

## Increased sewer rates discussed

## City council round up

By Sandy Barnhart

Mark Jenik of Jenik Oil Co. was present at the Oct. 8 St. Francis City Council meeting to discuss the sewer rate increase. The new sewer rates were approved at the Sept. 16 meeting. Mr. Jenik explained that his business at 201 E. Washington was classified as a wash rack. Wash rack businesses with the sewer rate increase are now paying \$30 a month, whereas a

commercial business is charged \$13.20 a month. His place of business was once set up to wash vehicles, but since he had owned the station he had not used the facility for that purpose. He explained that neither water nor oil had been run through the sewer.

The council instructed city clerk Mary Lampe to adjust his rate to \$13.20 a month and the business be classified as a commercial business. The

council also felt that there was several other stations around town being classified as wash racks that do not provide that service and asked Clerk Lampe check into the matter.

Councilman Rick Krieger noted that Bier's Hometown Store was paying a sewer and meter charge even though there was no running water nor drain in their part of the store. The council approved to charge Masonic Lodge \$13.20

sewer charge. Bier's will only pay electrical and trash pickup.

### Recycling center

Councilman Roger Jensen updated the council on the recycling center. He said that the volume had picked up and the dirt in the center of the facility was soft and powdery. Councilman Jensen felt like there needed to be some kind of See **RATES** on Page 11

Plans for getting the funds for the renovation of the sewer ponds and building a lift station are made. See this page for more information.

Highway island project voted down. See Page 5 for the end results of this project.

## St. Francis teen killed in two vehicle accident

A St. Francis teen was killed and another critically injured Sunday at an intersection at Kersey, Colo., near Greeley.



Navarro

Christina Navarro, 17, was pronounced dead upon arriving at North Colorado Medical Center. She was a passenger in a Ford Escort driven by Richard "Ricky" Straub, 18, who was in critical condition Sunday night at North Colorado Medical Center with massive head and internal injuries. Patrick Laybourn, 19, of Cope, Colo., was driving a Pontiac Grand Prix west on U.S. 34 at 11:11 a.m. Sunday when Straub turned in front of him to get onto Colorado 37, according to a witness and the Colorado State Patrol.

On Tuesday, Straub was reported to still be in critical condition.

Navarro was a senior at St. Francis Community High School and the daughter

of Deonn and Kip Wiese of St. Francis and Chris and Christina Navarro of Las Cruces, N.M.

The funeral service has been set for 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the Peace Lutheran Church at College and Jackson streets in St. Francis.

According to the Greeley Daily Tribune, the intersection where the accident occurred is considered "an intersection some residents there (in Kersey) have dreaded crossing for years."

Three years ago, an 18-year-old girl was killed after pulling out in front of a semitrailer. Kersey Mayor Tim Phippard said the town appealed to the Colorado Department of Transportation but was unsuccessful in having a traffic light installed at the intersection.

Police believe that alcohol was not a factor in the accident, according to State Patrol spokesman Trooper Russ Zeller.

Both teens in the Escort were not wearing seat belts, Zeller said. Laybourn was wearing a seat belt and sustained minor injuries. He was treated at North Colorado Medical Center and released.



HOMEcoming CROWN BEARERS Dalton Straub and Maggie Lambert were cold as they took the crown and flowers to the new Homecoming Queen, Kelsey Andrist. Check the Fall Sports insert in next week's Herald for more Homecoming pictures.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Cast ballot now

Terry Miller, county election officer, said the advanced voting booth has been set up in the clerk's office at the courthouse and registered voters may now cast their ballots.

He said that there have been many questions about the write-in campaign since I.B. "Sonny" Rundell announced a write-in campaign.

Points of interest include:

The name doesn't have to be spelled correctly. It is up to the county board to determine the intent of the voter so anything close will most likely be counted.

Ideally, the box should be checked as well as a name written in. However, the vote will count even if the box isn't checked (write-in candidates only).

Cheyenne County has decided to not allow stickers to be placed on the ballot. Some candidates supply stickers to be placed on the write-in line and it is up to each county to decide whether to allow this or not.

### Closing of books

The registration books will close at the end of the day on Oct. 21 and remain closed through the day of the general election on Nov. 5. People can register to vote during regular business hours at the offices of the county clerk at the courthouse; the city clerk's office at 113 W. Washington, both in St. Francis; and in Bird City, at the First National Bank on Bird Avenue.

