

Tower place still matter of concern

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Several St. Francis residents appeared at the St. Francis City Council meeting to discuss and express their concerns of the communications tower that Viaero Wireless wants to erect at Lorraine and Spencer streets.

Gerald and Dawn Lauer were the first spokespeople. Mr. Lauer wanted to clear up the comment Paul Kinash had said in last week's paper. Mr. Kinash had quoted that they (Lauers) refused to sign as they had a suitable lot in the neighborhood which they would have liked to sell. Mr. Lauer said this was a false statement. The reason he wouldn't sign is because of the location.

"Not only will this take the value of our home down, but I am wor-

ried about the ice problem," he said. "If ice would fall off the tower and hit someone's roof or vehicle it would be the responsibility of the landowner."

He was also concerned about the way the town would look with a tower of that height (190 feet) setting in the town. This tower would be about 50-foot higher than the water tower.

Mr. Lauer had some pictures of towers built in the surrounding area and they were not attractive.

Mr. Lauer had three signatures from people who had signed the paper and they were retracting their signatures.

Terry Bandel was present and he, too, was offended by the newspaper article that Mr. Kinash said that he

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Annual trail ride set for Sunday

By Karen Krien

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The 17th Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set for 2 p.m. sharp on Sunday, Oct. 14. The ride, which will last about 2.5 hours, will be held on the Kelly and Penny Gienger farm, 10.2 miles north of St. Francis.

Those on the ride will also be able to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"Donations will be accepted for the kids who would like to saddle up but can't," said Sharon Olofson,

coordinator.

Gary Cooper, another of the coordinators, said this will be a ride with more rough terrain than some of the other rides.

"There will be very little flat land and one water crossing," he said.

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Grice



THERE'S A DEAD MAN IN THE ELEVATOR — Heather Hnizdil tells Kattie Ford to check the elevator in the 'Murder at the Majestic' play to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Theater, musical to bring lots of laughter

Who killed Mr. Majestic? Private Detective John Bond and his assistant, the ever-efficient Kit Carter, will solve the murder in record time when the St. Francis Community High School Music Department presents "Murder at the Majestic," a 1920s dinner theater, on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The evening's entertainment begins at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Dinner guests will "check in" at the Majestic Hotel's front desk before being served a delicious meal in the

Majestic Restaurant and Jazz Club. The dinner will include Sassy Flapper Salad, Charlie Chaplin Chicken Breast, Jazzy Rice, Baby Face Green Vegetable, Model T Runabout Crescent Rolls, and a very special Eskimo Pie for dessert.

After the meal begins, a body is discovered in the hotel's elevator by Mrs. Marble, an older woman who believes in the merits of Prohibition. Detective Bond and his assistant are called in to apprehend the murderer. Is it Tommy Knuckles, frontman of the gangster contingent in the city?

Is it Oliver, manager of the Jazz Club who has some shady dealings in the speakeasy business? What about Sam Slick, a gangster who has "misplaced" his gun? Or perhaps one of the flappers, Sissy Cecelia, Tink, Opal, Janie or Molly, held a grudge against poor Mr. Majestic! Detective Bond and Kit Carter get to the bottom of the mystery and discover the true identity of the murderer, to the surprise of all involved!

The play is an original script written by Lauren Zweygardt and other members of the advanced

music class.

"The script is as refreshing and entertaining as any that are available through the professional publishing houses," said Debbie Fiala, director.

Throughout the meal, dinner guests will be entertained with a variety of 1920s music performed by the high school band, vocal and advanced music classes.

Tickets for the dinner/musical are available at Bankwest and First National Bank. There will not be tickets available at the door.



VOLUNTEERS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE of the warm weather to get the cement on the approaches. In another week, the roof will go on. City Council At the Oct. 2 meeting, the St. Francis City Council was told that the roof on the emergency building would be put on the weekend of Oct. 13 and 14.

Emergency building work continues with approaches

By Margaret Bucholtz

At the Oct. 2 meeting, the St. Francis City Council was told that the roof on the emergency building would be put on the weekend of Oct. 13 and 14.

The Kan-Step Committee reported that this was the tentative plans. The original date was set for the weekend of the Oct. 6 and 7, but due to the wind, it was pushed back for a week.

About half of the cement for the approaches has been poured and the material for the heated approaches put into place. If the weather holds, then they will continue with the last half of the approach work.

Plans for the first bay and liner

will be put up before Oct. 8. Then, as the roof goes on, volunteers can start putting up the walls.

