



# PROBLEMS

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law enforcement and, at that time, the St. Francis Police Department did not have a police chief.

"I was not allowed to leave a blank space," she said.

Mr. Beikman said he had no problem including the St. Francis Police Department on the 911 board and went so far as to propose the entities to be included: county police officer, city St. Francis police officer, Bird City police officer, representatives from both the St. Francis and Bird City city council and fire departments, St. Francis Chief of Police, sheriff, Gary Rogers, emergency manager;

Justin Barrett, county attorney; and Carol Gamblin, dispatch technician.

This board would set rules and regulations and work out problems.

Mayor Schultz said that he would like to see the departments pull together.

**Dispatching**

The discussion then turned to deputizing and the city police not getting 911 calls.

"Correct me if I am wrong. There has been no dispatch from the county to the city police department?" asked Carla Lampe, council woman.

This appeared to be the consensus of the council, police and city attorney. They felt like they had been "locked out," and didn't have a clue as to what was going on. This was another reason they felt like they should have a representative on the 911 board.

At the end of the commissioners' meeting, Craig Van Allen, sheriff, and Jim Rarick, dispatcher, were back. Mr. Rarick had a sheet of statistics regarding dispatch calls that had been made to the city of St. Francis Police Department from Feb. 1 through 14. The unapproved commissioners' minutes stated that there were 35 legitimate calls (meaning no location or on/off duty calls) during that time frame.

Deborah Farlan, St. Francis Chief of Police, said this information was not presented to her but was presented to the commissioners at the end of the meeting, after the council and others had left.

"I'd like to see it," she said.

**Deputizing**

Deputizing officers was another issue. The city police said they are willing to work with the sheriff if there is a problem but they said the sheriff was not willing to deputize the officers.

Sheriff Van Allen reported later that he is responsible for the actions of any person he deputizes and was hesitant to deputize anyone he didn't know. However, he said if he gives verbal permission, the city police can patrol outside the city limits. He went on to say that the city police are patrolling the cemetery, Yost Farm Supply and Riverside Recreation.

"If I give written permission (to deputize), I am held liable for the person's actions," Sheriff Van Allen said.

As far as coming onto the scene of a crime, the officer can detain the suspect until a sheriff officer arrives. The sheriff can also ask that the officers help in an emergency situation and they are automatically deputized.

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The Goodland Elks Lodge again sponsored an essay contest. There were a total of 150 essays written on "What Is An American." Students from Weskan, Cheylin, St. Francis and Goodland entered the contest. Ross Nicklos and Jenna Hill, both students in the St. Francis Junior High School, were earned recognition in Division II for seventh and eighth graders. They will receive a \$50 savings bond to be presented at an awards assembly in May.

**What Is An American?**  
*By Ross Nicklos  
Eighth Grade*



Nicklos



Hill

Freedom. Honor. Respect. Liberty. Patriotism. Unalienable rights. All of these words or phrases represent the United States in some way shape or form. If you are an American, you have heard these words or phrases many times.

Have you ever thought about what it means to be an American? Many things represent our great country. One of those things is liberty. In this next quote you will see what I mean. Our founding fathers even believed that liberty is a great thing. Our founding fathers once said, "We hold certain truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

In my mind, patriotism is another one of the things that represent the American people. Patriotism is respecting and honoring your country. This word comes from the word Patriot. Patriots were the soldiers (kind of) who fought for our independence 225 years ago. The Patriots fought the British so that not only themselves, but us,

over 200 years later, could have a better life.

Since September 11, 2001, patriotism is stronger than ever. Some people criticize the War on Terror, but I believe it is necessary that we, as Americans, fight back. If we do not, they will keep attacking us for generations to come. The War on Terror must also be fought to show that we do not back down. We stand proud and make sure that our freedom is secure.

All in all, a true American, in my opinion, is a supporter of liberty and they are patriotic. They have respect for America. I think they also believe that every person on this earth has certain rights that cannot be taken away. An American can be from any civilization and is always trying to earn themselves a better life.

This is what I believe an American is. What do you think?

