

SF Supers 6x9

STREET

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\$240,000 for the 6-foot concrete slab with asphalt on the sides, but Superintendent J.R. Landenberger noted that Kansas Department of Transportation would be doing a road project in the area in mid-July and the plant would be located near St. Francis. This would lower the asphalt cost considerably.

Attorney Mike Day said that there were four ways which the project could be funded: 1) The city would pay for the whole project; or 2) a petition signed by 100 percent of the property owners agreeing to pay a percentage of the costs. Either one of these options would allow the city to go ahead taking advantage of the cost savings.

The other two options would detail a resolution or petition which entail printing in the newspaper and public hearings which would be

subject to protest. These options would take more time to complete, then the plant would not be in the area any more.

If the property owners opted to go with the petition signed by 100 percent of the owners, part of the expense would be assessed to the property owners. Spencer Street was a similar situation where the water was not flowing freely. In 1984, a 12-foot concrete slab was placed in the center with 28 percent of the cost being assessed to the property owners and the city paying 72 percent.

Attorney Day noted that Kansas Statutes allows three ways which costs can be assessed to property owners: 1) through linear foot; 2) through square foot; 3) property value. The property owner then has the option of paying the cost up front or having the cost applied to their property tax (with interest) over a

period of time not to exceed 20 years.

The Spencer Street work was assessed by linear foot and cost each property owner \$262 per 50-foot lot. Spencer cost an average of \$11,000 per city block. The figures the council were taking into consideration for Parkway Drive would be assessing 26 percent of the cost to property owners or \$780 per 50-foot lot. Parkway Drive will cost approximately \$114,000 for two city blocks.

The apparent consensus of the property owners present was for the city to take care of the entire cost. Several people said they had paid to have the street put in the first time and it should be the responsibility of the city or the property owners from Yost Ford-Mercury to the Good Samaritan Village, along with the Parkway property owners, be liable

for part of the cost as the water is coming off of their business' property. The group also stressed that there were several property owners on Parkway who would have a financial burden if they were charged for the street.

Attorney Day said that the work needing done on Parkway was not normal maintenance, repair and upkeep. It is more redesigning the street to address the drainage problem. There will also be an improvement that will benefit the property owners and will increase the property value of the homes. He said that assessing part of the expenses to the property owners when redesigning a street is not just done in St. Francis, but a common procedure across the state of Kansas.

Dave Yost, property owner, felt the problem partially was a maintenance problem. He said that the property owners had paid for the oil on the street, gutters and curbs plus paying city taxes for the maintenance. He said he felt that the funds should have been managed so that the street was taken care of.

Ruben Schultz, property owner, noted that when the street was originally put in, the residents had paid for it. At that time, the council had refused to put the street in knowing that it was a waterway. He questioned, where the city had put 12 foot of concrete down the center of Spencer Street and the city was only planning on 6 feet of concrete down Parkway Drive why the property owners should have to pay almost the same percentage as those property owners on Spencer.

Clerk Mary Lampe noted that two property owners on Spencer had been to the city office and told her that the consensus of the property owners on Spencer was, if the city paid the full expense for Parkway, they would want their money back.

The city tabled the matter until more information could be gathered. It will be back on the agenda at the next meeting on Tuesday, May 22.

GIFT

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degree in Industrial Arts Education.

In 1957, he married his high school sweetheart, Eunice Holzwarth, and after finishing college, they taught for one year in Hayden, Colo. The next year, they moved to St. Francis where he began his lifelong career. He and Mrs. Burnham retired from the school in 1997.

Mr. Burnham died on April 10 after a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. Through this scholarship, his memory will live on.

Loans available for storage building

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for commodities.

The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and re-manufactured oxygen-limit-

ing and other upright silo-type structures.

All Farm Storage Facility Loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A minimum down payment is also required. For details, contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture county office staff.

Former student does well in track

Lexee Reichert, a former St. Francis Community Junior High eighth grade student, moved to Imperial, Neb., this spring and participated in track at Imperial.

Lexee placed first in the shot put with a 36-4 at the Perkins County meet, setting a new meet and school record. She also placed second in the discus with 84-10.

At the Sutherland meeting, she was 37-2.7 in the shot put to place first and set a new meet and school record. Her 89-6 in the discus was good for first place.

She also placed first and set a meet record in the shot put at the Dundy County meet with a toss of 36-6.25. She was first in the discus with 88-4.

At the Chase County meet, she placed second and again set a school record in the shot put with a 37-4. In the discus she placed second with 87-9.

The league meet was set at Perkins County and Lexee placed first and set a league and school record in the shot put with a 37-11. Her 87-3 in the discus earned her a second place finish.

Golfers tee off May 6

Forty-eight golfers took part in the three-man scramble at Riverside Recreation on Sunday, May 6.