The land belonging to Sam Crabtree east of the city council building was voted to be purchased for \$500. A deed will be filed on the land purchase in the near future.

The Special Traffic Enforcement Program was approved and signed. The agreement states that the St. Francis Police department will send traffic statistics to the department of transportation during specific time periods. The Memorial Day campaign theme is "Click it or Ticket," the seat belt campaign and the Labor Day campaign theme is "Over

the Limit," Driving Under the Influence (DUI) campaign. This will be for both 2007 and 2008.

In return for the participation, the department will receive \$500 for law enforcement equipment.

Tires were purchased for the 2003 Ford expedition from St. Francis Tire. This was the first time tires had been replaced and they were replaced with 10-ply tires.

The brakes on the 2003 Ford Crown Victoria had also been replaced as they were badly worn.

Interim chief police, Sarah Clogston reported that she had attended a domestic violence luncheon at the clinic. The pro

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Fair dates set for Aug. 6-9

By Lezlie McCormick

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The Cheyenne County Fair Board set the 2008 fair dates as Aug. 6-9 which will also be the same weekend as Goodland's. At the Thursday meeting, the board discussed dates prior and after the proposed date but there were so many conflicts that they decided to leave it as it had been for the last few years.

The board was asked to come up with the parade theme for those wanting to get an early start on their floats. The theme will be "Another Day In Paradise".

Election of officers

Members voted Dick Bursch to be the president again this year. Nick Ketzner is the new vice president, Gary Cooper is the secretary and Lacy Reed, treasurer.

Extension office

Joe Leibbrandt, Extension agent, introduce himself to the board.

"It is nice to be back home and in

the county," said Mr. Leibbrandt.

Mr. Leibbrandt told the board how proud he was to have the quality of displays at the county fair. He also praised the good superintendents who made his job a lot easier and how much he enjoyed working with them all.

Fairgrounds road

Dave Flemming was present after being asked by Mr. Cooper about what options there were for repairing and maintaining the road leading to the fair building. There is about 1,100 feet of road.

Mr. Flemming brought four different options he had researched. The first would be concerning grants or tax credits if the board would have to have a contractor come in and it would cost approximately \$22,000.

The second option would be for the county to purchase, haul and lay hot-mix asphalt at \$50 a ton, costing \$15,000.

The third option would be the county purchase asphalt millings from the state and, in the spring, use Reclamite, a substance which breaks down the asphalt pieces, would need to be added. The cost for Reclamite is \$3,000.

The most economic would be to get the asphalt waste at no cost from the city at the recycling center and add the Reclamite at \$3,000 plus there would be a chip seal costing \$2,800.

The road would then need sealer every four to five years.

With only about \$2,000 in the bank, the board is limited on what they can do.

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Flemming had talked to commissioner Andy Beikman. It was their understanding that the fairground road would be on the agenda for the commissioner to see if they could help with some of the expense. Mr. Bursch said he

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Sainty man pleads guilty

By Sharon Corcoran

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A St. Francis man arrested for stealing tractors in three counties has pleaded guilty to theft in Sherman and Cheyenne counties and paid half of the total \$48,899 restitution ordered by the court, but has no agreement in Wallace County.

Teegan J. Callicrate took a plea bargain and entered guilty pleas for felony theft Monday, Sept. 17, in the Sherman County District Court, court files say. There, he was sentenced to 12 months of supervised probation with an underlying prison term of six months. If he messes up just once during the year, he could be sent to jail for the entire six months, but the three sentences run at the same time.

That sentence will run at the same time as an eight-month sentence for the Cheyenne County case.

Callicrate and John Stephens of St. Francis were arrested on burglary and felony theft charges April

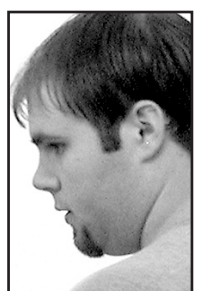
9 in Sherman County.

The complaint in Stephens' court file says they stole a 1976 4630 John Deere tractor owned by Brent Cook of Edson sometime between Nov. 1 and March 19.

In Cheyenne County, they were charged with taking a 1984 Allis Chalmers 8070 tractor valued at \$20,000; a 1963 930 Case propane tractor, \$5,000; and a GMC truck, \$3,000; a total of \$28,000, all belonging to Sam Goodale of St. Francis.

In Wallace County, the men were charged with theft of a 1973 International 1066 tractor owned by Orie Ritter of Sharon Springs.

