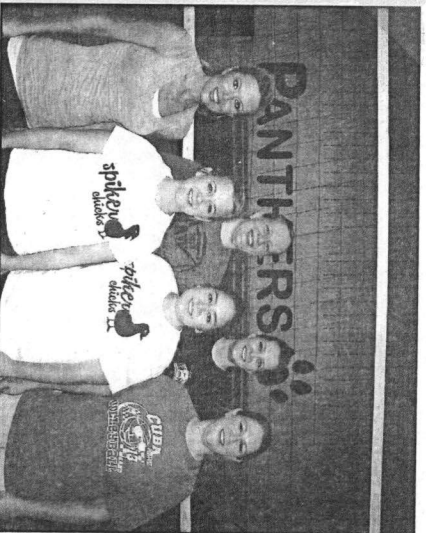
was zoned as commercial, and changed to public use.

Broadway Plaza is a proposed outdoor public event space at the corner of 6th and Broadway streets. The plan includes a performance stage, large LED outdoor video screen, a building with restrooms and storage, dining tables and chairs, and a water feature.

An ordinance assessing costs of curb and gutter replacements was approved for properties at 444 West 14th, 1401 Hill, and 123 East 9th.

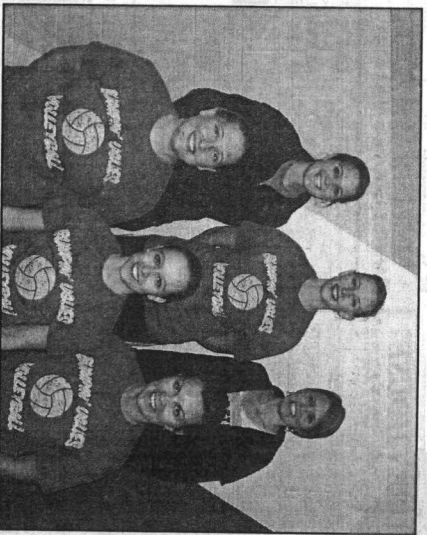
The Commission honored two employees for their years of service to the city.

Concordia Police Department dispatcher Charlotte Justyna received a certificate for 15 years of service, and Public Works Director Ron Coppel was honored for 30 years of service to the City.



## Tournament champions

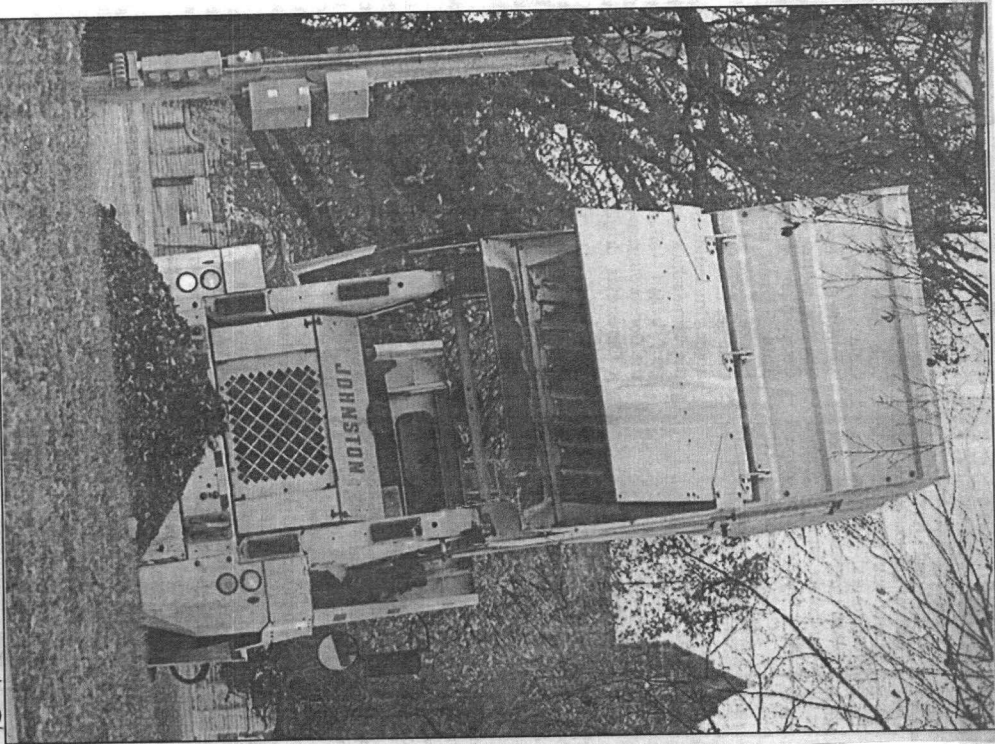
The Spiker Chicks won the Concordia Recreation Women's Volleyball Tournament championship. Team members include Ashley Nutsch, Jen Skocny, Michelle Smith, Jillian Couture, Emily Pierson, Steph Mettlen, Courtney Dedon and Adrian Reed.



