

Council discusses landfill violation

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The St. Francis City Council met on March 12 at the city office. A topic of concern was the violation the county landfill had received from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

An ordinance already on the books requiring all light weight trash to be bagged will be more strictly enforced. A more in-depth story will be in a future issue of the Herald.

Scott Carmichael, St. Francis Community Schools Principal, thanked city superintendent, J.R. Landenberger, and police chief, Shane Guggenmos, for their work with the schools and community.

The council heard from Carl and Kate Jenkins. The Jenkins are planning to open a bed and breakfast and had over 80 percent of the signatures from neighbors needed for a zoning variance, which was approved.

One bid was received for replacing 10 trees on Main Street. The bid was from Troy Porter for \$8,770 and it was approved.

New owners of the St. Francis Sand and Redi-Mix, Darrel and Pamela Ritchey, applied to the city for the Small Business Incentive. It was approved.

The council talked about the health insurance for the city employees again and will keep it the same as last year, and will look at some more information from Mr. Landenberger at the next meeting.

There were two building permits: Dave Straub for a fence and Joe Peter to pour concrete. Both were approved.

Superintendent report

Mr. Landenberger talked about creating a sign plan, as required by the federal government. This is just a written proposal as to how the city will replace road signs as time goes on. The city is currently in compliance and may look into getting a machine that could make the signs.

An engineer came to town and took a look at the water tower to assess what repairs needed to be made. Lead paint would need to be

removed and two coats would need to be reapplied.

It looks as though Krutzing, Benkelman, will be in town mid-April to repair the curbs on Main Street.

Mr. Landenberger said there are some poles on the school property that are no longer used and that the city would remove them.

Mr. Landenberger is looking at changing the emergency lighting in the theater to DC power. He said the sign frames for the highway are done and will soon be placed.

Mr. Guggenmos gave the police report, which was a list of all the calls the police had responded to recently.

Council member Bruce Swihart gave the pool report, stating that they had met Thursday evening. Current plans are to hire McKayla Grace as the pool manager, if available. If not, they will hire Matt Whitmore. Aly Marin is interested in water safety instruction and will inquire about that at St. Joe's in Missouri. Margaret Poling will continue aquatic.

Opening day is May 26 and Brett Lampe, Christina Schoenrogge and Matt Whitmore have been hired. Mr. Swihart said he had readvertised for two more part-time lifeguards and will talk to Red Cross about certification.

For the council comments, council member Paula Keller had talked with someone passing through town who stayed at the roadside park and inquired about adding electrical hookups. They talked about it and will get more information for the next meeting.

Council member Roger Jensen asked Mrs. Milne if she had been receiving emails from the western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance. She said she would check on it.

Council member Carla Lampe said the next economic development committee meeting would be at 7:30 a.m. on March 22.

Mayor Scott Schultz said the car show would be on May 12 this year.



RESIDENT OF THE MONTH — Cathy Loop activities director at the Good Samaritan Village interviews Mildred Burr during her celebration. Also pictured with Mildred is her daughter, Marlene Nederman and son, Ruben Burr.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

First resident recognized after fire

By Karen Krien
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The St. Francis Good Samaritan Village held the first Resident of the Month recognition since the Oct. 19, 2010, fire.

On Thursday, Mildred Burr was in the spotlight. Ruben Burr and Marlene Nederman, were present to share a special time with their mother.

Mrs. Burr was born on Oct. 9, 1923, on the farm 10 miles northwest of St. Francis. The daughter of Jake and Anna Peter, she grew up with brothers, Emil, Ruben and Herbert, helping on the family farm.

She attended Lone Star country school which was a half-mile east of the homestead. She remembered that her favorite teacher was Velma Zimbleman. However, she said she didn't like high school and quit after her junior year.

She married Andrew Burr on Nov. 25, 1951 at the Evangelical United Brethren Church. She said she had known Andy for a long time before the marriage and, that

he was in the military.

They lived their first two years of married life in town where Andy drove a gas truck. They moved to the farm northwest of St. Francis where she was once again helping with the farm work including milking cows in their dairy as well as driving a tractor. She said it was a J Deere tractor. Mrs. Burr raised chickens and dressed around 200 chickens a year. She also sold eggs in town.

After moving to St. Francis, Mrs. Burr worked as a cook in the school cafeteria. One of the people she worked with was Alice Isernhagen. Mrs. Isernhagen is now a resident at the Village.

Hobbies she enjoyed included gardening, cooking and embroidering. She and Mr. Burr traveled through the years including going to Colorado, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, California, Mississippi and Utah.

Mr. Burr died in 1995. Mrs. Burr came to the Village to live on Dec. 21, 2005. Son, Ruben lives in St. Francis. Daughter, Marlene



MILDRED BURR as a young girl.



MILDRED BURR as a young lady.

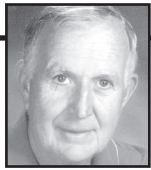
Nederman and her husband, Jeff, live in Littleton, Colo. They have two children, Randy and Jennifer.

Following a power-point presentation showing photos during Mrs. Burr's life prepared by Cathy Loop, activities director, ice cream

floats were served to residents and guests. Besides her children, some of Mrs. Burr's guests were Albert and Bessie Burr, Jessie Schield, Eddie and Sherry Schultz, Wanda Gienger and Mayetta McCall.

Legislative News

By Ward Cassidy



120th State Representative

Recently, I voted against a House bill that would give \$45 million a year, for two years, to the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (LAVTR). I loved the property tax cut, but was opposed to the part of the bill that requires local units of government to publish, in their newspapers, that they plan to keep mill levies steady and only increase property tax receipts as valuations rise. There was also an amendment that the local units of government would have to budget to reduce property tax revenues by the amount of Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction payments. The bill passed the House, and my opposition to it was the attempt to take over our local control. We have very good elected officials who don't need any more state requirements to follow. As you recall, a bill has to be passed by the Senate and then signed by the Governor. I

have been told the bill will not get out of the Senate.

More good economic news for Kansas—there were 22,000 private sector jobs created last year. Eight of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. Due to a decline of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to below 6.5 percent, the State Extended Benefits program will expire in Kansas on April 7.

Politics! I had the opportunity to visit with the Shawnee County District Attorney's office last week to discuss the Kansas Open Meetings Act. In early January, I went to the Governor's home twice for suppers. I was quizzed by the District Attorney's office, for a half-hour, as to whether strategy was discussed at these dinners. I would ask the readers of this column—where were you on Jan. 10 and what did you discuss? I did,

however, remember not discussing strategies.

Politics! I learned a procedure that can be used on the House Floor and committees that I did not know about until recently. If you vote for a bill that passes, the next day you can ask for a motion to reconsider. How is that used? When you would like a bill to fail but it looks certain to pass—you vote for it, and then work hard all night to get representatives to change their minds. You then make the motion to reconsider at the next meeting. I tried to use that strategy this past week and could not get the votes to change; therefore, the record shows I voted for a bill or action that I did not want. Confused? Lots to learn in poli-

tics. School finance is slowly moving along with the Senate passing out an education plan that would raise the Base State Aid Per Pupil \$74 for the next two years. The House is working to have school districts spend down their unencumbered cash balances to show that the legislature is funding education. There will be a conference committee between the House and Senate and eventually have a final plan to vote on. I like the Senate plan at this time.

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