

Lighting contest winners



Terry and Mary Beth Miller - 239 Birch Street



Ward and Gloria Cassidy - 420 East 2nd Street

Volunteer receives acknowledgement

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The St. Francis City Council acknowledged Delores Jenik as the person Spotlighting the Positive for this month. She spends countless volunteer hours working with the Salvation Army.



Jenik

"We help approximately 30 families per year," Mrs. Jenik said. She said she appreciated the acknowledgment and she enjoys the work.

Scout Hut

The Scout Hut was again a topic of discussion. It needs some windows, shingles, stucco or siding and some exterior painting. They need to get some estimates on what the costs of repairs will be.

If the project is over \$10,000 they will need to get two bids. The mold was checked out by the county health nurse and determined to be only surface mold and it has already been cleaned up.

The carpets need steam cleaned and the curtains washed.

The council would like confirmation of how much usage the hut would have by both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to make sure the expense would be feasible.

In other business:

Malt cereal licenses are due by the end of the year. Only two have been applied for at this time and they are for the Pizza Hut and Kugler Oil. These were approved. The last city council meeting for the year is Dec. 28, so they need to be in by this

meeting so that they can be approved.

Shane Guggenmos, chief of police, showed a video of one of the new cameras in a police car as the police car was moving around town. All the police cars now have the video cameras installed and operational.

Two building permits were presented for approval. One for Eric Hook for a fence and one for Bumper to Bumper for a small shed on the back of the property. Both permits were approved.

A new bank account is being opened that will be specifically for a new swimming pool. There have been donations come in and a separate account was needed.

The council would like to have the community's input and interest in having a new swimming pool in the future. Any one wanting to donate money can contact the city council or First National Bank.

The city clerk, Mary Lampe, said that \$1,158.03 was received from Eagle Communications for franchise fees.

Mike Day, city attorney, asked for a five minute executive session. After returning, no decisions was made.

The next and final meeting for 2009 will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 28.

McCook farm expo deemed a success

Exhibitors and attendees were pleased with the McCook Farm & Ranch Expo which took place Nov. 18-19 at the Red Willow County Fairgrounds in three buildings, pavilion and a walkway of larger exhibits.

"We had 302 exhibitors from 20 states, Australia and Canada and had great response for the show being in its second year and we are looking forward to it being even bigger and better in the years to come," said Darren Dale, expo manager.

Attendees represented approximately 1.45 million acres of agricultural property, including 119,000 crop acres and more than

1.3 million livestock acres, which produce some 112,763 head of cattle, organizers said. They added that, along with attendees from Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Texas, Oklahoma and other parts of the U.S., there also were visitors from Canada and Australia.

Exhibitions included state-of-the-art technology in farming and ranching equipment, including tractors, sprayers, and combines, as well as global positioning systems and new cattle management tools and technologies. There also were numerous booths and exhibits of farm, ranch, dairy suppli-

ers, lending agencies, insurance agencies, art galleries and home furnishing companies.

McCook, Mr. Dale said, is a prime location for such a show because it is centrally located in the Tri-State area and has one of the largest climate controlled agricultural facilities in the area.

The pig racing also drew a nice crowd and was a hit with not only the kids but adults alike. The pigs were sponsored by Wells Fargo and Vap Construction.

Mr. Dale added that the exhibi-

tors lauded the "quality of attendee" at the show, which paid huge dividends to the vendors.

"(The vendors) told us the attendees they spoke to were serious about buying supplies and equipment for their operations."

He added the dates for next year's show have already been set for Nov. 17-18 with more exciting entertainment lined up. Visit the website www.mccookfarmandbranchexpo.net or give them a call to exhibit 866-685-0989.



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