



## City council orders trailer moved

By Sandy Barnhart

The St. Francis City Council meeting on Sept. 9 found the council giving ErvaGene DeAragon the remainder of September to move the white trailer house located at 506 E. Second Street.

At the last city council meeting, held Aug. 19, the council reported that they had the authority to move the white trailer home but

they were giving Mrs. DeAragon a chance to find a suitable mover. She had reported that she had gotten someone to move it but then the deal had fallen through and she maybe had another mover who would move the trailer between Thanksgiving and Christmas. However, the council were reluctant to wait that long and the city superintendent would look into movers.

At the Sept. 9 meeting, there were three price quotes to move the trailer: one from Superior Mobile Home Moving for \$1,200; Nationwide Mover for \$1,200 and Roger McQuigg, \$1,750.

Mrs. DeAragon noted disapproval toward Mr. McQuigg as his price had increased from \$1,500 the first time she had talked to him to \$1,750. The reason for the

price increase was due to the fact that Mrs. DeAragon's dog had bit Mr. McQuigg and he required stitches and shots.

Three council members voted in favor of the motion presented by Councilwoman Kay Shay which stated that Mrs. DeAragon be given the remainder of the month to have the trailer moved off the property. If the trailer house is not been removed by Oct. 1,

the city will then have the trailer removed at Mrs. DeAragon's expense. Councilman Rodney Shay seconded the motion with Councilwoman Natalie Knodel also voting in favor of the motion. Councilmen Roger Jensen and Dale Weeks voted against giving Mrs. DeAragon the extra time to move the trailer.

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## Fair events make money



By Lezlie Hilt

The Cheyenne County Fair Board met Thursday evening and the total dollars brought in for event at the fair were given.

The Kid's Ranch Rodeo lost \$600, which was what it had lost the previous year and the board had expected the same for this year. Entertainer Baxter Black had brought in \$250.

The free-will barbecue gained the fair board \$900 — much more than was brought in last year. The Antique Tractor pull was on the plus side with \$400. The Demolition Derby expenses had not been submitted but the members expect somewhere between \$7,000 to \$8,000 made at the Derby, which is the most profitable grandstand event at the fair.

### Extension

Stephanie Schafer, representing the county Extension Council, said that the extension office would be posting a job announcement for an extension agent. The board members asked if they could meet with all the livestock superintendents — there was not a problem but that there had been some confusion on the paper work at the premium sale and the board members would like to meet with the superintendents to help things run smoother next year.

### Mud Volley

Kirby and Tina Elliott presented the board with the final totals of the Mud Volleyball tournament on Saturday of the fair. After all expenses were paid, the event ended up having a \$210 profit. Mrs. Elliott asked if next year they could get the Fair Board members to get a couple of canopy tents for the referees and score keepers as it is very hot and since they are volunteers, it would be nice to provide them with a little relief from the intense heat.

The members agreed to get the canopies but asked that Mrs. Elliott call them a couple weeks before the fair to remind them. They also asked about the improvements around the mud pits and maybe getting some water a little closer to that area. President Dick Bursch talk to Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, and J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis city superintendent, to see what they can come up with.

### 2004 Fair Dates

There was some concern about having the fair the same time as Goodland and the board discussed moving the fair to another weekend. However, they decided to stay with the first week in August with the 2004 fair being held Aug. 4-8.

### In other business

There was a mistake in the fair

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GARDEN TOUR ENJOYED — About 40 people attended the Garden Tour sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce on Sunday. Gardens on the tour included those of George and Deb Harper, shown above; Jim Milliken and Elton Keller; Roger and Janet Jensen and John and Bethany Bartlett.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Fall Festival planned

By Karen Krien

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Fall Festival which will be held on Sept. 20 and this year's lineup of events promises fun and bargains for everyone.

"We want this to be a big event with lots going on and fun for everyone," said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary.

And there will be many events going on during the day. Sidewalk sales will begin at 9 a.m. with the Frisbee Toss starting at 10. However, the senior citizens will be starting the day early with their pancake feed at the center. They are urging everyone to come down and enjoy breakfast with them and then come back for more at noon.

