

# Board approves art room to move to church building

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At the November meeting of the St. Francis Board of Education, members approved to move the art room to the little church east of the grade school.

Art is an important part of the curriculum for students, from the youngest to the high school students, said Rob Schiltz, superintendent. And, having a good teacher is also important.

Mary Beikman, art teacher, had developed allergies and would be unable to return to the rooms to teach. Moving to the new art building was the only way the administration and board could see to continue having art in the school.

Mrs. Beikman has taught art at the St. Francis schools for 30 years. I love art and working with the children, she said.

It is evident as each year at the league art show held in the spring, St. Francis students' work shows well.

The new art room has new drafting tables and a kitchen where brushes can be cleaned up and paints mixed. There are open drying and display tables as well as plenty of natural lighting. Students appear to enjoy the new art room.



**NEW ART ROOM** — Krissy Harris and Gaten Cooper work on their projects in the new building. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

# Council agrees to change city's power supplier at last meeting

The St. Francis City Council agreed to change the city's power supplier when they met Monday evening, Nov. 28.

Having met with representatives from both Kansas Municipal Energy Agency, which now supplies the city's energy and PrairieLand, the council needed to come to a decision somewhat quickly, as their current contract with Kansas Municipal Energy is set to run out at the end of the year.

City superintendent J.R. Landenberger handed out a sheet comparing the costs the two companies had given them. The sheet also listed the pros and cons of both companies. Kansas Municipal Energy brokers a diverse energy supply from a variety of producers that can lead to cheaper costs at times, whereas Prairie Land gets their electricity directly from producer Sunflower.

Both proposals had certain advantages over the other and after discussing them all again, the council decided to go with Prairie Land's proposal. They will contact the company and if the contract does not differ from the proposal, they will sign with them.

**Attorney's report**  
City attorney Michael Day delivered a check for \$1,800 to the council, along with a deed for an acre and a half of land that Clay and Erika Zimbelman had purchased from the city. The council approved the sale.

Mr. Day also had updated information on the Schoenrogge lawsuit. Motion for summary judgement will be heard on Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the courthouse. It's hoped, Mr. Day said, that the judge will rule the lawsuit is based on controverted facts and will rule in favor of the city, agreeing they have valid easement and can keep the current infrastructure.

**Police report**  
Shane Guggenmos gave the police report and said the department had done better than they thought this year, operating on 78 percent of their budget. A grant for \$1,000 had also been given to the department by Walmart.

Mr. Guggenmos then handed out a sheet detailing the times the department responded to calls in the last month, usually various

tasks like vehicle accidents. Mayor Scott Schultz noted that he had been contacted by the police one night while they were checking the doors of downtown businesses. The door to his business was not locked and once Mr. Schultz arrived, the officer walked through the building to make sure no robbery had taken place.

Mr. Guggenmos stated that Wesley Guggenmos had been hired to the police department, as per the council's special meeting, and would start work the first of the year. He handed out some proposed schedules to the council, showing options on how the police department could work with the sheriff to provide more law enforcement coverage. After discussing the options at length, no option was quite right and Mr. Guggenmos would work on the schedule a little more and present it again at the next meeting.

Mr. Landenberger read the following building permits: J.R. Landenberger for a fence, Ed Schauer for a garage addition, Richard McKinney for a porch, Tina Kehl for a fence and Tim Ralie for a grain bin. They were approved by the council.

Mr. Landenberger gave the superintendent report, stating that the waterline at the airport had been rerouted, a bench had been installed in the park, the city-wide clean-up was finished and that a tree in front of Krien's Pharmacy on Washington Street had been removed. The council talked about the problems the roots of the trees on Main Street had turned into. Some mentioned alternative planters and how to better deal with extensive roots in the future, but nothing was decided at the time.

At this point, Mr. Landenberger mentioned that he had been contacted multiple times over a large pothole at the Majestic gas station. He stated that this hole is not on a street or drive that is the city's responsibility, but on a water way that was put in by the state. Mr. Schultz stated he was also aware of the hole and that it is pretty deep. They both recognize that it is a problem, but not one for the city to fix.

Mr. Landenberger said he had been contacted about providing

not only equipment but manpower for utility work to Bird City, at cost, when needed. The council was open to this idea and will explore it further at future meetings.

