

Council talks about problems

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The St. Francis City Council met with the Cheyenne County Commissioners Friday morning in an effort to solve communication problems between the city law officers, sheriff's officers and the 911 dispatchers. At the end of the discussion, a 911 Dispatch Committee was proposed. However, before it is official, there needs to be a resolution plus, each member of the committee must undergo and pass a FBI background check.

Scott Schultz, St. Francis mayor, opened the discussion by telling the commissioners that the city council was concerned about the lack of communication between departments and officers. He said that when the county took over the Enhanced 911 system, the council had understood they

would be a part of it by having a representative on the 911 board.

In an earlier article, *The Saint Francis Herald* had listed the board to be Craig Van Allen, sheriff; Cody Beeson, under sheriff; deputy Michael Blehm, sheriff department; deputy Jon Lanz, sheriff department; Justin Barrett, county attorney; George Harper, fire chief, St. Francis; Dave Hickert, fire chief, Bird City; Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director; and Gary Rogers, county emergency manager.

Andy Beikman, commissioner, said he was not sure who had set up the board.

Carol Gamblin, 911 communications technician, had earlier told a *Herald* writer that the state needed a list of people to serve, it had to have 51 percent

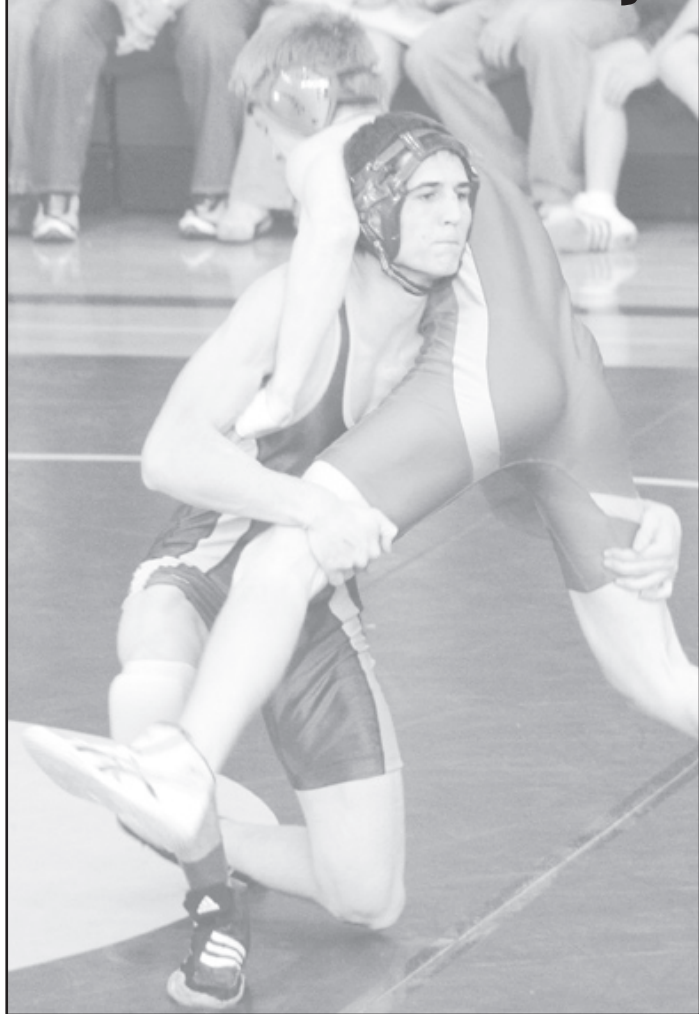
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LOGAN WHITMORE played his trumpet solo, 'El Verano,' so well, that he was a medal winner at the Northwest Kansas

League Junior High Music Festival held in Colby on Feb. 13. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

State starts Friday



SAINTY WRESTLERS head for State in Hays on Friday. Justin Sherlock, working on a takedown, was a first place winner in Regionals. Look for full details on Page 12.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Junior high music students bring in honors

Forty-three students represented St. Francis at the Northwest Kansas League Junior High Music Festival held in Colby on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

"I was proud of all the students," Mrs. Fiala said. "They worked hard to prepare for the festival and performed well."

"There is a lot of musical talent in this group of students." Two St. Francis students were among the top five performances of the festival, earning Advanced Performance medals.

Logan Whitmore earned his Advanced Performance medal on a trumpet solo entitled El Verano and Stephanie Perry earned her medal on her vocal solo, Danny Boy. Rawlins County earned one of the other Advanced Performance medals and Oberlin earned the other two medals awarded at the festival.

Earning I ratings were Sarah Whitmore on her flute solo and piano solo; Nariah Hamilton on her vocal solo and alto clarinet solo; Stephanie Perry on her flute solo; Logan Whitmore on his piano solo; the eighth grade brass quarter (Logan Whitmore, Kaitlin Figgins, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Ross Nicklos); percussion ensemble 1 (Isaac Schiltz, Ty Zwegardt, Brock Zwegardt, Sam Reed, Zach Gienger); seventh grade vocal trio (Krissy Harris, Chloe Miller, Sarah Whitmore); boys vocal ensemble (Logan Whitmore, Nate Clark, Dalton Davenport, Foster Grant, Casey Keller, Joey McCormick, Tony Meyer, Dylan Peter); and the girls vocal class ensemble (Tilyn Bell, Hayley Brown, Alexia Curtin, Allison Grice, Jenna Hill, Lexi Hilt, Tiana Hunter, Ashlynn Lambert, Caitlin

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STEPHANIE PERRY earned a medal on her vocal solo. She was accompanied by music instructor, Debbie Fiala.

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Manufacturing business expands

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Gordon and Carol Ross have purchased the old Cheyenne Pharmacy building at 301 W. Washington, St. Francis. Several businesses have purchased shelving and equipment out of the building but, it had set empty for 4 years.

The building will become the home of Ross Manufacturing's main office and machine shop as well as Sunshine Travel. The machine shop has been located on West U.S. 36 but there was not enough power to run the equipment.

"I need three-phase power and the building was wired for it to run the freezers and coolers," Mr. Ross said.

"It is an old but structurally, well-made building."

There will be considerable remodeling done in and outside the building and when it is complete, there will be around 9,000 square feet. For the past two weeks, there has been a lot

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MEASURING ROOM PLACEMENT is only one of the many changes in the new-old building purchased by Ross Manufacturing. Gordon Ross and Carol Ross are at either end of the tape measure while Kristy Guthmiller checks the numbers.

Congressman is in town today

Congressman Jerry Moran will be at Main St. Coffee, 216 W. Washington, from 10:30 to 11:30 on Thursday. People wanting to know what the congressman has been doing, if they have questions or even complaints, they need to come to the coffee shop on Thursday.

During his annual Big First Listening Tour, he will be visiting communities in each of the 69 counties in the First congressional District. During the tour, the congressman will travel more than 5,000 miles to visit with area residents and learn about issues important to Kansans.

Organization gives money to groups

The St. Francis New Generation Fund and Community Foundation have recently made donations to four local groups: \$1,500 was distributed to the senior center, the Historical Society, the fair board, and the Prairie Land Food.

The \$1,500 represented the interest accumulated by the endowment fund.

"The bylaws dictate that none of the capital from this fund is ever spent, but the interest is donated

annually for the betterment of St. Francis," said Robert Grace, board member.

While the New Generation Fund has existed for 20 years, there is a new addition: The Community Foundation, which was created to help fund local projects by utilizing the group's federal income tax donation status as a 501(c)3, and by using board expertise to apply for grants

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