Throughout the day, there will be games including the Pop Toss, Football Throw and Sponge Toss. The Kids Rodeo will be lots of fun to watch and the kids participating will find themselves having a good time. All games are free and there will be treats awarded to winners.

A dog show with many divisions will give almost all dogs a chance to win a doggie prize.

There will be food available on Main Street with the Shriner's Wagon, bake sales and the junior class will be serving lunch on the lot east of Bankwest.

The homecoming candidates will be auctioned off along with an autographed volleyball and football.

"We just plan to bring people to town and when they get here, they will have a good time," Secretary Bracelin said.

Booths are welcomed and arrangements can be made by calling A.J. Marin at Lampe Hardware, 785-332-3111 or the Chamber office at 785-332-2961.

Look for more information in next week's Herald.



WATER ISSUES were discussed when the Upper Republican River Basin Board met in St. Francis on Monday. Chairman Norman Nelsen, left, kept the meeting moving and Diane Coe, State Water Office Basin Planning, was keeping minutes.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Water advisory board makes changes in policy

By Karen Krien

Meeting Monday in St. Francis, members of the Upper Republican River Basin Advisory Board proposed policy changes to be submitted to the state board and decided to stay out of issues dealing with private wells within city limits.

The meeting, chaired by Norman Nelson of Norton, involved considerable discussion on these matters and board members decided to stick with the original "Basin Priority Issues" which included: 1) Management of the Ogallala-High Plains Aquifer; 2) management of the Kansas River System, Upper Republican Basin; and 3) acquisition of storage rights in Keith Sebelius Reservoir in Norton County. The water storage for the Sebelius was considered a future priority compared to the other two.

State officials say the Basin Ad-

visory Committees plays a key role in identifying water issues across the state. The priority issues identified by the basin committees are researched by the Kansas Water Office policy and basin planning staff and are then presented to the Kansas Water Authority to be considered as part of the State Water Plan.

An issue which had been discussed by some of the members was private wells within the city limits, which may be used to irrigate lawns even if the city has watering restrictions. City officials are not happy about the wells, going so far as to say that some were unsafe and contaminated.

Who would set the guidelines for these wells? Would cities need to require permits? Should the advisory board have a special meeting inviting people to talk about the matter?

The members agreed that the bottom (unspoken) line was cities had no control over these wells and, furthermore, could not charge the owners for water use.

"It's a 'hot potato' and I don't think we want any part of it!" Mr. Nelson said, noting that he thought it was a local problem.

### Priorities

The Kansas Water Plan Objectives (priorities) which dealt with the three issues above were reviewed. The board agreed that the line, "Ensure that there are minimum releases to meet water quality and aquatic life needs in the stream," in the Basin Objectives needed to be removed.

Most thought this objective was ridiculous in this part of the state as most streams were dry.

There were several other objec-

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## Homecoming activities begin on Monday

By Karen Krien

Monday marks the start of homecoming activities in St. Francis with the crowning of the homecoming king and queen and the football game with Goodland on Friday and homecoming dance on Saturday bringing the week of fun to an end.

This year's homecoming king and queen candidates are: Lori Faulkender, Meredith Knodel, Allyse Lampe, Kandee Raile, Toni Rice, Christina Zwegardt, Kyle Buffington, Grant Keller, Nick Keller, Michael Raile, Tyler Voorhies and Dillan Zwegardt. The crown bearers are Lauren and Lindsey Johnson, Timothy Lambert and Jake Faulkender.

Monday evening, the seniors will take to Main Street with their brooms, mops and brushes to paint the street. Tuesday is Volleyball

Appreciation Day and the Sainty Ladies will meet Sharon Springs and Atwood Ladies in Atwood with action starting at 4 p.m. The annual bon fire will start at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Friday is the big day with the pep assembly and crowning of the king and queen held at 2:30 p.m. A taco bar, sponsored by the Pep Club, will start at 5 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Kick off time at Greene Field is 7:30 p.m.

The dance will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 on Saturday in the high school cafeteria.

A Homecoming 2003 section will be compiled following the week of activities and will be inserted in the Bird City Times and St. Francis Herald in the Oct. 2 issues. Check out the sponsors who will make this special memory-filled section possible.