**What Is An American?**  
*By Jenna Hill  
Eighth Grade*

What is an American? In the dictionary the definition of an American is a native or an inhabitant of a North American, Central American, or South American country. The definition of an American has changed majorly since our ancestors arrived many years ago. Some people are patriots and some aren't. In the rest of this essay I will show what

Americans should be, or what they shouldn't be.

The word American has many different meanings to many different people. This is a little about maybe what we can be to make America a better place. A is for achieving; to achieve something you need to do the right thing. By doing that people make smart choices, set goals, and achieve them.

M if for mutual respect. Americans need to be generous and confident. If you are confident, you will get farther in life than others will. Americans need to have respect. If people respect a person, they will respect them back. Treat others how you want to be treated.

E is for earnest. An American needs to believe in him/her self. When you have an opinion, you need to believe in it. You need to be sure it is the right thing to do though. You don't need to second guess yourself.

R is for responsible. A person needs to be trustworthy. If people are trustworthy less people will get hurt. Americans shouldn't lie. If you say one lie, you are more likely to say another one to cover up the first one and so on. People get hurt and brought down with lies. Another thing is to do what you are told. If you do that people respect you, and are more likely to do something for you in return. People can help a lot of other people just by doing things for them.

I is for inadequate. Americans don't want to be that. In some people, that is a fear. You just don't do anything you want to and disappoint people. It is better to not be inadequate.

C is for courtesy. Courtesy is treating people the correct way. Like I said before, if you treat people with respect, they will do the same to you.

A is for appreciative. Appreciative means you need to be thankful for everything and everyone around you. People should show their appreciation more because it makes people feel better. Showing appreciation shows that you care and have feelings.

N is for noble. Being noble means being a leader and not a follower. Followers are just people who are almost scared to be themselves. It is kind of tough being a leader because you set examples for other people. Having that thought you need to make smart choices.

In conclusion, after reading this I hope people have another perspective on what an American is or should be. Whatever it is, it will make a difference in your life as an American.

# EXPANDS

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of activity as dump trucks were loaded with old equipment, parts bins and dirt. The dirt was hauled out of the basement, which had been almost completely sealed up. Because there was little air circulation, many of the floor joists were rotting, causing the 3-inch cement floor to sag. Mr. Ross made steel poles which are being put in place in the basement.

At the present time, there isn't a door big enough to move the equipment in. At one time, there was an overhead door and the headers are in place so a door will be cut. The two smaller buildings to the west will be utilized but a 50- by 60-foot building will also be constructed to the west.

The front of the building will be used for office space. Mr. Ross will have his office plus an area behind it for research and development and Mrs. Ross will have an office. Kristy Guthmiller, who is the general manager plus runs Sunshine Travel, will have an office in the middle and John Guthmiller, production manager, will have a fourth office with his equipment and work area behind. There will also be a display room and a meeting room. The rest of the buildings will be utilized as the machine shop where the Callicrate Banders are made and assembled. The business produces the banders for Mike Callicrate and they are shipped throughout the nation and

world.

Mr. Guthmiller will continue the custom design business, plus he is turning out hundreds of small sheds to cover meter equipment for Nobel Energy.

The loops for the banders will continue to be made in the building on Jackson Street. The building across the street will be the new home for a windmill/well repair business. There will be more information on this business later but, Mr. Ross said he felt that it would work well with their fiberglass water tank and solar-powered motors for windmills.

Mr. Ross said he doesn't expect to be in the building for a couple of months.

Presently, Ross Manufacturing employees around 45 people. With the expansion, he plans to employee more.

**History of the building**

The new Ross Manufacturing building has some history but, the Rosses are unsure just how old it is.

The last business was Cheyenne Pharmacy which was owned by Joe and Shelly Nasuiti. Before the pharmacy, it had been Super Foods for around 35 years, having originally been put in by Marlin Lillich, then purchased by Tony and Tammy Howard.

Prior to the grocery store, it had been the home of Zimbelman Chevrolet/Oldsmobile. Bob Zimbelman owned the business in that location for 10 years before he relocated the business to U.S. 36. John Hancock owned the building and had a car dealership before Zimbelmans.