## Place second

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Burnpit' Uglies placed second in the Concordia Recreation Women's Volleyball Tournament. Team members include Dana Sandman, Emil Graueholz, Kara Champin, Whitney Sipes, Krystal Richard, Kara Morehead, Paige Champin and Caitlyn Haverkamp.



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**Unloading the sweeper**  
Leaves are dumped from the city of Concordia street sweeper at the City Park on Wednesday morning. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

# City approves interlocal agreement

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

Concordia became the latest governing body to approve entering into an interlocal agreement for the extension of the Cloud County Neighborhood Revitalization program at Wednesday night's city commission meeting.

First enacted in June 2010, the Neighborhood Revitalization program allowed the county to create a revitalization district to encourage construction.

In the district, property owners have the opportunity to apply for a property tax rebate on building projects that increase the incremental market value of the property by \$30,000 or more.

Qualifying properties then receive property tax rebates on the additional value added for five years. In years one through three, the rebate is 95 percent; year four is an 80 percent rebate; and the fifth year is a 70 percent rebate.

The plan's purpose is to encourage people to start

businesses, expand existing businesses, build homes, and improve the housing market in Cloud County.

The partnership is between Cloud County, the cities of Aurora, Clyde, Concordia, Glasco, Jamestown, and Miltonvale, and the 224, 334 and 333 school districts.

With the original program set to expire at the end of this year, the County Commission took the first step last month to extend it for another three years.

All taxing entities are required to conduct a public hearing and sign the interlocal agreement, and Miltonvale approved it earlier this week.

In a letter to the commission, Ashley Hutchinson, CloudCorp executive director,

said many of the surrounding counties have such a program and it was important to Cloud County to have the program in place to remain competitive for new housing and businesses.

The revitalization program is the only tax incentive available to offer non-industrial

commercial ventures existing outside Concordia's Tax Incremental Financing district.

In addition, 62.5 percent of the 73 individuals and businesses who took advantage of the program cited it as a reason they decided to build.

In other business, the commission approved an average two-percent cost of living raise for all employees.

City Finance Director Amber Farha said she estimates the city will end the year around \$200,000 higher than the original budget estimates, which left room for the raises.

Non-classified employees will receive a 1.9-percent raise, while classified employees will receive a 2.1-percent increase.

City Manager Larry Uri will receive a 1.7 percent cost of living increase, and fire department employees will get a 2.1-percent raise.

The commission also approved extending the professional service agreement for 2015 with Campbell and Johnson, the city's engineers.

The monthly fee of \$1,300 is unchanged from 2014.

The commission set Jan. 21, 2015, as public hearings for unsafe and dangerous structures at 129 West 2nd, 206 Kansas, 233 West 3rd, 301 East 1st, 427 East 15th, and 513 Kansas.

During his manager's report, Uri told the commission that Central National Bank would be purchasing \$140,252 in tax credits associated with renovations at the Brown Grand Theatre.

