

Chamber lighting contest winners told —



Mike and Cindy Henderson - 621 S. River Street



Mike and Michelle Stafford - 223 W. Emerson Street

Businesses may be operating without proper variance

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There appears to be a problem with the “bed and breakfast variance.” Two members of the community were present at the Monday, Dec. 13, St. Francis City Council meeting to add their input.

Mayor Scott Schultz, councilman Roger Jensen, and superintendent J.R. Landenberger along with visitors, Johnie and Kathy Woodcox, appeared to be aware that there was a problem. Council people, Bruce Swihart, Dale Weeks and Paula Keller, said they didn’t know there was a problem.

There are rumors that there are several bed and breakfast businesses operating without the proper variances. To get a variance, the person running or wanting to run a business in a residential area must first get permission from those living in that area. After the variance is obtained, the business will then be required to pay a commercial rate for utilities which would cost approximately \$17 a month more.

Superintendent Landenberger will talk to the people supposedly running the businesses and report back at the Jan. 7 council meeting.

Digital equipment for theater

Paula Keller, council woman and member of the Theater Committee, reported they had met that day and it looked like the Theater Digital Fund raised from donations, was getting close to \$22,000. She said that 67 percent of the money had come from people with a Cheyenne County addresses.

The committee had found out that the screen for the digital equipment will need to be a mounted steel screen. This will not allow for plays and other such activities to be held at the theater. It was also noted that, today, most of these types of functions are held at the high school.

They are going to see what the interest will cost on a lease purchase for the equipment. Mrs. Keller said they have been looking at prices, trying to get the exact price. They will have more information at a future meeting.

Insurance for contractors

Earlier, the council had approved that tree trimmers needed

to have a higher liability coverage. J.R. Landenberger, superintendent, said he thought it was not only supposed to include tree trimmers but also include building contractors.

Roger Jensen, councilman, said he had Kelly Frewen of Frewen Insurance, checked the city’s ordinance for the required amount of liability insurance and he said it was “antiquated.”

Goodland, he said, requires \$1 million liability. Mike Day, city attorney, will talk with Mr. Frewen for more information.

Right now, the insurance required for building contractors excludes painters and those installing windows – things, Mr. Landenberger said, that do not alter the building and do not require a building permit.

Emerson property cleanup

The council’s attempt to clean up the property on East Emerson was discussed. Mr. Landenberger said the family that lived in the house has moved on but the house

is not livable. He reported that the family had thought about moving to another home in St. Francis, but it wasn’t livable so they have moved to another city.

The Emerson house is a health hazard, he said. After discussion, the council decided the house would be condemned. Other ways of getting the property cleaned up was to have a tax sale or have someone buy it but it would be expensive and, it appeared to the consensus of the council that the property was not salvageable.

Superintendent’s report

Superintendent J.R. Landenberger reported that Johnson Service, the company doing the sewer cleaning, was in town finishing up the last one-third of the project. The manholes that are opened will be closed.

When the grader was brought out so it would be ready for snow removal, it was found to have four bad tires which were replaced.

The transformer which contains moisture was again discussed. The transformer is located north of the power plant. Bids on removing the moisture are being sought.

The Environmental Protection Agency has delayed rules on emission controls. According to Mr. Landenberger, the agency will continue to look at the problems emission might control but it appears that the agency might reduce the requirements for power plants such as that which is owned by the city. The requirements, Mr. Landenberger said, may be more “doable.”

Police report

Shane Guggenmos, chief of police, said the officers have been discussing getting a K-9 unit. There is a package which in-

cludes a Labrador dog and training for \$3,500. There is possible grants available. Having a drug dog would be a more community friendly way of stopping suspects. It would be very useful, Officer Guggenmos said.

The council tabled the matter and asked the chief to look into a grant and report on the matter at the next meeting.

Street signs mandate

Roger Jensen, councilman, talked about a possible federal mandate on street signs. The signs are to be capital first letters and lower case for the rest. They discussed that this could be very expensive and, in smaller towns, it isn’t necessary.

Village Task Force report

Bruce Swihart, councilman and city’s representative on Village Task Force Committee, said the Task Force had talked about what avenues they are going to pursue. A foundation has been set up for the tax deductible donations which will be used to fund long-term care. Contributions have already been made, he said.

In other business

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• Cereal malt licenses were granted to Kuglers and Pizza Hut. It was noted that there are three other businesses that sell cereal malt beverages that have not come in to have their licenses renewed.

• The council agreed to pay the dues for League of Kansas Municipalities in the amount of 625.16. The organization provides valuable services. The dues were about the same as last year.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at city hall.

Obituaries

Wade Douglas Walz

Feb. 18, 1969 - Dec. 14, 2010

Wade Douglas Walz was born Feb. 18, 1969, at Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, Kan., to Raymond F. Walz and Vergie Linnel Walz. Wade died Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, 2010, at the Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell.

Wade will be missed greatly by his mother, Vergie Walz; his brothers, Greg Walz, St. Francis, and Rick Walz, Garden City, and sisters, Myra Douthit, St. Francis, and Carolyn Purcell, Loveland, Colo., and nieces and nephews. Wade will also be missed by his many friends and caregivers at Golden West Skills Center where he lived over the past several months.

