

Council listens to funding request for abuse shelter

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St. Francis City Council members met on Tuesday, May 29, and first heard from visitor Daniel Blake, an employee at Options, formerly the Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Shelter. He came to the council to answer questions about the services provided by the agency and also to request funding. The council has given \$750 in previous years, and with a three percent decrease in state and federal funding to the agency, council member Roger Jensen suggested the council make a donation of \$1000 this year. Both Police Chief Shane Guggenmos and City Attorney Michael Day agreed that this is a vital service that, while not very visible in the community, helps individuals in dangerous situations in ways that the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services cannot. It was agreed to give \$1000 to the agency.

In old business, City Clerk Glorianne Milne said that they were going with a bidding process for a consultant for the bandshell. They also got state approval to plant trees and install the sculpture that was donated by Glenn Zwegardt, however, while moving the sculpture, it was broken and will be replaced with another sculpture. This is now expected to be moved back to fall.

The stfrankkansas.com webpage has been redesigned by Jason Padgett and is online now, and the council moved to pay Mr. Padgett's fees for updating it.

At a meeting in February, council members had discussed paying off the loan they'd taken out for the theater equipment upgrade. It was brought up again and after brief discussion, it was approved to pay off the remainder of that loan.

City superintendent J.R. Landenberger then briefly talked about the insurance review and had already passed out booklets to council members that listed specific pricing and replacement rates. He said he felt that the city was insured as well as it could be and that council members could go over the booklet and come back to him with any specific questions.

The city had also been contacted about participating in a national flood plain insurance program. They had been approached to participate in years past and didn't for some reason, but neither Mr. Landenberger or Mr. Day could recall the specific reason at the time, so they both would do some investigating and report back to the council at the next meeting.

Mr. Guggenmos gave the police report and said that Memorial Day weekend had been busy, but it went well and there was nothing specific to report. He did have more information about the bid he'd received to repaint the roof of one police car because rust had started to show up. He said there

were two spots on the hood of the car as well and Mayor Scott Schultz said that he should get an estimate for painting both the roof and hood at the same time, as it'd probably be cheaper than painting them separately.

Mr. Guggenmos also said he'd been to some more meetings about purchasing new radios that would be on the 800 megahertz band. They're still looking at pricing and nothing has been decided yet.

Council member Bruce Swihart gave the pool report, stating they had opened on Saturday for Memorial Day weekend. He had talked to employees about rules and expectations and the first weekend had gone well, despite high winds. Five lifeguards are currently certified and five still need to be trained, which is expected to go through Thursday through Sunday of this week. The council agreed to pay for Aly Marin's water safety instructor training from the Red Cross.

There were two building permits, one from Maggie Holzwarth to replace sidewalk and one from J.R. Landenberger to put in a concrete drive approach, which were both approved.

In the superintendent report, Mr. Landenberger said the insurance adjuster had been here to survey the water damage done to the scout hut. There had been a problem with the hot water heater and it flooded the building. He said there had been significant damage but that they had hopefully caught it before it could mold. He will let the council know what he hears from the adjuster.

Roger Sauer also had a public health complaint issued on his residence. He has previously had complaints and the property has returned to the same state of disaray as before. Mr. Guggenmos paid Mr. Sauer a visit, as there had been little to no change with the problem previously, to inform him that if he ignored the situation again, jail time may be necessary.

Mr. Landenberger had also gone to the previous county commissioners' meeting, along with Mr. Jensen, to ask about assistance with the full-time recycling position. The discussion seemed good, but there was no commitment yet, and both Mr. Landenberger and Mr. Jensen would follow up at the next meeting.

Mrs. Milne said in her clerk's report that there were some computers in the city office that needed to be replaced.

For council comments, council member and theater board member Paula Keller said that the theater is planning on having their 1,000th movie on alumni weekend.

Mr. Jensen said that he had seen the new runway up at the airport and that it was done well and was important to the community for medical emergencies and he would also need five minutes in executive session for personnel.

The council will next meet on Monday, June 11 at 7:30.



KINDERGARTEN CLASS ends pizza party in the park with a water balloon fight. The class won the cancer 'Pocket Change' contest.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Cancer relay brings people together

It brings men, women and children together for an overnight gathering of celebration and remembrance. It raises funds for the fight against cancer, a disease that will affect one in two American men and one in three American women in their lifetimes. It also helps improve the lives of cancer patients and their caregivers by supporting local programs and services. What is it? It's Relay For Life of Cheyenne County, and it's happening June 9 in St. Francis.

