

Updating movie format discussed at council meeting

Updating the format for movies at the Cheyenne Theater was discussed at the April 12 St. Francis City Council meeting.

Robert Grace, representing the Theater Committee, said digital format for movies is coming. The cost of the equipment required to run movies in the new format is estimated to be around \$100,000.

Once the theater gets the digital equipment, he said, the 3-D format is easy to incorporate. The council agreed they would like to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Swimming pool plans

Summer is coming and with it, the swimming pool will be opening Memorial Day weekend. Bruce Swihart, representing the Pool Committee, said Crissy Cooks will be the pool manager this summer. Seven full-time guards and a substitute will be hired.

Meredith Knodel will do the certification class for guards and the city will pay her wages. The guards will pay for all the materials.

Police car sold

Mayor Scott Schultz opened two bids for the 2004 police car: Richard McKinney had bid \$675 and Derek Fromholtz, \$401. A third bid was received after the Friday deadline and was not opened. The council accepted Mr. McKinney's bid.

Superintendent's report

Superintendent, JR Landenberger, reported that IMA completed the Workman Compensation audit.

He had attended a power supply meeting in Hays. The Western Area Power Association power, he said, will probably be reduced. He will be attending a Kansas Municipal Utilities meeting in May and there will be more power supply information.

He said he ordered the pea gravel for the playground. The cost will be \$1,750.

The school is trimming trees near the grade school.

Superintendent Landenberger said he would like to fix the old bricks on the west side of the power plant. It will cost around \$2,500.

Rob Schiltz, owner of St. Francis Mini Storage, wants to buy a 175-by 275-foot lot in the northwest corner of the Industrial Park for storage units. He will pay \$1,325 plus all legal work. He will develop the lot within one year according to the agreement.

Attorney's report

Mike Day, city attorney, said Craig Schoenrogge's attorney has requested that the city comply with the easement and provide water to his client's stock tank and garden.

The superintendent said he has been attempting to find out what is necessary to get the water to the tank. He is continuing to work on it.

Police report

Shane Guggenmos, police chief, commented on an incident on Washington Street. The juveniles

involved, he said, have cleaned up the damage at their own expense.

He said he has been working with the city superintendent to have the meter readers identify dogs in the city limits.

The chief has had a couple of people interested in working for the police department. He called for 15 minutes executive session with no decision being made when coming out of the session.

Alcohol Council

Fred Waters, certified counselor, discussed the services he provides, noting he works with police, sheriff's department and hospital on alcohol and drug related problems. The other two members of the council, Naomi Holliman and Rachael Keller, are retiring.

After discussion, it was decided to dissolve the Cheyenne County Alcohol Council and send the requested alcohol tax of \$87 for this year to Mr. Waters.

Building permits

Building permits were approved for the following: David Morrow, a garage (when he receives an easement from his neighbor); Darrell Reed, a fence; and Ted McCoy, expand garage.

In other business

In other business: Mayor Scott Schultz presented a plaque and gift certificate to John Larson for 30 years of service to the city.

Website changes were discussed. Jessica Schultz, designer, will be contacted about the suggested changes.

The Fair Housing Month proclamation was signed.

The city received a refund check from the county for \$1,009, for recycling over 100 tons in 2009.

Superintendent Landenberger was reappointed as Kansas Municipal Electric Association (KMEA) director 2.

Next meeting

The next city council meeting has been set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 26, in city hall.

Editor's note: The above article was taken from the un-approved city council meeting held on April 12.



HEALTH FAIR—Dr. Tim Poling's office has a new Velscope machine, which is used to detect oral cancer. Julie Quain, dental hygienist, and Keely Loyd, are explaining the procedure to Sharon Van Allen. Kim Faylor from Dr. Poling's office is also pictured. Susie Walz, Cheyenne County Hospital is performing a diabetes check on Deb Patton in the picture to the right. The Cheyenne County Health Fair was held Thursday at the St. Francis Elementary School.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



Volunteer Week celebrated

Hospice Services is honoring hospice and palliative care volunteers during National Volunteer Week April 18 through April 24. The volunteers provide support, companionship and hope to those facing a life-limiting illness.

"Hospice volunteers play a vital role in enabling Hospice Services to offer the best care possible for patients living with life-limiting illness, their families and caregivers. By sharing

their time, energy, and expertise, our volunteers bring compassion and caring to the lives of those in need," said Sandy Kuhlman, executive director.

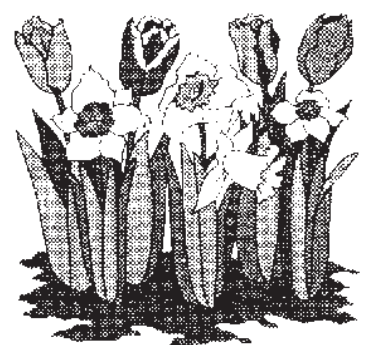
Hospice volunteers understand that every person they care for is a unique individual with a lifetime of experiences, relationships and gifts to share. These dedicated volunteers help people live every moment of life to the fullest. Most hospice volunteers choose to give their time helping others because of their own experiences with the compassionate care hospice provided to their dying loved one.

Volunteers fulfill many roles with Hospice Services through working on special projects, serving on the board of directors or advisory boards, fund raising and providing direct care. Hospice Services' direct care volunteers provide more than 1,000 hours per year to help patients and families in our community.

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that there are an estimated 550,000 hospice volunteers providing more than 25 million hours of service to hospice programs each year.

It is federally mandated under Medicare that 5 percent of all patient care hours be provided by trained volunteers. This regulation reflects the vital role that volunteers play in the hospice philosophy of care and ensures that a hospice program has roots deep in the community.

More information about hospice is available at 800-315-5122 or <<http://www.hospicewks.net>>. Please contact Hospice Services if you might be interested in volunteering.



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Book Review

Book review from St. Francis Public Library

Dear John

By Nicholas Sparks

"Dear John," the letter read. And with those two words, a heart was broken and two lives changed forever...

When Savannah Lynn Curtis comes into his life, John Tyree knows he is ready to turn over a new leaf. An angry rebel, he had enlisted in the army after high school, not knowing what else to do. Then, during a furlough, he meets Savannah, the girl of his dreams.

The attraction is mutual and quickly grows into the kind of love that leaves Savannah vowing to wait for John while he finishes his tour of duty. But neither can foresee that 9/11 is about to change the world.

Like so many proud men and women, John must choose between love and country. And like all those left behind, Savannah must decide to wait or move on. Now, when he finally returns to North Carolina, John will discover that loving Savannah will force him to make the hardest decision of his life.

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