Wade was a beloved innocent spirit with special needs who touched the lives of his family and caregivers throughout his life.

During his early years, Wade

attended the Beamgard Learning Center in Atwood where he enjoyed being in school with other children with special needs.

Wade was preceded in death by his father, Raymond F. Walz; his paternal grandparents, Fred C. Walz and Amelia Holzwarth Walz and his maternal grandparents, Seth T. Linnell and Margaret Hanley Linnell.

Funeral services were held at St. Francis Catholic Church, St. Francis, on Friday, Dec. 17, with Father Roger Meitl as celebrant.

Casket bearers were Greg Walz, Rick Walz, Jared Douthit, Dustin Hoffman, Shane Walz and Gabe Walz.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Floyd “Bud” Leland Frisbie

May 7, 1922 - Dec. 13, 2010

Floyd (Bud) Frisbie was born May 7, 1922, in Atwood, Kan., to David and Lura Frisbie. He was the youngest of six children. He grew up on the family farm north of McDonald, attended North Star Rural School and McDonald Rural High School.

After graduation, he attended Kansas State University where he met and fell in love with Helen Pierpoint. They were married June 14, just 11 days before he reported for active duty in World War II. After a year in the states and 16 months in the South Pacific working as a signal corps cryptographer, he returned to Kansas State University and earned his bachelor of art degree in agronomy a year and half later.

They moved back to the farm and raised their four children, Kurt, Richard, Marsha and Barbara. During this time, he was a member of the McDonald School Board, Soil Conservation Board, Kansas Farm Bureau Program of Work Committee and worked with other community activities. He was a 50-year member of the McDonald American Legion.

After the kids were married or in college at Kansas State University, Bud and Helen bought a home in Sun City, Ariz., and spent 31 winters down there. In Sun City, they enjoyed many activities especially duplicate bridge. He also did much volunteer work... drove a Red Cross bus, was an usher at church and was a hospice volunteer for 20 years.

When they decided they needed to live closer to their family, they returned to their home in Bird City which they bought when they retired from the farm.

Bud’s family was always uppermost in his life and he was very proud of his children’s accomplishments and careers. He considered the churches and schools

vital to the community and supported and attended their activities as long as he was able. He was a very outgoing “people-person” and enjoyed spending time with his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings and a son-in-law, Herman Antholz.

Missing him greatly will be his wife, his four children and three spouses; 11 grandchildren and seven spouses; 15 great-grandchildren and many friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Federated Church in McDonald with Pastor Mark Adams officiating.

Inurnment was in Grace Cemetery with military honors by Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the McDonald Federated Church, Cheylin Endowment Fund or McDonald American Legion.

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Student News

Fort Hays State University

Heath Owens of St. Francis is among the seniors at Fort Hays State University who have been nominated as national outstanding campus leaders. Winners will be included in the 2010-2011 edition of “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.”

The university’s Nominating Committee and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success by teachers.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Area student graduate

Kansas State University

Aaron Tygart, a graduate of St. Francis Community High School, was among the 1,300 Kansas State University candidates for graduation in December. Commencement ceremonies were held Dec. 10 and Dec. 11 on the K-State campuses in Manhattan and Salina.

Tygart received a bachelor of science degree in computer science.



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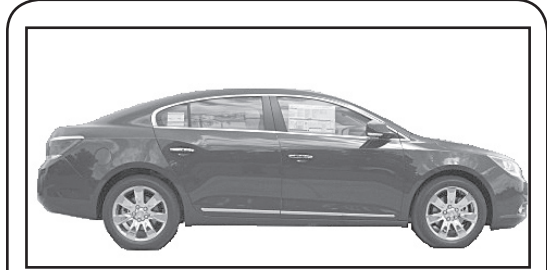
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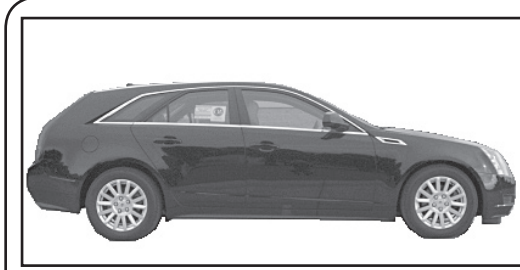
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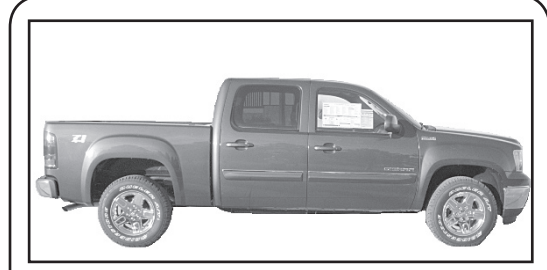
2010 Chevy Tahoe, Silver, Cloth, DVD Player



2010 Buick Lacrosse, Red Jewel, Heated Leather



2011 Cadillac CTS Wagon, Black, AWD, Leather



2011 GMC 1/2 ton Crew Cab, Storm Gray, Leather

thought to ponder.....Why are Christmas colors red and green when Santa’s suit is red and white?

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