

Counselor receives award

McDonald president and former St. Francis resident, Fred Waters, Cheyenne County Alcohol Council's credential counselor, has received the 2007 Andrew O'Donovan Alcohol Addiction Prevention Services Credentialed Counselor Award of Excellence.



Waters

come Kansas director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse programs and held that position from 1987 to 1999. He died in 2002.

Those who have served all those years with Mr. Waters on the Cheyenne County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council are Rachael Keller, president; Naomi Holliman, secretary; and Donna Johnson and Swede Calnon, both members of the board. He also recognizes his wife LaVina, who is his secretary.

Mr. Waters said he is a recovering alcoholic and this helped him in counseling others. He said he knew what they were thinking and what they were going through because he had been through the same thing.

Mr. Waters will be presented the honor at a luncheon on Friday, Sept. 21, at the 2007 Recovery Conference in Salina. This award is given by the Kansas Citizen's Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuses in collaboration with Addiction and Prevention Services.

The award recognizes excellence in the substance abuse prevention and treatment workforce, community

volunteers and coalitions. Mr. Waters was selected because of his ability to:

- Know a variety of models and theories of addiction and other substance-related problems to understand and plan intervention strategies for a variety of clients.
- Contribute equally with interdisciplinary team members in planning and delivering treatment services.
- Utilize diagnostic and patient placement criteria to identify substance use disorders and appropriate treatment settings.
- Identify crisis as a potential indicator of underlying substance abuse problems and treatment opportunities.
- Consistently work within the highest ethical behavioral standards of conduct.
- Incorporate prevention concepts and practices whenever possible in his practice.

Mr. Waters is available to Cheyenne County and surrounding counties as a resource for law enforcement and court services personnel. He also provides private counseling services in the area.

Building waits for a roof

By Lee Nichols
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Work progress on the new emergency building was a matter of concern when the St. Francis City Council met on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

"Until the roof is put on the new emergency building south of U.S. 36, it will not be possible to do further work on the building," said Dale Weeks, council member.

A crew from Hays is not available to put the roof on now so the work will shift to doing the approaches.

"Putting on the roof could be four to six weeks down the road," he said.

Roger Jensen, council member, said plans are still in place to put in thermal blankets and pipes to heat the approaches during bad weather.

"A lot will depend on the donations we have received and will receive to accomplish this," Mr. Jensen said. "Some donations have been received from individuals."

Pumps and boilers can be added later.

Other business

Other business included:
• A report by Carla Lampe, council member, that there would be an Economic Development meeting Thursday at 7 a.m. at the city meeting room.

• J.R. Landenberger, city manager saying he was looking at multiple sites for cell phone tower installation. One would be within the city limits.

Street construction for Parkway Drive is slated for the second week in

September.

The repairs had been completed on the theater. Plans are to look at considering furnace and air conditioning replacement for the theater next year.

Funds are available and plans are proceeding to integrate the remote read for the electric meters. The new meters will be digital and a few meters will need to be changed from analog to digital. There is a minimum of the old meters to be changed.

Johnson Service, the company cleaning the sewer lines, will be gone for two weeks and then return to complete the project.

• George and Deb Harper requested clarification on how the hospital could put in a parking lot without input from the residents in the area. City attorney Mike Day said they should comply with Ordinance 16307, which includes requesting it from the council.

• Three ordinances are published in *The Herald* this week regarding increases in water, electricity and

refuse.

• Building permits were approved for: Bill Farland for a garage; Carol Gamblin for a fence; Cheyenne Manor for additional porches; Kelley Faylor for a shed; Terry Zwegardt for a fence; Perry Keller for a garage.

• Sara Clogston was appointed interim chief of police. She reported that a lot of things were in limbo until decisions were made regarding the county and city law departments. The same work schedule will be maintained and the city will work with newly appointed sheriff Craig VanAllen for backup.

• Bills approved were \$1,033 to Eagle Communication; \$1,264 for theatre cleanup; \$700 to Kary Zwegardt for framing of pictures that will be hung in the office.

• Mr. Jensen said a request was received from the Chamber of Commerce for help in shoring up poles on the Saint Francis sign 6 miles east of town. They were damaged in a recent storm. The council agreed to help.

SISTERS

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in hand.

The garden she raised was always grand,
The rolls she baked were always in demand!!

Sharing her rolls and cinnamon rolls recipe is our plan —

Just try to resist them if you can!
The basket made for their sister was full of beauty supplies for little girls.

Krissy's basket was filled with school supplies.

Mrs. Vaughn said they are already planning for next year and want to give more money.

"We challenge everyone to set higher goals in 2008," she said.