The men were divided into the championship flight and the first flight with the team of Dinkel, Crabtree and Grace taking top honors for the day. Placing second in the top flight was the team of Terry, Hoxsey and Kanak while the team of King, Lauer and Lauer were third. McKain, K. Bracelin and Quiggle

won the first flight on Saturday. Also placing was the team of Smull, C. Bracelin and Kriegh, which came in second. There was a tie for third place between the team of Orth, Orth and Mallory and the team of Rogers, Faulkender and Johnson.

Winning hole prizes for the event were Steve Orth, Roger Lauer, Roger Faulkender, Chris Bracelin, Devin Dinkel, Mike Day, Jim Kanak, Brad Faylor and Michael Terry.

Nursing homes house teachers, parents, others

May 13-19, is National Nursing Home Week and Mother's day was May 13. Many nursing home residents are the people who planted the seeds that have made our community grow stronger.

They have been the teachers, the business people, the parents and other central figures who produced all of the good things that we now enjoy

This week is a chance to honor these special residents, as well as the

families, staff, volunteers and community.

The year's National Nursing Home Week theme is "Treasure Our Elders." The Good Samaritan will be holding a variety of events to showcase residents and give them a chance to shine.

Don't forget to stop by the Village and say "Hello." It can make the day for residents and can give the visitor a warm feeling.

RENEWAL

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county treasurers requiring Kansas residence to renewal driver's licenses in central locations maintained by employees of the State of Kansas. Eileen King, Riley County Treasurer and president of the Kansas County Treasurers Association, presented Congressman Moran with over 81,000 petitions from Kansas residents opposing the removal of this service from county offices. This was a staggering number of signatures that Moran said surpassed any petitions delivered to him dealing with federal legislation.

Cheyenne County Treasurer, Dolores Jenik collected signatures from 37 percent of the residents in the county. Ms. King also presented 70 county resolutions supporting the maintaining of driver's license services in local courthouses.

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary, Michael Chertoff assured Kansas residents that the federal rules would not force Kansas to change its system.

Consequently, Kansans will not lose access to services at their county courthouses, Congressman Moran said.

Carmen Aldritt, Director of Vehicles of the State Department of Revenue, said Kansas lawmakers have passed legislation clearly authorizing county treasurers to act as agents of the state in providing driver's license services.

Currently more than 70 Kansas counties offer driver's license services, while only 37 counties have state-served sites and five counties offer both. Only two Kansas counties have no service.

"The county sites are important in

offering convenient access for renewing driver's license," Mrs. Jenik said. "The Act is to ensure better homeland security and who better to enforce this than an office that knows most of its constituency."

Mark Schemm, Smith County Treasurer echoed the sentiments of those who signed the petitions and fellow treasurers, stating it was important to keep homeland security at home.

SENIORS

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Honor guards will be Heather Hnizdil, Katherine Jones, Holly Keller, Dara Loyd, Gavin Smull and Teri Walters.

Cheylin

Fifteen seniors will graduate from Cheylin High School at 3 p.m. on Saturday in the gymnasium. Aubrey Kehlbeck and Jessica Marshall will give the welcome and Anita Burton will hand out the awards and scholarships.

Prior to the slide show, Samantha Beeson will sing a solo.

David Zumbahlen, principal and superintendent, will present the class of 2007. Kerby Krien will present the diplomas to the seniors.

Josh Johnson will give the farewell.

Graduating seniors are: Zaiba Ahmed, Samantha Beeson, Natasha Gordon, Emily Holub, Terry Jensen, Josh Johnson, Aubrey Kehlbeck, Devin Keister, Aaron Linner, Jessica Marshall, Tony Pham, Denise Repshire, Paula Turner, Alexis Weishapl and Lucius White.

Idalia

Eight Idalia senior will graduate at 2 p.m. mountain time on Sunday in the Idalia school gym. Todd Shively will give a musical selec-

tion; Sarah Krause will introduce the senior video and Scott Cure, valedictorian, will give the closing remarks.

Presenting scholarships and giving acknowledgments will be Maria Conrad and the board of education: Wayne Weyerman, Brett Dutton, Tina Schiel, Freeman Morris and Steve Knodel, will be handing out diplomas.

This year's seniors are Katrissa Rittenhouse, Lucas Devlin, Miriam Gonzalez, RJ Kleweno, Rodney Wade, Sarah Krause, Scott Cure and Kevin Todd Shively.

Special section

In this week's issues of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* is a special section with photos of the seniors from St. Francis, Cheylin and Idalia schools. Some photos also include the senior's baby photo sponsored by his or her parents.

Take time to recognize these outstanding seniors and the businesses and individuals who sponsored them.