The restitution includes joint liability with other defendants, said Cheyenne County Attorney Justin Barrett. Both parties are equally responsible, said Deb Farland, court services officer; Callicrate did pay



Callicrate

his half, but if Stephens doesn't pay, the other defendant could be responsible for it all. Their probation could be extended until everything is paid.

Besides restitution, Callicrate has been ordered to pay \$163 court costs each in Sherman and Cheyenne counties, \$53 probation fee and \$100 for a DNA test by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation lab.

Callicrate has not entered a plea in the Wallace County case.

Stephens entered guilty pleas in all three cases in May and was sentenced to pay \$19,099 restitution to the Edson victim, \$163 court costs and \$50 probation fees. In Wallace, he will have to pay restitution of \$6,500 for the tractor taken there plus court costs and attorney fees. In Cheyenne County, he will have to pay \$29,800.

TRAIL RIDE

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The ride is planned each year on the second weekend in October. It is generally a little cooler and trees are turning colors.

This year's ride is being dedicated to Gary Grice, who was killed in an accident two weeks after last year's ride.

"Gary loved horses and was a participant on the rides," Mr. Cooper said. "Two different years, the Grice and Douthit families hosted the ride along the river bottom southwest of St. Francis.

"They always had the area mowed and hay bales to sit on."

Last year, the trail ride held north-east of St. Francis, had fewer people but Mr. Cooper said that was probably because of the cool, damp weather and the price of gas. He is hoping for more people, possibly anywhere from 90 to 124 riders, this year.

To reach the starting destination from St. Francis, turn north on Benton Street off U.S. 36 and travel 3 miles (to transformers), around the curve northeast, then north 7.2 miles to Road H (approximately 10 miles. Turn east for 1/2 mile, then turn left and follow the lane to the parking area.

From Benkelman, go 13 miles west on U.S. 34 to Road 15 (Mills Hereford Ranch sign), then south 7.8 miles to Road Y, turn east and go 1/2 mile, then turn left and follow the land to the parking area.

From Haigler, go 8 miles east on U.S. 34 to Road 15 (Mills Hereford Ranch sign), then south approximately 7.8 miles to Road Y, turn east and go

Ride helps children

A saddle up event benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held Sunday in conjunction with the annual Trail Ride. The volunteer coordinator for the event is Sharon Olofson.

"By participating in or attending the event, you will help raise funds for children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS and Sickle Cell Anemia," she said. "These funds will help St. Jude in its ongoing fight against childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

Those interested in making a contribution, either at the trail ride or those staying at home, can contact Mrs. Olofson at 784-332-2248.

1/2 mile then turn left and follow the lane to the parking area.

Signs will be posted at various points.

During the ride, the members of the Cheyenne County Historical Society will provide refreshments. Afterward, the 4-H Horse Club will be serving a barbecue with the meat being prepared by Doug Ross.

For more information, contact Mr. Cooper, 785-332-2904; Mrs. Olofson, 785-332-2248, Gail Yonkey, 785-332-2488; or Joe Hoffman, 785-332-2154.



FLAG FOOTBALL IS A FUN FALL SPORT for the younger set. Pictured in action on Saturday were (l to r) Phillip White,

Mason Schiltz and Garrett Brunk.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

FAIR

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felt some of the members should be present at the meeting to answer any questions the commissioners may have.

Mr. Cooper said the fair building is a main building where community functions are held and it would be nice to have a decent entrance road.

Ice cream stand

Mr. Bursch had been approached by a member of the Christian Church about building an ice cream stand. The group would like to put a permanent building beside the Methodist Church Funnell Cake stand.

The board did not have a problem with them putting in up a building, however the group would have to bring in plans before any construction started. The board also said that

the expenses of getting electricity to the building would be the church's responsibility.

Office building

Mr. Cooper and Clay Zimbelman, member, have found a 10- by 16-foot building that needs some repairs but could be used as an office building at the fairgrounds.

During the team penning at the fair there were no qualifying runs and those involved donated the money back to the board if it could be used for an office building. The building found had the roof blown off. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Zimbelman felt the building could be repaired and paneled with the money ear tagged for the office. The board voted to get the building for now and work on it later.

Sewer

The drainage problem in the hog barn and livestock wash rack was discussed. John Finley had talked to Willard Busby and said there is a drain pipe that is suppose to drain west of the horse barn. The members will check and see if it is plugged or

has collapsed before they decide what needs to be done.

In other business

In other business: • Dick Bursch said that after the last group rented the fair building, all breakers were shut off including electricity to run the refrigerator. Now, the refrigerator needs cleaned out.