When a voter has registered, his or her registration will be valid until the voter changes their name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings or See **CAST** on Page 11

## 'Spooktacular' festival set for Oct. 26

By Karen Krien

A "Spooktacular" festival is being planned for Oct. 26 on St. Francis' Main Street.

Coordinated by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, other groups are also joining in the fun and are offering a variety of activities and money-making events.

The day will start with merchants bringing items out of their stores for sidewalk sales. However, shoppers are encouraged to shop inside the businesses for more special sales.

During the morning and early afternoon, the St. Francis firemen will be giving rides to kids and adults in their barrel train and Main Street between Scott and Quincy will be blocked off for games. The senior citizens will be holding their annual pancake feed and celebrating their 25th anniversary with free coffee to go with the pancakes, eggs, sausage and biscuits and gravy. They will also be holding a bake sale. The sophomore and junior classes will hold money-making events, there

will be other food booths and the Kettle Corn man will be in town.

"Anyone is welcome to join the fun and set up a booth on Main Street," said Shawna Blanka, one of the committee planners and president of Chamber.

The real excitement will come at 11:30 when the Frisbee Toss will be held within that block. Mrs. Blanka reported that this year, there will be a Frisbee Toss for the kids and a second toss for adults. That way, young and old will have a chance to visit business places to claim a prize.

At noon, the children will meet at the courthouse steps for the "spook parade" down Main Street. There will be prizes given for different categories and different age groups.

The registration for the Bicycle Rodeo will start at 12:30 with the action to begin at 1 p.m.

"This should be fun for kids from 4 and under to those 9 and up," she said. "Now kids will be able to participate in rodeo events outside the rodeo arena."

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## Household hazardous waste collection scheduled at county landfill on Oct. 26

By Karen Krien

The second Household Hazardous Waste Roundup has been set from 1 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 26 at the Cheyenne County Landfill. The commissioners set the date on a Saturday thinking that it would be more convenient for those wanting to bring in their hazardous waste products.

"We want people to know that this hazardous waste collection is for household hazardous waste — not commercial," Commissioner Ron Krien said. "Businesses bringing in hazardous waste products will be charged. Schools will

also not be allowed to bring in items as there will be a special collection for schools in May. The state will be notifying the schools closer to May."

Some of the materials which can be accepted include paints, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, aerosol cans, batteries and used oil. Automobile lead acid batteries will also be accepted.

Materials need to be placed in sturdy boxes and used oil in disposable containers.

People with empty paint cans, dried paint or other empty or dried materials

may put them in their dumpsters. However, if the paint is still in a liquid form, it needs to be taken to the collection.

If those having paint that is still liquid, they can take the lid off and let it dry out. If it is taking longer than thought to dry out, then add some dirt or sand to the can then put it in the dumpster.

However, for those wanting to get rid of their paint on the day of the collection, there will be a large container which all paint will be poured into.

Contractors and other business owners will be charged for bringing in their

hazardous items — the collection with no charge is only to help get rid of household hazardous items.

Appliances, tires, yard waste, explosives, medical waste or radioactive waste will not be accepted. Program organizers reserve the right to reject delivery of materials.

"We are hoping to get a lot of residents to participate in the household hazardous waste project," said Commissioner Krien. "We think it is an important project and will help people get rid of some of these items."

## Commissioners sign closing documents for bond sale

By Karen Krien

The Thursday meeting of the Cheyenne County Commissioners was combined with a special meeting and held on Oct. 10 instead of Oct. 15. The reason for the change was so the commissioners could sign the closing documents for the hospital bond sale.

County treasurer Dolores Jenik discussed investment options for the money so it would earn some interest but also be available when the hospital building began. The treasurer said that the money would be divided and deposited in the two county banks. Certificate of Deposit rates are currently 1.8 per-

cent for six months and 2.75 percent for one year.

The commissioners felt that Treasurer Jenik was a better judge at investing money than they were so she is to invest the money how she thinks is best. The commissioners then signed the

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## Sewer project moves forward

Thaniel Monaco, of Miller and Associates, McCook, and Amy Griffey, economic development coordinator with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development, were present to update the St. Francis City Council on the progress of the Community Development Grant which will help supply the necessary funding to bring the city's sewer ponds, build a lift station and repair manholes into compliance. The cost of the major project will be approximately \$800,000. The council is

hoping to receive \$400,000 in grant money and \$400,000 from a state revolving loan.

