

City water tower passes inspection

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The St. Francis City Council met on Monday for a short meeting.

J.R. Landenberger, superintendent, said that the painting of the water tower had come in under budget. The inside of the tower had passed inspection, he said, and looked good.

Mr. Landenberger asked for additional funding for the completion of a new fire hydrant at the emergency building. The new hydrant was to be used for increased flow to the building, and in lieu of the recent fires this past summer, the hydrant is needed to aide in filling tankers faster and more easily so that the fire crews response time would be lessened. The council approved the request.

He also requested \$2,500 to replace the spring board at the

swimming pool, and is wanting to install the Americans With Disability Act (ADA) lift before next season. The council approved the requests.

No building or other permits were submitted.

Glorianne Milne also reported that Joe Caldart and Jason Padgett would like to hold an Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy event in April of next year.

No reports given by the city attorney or chief of police.

In the clerk's report Ms. Milne stated that Computer Information Concepts is here and is getting the new utility billing system is getting switched over and will be up and running soon.

Bruce Swihart asked that the next council meeting be moved to the day after Christmas to Dec 26 at 1 p.m. The council approved.



NEW BRIDGE 7 miles west of St. Francis has been replaced by the county crew.

Crew constructs replacement bridge

The Cheyenne County Road and Bridge crew recently completed the "Alvin Holzwarth Bridge," located 7 miles west of St. Francis on Road P. It had been 15 years since the county crew constructed the last bridge.

The old bridge was the last 20-foot wide structure in the county. The crew first removed the 2-span 40-foot long by 20-foot wide wooden bridge which was built in 1940. The crew replaced it with an all steel single-span bridge except for a concrete deck.

They purchased seven inverters consisting of two steel stringers with a concrete deck, 49-inches wide and 40-feet long per section to equal a 28.5-foot wide deck.

The cost for materials on the bridge was \$62,000.

This project, said Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, was a good experience for the newer employees. Martin Hilt, past road and bridge employee, came back and assisted the crew on the job.

Mr. Flemming noted that the unusually warm, mild fall weather helped the fast progress of installing the bridge which was completed in 12 days.

The county has 90 bridges. Utilizing federal funds, contractors have built a lot of the bridges in the county. The county crew has dedicated more time to strengthening older structures and making them safer for heavy loads.



COUNTY WORKER unhooked the chain from newly placed beam.

Junior high boys team wins over Oberlin

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Vs Oberlin
43-15 and 30-28

The St. Francis junior high boys' A-team posted a win Monday, Nov. 19, against Oberlin.

One of the most impressive aspects of the boys' performance in this game was patience, said Coach David Morrow. Unable to run the ball as much as we have in the past, they had to play much more half-court basketball. The execution of the offense was very good, and when opportunities for a shot or a drive to the basket, the guys took them.

Early in the game, most of our scoring came from Taylor Rogers. The team converted a few steals to layups and earned a couple trips to the free throw line.

In the second quarter, Tate Busse began hitting a few shots and helped open the game up even more. His shooting in the second half was even more impressive than in the first. According to the official score keeper from Oberlin, the guys forced 17 turnovers

in the first half.

In the second half, the team pressed our defense and played more man-to-man, which featured Joel Hill guarding Oberlin's best player. Joel performed very well in that role, and by doing so, he allowed the other guys to be more aggressive in going for steals. Jeremiah Neitzel and Quinton Cravens both played well in the post area against a handy Oberlin big man, helping the team to lead the Red Devil in rebounding all night. J.R. Landenberger, who is pretty much back up to speed after missing some time from illness, played good defense throughout the game. The boys' next game will be against Dighton.

Junior High boys' B-Team
30-28

The boys on the B team squad should be applauded for their 30-28 win.

After playing poorly against Atwood, the boys executed very well against Oberlin. Our man-to-man defense was not all that

great, but when we moved back to our zone, the guys found their comfort zones and played very well, Coach Morrow said. Jake Faulkender and Sayed Fierro both came off the bench and played excellent defense.

There were several players that stepped up throughout the game to provide leadership. Dalton Straub got in early foul trouble, but Luke Lampe and Trayton Doyle helped settle us down and

keep the momentum going. Martin Beikman also helped us out in Dalton's absence by playing good defense and getting some very important rebounds.

By the end of the game, we were up by two and had several opportunities to inbound the ball under Oberlin's basket. The guys executed inbounds strategy very well and held on to the ball to win the game.



ENTERTAINING MEMBERS of the Music Club were Althea Lebow and Ron Maifeld.

Local musicians play for club meeting

Althea Lebow and Dr. Ron Maifeld entertained members of the St. Francis Federated Music Club at their November meeting with a musical program, 'According to Accordions' at the home of Beth Maifeld. Members made plans for the upcoming annual Yuletide Festival, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2

at the St. Francis Community High School auditorium. Teresa Porter's Dance Ranch students will perform as well as local musicians. A free-will offering and sales from the Candy Store in the lobby will be used to support music in the community. The public is invited to attend this event.

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Guests at the home of Robert and Gertie Zwegygartd's on Thanksgiving Day were Oscar and Kayla Lurea, Tayke and Kaitlyn and friend, Taylor Smith. Also present were Oscar's friends, Andrei Melnic, Moldova, Russia, and Daulet "Dee" Alier, Uzbekiston, South Asia, who attend the Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland.

Others enjoying the day were Travis and Valisha Raile, Alana, Trenton and Tripp, Oberlin; Edwin and Wanda Raile, Bird City; Pete and Kay Raile, St. Francis; Dillan

and Christe Zwegygartd, Manhattan; Drew Zwegygartd, Manhattan; Brock Zwegygartd, Colby; Keith Zwegygartd, Mary Beth Zwick, and Kaleb Zwick, St. Francis; J.R. and Barb Baird and Easton, Brewster; and Trent Raile and Brianna Kruger, Holbrook, Neb.

Donna and Norvin Northrup, Debra and George Harper, Loretta and Randall Raile were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Kacy and Eric Harper in Benkelman.

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