**In the end**

Mr. Beikman said he would personally contact people to serve on the 911 Committee. In the meantime, county attorney, Justin Barrett, will lay out some directions for the committee and immediately send out a memo to the city council and commissioners.

The matter will obviously be ongoing until these issues can be worked out and problems resolved.

# Beecher Island

**By Bessie Dent**

There were 61 at Sunday school. Mrs. Jake Stroh gave her birthday offering.

Jerri Rose and Sylvia Madsen attended the funeral of Linda Weinke, mother of Sandy Madsen, in Stoneham Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways attended the funeral of George Lassen Thursday in Yuma.

Jean Brenner and Violet Knapp had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield in Idalia Sunday.

Geneva North and Violet Brown enjoyed lunch Monday at the Sandhiller.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Cutforth spent Thursday and Friday in Wray. They exchanged lunches with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver and playing lots of cards.

Monte and Gary Mansfield were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield.

MerryLu Simmons spent Friday with Laura Pearl Wall.

Caleb Wingfield was a Friday evening and Saturday visitor and James McDaniel was a Friday night and Saturday visitor at the Jeff Hurlburt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen spent Wednesday until Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and family in Colorado Springs.



# MONEY

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to fund community projects. The group is revitalized and meeting regularly, and new board members have been elected.

An additional goal of the organizations is wealth retention in the community.

It is desirable that money created in this county be provided with a mechanism to remain here to provide future residents with a better standard of living. The board also hopes to work with other community foundations including the Century II Foundation in Bird City.

Board members besides Mr. Grace include Erika Zimbelman, Carl Werner, Bruce Swihart, Carl Lampe, Tom Keller, Susan Hobrock, Mike Day and Dara Carmichael.

# MUSIC

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Northrup, Trista Orth, Stephanie Perry, Chauntell Peter, Christina Schoenrogge, Taylor Archibald, Laura Brunk, Jandy Dunn, Nariah Hamilton, Krissy Harris, Katie Lambert, Chloe Miller, Clarice Neitzel, Allyson Northrup, Sarah Whitmore).

Receiving II ratings were Tilyn Bell, Alexia Curtin, Ashlynn Lambert, Christina Schoenrogge, Taylor Archibald, Casey Keller and Chloe Miller, vocal solos; Ashlynn Lambert and Katie Lambert, piano solos; flute ensemble (Stephanie Perry, Lexi Hilt, Taylor Archibald, Sarah Whitmore, Allison Grice); clarinet trio (Tilyn Bell, Ashlynn Lambert, Jandy Dunn); saxophone

quartet (Trista Orth, Laura Brunk, Casey Keller, Nariah Hamilton); percussion ensemble 2 (Christina Schoenrogge, Katie Lambert, Lucas Carmichael, Dillion Straub, Foster Grant, Brook Zwegardt); seventh grade trumpet ensemble (Chloe Miller, Aubrey Mills, Krissy Harris, Mercedes Ritchey); seventh grade vocal ensemble 1 (Taylor Archibald, Laura Brunk, Katie Lambert); eighth vocal ensemble 1 (Tilyn Bell, Lexi Hilt, Ashlynn Lambert, Trista Orth); and eighth vocal ensemble 2 (Hayley Brown, Tiana Hunter, Caitlin Northrup, Chauntell Peter).

All students were accompanied and directed by Debbie Fiala, band and vocal instructor.

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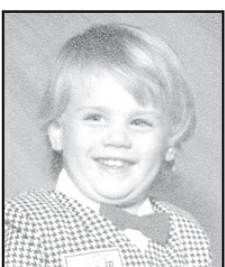
**David Guthmiller**  
7 lbs. 14 3/4 ozs.  
189 lbs.



**Justin Sherlock**  
8 lbs. 2 ozs.  
152 lbs.



**Jesse Pacheco**  
9 lbs. 8 ozs.  
145 lbs.



**Gavin Smull**  
7 lbs. 12 ozs.  
135 lbs.



**Darris Keller**  
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**Cody Sherlock**  
8 lbs. 6 ozs.  
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