



BIKEANDBUILDRIDERS came through St. Francis on Wednesday. Pictured (l to r) are Christina Fox, Haley Colvin, Jenny Riedel and Jen Dvosky. They started at Virginia Beach and will end up in Portland, Ore.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Bikers cross Kansas on trip

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The sun beat down as the 62 black wheels turned on the black pavement. Just before lunch time last Wednesday, 31 bicycle riders arrived in St. Francis as part of the annual Bike and Build ride.

Brian O'Shaughnessy, from St. Louis, one of the trip leaders, said he wasn't sure how long the riders on this route have been staying a night in St. Francis. Traditionally, they stay at the United Methodist Church.

Rev. Morita Truman and Kari Gilliland fixed dinner.

The riders left Oberlin around 5:30 a.m. and they were riding into St. Francis about noon. The riders averaged 75 miles a day, going from town to town.

The riders are 18 to 25, mostly college students, he said. Leaders can be as old as 27, but the idea, he said, is for Bike and Build to be a youth-led organization.

There are eight rides each summer, including routes from Boston to South Beach, Calif.; North Carolina to San Diego; Portsmouth, N.H., to Whitefish, Mont.; Providence R.I., to San Francisco and to Seattle; South Carolina to San Jose, Calif.; and from Jacksonville, Fla., to Yuba

City, Calif.

The ride which goes through the Midwest, called the central route, started on Tuesday, May 21, in Virginia Beach, Va., and plans to finish on Wednesday, July 29, in Portland, Ore. This is the oldest Bike and Build route, he said.

Each rider, said Mr. O'Shaughnessy, has to raise \$4,000 that's then donated to the trip fund. At the end of the ride, he said, money that's left is offered for competitive grants for affordable housing.

Along the way, he said, the riders take a day to build, mostly with Habitat for Humanity, but basically for affordable housing in general. The builds on this route include ones in St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo., Cincinnati, Steamboat Springs and Denver in Colorado, Idaho Falls and in Portland.

Costs along the road, said Mr. O'Shaughnessy, are kept low through donations from grocery stores, churches and others. That way, they are able to give \$500 grants out at the end.

The form to apply for a grant is simple, he said, and can be found on the organization's website at www.bikeandbuild.org. Although the form is simple, he added, the grants are

competitive and the riders get to pick where the money goes.

Bike and Build, he said, has given away \$1.6 million in the past six seasons.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy said this is his first time doing the Bike and Build ride. Actually, he said, there is only one alumnae on the ride, but she did a different route the first time.

The organization pulls bicycle riders in from all over, he said. This central route team includes people from Louisiana, Oregon, Alaska and even London.

While in St. Francis, several of the riders went swimming, checked out the library and town and napped.

Budget and alley easement discussed; no decisions made

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Prior to the St. Francis City Council meeting on June 22, the members met at 6 p.m. for a budget meeting. Mary Lampe, city clerk, presented a printout of the proposed budget for 2010. After a lengthy discussion of the various items on the budget, it was agreed that each member would study it and make additions or subtractions and make their decisions at the next budget meeting.

Alley easement

There was no one present at the meeting to speak regarding the Spencer Street alley easement. Mike Day, city attorney, has been at a bar association meeting in Kansas City, but did have a call from Jim Milliken, attorney for Kody Krien. Mr. Milliken indicated that there was a couple of minor changes to the utility easement but progress was being

made and should be able to address the council at the next meeting.

City website

Progress is being made on the city's website. Jessica Schultz will be in town and will be meeting with Carla Lampe and Mary Lampe at 4 p.m. on Friday. They will be deciding on pictures that they want to have on the website which will show St. Francis to the best advantage.

In other business

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• Donna's Gift Palace and Julie Brunk both applied for fireworks licenses which were approved. There are now three selling fireworks within the city limits.

• A small business incentive had been requested by Uptown Meat Market and was also approved.

• Troy Porter's application for a landscape license was voted on and given the OK. Also a building

permit for Mark Brown for a front porch was also approved.

• Bruce Swihart, reporting on the swimming pool, said it was going well. The pool manager is doing a very good job and taking care of issues. There was a good turnout for the swim meet held in St. Francis and things went well until it had to be called due to lightning.

• Johnson Service, who cleaned the city sewers last year, will be in town the end of June or first part of July to do the yearly cleaning.

• The Dusty Farmer on U.S. 36 is having water problems on the southwest corner of their property and is causing some property damage. Miller and Associates will be asked to take a look at it the next time they are in town to see if it is a city or private problem.

• The next meeting will be Monday, July 13.



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1959 class renews old friendships

The class of 1959 enjoyed a number of activities on Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20, during the weekend of the St. Francis Community High School alumni celebration. It was the 50th year since graduation and Marvin Walz, Jude Walker, Pat Confer, Joy Gienger and Joy Fisher had spent a great deal of time planning and making arrangements.

The group met on Friday evening at the Cheyenne Manor for a barbecue, prepared by Doug Ross. The salads and desserts were brought by classmates.

On Saturday, many met for a bus tour of The Breaks with local historian, Tobe Zweggardt, pointing out the many sites of interest and Melvin Confer driving the bus. A large group met at Main St. Coffee for lunch and the rest of the afternoon was left free.

That evening, they attended the banquet and had their pictures taken. Afterwards, they met back at the Manor for more visiting.

Ms. Walker had compiled a book with biographies and pics the classmates had sent to her during the last year. There were also obituaries and/or biographies of the classmates who had died. They included: Irene Doggett, Lynn Clapper, Tim Shively and Carol Harvey.

Throughout the two days, there was lots of visiting, looking at old class pictures and scrapbooks and catching up on what happened during the last 50 years.

Those classmates present throughout the weekend were: Gerald Bier, Joy Blume Fisher, Dwight Brewer, Virginia Carr Fiedler, Gwendolyn Corder DeVries, Ron Daggett, Gary Doggett, Stan and Joy Peter Gienger, Delbert Henderson, Sue Hendricks Pugh, Shari Holliday Krentzel, Pat Houtman Confer, John Keller, Billy and Karen Touselee Krien, Sonya Lampe Modrell, Larry Lillich, Sharon Little Belt, Keith McCall, Sharon Northrup, Jude Raile Walker, Verlin Raile, Bill Stull, Marvin Walz and Marv Zweggardt.

Thank You

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