



**TWOMEMBERS** of the St. Francis Webelos took a tour of *The Herald* office to see what goes into making a newspaper. Casey McCormick (left) shows Connor McBride and Trayton Doyle how computers are used to make pages.

*Herald staff photo by Lezie McCormick*

# City recognizes area people for their civic contributions

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Through "Spotlighting the Positive," the St. Francis City Council, at the Oct. 7 meeting, recognized several people for their help in the community.

Representing the Cheyenne County Amusement Authority were Kenny and DeEtta Knorr, Greg and Susie Walz, Bill and Connie Wilger and Bill Erhman. Mayor Scott Schultz commended the group for all of the hours of work they put in to make the home-owned carnival a success.

A second recognition was given to Greg Kite for the work he has done for the community on Sawhill Park and the band shell. Mr. Kite was not able to be at the meeting, but the council wanted him to know how much they appreciated what he has done for his hometown.

### City curbs

Miller and Associates had been to St. Francis to look at the curbs on the north side of Washington Street.

They said that instead of just repairing the spots that are broken, the city needed to repair the entire block to keep it from being a problem later on. Superintendent JR Landenberger felt that it was too late this year to start that big of a project. The city crew will put a small barrier in front of the bad spots to keep the cars from hitting the curb and start the needed repairs next spring.

### Superintendent's report

The city had been approached by a local truck driver to see if they had some property near the highway that they would sell. He would like a spot to park his truck and not have to drive it through town during the winter. Also the city has an ordinance about truck parking within the city.

Billy Perkins would like to buy the asphalt that the city cannot use because of the size. He will haul it himself. The city felt that \$5 a ton would be a fair price to ask.

- The city is looking at bucket trucks and there will be some sold in St. Joseph, Mo., in October.
- The swimming pool is painted except for the gutters.
- Building permits: Melvin Confer - fence; Tyler Howard - driveway; Ben Killingsworth - garage.

### 911 meeting

Natalie Knodel, council member and the city's 911 representative, reported there had been a 911 meeting but there were not enough people to have a quorum.

**St. Francis Emergency Building**  
The cement floor at the emergency building was discussed. The flaking, in a small area, will be patched. Councilman Roger Jensen also talked to the council about putting a finish on the floor. He had been to the St. Francis

Airport and really liked the finish on that floor. This would be easy to keep clean and also, when the fire trucks and ambulance come in during the winter, the salt from the roads would not destroy the cement. The cost would be around \$5,000. The council approved doing this to help keep the floor in good shape.

### City attorney report

City attorney Mike Day reported that the Zuege family had returned their papers that the firemen could burn the house some Saturday morning in October.

Mr. Day is drawing up the agreement to have the county sign for the emergency building and working on the easement with Kody Krien and Kyle Schultz.

Attorney Day reported that there is progress on the property cleanup. Superintendent Landenberger agreed and said he was happy with the progress that has been made.

"We still have a long way to go but it is looking better," he said.

### Next meeting

The next city council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct 21, in the city hall.



# Proposed gym discussed

**By Karen Krien**

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With the general election quickly approaching, the St. Francis Board of Education talked about what had been done to tell the public about the bond levy for the new high school gym. The board is seeking to raise a \$250,000 bond levy and the question will be on the ballot.

Superintendent Rob Schiltz reported on the progress that has been made in informing the public about the proposed project. He said the Community Builders Group had arranged a public information forum to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, in the St. Francis high school auditorium. He said that the group was concerned that voters will be able to obtain as much knowledge as possible before going to the polls on Nov. 4.

The administration and board talked about how to make the new gym more energy efficient. They discussed everything from sky lights; to tankless water heaters; to wind energy which might be installed with the help of grants.

Earlier, Mr. Schiltz had completed a study and estimated that the costs for utilities would be \$25,000 a year. This was the high end but, with the rising costs of utilities, he wanted to make sure the \$25,000 would cover those costs.

### Health insurance

Considerable time was spent discussing the additional amount of insurance premiums to be paid for the staff. This matter had been

carried over from the last meeting, giving the board more time to think about it.

The school has Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance and the cost of premiums had gone up around 20 percent.

The board agreed that it was important to help the staff with the insurance costs and it helped to retain those employees already in the group. The school, to be in the group plan, must retain a certain percent of the employees. The effort made by the board also helps attract new employees.

The board agreed to pay an additional \$30 per month (a total of \$235) on each single plan and \$50 per month (a total of \$470) on each plan other than a single. The school payment is estimated at \$104,340 for 2008-2009 plan-year. The amount will be paid from the school's General Fund and the Contingency Reserve Fund.

The board also agreed to wait until near the end of school to determine if they can give a salary adjustment for all employees.

### Resignation/contract

A letter had arrived from Daryl Loyd resigning as the assistant high school wrestling coach. He said the decision had been difficult but, with both of his children involved in college activities, he didn't feel that he could fully devote the time needed. The resignation was accepted.

The board and administration discussed whether or not it was necessary to fill the position as there are two wrestling coaches. It was the consensus, at this time,

not to fill the position.

The board signed an amended contract for Susan Dinkel to be the assistant high school girls' basketball coach. Mr. Schiltz said Mrs. Dinkel was skilled in basketball and recommended that the board sign the contract.

### Other business

In other business:  
• The board accepted a gift of 168 green and yellow cafeteria serving trays from the St. Francis Alumni Association. The trays are valued at \$819.

• The official enrollment was taken on Sept. 22. The official full-time enrollment is 297.5, a decrease of 10 students from last year. The actual head count is 307, down from 319 last year.

• Two thank-you letters were received. One from Yost Ford, expressing appreciation of the school's business, and one from Plum Creek 4-H Club. The club also sent a plate of cookies and snacks, expressing appreciation for the school's continued support throughout the years.

• The board accepted the school's bullying plan which had been completed by the Bullying Committee.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, in the library at the junior-senior high school.

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