



## Grant received for band shell

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The band shell in Sawhill Park, downtown St. Francis, is on its way to restoration.

The announcement that the band shell was one of seven receiving the full amount of the grant request made to the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee of the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review was made on Saturday.

St. Francis was well represented at the public hearing with Mayor Scott Schultz and his wife, Nancy; Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development coordinator; 120th District Representative Ward Cassidy and Greg Kite, former St. Francis resident and grant writer present.

Rep. Cassidy, who was already in Topeka on legislative matters, persuaded the Review Committee to go out of order because he needed to attend an Appropriations Committee meeting.

Being able to go first, Mr. Schultz said, helped and we had a good representation.

Mr. Kite added that Mr. Cassidy's Appropriation Committee meeting was set to address funding for none other than the Kansas State Historical Society.

Mr. Schultz spoke to the board of review, telling them the history and need for the band shell renovation. There were also photos which reinforced the need for restoration.

Work on the band shell, he said, has been nothing but a "band aid."

St. Francis City Council applied for and received a grant of \$70,268 toward the total project cost of \$87,836. That will leave

\$17,567 for the city to match and these funds, through memorials and donations, are already available. There were 46 grant applications and only 24 received any funding.

"This has been a long, tough haul to obtain this grant," Mr. Kite said. "Last year, in its letter denying our grant request, the Historic Sites Board of Review stated that our 'project was not as urgent as some other applications.'"

In order to address this perception, Mr. Kite said, greater description was included in the 2012 grant application regarding the tremendous and devastating results caused from water damage. It was pointed out, in particular, that one of the four original murals painted on the interior has been completely lost, another is sustaining ongoing damage and a third has ongoing damage occurring near to it.

In addition, he said, it was pointed out that lath and plaster is falling from the walls and ceiling of the main floor, as well as in the basement. Finally, overall the band shell is dark, damp and crumbling apart from top to bottom.

"Obviously, we hit the nail on the head!" Mr. Kite said.

### Band shell history

The band shell in the Howard T. Sawhill Park was built in 1934 during the Great Depression that followed the stock market crash in October 1929. It was an oasis in the downtown during the Dust Bowl era and has been a unique treasure in the community for over 75 years.

"The band shell simply must be preserved in its original and authentic condition for future generations," Mr. Kite said.



WORK WILL SOON BEGIN on the band shell in Sawhill Park. The band shell renovation was one of seven projects to receive the full money asked for from the Kansas His-

toric Sites Board of Review. The money will allow the first of three renovation stages to be completed.

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BRANDEE SASSE is the owner/operator of 'Just Teazn' at 117 N. Quincy. Brandee will hold an open house on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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## Beauty shop opens Saturday

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Brande Sasse, owner/operator of "Just Teazn," will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday at her new shop at 117 N. Quincy, St. Francis.

At Just Teazn, Brandee will offer hair cuts and styling for women, men and children.

"I have a 'kid friendly' shop," she said. "Many people work full time and it is necessary to bring their kids with them to have their hair fixed."

Brande also gives perms, does colors and "up dos." In the near future, she will have the feather hair extensions.

Other services are nails and pedicures as well as tanning which will include the tanning bed or spray tanning. Ms. Sasse said she is licensed and trained to operate the tanning bed and is trained to

spray tan. The new shop has a special room for each of the tanning processes.

At the present time, she offers acrylic nails but in the near future, she will be adding shellac polishes which are new on the market. The shellac polish lasts for at least 14 days without chipping, scratching or smudging, she said.

Brande graduated from Boswell High School in Fort Worth, Texas. When she was 30, she had breast cancer. My beautician, Brandee said, was so helpful when I started losing my hair. I wanted to be able to help people like she helped me.

She attended both the Texas School of Cosmetology, Fort Worth, and Joseph's College of Beauty in Kearney, Neb. She still has her shop in Oxford, Neb., where she works every other weekend. However, she will be spend-

ing most of her time in St. Francis at the new shop.

Her shop is the old Weber Body Shop. She and boyfriend, Kelly Lampe, completely remodeled the shop, putting in new walls, rooms and the two stations. However, they left the original tin ceiling in the main room.

Kelly will be opening up a mechanic shop in the remainder of the building. Look for more information on his shop in the near future.

Kelly and Brandee are living in Bird City. Together, they have four children, one who is still living at home and goes to school in Bird City.

Brande is hoping people will come to the open house on Saturday and see the improvements to the shop.

Those wanting to call to make an appointment may reach her 785-332-2425 or stop by the shop.

## Officers seize marijuana at site of rolled vehicle

Marijuana was found at a wreck south of Wheeler on Thursday.

A Cheyenne County Sheriff's officer responded to a single vehicle accident at the intersection of Cheyenne County Roads B and 20 at about 10:10 p.m.

A 1993 Ford Explorer, driven by Wesley Cline, 19, of Aurora, Colo., was eastbound on Road B. The vehicle went through the T intersection, through the

ditch and collided with a concrete feed bunk. Cline was injured and transported to the Cheyenne County Hospital by emergency medical technicians. The vehicle was totaled. Cline was wearing his seatbelt.

A large amount of marijuana was found at the scene of the wreck. The officer discovered over four pounds of marijuana with the vehicle. Charges are pending, said Craig Van Allen, sheriff.



NEW-FOUND COUSINS spend lots of time working and talking. They have been best friends for years and recently found out they were also related.

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## Friends discover they're related

After years of working together and building a friendship like no other, Dave Fry and Brice Buffington recently found out that they are fifth cousins.

People, said Mr. Fry, have asked if we were related since we kind of look alike. We always told them, "No, don't think so."

Then, in May, Mr. Fry's son, D.J., started the "ancestry" project. In searching, he came across the Buffington name in the Chinn bloodline.

His thought was, said Dawn

Fry, Dave's wife, "could it be possible?"

After more searching and visiting with Mr. Buffington's sister, the names and dates of death, completed the puzzle. Yes, they were related.

The two men's working careers came together when they both worked for the St. Francis Equity, Yost Farm Supply, and then the Farmers Equipment. In recent years, Mr. Fry has helped Mr. Buffington in the evenings at Brice's Auto Repair.

Mr. Fry has quit the evening job with Mr. Buffington but continues to help him during wheat harvest by driving a combine.

The Frys and Buffingtons have been good friends for many years. When Brice and his wife, Jean's son, Kyle, was born in 1985, the Frys were honored to be his godparents.

D.J. didn't quit digging into his ancestry. In September, he uncovered another relative of his dad's who was living in St. Francis.

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