

City council discusses bandshell

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City attorney Mike Day, at the Jan. 13 St. Francis City Council meeting, reported that he had talked to architect Eric Johnson at Phisney Restoration regarding the contractor's latest bill for work on the band shell in Sawhill Park. The bill was approximately \$27,000.

Mr. Johnson said he had reviewed the work done and also talked to the contractor and was satisfied that the work had been completed according to the contract signed by the city. The council is concerned about making a payment on what they consider unfinished work, and would like a breakdown of costs.

Mr. Day was requested to contact Mr. Johnson to get copies of invoices before any further payment is made. It was also decided that a committee, consisting of council members Roger Jensen, Dale Weeks and Mayor Scott Schultz, will review all submitted invoices.

Other business

The council presented a plaque and expressed their gratitude to Glenn Schliep for his 20 years of employment.

Police chief Shane Guggenmos reported that it was a fairly quiet month in December.

The St. Francis Police department recorded the following calls: Other tickets, 1 (dismissed); theft reports, 2; found property, 2; lost property, 1; medical assist, 6; dog at large, 3; animal control, 2; welfare check, 2; identity theft report, 1.

The golf cart registration sticker for this year will be orange. Chief Guggenmos wants to remind all citizens that use golf carts in the city to get them properly registered.

Scott Northrup is requesting a variance for 118 N. Quincy. He is requesting that the property be changed from commercial to residential. After a discussion, the council decided that it would be best to grant Mr Northrup a variance change instead of rezoning the property. A zoning change will need to be published in the local newspaper and would cost around \$200, said Mr. Day. Mr. Nothrup was given a variance petition for his neighbors to sign, before a variance can be granted.

Helen Dobbs presented an update on the Cheyenne County Development Corporation. She reported that the entrepreneur program has been very successful with many of the student businesses. She also reported that the Western

Prairie Development Council has a program called mobile gardening. This program is designed to help seniors who like to garden, but have trouble bending down to do the ground. They would now be able to do their gardening from specially designed shopping carts. Helen also presented the council with a certification of appreciation.

The council received only one bid to replace the flooring at the Scout Hut. The bid for \$3442.83 was received from Schultz's. After a discussion, the council voted to accept the bid. The linoleum in the kitchen will be replaced, and 12 by 14 carpet tiles will be installed on the rest of the floor.

The council members received an email with links to a webinar to learn more about flood plain insurance. Further discussion will be held after the council has had a chance to study the issue.

Building permits were approved for the following: Good Samaritan Village, porch and roof; B&W LLC, concrete wall.

Attorney report

A local business on U.S. 36 was reported to have a large amount overdue on their utility account. The council had a long discussion regarding the ethics of allowing this to continue, when the city policy is to shutdown services to an account that is not paid by the 25th of the current month that it is due.

Attorney Day will draft a letter, from the city to the business, that states that the business must pay their current bill in full each month, plus \$1,000 of the overdue account, for the city to maintain its utility services. In the future, if the business misses either one month's full payment, or does not pay the full \$1,000 of the overdue amount, the city will shut off the utilities services immediately.

Superintendent's report

Superintendent J.R. Landenberger reported that the skid-steer used by the city needs to be replaced. He has researched a lease-purchase option for a new skid-steer with Yost New Holland equipment. Mr. Landenberger's recommendation is that the old skid-steer be used as a trade-in, and the city would be able to purchase a new skid-steer for \$32,000. The city would then be eligible to purchase a new skid-steer each year for \$3200, as long as the maximum usage hours was kept under 300 hours. Mr. Landenberger said that the average yearly hourly usage for the current skid-steer was

160. After some discussion, the council agreed to the purchase.

J.R reported that the Christmas lights on Main Street are getting old and need repairs, bulbs and wires break every year when they are put up and taken down. He is researching options for LED bulbs and new wiring that are much more durable than the current screw-in type bulbs. The cost to replace will be \$6,500. He is still researching the issue.

Only one bid was received for ag chemicals that are used by the city. It was from Bartlett's for \$4,254. The council approved the purchase.

The cost to repair the siren was \$1,000. The horn will also be repainted before the siren is turned back on.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in city hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Commercial license course to be held

The Sunflower Extension District is holding a course on farm and commercial truck regulations. County Treasurer and Sheriff Departments of Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties are working together to bring you the course on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. The course will be held at the 4-H building on Sherman County Fairgrounds in Goodland.

