

City streets have been put to the test after heavy rains

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The St. Francis City Council, at the Aug. 9 meeting, were told that the repairs on First Street have really been put to the test with all the recent rain.

There is some concern that the water has been running over the sidewalk and washing it out. Further inspection will be done.

There was also a sewage leak south of the police station, and, J.R. Landenberger, superintendent, said that was quickly resolved.

Superintendent Landenberger reported that electric poles will be purchased. There is also a need to replace a mower that caught fire, he said.

There will be an advertisement placed for the Roadside Park position. Superintendent Landenberger said there has already been some interest in this position.

Kip Rethke has completed the roofing on three of the city's buildings. The cost to complete the city office, old fire house and the theatre was \$32,987. Most of that

cost was covered by insurance.

Swimming pool report

Bruce Swihart, councilman, reported that the swimming pool hours of operation will fluctuate starting Aug. 16 due to the start of sports and school, with the closing date scheduled as Aug. 22.

Next year's plans included the installation of slip floors, as well as the need for the facility to be painted. Mr. Swihart said there has also been some discussion on the pool board of bringing in extra morning help to clean the pool prior to the start of lessons and swim team.

Police report

Shane Guggenmos, chief of police, reported that there have been no inquiries about the full-time position, and they are looking at the possibility of hiring one or two part-time employees. Mr. Guggenmos also reported they are very close to solving some recent burglaries/thefts.

Building permits

The council approved three building permits: Michael Fore-

syth, fence; Housing Authority, curbs and gutters; and Steve Jenkins, garage.

Theatre Committee report

Paula Keller, council woman and member of the Theatre Committee, suggested council research the lease-purchase of digital equipment. There is some concern that equipment becomes obsolete after five years. The theatre has had the current projector since 1991, with a few upgrades along the way.

Property clean up

Court appearances are scheduled for Aug. 18 for Kenny Richers, owner of the Emerson Street property, and Bud Erskin, owner of the River Street property. There was a request to re-new the personal property cleanup for the Oster property on Whittier. They will have until Aug. 13.

Other business

- In other business:
- A tree trimming license was approved for Delbert Rice.
- Deposition is scheduled for Aug. 31 at 9 a.m. for Craig Shoenrogge.
- Last free E-Waste pick up is Aug. 24.
- Economic development meeting Aug. 18.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the city council is set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday at city hall.

Club Clip

Classy Classic Red

Hatters

A visit to Colorado on Wednesday, Aug. 11, was enjoyed by 12 members of the St. Francis Classy Classic Red Hatters.

The destination was a luncheon at the Runaway Inn, which is connected to a hunting lodge near Joes. Due to a mixup in dates, the ladies missed the table covered with a tablecloth and special flower arrangements, along with the cupcakes made especially by the staff for their afternoon dessert.

The personnel at the lodge told how they had made use of the food originally planned for the ladies as they produced menus for each Red Hatter to choose her food for the day. The St. Francis group appreciated being able to have their luncheon and the staff noted how gracious the ladies were over the error in dates and invited them to return again.

The room was filled with laughter as Queen Raedell Winston, Arlene Walz, Joyce Russ, Laura Pugh, Donna Zimbelman, Carol Rogers, Ilene O'Leary, Shirley Sherlock and Madeleine Roberson joined hostesses Neva DeGood, Dolores Wiley and Betty Jean Winston in typical red hat merriment.

Before the ladies returned to their three vehicles for the trip home, several door prizes were awarded. Ilene O'leary received a magnetic note pad, Raedell Winston, candle holders with candles and Madeleine Roberson, red hat cocktail and dinner napkins.



STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS. Terrence Lamb, left, and Grady Brunk, middle, look over a Lions Club brochure with Marvin Zimbelman.

Club gives two scholarships

Marvin Zimbelman, Lions Club member, presented two St. Francis high school seniors with \$250 each with the other \$250 to be presented at the second semester.

Receiving the scholarship money was Grady Brunk, who is planning on attending Colby Community College, and Terrence Lamb, who is attending Pratt Community College.

Mr. Zimbelman, who is on the Lions Scholarship Committee with Rueben Schultz and Norman Morrow, said, on Wednesday, Aug. 11, the committee looked at all seniors but especially those who are going into the service field.

The Lions have two money-making projects: the birthday/anniversary calendar as well as the pancake feed which is held on the Saturday of the Gabel-Jenkins Wrestling Tournament. Besides giving the scholarships this year, they also donated \$1,000 to help with the renovation of the Scout Hut.

The list of community service acts which the Lions members have done through the years is long and includes things like blood typing over 700 people for the walking blood bank; compiling a zip code booklet; helping with the sprinkling system at the hospital; helping restore the city park and put a shelter at the park. Each year, they staff two fair rides at the home-owned carnival, assist the bloodmobile, sponsor local band students to State Lions Band Camp; send birthday

balloons to the residents in the Good Samaritan Village; donate to the local food pantry; donate funds for new wheelchairs to the county hospital, who, in turn, donate their used wheelchairs back to the Lions, which are maintained at the county courthouse with other handicapped equipment and donate used bicycles to the Norton Correction Facility's repair program.