The Kansas Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits were awarded to the Theatre to replace the grid and rigging. Central National agreed to purchase the tax credits at 95 cents on the dollar. Uri said, and that money will come to the city.

No action was taken after a 20-minute executive session with Uri and Hutchinson for confidential business data.

The commission adjourned to a study session to discuss a Tax Incremental Financing street project.

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## Notice of Budget Hearing for Amending the 2014 Budget

The governing body of  
City of Concordia

will meet on the day of December 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at Commission Chambers of Concordia City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at City Hall, 701 Washington and will be available at this hearing.

### Summary of Amendments

Fund	2014		2014
	Actual	Adopted Budget Amount of Tax that was Levied	Proposed Amended Expenditures
911 Wireless			108
0			
0			
0			
0			
0			
0			3,608

Official Title: City Manager

Wednesday, December 3, 2014  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK  
PRIVATE PLACEMENT  
CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS,  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS,  
SERIES 2014

Notice is hereby given that the City of Concordia, Kansas, (the "Issuer") proposes to seek a private placement of the above-referenced bonds (the "Bonds"). The maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$1,225,000. The proposed sale of the Bonds is in all respects subject to approval of a bond purchase agreement between the Issuer and the purchaser of the Bonds and the passage of an ordinance and adoption of a resolution by the governing body of the Issuer authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and the execution of various documents necessary to deliver the Bonds.

DATED: November 19, 2014  
Stacey Currn, Clerk

## PARKS MAINTENANCE Public Works Division The City of Concordia

Department of Public Works is seeking to fill the position of Parks Maintenance. Job description is available at City Hall.

Deadline: City of Concordia will accept applications through December 12, 2014. Apply at the City Clerk's Office, 701 Washington. Application is also available online at [www.concordiaks.org](http://www.concordiaks.org). Accommodations are available for persons needing assistance upon request.  
An Equal Opportunity Employer

## Armed Concordia man arrested by officers

A Concordia man, Thomas Veasey, was arrested after law enforcement officials responded to a stalking complaint Tuesday evening.

According to a news release from the Concordia Police Department, officers from the police department, Cloud County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Wildlife and Parks responded to the 1100 block of Broadway at 6:15 Tuesday on a stalking complaint.

When officers arrived, they were confronted by Veasey, who was

armed. Officers were able to subdue Veasey, using less-lethal impact munitions.

The suspect was not harmed during the confrontation.

Veasey, 52, was arrested on four counts of aggravated assault, one count of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, two counts of endangering a child, four counts of stalking, and one count of interference with a law enforcement officer. He was transported to the Cloud County Law Enforcement Center.



**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, ADOPTING THE "NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS, 2015" AND AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THAT PLAN.**

WHEREAS, Cloud County, Kansas, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,114 et seq. (the "Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act"), has adopted a plan to assist in the rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment of an area within Cloud County described in the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Cloud County, Kansas, 2015 (the "Plan").

WHEREAS, the Governing Body may, pursuant to the Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act, also adopt a neighborhood revitalization plan to assist in the rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment of any area within the City.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that the Plan complies with the Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act, and that rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment of the neighborhood revitalization area identified in the Plan is necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA:

**Section 1. Finding.** The Governing Body has reviewed the "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Cloud County, Kansas, 2015" as adopted by the Cloud County Board of County Commissioners (hereafter the "Plan"), and finds and determines that the property within the City which lies within the Neighborhood Revitalization District, as set out in Exhibit A to the Plan, meets the definition of "neighborhood revitalization area" in K.S.A. 12-17,115(c).

**Section 2. Plan Adoption.** Following a properly noticed public hearing, as required by K.S.A. 12-17,117, and consideration of comments from the public and staff, the Plan is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-3301:3305.

**Section 3. Interlocal Agreement.** The Mayor is authorized, on behalf of the Governing Body, to enter into an interlocal agreement with: Cloud County; other cities within Cloud County; Unified School District Nos. 224, 333 and 334; and, the Cloud County Community College, as necessary to implement the Plan, as provided for in K.S.A. 12-17,119.