Glorianne Milne, clerk, said the best place for a new drop box would be out by the handicapped parking spot. The council agreed and a new drop box will be ordered. She also reported that the city could not take over the Chamber bucks next year, as the auditors don't want the city to have anything to do with it.

Michelle Shannon said she wanted to make it known that she appreciated the efforts of police chief Shane Guggenmos regarding the noise and litter in front of her apartment on Washington Street. She had noticed an increased police presence and was thankful the police tried to help.

**Council comments**  
Roger Jensen, councilman, asked about the water tower and when it will be painted next. He then pulled out a design that school superintendent Mr. Schiltz had given him of new design lettering that had been added to the high school in recent remodeling. He was not pressing that any of this lettering be added to the water tower, but that it should at least be looked into.

Council member Carla Lampe asked Mr. Landenberger about the highway signs. He said they've got them but still need to make brackets to place them. He also said another letter was missing from the sign in front of the fire department and wanted to see how much it would cost to replace the letters, as they are cast aluminum and would probably be expensive to replace.

**Next meeting**  
The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday.



**ST. FRANCIS FIREMEN** Dan Blair, left, and George Harper, right, give Janet Jensen a gift of \$650 to go to the Angel Tree gifts. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

# Several angel tags still hanging on businesses Christmas trees

Pink and blue angels are hung on trees in Bankwest, First National Bank, Owens True Value and The Herald office. A number have been picked up but there are still many waiting for someone to take them off the tree so a child may have a better Christmas.

There are around 75 angels this year. On the back of each angel is written the age and a suggested size of the child for those who might want to purchase clothing.

Once a person selects a tag and the gift is bought, both the gift and tag should be returned to the place where the tree is located.

Janet Jensen, St. Francis, along with Jennifer Milne, are in charge of coordinating the Angel Trees this year.

"A lot of children benefit greatly from the Angel Tree project," Mrs. Jensen said.

Last year, there were around 70 children who received gifts. These gifts averaged around \$25 each.

If someone knows of a family who is having a difficult time making ends meet and could use a little help from Santa, please contact Mrs. Jensen at 332-2145 or Mrs. Milne at 332-5023.

Each year, the Angel Tree receives generous support, said Mrs. Jensen, which helps give kids a merrier Christmas.

The St. Francis Firemen donated \$650 last week. The majority of the money was raised by selling smoked turkeys and hams. Mrs. Jensen said this money will be

used to purchase gift certificates at the United Methodist Thrift Store and each child will receive a certificate.

All gifts need to be picked up on Dec. 20 so those who have selected a tag need to make sure their gifts are back under the tree before the pick-up date.

If more information is needed for sizes, or gift ideas, call either Mrs. Jensen or Mrs. Milne.

"We are expecting letters from Santa which will help with ideas for the children," she said.

Parents should plan to pick up their child's or children's presents at the east door of First National Bank the evening of Dec. 20.

# Salvation Army collects money

The holiday season has arrived and the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle campaign kicked off on Monday. It will continue through Dec. 24.

The goal for Cheyenne County is \$3,600. Of the money collected in Cheyenne County, 88 percent will support the local Salvation Army programs throughout the coming year. Programs, said Dolores Jenik, coordinator, includes rent, utilities and food assistance, emergency disaster assistance and youth and senior programs.

Anyone wishing to donate by credit card may call 1-800-SAL-ARMY. Checks can be mailed to The Salvation Army, PO Box 462, St Francis, 67756.

Envelopes for donations were inserted in last week's Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times.

Cheyenne County continues to see higher numbers of people turning to the organization for help than ever before, said Mrs. Jenik. They need basic needs like food and shelter.

This year, there has been an increased number of people needing help with eye glasses and the Salvation Army works with the Lions Club's program.

Winter is here and Salvation

Army helps residents with their winter fuel expenses. There are two programs available: Midwest Customers Care program and EagleCares. Hotline numbers to call is: 1-877-566-2769 - (for Midwest ext 401) - (for

EagleCares ext 417)

Any amount people can give to the Salvation Army this holiday season will help provide assistance to those in the community who are struggling, day in and day out, to make ends meet.



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