Through a partnership with the local Salvation Army's Vision

USA program, the Lions help provide eyeglasses for individuals in the Community with special needs. They also collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids to assist people worldwide.

The Lions meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday at the Church of Christ. Dues are \$16 per quarter. They are always needing new members. Those interested are welcome to come and visit a meeting or talk to a Lions member.

Descendants attend family reunion

Descendants of Alvin Kramer held a Kramer family reunion on Aug. 8 at Riverside Recreation.

Family members from seven different states attended the event including:

Oklahoma: Dorinda and Joe Berry.

Texas: Linda Zachary; Chris, Kellee, Luke and Adam Loyd.

Iowa: Brad, Jennifer and Krista Lee.

Nebraska: Ron and Sharon Kramer; Mike, Kristi, Jake and Nick Weskamp; Madeline Knodel.

Colorado: Jamie, Rebecca and Ben Keller; Carla Rising; Dan and Kris Poulignot; Gene and Karen

Matia; Marj and Jim Kramer; Meredith Knodel; Patti Kramer; Scharleen Citron; Tyson, Christy, Brody, Dalton and Preslyn Poulignot; Lori, Dave and Allie Nafie; Nancy Kramer and Larry Daggett; Chris, Kathy and Kristin Abbe; Greg Kramer; Brandon Brundrett. Kansas: Rob, Stacie, Cole, Cara and Ella Wenzl; Howard and Marlys Poulignot; Paula, Sidnee and Ted Crabtree; Kendra, Russell and Jordan Hoffman; Twila Kramer; Hailey Crabtree and Aaron Herold; John and Natalie Knodel; Charlie, Lisa and Heather Krull; Hollie and Olivia Herbel. New York: Mallory Knodel.

Obituaries

Carolyn Ruth (Walz) Pettit

Feb. 12, 1948 - Aug. 13, 2010

Carolyn Pettit, 62, of Springfield, Mo., died on Friday, Aug. 13, 2010, after a yearlong battle with lymphoma, in her home surrounded by her family.



Pettit

Carolyn was born on Feb. 12, 1948, in St. Francis, Ks., to Alice and the late Robert Walz. She and her husband, James were married on Dec. 22, 1965, in St. Francis. They moved to Denver, Colo., and lived there for 39 years before moving to Springfield in 2007.

She was a passionate cook who loved serving delicious meals and desserts at family get-togethers, church functions and for her friends. She had a remarkable sense of style and fashion. She loved all people, but especially the elderly, children and her family. She was an avid reader, an ardent Elvis fan and enjoyed traveling extensively throughout the diversely beautiful USA. She had many friends in Colorado, Kansas and Missouri and never missed the opportunity to send cards to friends and loved-ones for special occasions. Carolyn was a member of the Battlefield United Methodist Church.

She loved the state of Colorado, especially the gorgeous Rocky Mountains and missed it and all of her Colorado friends and family when she moved to

Missouri. She quickly came to love beautiful Southwest Missouri, and it's special people, too.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, James Pettit, of Springfield; mother, Alice Walz Coffin, of Parker, Colo.; daughter, Colette Pettit (and Ruby Tuesday), of Denver; son, Robb (Margaret) Pettit, of Springfield; grandson, Matt (Rebecca) Monette, of Ocean Springs, Miss.; granddaughter, Katy (Jesse) Granden, of Fordland, Mo. She was "GG" (great-grandmother) to Ava Grace Monette and baby Granden expected in November. She also leaves behind her beloved yellow lab, Aspen and a host of treasured family and cherished friends.

Preceding her in death were her father, Robert Walz; sister, Kathleen Walz Eggers; brother, Gene Walz; nephew, Sean Eggers; special grandmother, Katie Zwegygart; and "second parents" Uncle Philip and Aunt Lydia Krien.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 2 p.m., in the Battlefield United Methodist Church, 5475 S Daniel, Battlefield, Mo.. A celebration gathering will take place later this year in Colorado.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Carolyn's name to Battlefield United Methodist Church (Battlefield, Mo.), Season's Hospice (Springfield, Mo.) or The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (www.leukemia-lymphoma.org).

Norvin D. Carson

Died July 8, 2010

Norvin D. Carson died in Tulare, Calif., on July 8, 2010. He was blessed to have his four children with him during his illness.

He was born at his home in Cheyenne County and lived and worked in St. Francis, Bird City and McDonald before moving to California.

He leaves his daughters, Jan-

ie and Luis Menezes, Marcie and Rance MacFarland, Brenda and Frank Mosqueda, and son Joel Carson; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers, Edward Carson, Glenn Carson, Gary Carson; sisters Clara Muselman, Viola Brock and their spouses.

Burial was at Bakersfield, Calif., in the military cemetery.



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A big thank you goes out to all who attended and helped with the open house on July 28. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

Door Prize winners were Kathy Ewing, Dorothy Carpenter, Lee Nichols, Wilma Lampe, Ron Zimbelman, John Finley, Kimberly Voeller, June Lauer, Gladys Owens and Norman Morrow

Winner of the flat screen TV was Talley Morrow!