**Section 4. Authority.** This ordinance is adopted under the authority of K.S.A. 12-17,114 et seq., K.S.A. 12-3301 et seq., K.S.A. 12-2901 et seq., and Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption and publication in the official city newspaper.

ADOPTED BY the Governing Body this 3rd day of December, 2014.

Marsha L. Wentz, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Stacey Crum

Passed by the Governing Body and signed by the Mayor this 3rd day of December, 2014.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2001

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas:

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as provided by Section 7-47 (c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Concordia, Kansas, has informed the governing body that in his opinion the following structure is unsafe and dangerous:

The premises located at 129 West 2nd, Concordia, Kansas, and more completely described as:

The East 28 feet of Lot 11 Block 192, Concordia Original Town, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

AND WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has determined that the structure should be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1752.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, that on January 21, 2015, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., the owner, the owner's agent, any lienholders of record and any occupant of such structure may appear at City Hall, 701 Washington Street, Concordia, Kansas, and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished. Notice shall be given by the City Clerk as required by K.S.A. 12-1752.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2003

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas:

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as provided by Section 7-47 (c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Concordia, Kansas, has informed the governing body that in his opinion the following structure is unsafe and dangerous:

The premises located at 233 West 3rd, Concordia, Kansas, and more completely described as:

East 4 feet of Lot 11 & the West 42 feet of Lot 12, Block 178, Concordia Original Town, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

AND WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has determined that the structure should be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1752.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2005

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas:

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as provided by Section 7-47 (c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Concordia, Kansas, has informed the governing body that in his opinion the following structure is unsafe and dangerous:

The premises located at 427 East 15th, Concordia, Kansas, and more completely described as:

Lot 16, Block 54, Concordia Original Town Site, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

AND WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has determined that the structure should be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1752.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2002

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas:

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as provided by Section 7-47 (c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Concordia, Kansas, has informed the governing body that in his opinion the following structure is unsafe and dangerous:

The premises located at 206 Kansas Street, Concordia, Kansas and more completely described as:

Lot 1, 2 & 3, Block 181, Concordia Original Town in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

AND WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has determined that the structure should be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1752.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2004

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WHEREAS, the enforcing officer pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as provided by Section 7-47 (c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Concordia, Kansas, has informed the governing body that in his opinion the following structure is unsafe and dangerous:

The premises located at 301 East 1st, Concordia, Kansas, and more completely described as:

Lot 7 & 8, Block 178, Concordia Original Town in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

AND WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has determined that the structure should be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1752.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2006

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas:

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as provided by Section 7-47 (c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Concordia, Kansas, has informed the governing body that in his opinion the following structure is unsafe and dangerous:

The premises located at 513 Kansas, Concordia, Kansas, and more completely described as:

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# City approves sale of bonds for dam projects

By Jessica LeDuc  
Blade Staff Writer

The Concordia City Commission approved the sale of \$1.2 million in general obligation bonds to fund construction of the Plum Road and 21st Street dams Wednesday night.

Chuck Bouilly with George K. Baum & Co., Wichita, told the Commission that four bids were received, with the low bid coming from Commerce Bank. The bid was for a 2.9475-percent interest rate, making the net interest cost \$400,582.47.

In September, the Commission approved the low base bid of \$1.4 million from Ebert Construction, Wanego, for the construction of both dams. Forty-three percent of the total project is associated with the construction of the Plum Road dam, while the remaining 57 percent is for additional site work and building of the 21st Street dam.

The 21st Street dam will be in the city's Tax Increment Financing district, and TIF funds will be used for its construction. The general obligation bonds will fund the Plum Road work.

The Commission also accepted two agreements for professional services with Campbell and Johnson Engineers.

The first was for a TIF project to replace curb and gutter and sidewalk on Broadway from 5th to 6th and on 5th Street from State to Broadway.

For \$34,700, Campbell and Johnson will do all the design and construction engineering, as well as field work and construction staking. Public Works Director Ron Cople said the engineer's estimate for the entire project is \$320,000.

