



ST. FRANCIS THIRD GRADERS entertained for the Kansas Day celebration held in Bird City on Thursday. Pictured are: (1 to r) Jylian Laten, Reagan Beims, Mandy Cooks, Emily Dinkel Hanna Bracelin, Tia Penn, Madison Tice, Matthisen Witzel and Kenny Leibbrandt, Jake Faulkender and Mallery Mills
Herald staff photo by Linda Schneider

Commissioners vote for alcohol on fairgrounds

Resolution will contain specific rules, regulations

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At the Jan. 12 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting, the matter of allowing the sale of alcohol at the fairgrounds

was discussed. At the Friday meeting of the commissioners, the county attorney had researched the matter and had information. When the discussion ended, the commissioners agreed to pass a resolution allowing liquor to be sold in a specific building with the person renting the building being in charge of obtaining a license.

Attorney Kari Gilliland said that there are statutes which prohibits the sale of alcohol but Cheyenne County, several years ago, voted to approve the sale of liquor by the drink. She said she had people contacting her both for and against the sale of liquor at the fairgrounds.

To allow the sale of liquor at the fairgrounds, she said it would be necessary for the commissioners to adopt a resolution.

Dale Patton, commissioner, suggested having a public hearing or putting it on

a ballot for a vote. Mrs. Gilliland said it was not something to vote on — that it had been voted on when they approved to sell liquor by the drink.

She said if there is going to be an event where liquor will be sold or consumed, the entity will be required by the state to get a cereal malt beverage license. The county would not be liable.

Andy Beikman, commissioner, asked if the resolution would cover all events.

Mrs. Gilliland said, no, the commissioners could specify exactly what would be covered.

Mrs. Gilliland said that her feeling was that by allowing alcohol, it gave youth who are at the event, the perception that alcohol was OK. She recognized it was a tough call and each commissioner would have to do what they thought the people who voted for them wanted.

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Singing valentines available

Students in the St. Francis Community High School music department are once again making preparations to deliver "Singing Valentine Telegrams." Most deliveries this year will be made on Friday, Feb. 13, as Valentine's Day falls on a weekend.

The singing Valentine consists of a helium-filled balloon with a small bag of candy and a love song.

Despite rising costs of candy and supplies, said Debbie Fiala, instructor, the price of a singing Valentine is the same as it was when this project began about nine years ago. Students are also offering the option of an additional gift (a small plush Valentine animal, larger bag of candy, etc.) for a few extra dollars.

Proceeds from the project will be used by the music department students to attend a dinner-theater production in the Denver area later this year.

Order forms for singing Valentines are available in posters at the high school office, the post office bulletin board, St. Francis Supers, Hilltop and K-Store. School vocal, band and advanced music students can also take orders and answer questions about the project.

See the advertisement in this issue for more information.



WILL YOU MARRY ME??? Trevor Reed was pretending to propose to Candice Wiese during a practice. They are part of the singing telegram groups performing on Friday, Feb. 13.

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Airport runway project on track

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Making sure the commissioners were informed was the mission of the Cheyenne County Airport Authority president and airport manager at the Friday meeting.

Dave Yost, president, and Robert Grace, manager, said there had been some changes to the plans for replacing the airport runway south of St. Francis. Originally, the Fed-

eral Aviation Administration had approved widening the runway 25 feet on one side of the runway but, then decided that they needed to keep the center line where it is. That would require the runway be widened 12.5 feet on both sides or else they would need to wait 18 months to get the instrument approach changed. Dividing the width to the sides will possibly

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County landfill hours to change

The Cheyenne County Landfill, located east of Wheeler, will be closing at 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

The early closing is due to the citations received from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The department official had noted that the compacting of trash and proper coverage were not being done daily. This could be due to last-minute dumping and the supervisor, Ed Garner, not having time to do the compaction and covering.

In order to solve this problem, the commissioners, at the Friday meeting, agreed to close the landfill an hour earlier. While it might be an inconvenience at first, the commissioners agreed that people will adjust to the earlier closing noting that it is absolutely necessary to keep in compliance with state regulations.

At the Jan. 12 meeting, the commissioners received a letter telling that the county was being fined \$4,500 for not being in compliance.

Valentine contest ends on Monday

The Valentine's couple contest is coming to an end on Monday. Those who have a couple they want recognized need to get their ballots filled out and down to one of the participating businesses.

People will be able to clip the ballot in this week's issue of *The Herald* on Page 1B. Ballots will be printed in *The Herald* for one more week.

On Monday, a drawing will be held and the winners, there will be two, will be featured in the Feb. 12 issue of *The Herald*. Just in time for Valentine's Day, the winners will receive a bouquet of flowers from Goodell Greenhouse and Floral.

"This should be a fun contest," said Casey McCormick, ad manager. "Everyone knows a couple who fits just right, and it will be great to

see who is going to be our featured "Special Valentine's Couples."

The only rules are: 1) The couple must be married and 21 years of age or older; and 2) must live in Cheyenne County. Also, the ballot must be one cut from the newspaper.

This is an easy contest. There are no essays to write, no mushy notes to print and it doesn't cost a thing. The participating merchants are taking care of that.

When taking the ballot into one of the stores, be sure and thank them for helping sponsor the contest.

Participating merchants are: Donna's Gift Palace, Goodell's Greenhouse, Hilltop General Store, Krien Pharmacy, L & L Liquor, Owens True Value, Stuart's Jewelry, Video Connection, Video Kingdom and *The Saint Francis Herald*.



OLD EQUITY CREAMERY BUILDING on Jackson and River streets came down last week. Not much is known about the creamer. In the 1943 Saint Francis Herald, there were two creameries listed - Farmers Equity Cooper-

ative Creamery and the St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange Creamery. If anyone has any more information or remembers going to the creamery, please let *The Herald* staff know.

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