The Cheyenne County Relay for Life, 2007, brought in around

\$28,000. While the Schelpp team brought in \$5,000; Heidi Yonkey, Wheeler, brought in more money than any other youth teams. The Bracelin Bunch brought in \$3,000 or more, making them Silver Award winners.

Each year, Mrs. Walz and her husband, Greg, are also responsible for the survivor's walk arch made of purple, lavender and white balloons.

Next year's Cheyenne County Relay for Life will be held the second Friday in June. Sherry Schultz, who was one of the coordinators of the Relay, said there seems to be a lot of excitement about having the Relay in June.

"It may be less time to get ready but I think we will have even more teams in 2008," she said.

SENATOR

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cal access care hospitals in Kansas and "we can lose our hospitals, providers and home health care providers," he said.

He talked about the children poverty health care program, telling that the program has been misused. It has been extended to adults earning a maximum of \$82,000. In New York, this limit is constantly met

and he said the bill needed to be cleaned up and reformed. It needed to be funded at a responsible level.

Dr. Mary Beth Miller, St. Francis, commended the senator on what he has done. She said for eight years, she had been the only provider and she finally has a physician to help.

She thanked him for his support when Medicare was wanting to cut funds — please don't cut critical

care hospitals, she said. "I highly commend you for your efforts!"

Mr. Keller asked what was the senator's view on the war in Iraq?

Senator Roberts said he thought there was progress being made in Iraq and the challenge remaining is to counter terrorism plans.

He said that more would be known when General David Petraeus, Multinational Force-Iraq, returned from Iraq and made his report. However, he was not sure that there is enough progress for Congress to support the war effort.

"I want every man and woman out of that situation but I don't want to have to send them back," he said.

He went on to talk about there being terror cells in the United States and questioned what the country would do if there are more terrorist attacks.

"The questions and concerns I heard from farmers, students, seniors, hospital administrators, business owners, teachers, veterans, pharmacists and many others were passionate and personal," the senator said about his trip. "I have long said there is no substitute for personal contact with those you represent, and this tour gives me the best chance to hear from people in a small setting."

INJURIES

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state area including the St. Francis Livestock Commission, Imperial Auction Market, Benkelman Horse Sale and the Burlington Livestock Exchange.

In 1955, he and his wife, Barbara, moved to the family ranch which was established by his grandfather, John Barnhart. He loved the ranching life, taking pride in his cattle and horses.

At the age of 3, he and his siblings survived the Republican River flood in 1935. However, his mother, Irene was lost in the flood waters. He believed that his children were the greatest riches and wealth that any man could have in life. He was proud they were avid horsemen.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, St. Francis.

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The council plans to look at sharing costs with Oberlin for an outside consultant and will call a special meeting at a later date.

Water study

Chris Miller and David Blau, Miller and Associates representatives, presented the recent water study for the community, commenting that the city is very fortunate that the water needed can be pumped easily, is in good shape getting water to the system and is not in need of additional storage.

They said that unlike most cities, there is no build up and the mains are very clean.

Fire hydrant spacing was a major concern. Improvements of valves and some lines are also needed.

A three-phase plan for improvements was presented. The plan, available at the city building for reading, was very detailed, giving statistics and costs for each step which could be done individually or all at once.

SCHOOL

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in the academics with music, art and physical education.

"These teachers will be teaching to their strengths and it will be a great benefit to the students," Mr. Carmichael said.

Mrs. Dinkel will have a computer room in the grade school and Mrs. Nolan will have a science room.

Changes in junior-senior high

There are a few changes in the junior-senior high school. Mr. Carmichael said, when the contract for an industrial arts teacher was broken right before the beginning of school, it had left the administration scrambling to find instructors.

"We had to find instructors or drop the program," Mr. Carmichael said.

Robin Petersen, former St. Francis student, had taken computer drafting in college and offered to teach that class. Brad Matthies, who has 60 college credit hours from an accredited university, qualified to teach the woods.

Both are able to teach the classes this year on an emergency substitute license. Rob Schiltz, superintendent, has been talking to the head of the Fort Hays State University industrial arts department, but, unfortunately, the university only graduated six students last year. He said there is a serious shortage of industrial arts teachers.

With all the academics worked out for the time being, the students and staff are looking forward to the fall sports season. The Lady Indians had their first volleyball meet on Tuesday at Golden Plains. The Sainty football team will play Oberlin on their home

field on Friday evening.

The Booster Club has planned the first hamburger feed starting at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Homecoming week will start on Monday, Sept. 10.

The junior high volleyball and football teams will have their first chance to play on Thursday, Aug. 30, in St. Francis.

Students, coaches and staff appreciate community support and look forward to seeing lots of people in the bleachers.

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