The second agreement was for a Kansas Department of Transportation KLINK asphalt mill and overlay project on Highway 9. The project has three phases: 4th Street from the west city limits to Davies Drive; 5th Street from State to the west side of Broadway; and the intersection of 5th and Broadway to Archer.

Field work, design and construction engineering and construction staking will be \$30,000. All design engineering will be done no later than June 30, 2015, so bids can be solicited shortly after, Cople said.

The Commission also approved the professional services agreement for 2015 with CloudCorp in the amount of \$55,000, which is unchanged from 2014.

CloudCorp Executive Director Ashley Hutchinson said the organization is funded a third by the city, a third by the county, and a third by private donations.

The County Commission approved its agreement with CloudCorp on Monday, also for \$55,000.

Cereal malt beverage licenses for 2015 were approved for Casey's General Store, Thunder Striker bowling alley, Gambino's Pizza, El Puerto, Wood Oil, Short Stop #4 and #10, Pizza Hut, Walmart, and Rod's Food Store.

During public comments, three citizens asked the Commission to look into sewer backups in the 200 block of West 19th and the 1800 block of Broadway earlier this month.

Marty Tatum said the sewer system backed up first in the 200 block of West 19th.

City workers cleared the line, but Tatum said they just pushed the clog further down the line, causing another backup the next day.

Chad Eshbaugh said raw sewage was in his basement because of the backup, and he said he felt the City was liable for the damage.

Janice Vignery said this was the fourth or fifth time the sewer has backed up into her mother's basement.

"When is this going to be fixed?" she asked. "What's going to be done, because this is getting really old."

City Manager Larry Uri said all information has been forwarded to the city's insurance company, and that it appeared the City was not liable for the damages. He said he would gather all the information, and the Commission could look into it at its next study session.

No action was taken after a 15-minute executive session with Uri and Hutchinson for confidential business matters.



**Clearing the drains**  
City of Concordia employees clean leaves out of a downtown storm drain on Friday morning. (Blade photo by Jay Lowell)

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Marsha L. Wentz, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Stacey Crum  
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## RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2004

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The premises located at 301 East 1st, Concordia, Kansas, and more completely described as:

Lot 7, 8 & 9, Block 178, Concordia Original Town in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

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The premises located at 129 West 2nd, Concordia, Kansas, and more completely described as:

The East 28 feet of Lot 11, Block 192, Concordia Original Town, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

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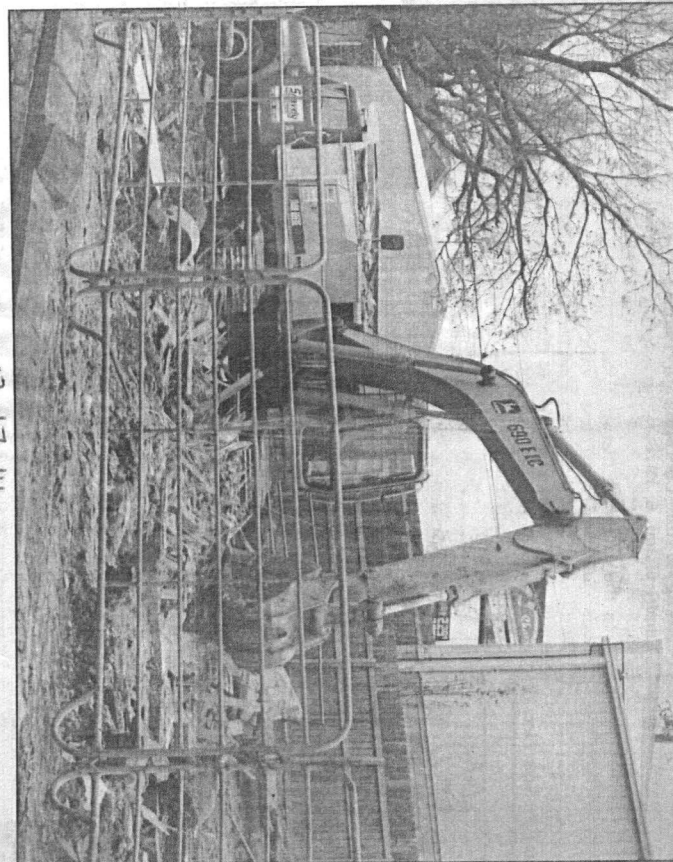
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### Demolition project