Funds raised from Relay For Life support life-saving cancer research as well as programs and services for cancer patients and caregivers right here in Cheyenne County. For example, last year, several people affected by cancer in Cheyenne County received more than services at no charge from the American Cancer Society, including:

- Gas cards and transportation assistance.
- Personal Health Manager materials.
- Referrals to support services.
- Information and educational materials.

Last year, 45 survivors were honored at the Relay For Life in Cheyenne County and, this year, approximately 21 more people in Cheyenne County will hear the words "You have cancer." The American Cancer Society believes that patients should not have to face a cancer diagnosis alone. Having cancer is hard, but finding help shouldn't be.

"In the fight against cancer, the American Cancer Society places great importance on cancer patient services hoping to ease cancer's impact on people's lives," says Tammy Kimminau, Society community manager. "The fact that people are surviving cancer today more than ever before — more than 60 percent live at least five years — reinforces the need to help people get back into their lives again."

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life helps cancer patients. So what happens when you support Relay For Life? You help the Society do all of the following and more:



MONSTER TRUCK rides given by Kelly Lampe were also enjoyed during the party.

- Help people stay well — The Society teaches people how to prevent cancer and how to detect it early by helping people quit smoking, eat right and exercise, and talk to their doctors about getting cancer screenings on time.

- Help people get well — The Society is there for cancer patients during and after their diagnosis with free lodging and transportation to/from treatments; patient navigation services for financial and insurance needs; clinical trials matching program; emotional support and information 24 hours a days, seven days a week at 800-227-2345 and www.cancer.org; and Camp Hope for kids who have or had cancer.

- Find cures — The Society invests in groundbreaking and life-saving research and is the largest funder of cancer research other than the federal government, spending approximately \$100 million each year. Since 1946, we have spent more than \$3.4 billion on research that has discovered cures for childhood leukemia, the pap smear test to detect cervical

cancer, mammography to find breast cancer, the PSA test to detect prostate cancer, and the link between tobacco use and hundreds of cancers.

- Fight back — The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network rallies lawmakers to pass laws that help defeat cancer by making more dollars available for research, screenings and new treatments.

Last year, the American Cancer Society gave 372 wigs to cancer patients in Kansas. During the same year, 548 Kansas patients and their caregivers received free temporary housing for a total of 9,971 nights at an American Cancer Society Hope Lodge®. Hope Lodge is available in 30 cities throughout the nation, including Kansas City. Transportation assistance is also available for Kansas patients through a gas card reimbursement program, as well as through the Road to Recovery program — where volunteer drivers transport

patients to treatment facilities.

More than 110 women diagnosed with breast cancer in Kansas last year were visited by trained Reach to Recovery breast cancer survivors for one-to-one support sessions, and more than 270 women participated in a Look Good...Feel Better session to cope with physical changes resulting from chemotherapy or radiation.

Funds raised at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Cheyenne County help ensure that these patient support programs and services are readily available to cancer patients and their families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For more information about Society programs and services or Relay For Life, contact Pat Rose at 785-332-5348 or Ms. Kimminau at 785-820-9423. For cancer information, call the American Cancer Society's 24 hour helpline at 800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

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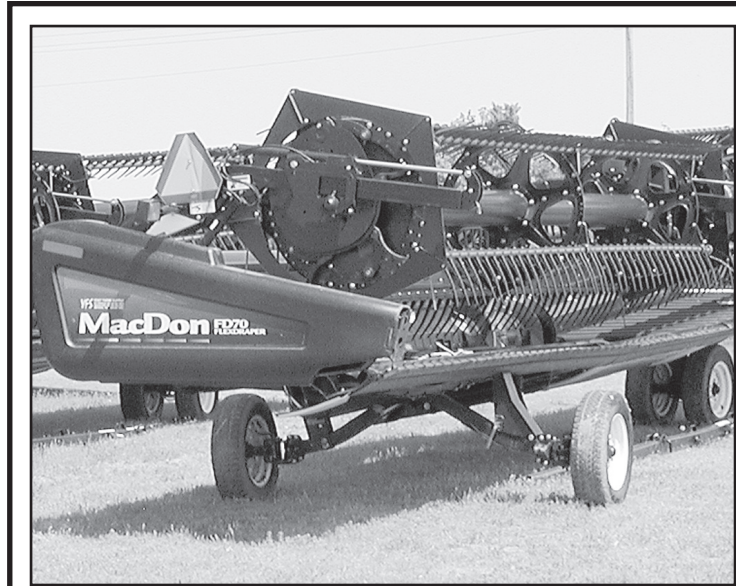
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