The council approved Resolution 2002-5 giving the city legal authority to apply for the Community Development Block Grant; and Resolution 2002-6 assuring that funds will be provided for the operation and maintenance of improvements to the sewer system.

At the Sept. 24 council meeting Mr. Monaco had outlined three basic items

which the council would need to complete. The items consisted of: 1) purchase of land to expand the sewer site; 2) a series of public meeting to discuss the grant and funding process and 3) an engineering contract for the design and construction services for the waste site. At the end of the Oct. 8 meeting, the council had completed nearly all three requirements by approving the purchase of 6.3 acres by the sewer lagoon. Six acres were purchased from Bud See **SEWER** on Page 11



600 POUNDS OF FOOD was collected by high school juniors and seniors for the Food Pantry. Pictured putting food on the Pantry shelves were Heather Culwell and Amber Feikert.

Herald staff photo by Sandy Barnhart



BOB STREVEY is the Democrat running for State Representative, visits with Rod Lampe. He was in the Army, is a retired teacher and is a farmer and cattleman. For more information, look at www.votebob.com.

Herald photo by Karen Krien

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Goldt's plan would be to stucco the front and then texture. He also noted that after the baler had been purchased, there was a possibility of some extra money from the grant that could be used towards the concrete.

The council asked that Councilman Jensen contact Mr. Goldt and request a bid in writing and the council will discuss the matter at a future meeting. Drop slot for the new city hall building will cost from \$400 to \$2,000.

The council approved the purchase of a drop slot that would fit on the side of the building for approximately \$400. The council approved \$205 to be paid to Rod's Locksmith for the master key system at the new building.

Attorney report
City attorney Mike Day reported on status of city of St. Francis vs Mattie ErvaGene DeAragon, trustee of the Mattie ErvaGene DeAragon trust, case no 02-C-07.

Other business
In other business:
The council approved, contingent upon notification of neighbors, Chelly Moore's request to use fireworks inside city limits during a program she will be doing.

City hall building
At the previous council meeting, the council discussed the water problem on the front of the new city building.

Garrett Quint, Sharon Springs, submitted a bid of \$8,900. Mr. Quint would apply a foam on the front of the building and then blow on the texture. Mr.

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closing documents.
Consolidated law enforcement
Combining the law enforcements of the two cities and the county was discussed.

Attorney Berens said he would look into the matter further. If Bird City can have a representative on the five- or seven-man board, then Commissioner Jane Brubaker said she would be willing to talk to both the Bird City and St. Francis city councils to see if they would be interested.

In other business
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Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, informed the commissioners that the final payment on the Morehouse Canyon Bridge project was \$1,215.

Trail ride draws 89 horsemen
Horsemen woke to find frost on the pumpkins Sunday morning but the sun came out and brought about mild temperatures for the 12th annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride.

Health talk about breast cancer
This year 103,500 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 39,600 will die of the disease. Men can also get the disease but at far lower rates.

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changed the place where they are living.
Those who will need to register are citizens 18 years of age and upwards or will have attained the age of 18 at the next election or those who have changed their name or place of residence.