Snively Construction demolishes a house at 121 E. 11th St. Wednesday morning. The house was condemned by the city of Concordia earlier this year. (Blade photo by Jessica LeDuc)

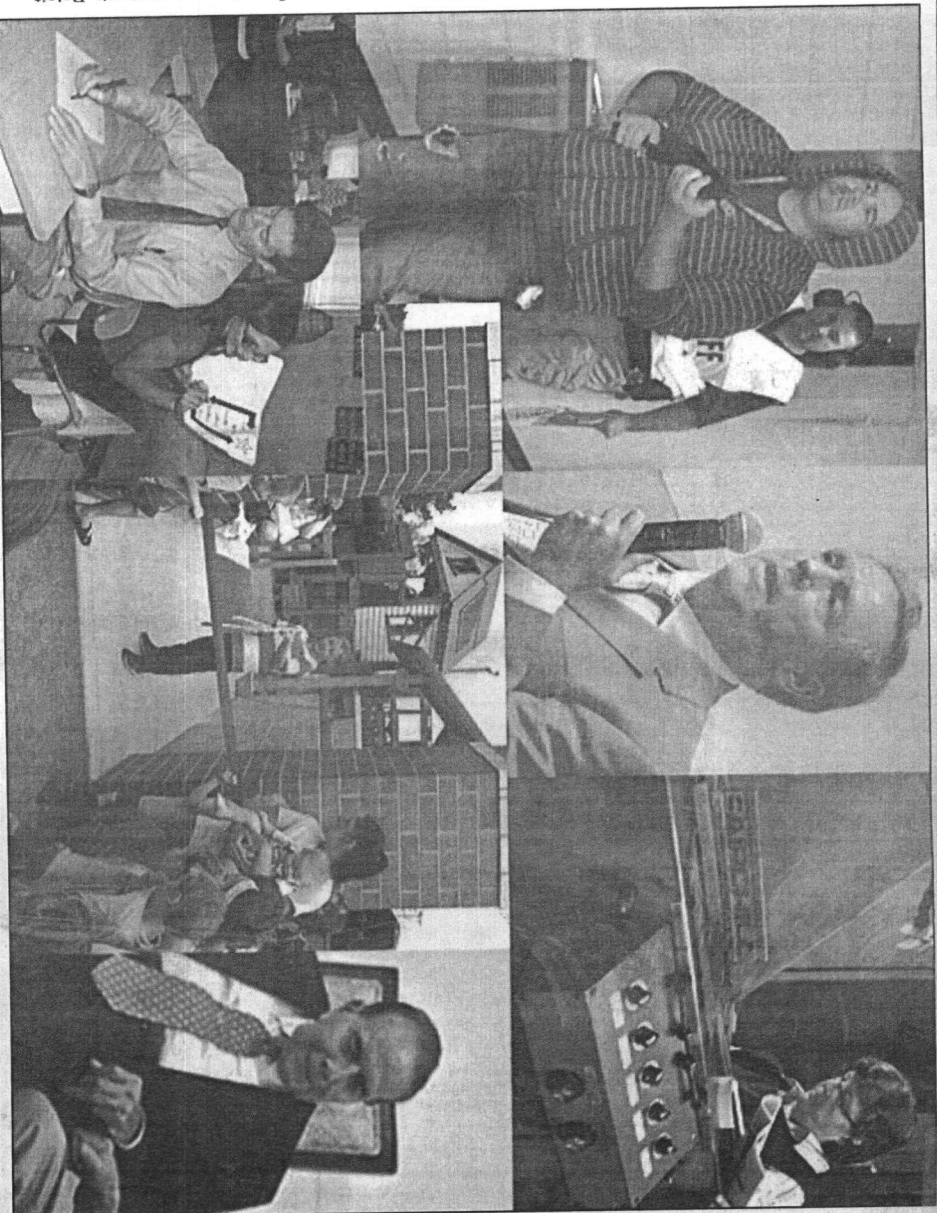
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### FEBRUARY

Danette Toone. Her contract was extended t 2017 and included a 1 1/2 percent raise. . . . .