Topics

- Who needs a CDL?
- Who needs a DOT number?
- Bridge laws and weight limits on different combinations.
- Oversized loads
- Hauling hay with governor's drought assistance plan

Brake/tires/lights/antique tags
Changes in Commercial vehicle requirements

Safety topics

- CSA - How motor carriers are prioritized
- Compliance reviews inspection
- Recent rule making including: hours of service, registration, medical certificates
- MAP-21 Reauthorization Authority (Inter and Intrastate)

Revenue

- Vehicle registration
- Fuel tax
- Oversize permits
- For more information please call your local treasurer's office at 785-332-8810.

Obituary

Russell W. Moore
April 8, 1928 - Jan. 14, 2014

Russell W. Moore died on Jan. 14, 2014, at the age of 85. He was born on April 8, 1928, to Alexander B. and Helen L. Moore in Wray, Colo.

Russell graduated from Arnel Colorado High School with the class of 1945. After graduation, he attended one year at Western Bible Institute in Denver. After his time at Western, he returned to Yuma County to farm with Winn Cassens. He was called into the U.S. Army on Aug. 14, 1951, served in El Paso, Texas, and in Germany and was honorably discharged on July 25, 1953.

Russell married Jean Ann Brown on Dec. 26, 1951, at Clough Valley Baptist Church and they celebrated 62 years of marriage before Russell's death. Russell and Jean have four children.

He and Jean returned to Cheyenne County after Russell's discharge from the Army to begin their lifelong career in farming. In April, 1955 they moved into the house where they currently reside. Russell farmed and ranched northwest of St. Francis and continued to be involved in farming and ranching as long as he was able.

Russell is survived by his wife Jean, his daughter Connie and her husband Johnny, son Roger and his wife Teresa, son Wayne and his wife Jonneke, daughter Renee and her husband Clint, 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the First Christian Church in St. Francis on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m. Russell has been buried at a private family ceremony at Clough Valley Cemetery, rural St. Francis.



VALERIE WURM dribbling the ball to set up a play.
Herald photo by Douglas Sloper

Varsity Lady Indians knock off Tribune

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The Lady Indians got off to a good start in Northwest Kansas Tournament play on Monday night. St. Francis took on the Tribune Jackrabbits in Tribune and came away with a very convincing victory, 46-22.

St. Francis will next take on a very tough Hoxie Indians team on Tuesday in Oberlin.

In the first quarter, both teams got off to a very slow start. Neither team could get into any kind of rhythm. St. Francis held a 4-1 lead at the end of the quarter.

The cold shooting continued into the second quarter, as the Lady Indians widened their lead to 19-8 at the half.

"We got off to a really slow start, said Coach Susan Dinkel. We were lethargic and just struggled to get things going. I put on the press, which gave us the opportunity to increase our

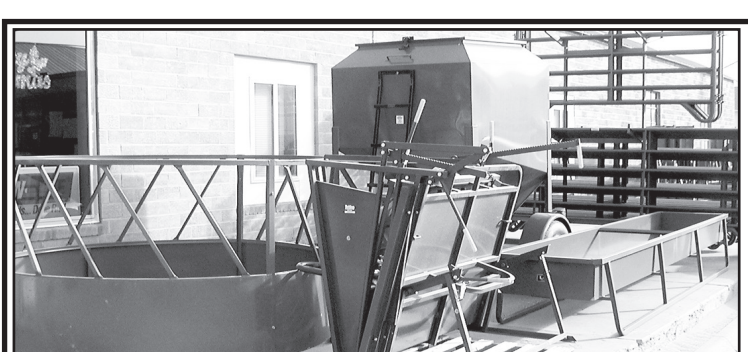
intensity, but also to increase our fouls. Tribune struggle from the field, only making one field goal in the first half and the rest of their points came from the foul line."

St. Francis got their shooting touch and offense going in the third quarter, outscoring the Jackrabbits 17 to 6 to take a commanding 36-14 lead.

With the bench making a big contribution in the fourth quarter the Lady Indians finished off Tribune, 46-22.

"We came out after halftime, played a little more aggressively and fortunately stayed out of foul trouble. We ran our offense well and were able to capitalize on our steals, said Coach Dinkel."

Lady Indians scoring: Kyla Bandel, 16 points; Valerie Wurm, 9 points; Justice Wiley, 9 points; Kylie Sherlock, 4 points; Sydney Sundstrom, 4 points; Kayla Reed, 2 points; Jenna Confer, 2 points.



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