The members discussed what needed to be done so this did not happen again. The breakers are marked as to which ones need to be turned off and those renting the building should not shut off the breakers that need to stay on.

• The lock box for collecting donations for the fair needs to be built. It will be placed at the fairgrounds for donations to be put in.

• The ventilators on top of the livestock barn need to be greased and repaired.

Next meeting

The next fair board meeting has been set for 8 p.m. on Nov. 1 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

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program was provided by Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services and the Cheyenne County Health Department. They are offering a continuing education training hours for the police department and she would like to involve the emergency medical service and any other entities that would be interested. There will be no charge for the training.

The council discussed that the city police officers are staying in the 5-mile halo patrol area unless dispatched to an emergency out of the area.

Dave Yost was not present at the meeting to talk about the house which sits on city land. Federal Aviation Administration officials say this house is a hazard to the airport approach. The house will have to be moved. The matter was tabled until the next meeting when Mr. Yost can be present.

A building permit was approved for Pete Jensen to build a small garden shed. There were no other building permits presented.

Derrick Tice has asked for a zoning variance for a seed warehouse on North Scott Street. Truck traffic will be restricted to Scott and Benton streets and only twice a year at the busy times. This variance will not be able to be sold with the property in the future. The building will be on commercial electricity.

Superintendent J. R. Landenberger stated that on Oct. 8 and 9 Municipal Supply will do water stops on Fourth and Adams and Emerson and Adams streets.

On Oct. 17 a company will be in town to see if the city's computer software will be compatible to use the remote software to read meters.

Mr. Landenberger is in the process of getting quotes for the deck on the pool. The deck has an air space under it.

Greg Kite, president of the Historic Preservation Alliance, Wichita, had written a letter asking that the council consider waiting to put in park benches. The city had applied that the park be put on the National Historical Registrar. The family of Bob and Joyce Wiley wanted to do-

nate benches for the park. If benches are put in the park, they would have to be the rock style like the original park benches. The matter was tabled until more information is known.

The Theater Committee reported that all movies in eight to 10 years will be digitized. To save money on these movies Natalie Knodel, council member, said they could join a group of small theaters call the Cinema Buying Group (CBG) for a one time cost of \$250. This group will help the small theaters to obtain the equipment that will be needed for \$6,000 to \$8,000.

It was also stated that the cost of the movies has been raised. They now have just two prices- \$5 for 12 and older; and \$3 for children.

The budget billing was discussed at the October meeting. There were only 15 people who had showed an interest. It was decided that the council will continue to study this proposal until next year at this time.

An executive session was called to discuss personnel. No decisions were made.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 a.m. (not in the evening) on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the city office.

TOWER

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refused to sign as this would be competition to Mr. Bandel. "The truth is the man never even talked to me," he said.

Mr. Bandel said that he, too, was concerned about the property value and he was also concerned that the council would have even considered the location.

"With all of the bluffs outside of town that a tower could sit on, there is no need to put one in the city limits. No one wants a city full of towers with blinking lights for everyone who is driving into town," he said. "I think the city needs to be pro active and set stance to regulate and control these types of situations."

"I like competition," Mr. Bandel said. "Because of it, Alltel put up repeaters to help the quality of the Alltel phones I sell."

He also said that, for just information purposes, each telephone has its own built-in signal. Alltel and Nextech work together and if they are on roaming they share the towers so that roaming is free. There are already three carriers in town, Alltel, Nextech and Unicell. Unicell does not work with the other two phone towers. This tower would not help Nextech and Alltel phones as they will reject this tower's system.

Diane Hockenberry was the third to speak up and just wanted to ask the council if they had thought of the health issues that come with a tower such as this. Cell towers put out radiation and it has been proven anyone who lives within 2.5 miles of a tower is prone to have cancer. She encouraged the council to think of the children who sit in the classroom for eight hours a day and what might be happening to them.

Helene Landenberger asked, "Is the council in favor of this tower being put up? The council said they had just been approached and no motions had been made, nor had any application been submitted to them.

City attorney Mike Day said that there are several ways to do these types of things. The first thing, he said, is that they ask for at least 80 percent of people living within the variances to sign. A variance is the square block that something would set on and then the block across the street.

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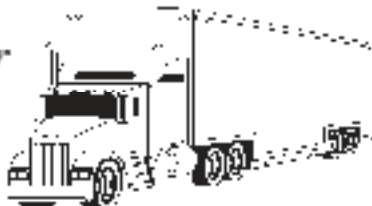
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