City Commission. . . . . Electrical work remained the main component to be finished at the new Cloud County Law Enforcement Center. . . . . Mayor Tim Parker filed for re-election to the Concordia City Commission. . . . . A Glasco couple was arrested in connection with a string of home invasions that had started in July 2013 in Glasco. Zachary R. and Skyl M. Melton were taken into custody and both admitted to the multiple burglaries, including several that had not been reported. Value of stolen property was estimated at \$12,000. . . . . World War II veteran Elmer Collins grandfather of Luke Collins, pinned Luke's sergeant stripes on at a ceremony at the National Guard Armory. Luke's father, Jerry Collins, Vietnam veteran was also present for the ceremony. . . . . USD 333 accepted a proposal to purchase Lincoln School. Of two proposals, James and Becky Kindel, Concordia, had the highest proposal of \$32,500. . . . . John Lagemann, senior vice president, Sales and Marketing

# Top Stories



## Images of 2014

**Images of 2014** Some of the images from 2014 include, clockwise from top left: Shane Britt, front, and Cloud County Sheriff Brian Marks take part in an active shooter drill at Cloud County Community College; John Deere executive John Lagemann speaks at the CloudCorp annual meeting; Blade Empire press person Lou Collins makes one last run before retiring; former U.S. Senator Bob Dole visits Concordia; the ribbon is cut at Cloudville, the new destination park constructed by volunteers; Governor Sam Brownback takes part in an activity while visiting the Jobs for American Grads program at Concordia High School.

# 2014: A look back at the top stories

The completion of the new Cloud County Law Enforcement Center and over 900 volunteers teaming up to build Cloudville, a destination park in Concordia, were among the top headlines in 2014.

Looking back at the top stories of the year, by month:

## JANUARY

Concordia City Commission approved a \$50,000 settlement agreement with Marilyn Blosser that gave the City sole ownership of Blosser Municipal Airport. . . . Incumbent Lytle Pounds was the first candidate to file for one of two open seats

for the Agriculture and Turf Division of John Deere, was scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the annual CloudCorp luncheon in March. . . . Cloud County Health Center was restricting visitors because of an influenza outbreak. . . . Kaden Ransted was the first baby born at Cloud County Health Center in 2014. He was born Jan. 22 to Caitlin Allen and Mitchell Ransted. . . . Concordia Area Chamber of Commerce announced the hire of Sarah Isaacson as its new president. . . . Cloud County Community College board of trustees approved a three-year

president, R. Kent Anderson, secretary, and Luanne Miller, treasurer. . . . Cloud County board of commissioners chairman told entities at an intergovernmental meeting in Jamestown that the long-delayed Cloud County Law Enforcement Center might open in March. . . . Lavon Brossau, Concordia, announced her support for the proposed trail in the South Development by-contribution \$20,000 to the project. . . . State Sen. Elaine Bowers and state representative Susan Concanon talked about current issues in the Kansas Legis-

lege as they pledged more than \$25,000 to the Foundation's general scholarship fund during the annual Alumni Telefund. . . .

Concordia city commission approved paying \$1,000 for an option to purchase the three eastern most lots at 6th and Broadway from Dong and Kathy Funk. . . . John Lagemann, former Concordian and senior vice-president for Agriculture and Turf Division of John Deere, told a sold out crowd at the CloudCorp annual meeting at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall that for continued growth and prosperity, county leaders, along with CloudCorp

# Campground Notes

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