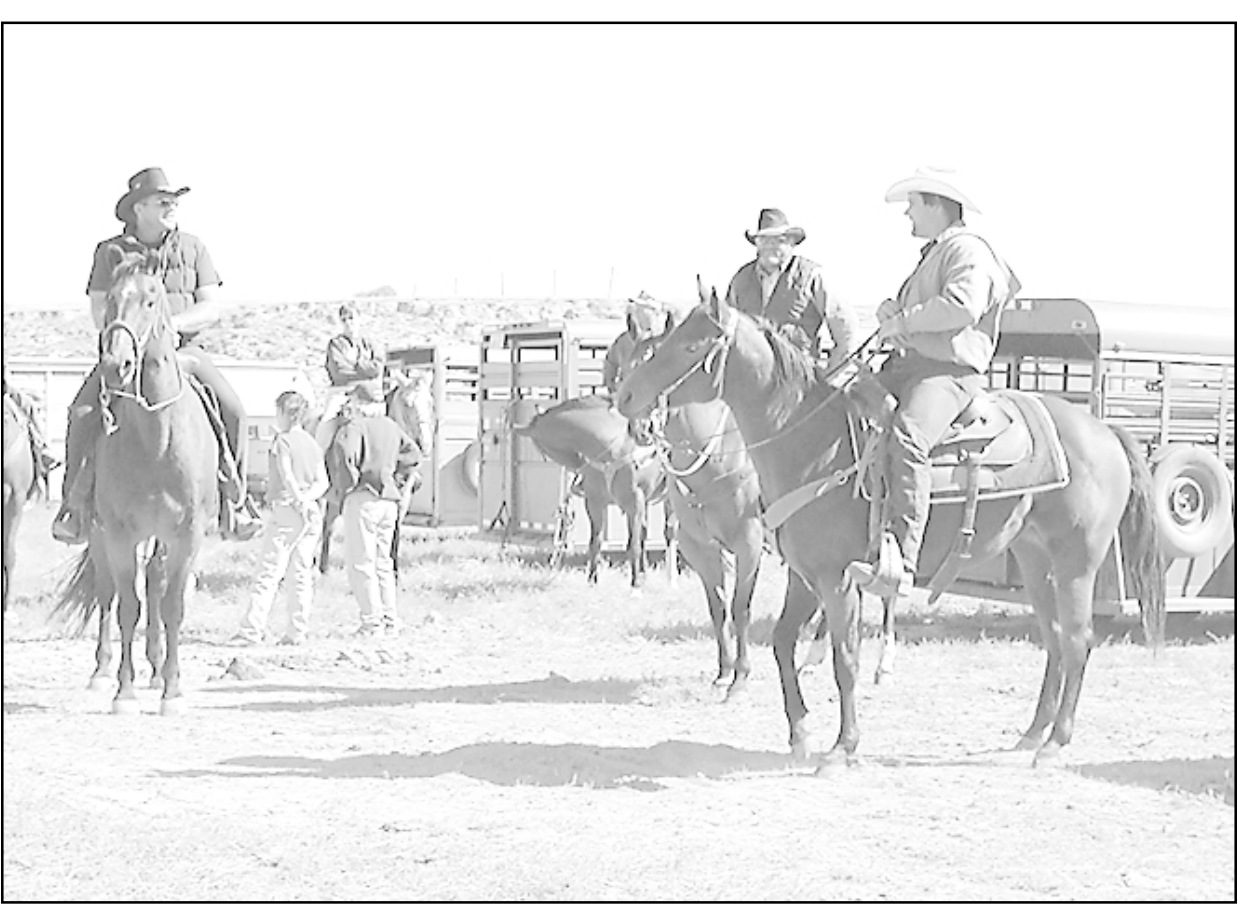
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HORSEMEN ON THE TRAIL RIDE enjoyed the nice weather and visiting with others before the 2.5 hour began. Pictured (l to r) are Dwight Faylor, Alfred Hilt and Lex Landenberger.

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### County Health Corner

Health talk about breast cancer

stices - breast density, faster growth rate, or simply failing to recognize the small early signs of an abnormality. Although the overwhelming majority of women who undergo screening each year do not have breast cancer, 5 to 10 percent of women will have their mammogram interpreted as abnormal or inconclusive until further tests can be done.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of Leta L. O'Brien a/k/a Leta O'Brien, deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Neal E. O'Brien, as one of the heirs of Leta L. O'Brien a/k/a Leta O'Brien, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of all property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 8th day of November, 2002 at 10:00 A.M. of said day, in said court, in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, Kansas at which time and place said cause will be heard.

Neal E. O'Brien, petitioner
H. Scott Beims, #06824 LEWIS & BEIMS, LTD. P.O. Box 449 Atwood, KS 67730 (785) 626-3221 Attorneys for Petitioner

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The City of St. Francis, Kansas will hold a public hearing on October 29, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Library to present and discuss the proposed improvements for the wastewater treatment plant and collection system improvements project. The improvements will be funded under the low interest State Revolving Loan Fund Program through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The Loan application will include funding for the following improvements:

- 1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements consisting of expansion of existing wastewater treatment facility with an estimated amount of \$445,000.
2. Sewer Collection System Improvements consisting of construction of a new lift station and manhole rehabilitation with an estimated amount of \$355,000.

The anticipated amount of the loan application request will be \$400,000 and the total project cost is estimated at \$800,000. The anticipated increase in sewer use charges will be discussed. The proposed improvements will be explained and comments by the public will be considered. Oral and written comments will be accepted. Any written comments will become a part of the City's record of public hearing.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Address, Amount. Lists delinquent personal property taxes for 2001.