## Hospital golf tourney is Sunday

The "Swing For Your Health" golf tournament, sponsored by the Cheyenne County Hospital, has been set to start at 11 a.m. with tee-off at noon on Sunday at Riverside Recreation, west of St. Francis on U.S. 36. This is the third charity golf tournament held by the hospital.

The

tournament is a three-person scramble. Proceeds will be used to purchase a therapeutic pool for the physical therapy department.

"I hope there is someone who plays worse than me this year so I won't be lonesome... I know there are a lot of people who play better," said Les Lacy, hospital administrator, who always participates in the tournament.

After the tournament, there will be an evening dinner at 6 p.m. which is open to the public at Riverside Recreation. Tickets can be purchased from several businesses, the hospital and clinic.

For more information, contact the hospital at 785-332-2104.



# WATER

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tives which the board approved. Mr. Nelson thought that the "Kansas Water Plan - Upper Republican Basin Section" was too long (15 pages) and suggested that it be shortened and be more to the point.

### Policy section

On a preliminary draft of the policy section, Anne Marie Worley, a board member from Atwood, said she had closely read those six pages. She was irritated that 10 times in those pages, it had talked about authorizing the state to purchase groundwater rights and overlying land rights for municipal, industrial, and fish, wildlife and recreational purposes. This had also concerned several other members.

John Keller, a board member from St. Francis, asked just how many water rights are for sale now and how many wells would be for sale in the future?

"If the cities need water, they'll get it," Mr. Keller said, adding that he thought laws will be written to make it happen.

Wayne Bossert, a board member from Colby and manager of the groundwater district there, countered that it was better to establish a market system now. When wells are pur-

chased, they would then be returned to the domain system (or the people).

Following much discussion and several suggestions, the board agreed to add "for public benefit."

### In other business

In other business, the board:  
• Noted that in the near future, every well will probably be required to have meters. However, Mr. Bossert

pointed out that meters will require staff to monitor the wells and make sure the owners are in compliance and take care of meters when they break down.

- Named Craig Ingram of Long Island as a board member, replacing Elmer Zoderow of Oberlin.
- Noted that the purchase of the Circle K Ranch in Edwards County

would provide water for the city of Hays. Part of the 7,000-acre ranch would be converted to a wildlife habitat and some water now used for irrigation would be used to help with stream recovery on the Arkansas River.

- Agreed to meet in the first part of March with no meeting place designated.

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### Recycling center

Councilman Jensen updated the council concerning the recycling center. He said that Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) would be making a voluntary inspection of the center to help the city concerning safety issues and procedures. Both Councilman Jensen and Susan Hobrock, coordinator for the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, planned to be at the inspection.

He said that once again Bird City's recycling contractor, Marcia Ruda, would not be picking the city's recycling items. Bird City employee Sam Beeson had suggested taking their items for recycling directly to Colby.

In researching the matter Councilman Jensen had found that in setting up the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling organization, each county has a designated set-up point with Cheyenne County's being St. Francis. Therefore Bird City would be unable to take their recycling items directly to Colby but would need to bring them to St. Francis. He noted that the man-hours and extra load on the city had already been dealt with.

### Property cleanup

Superintendent J.R. Landenberger reported on the previous five properties that the city has been following through the summer. The property at 218 E. First had been sold and the new owner has plans of the building being burn down this fall; 512 W. Spencer shows steady progress; he was unsure of the burn schedule on 610 S. Frances, but would check into it; 318 E. Whittier shows items being moved, but very little progress, a hearing date is scheduled in October; 613 W. First shows activity in regards to vehicles and windows being removed, but as of yet, they have not contacted Superintendent Landenberger.

### Cycle mower bids

Mayor Scott Schultz opened three bids submitted for a cycle mower. All bids involved a model 710 with a 30-inch cycle bar. The council approved to take the bid from Yost Farm Supply in the amount of \$1,207, on the basis that in case the mower broke down, Yost Farm Supply would be able to work on it. The other bids included All-Pro Auto Parts, \$1,202.25; Van Allen, Inc., \$1,374.

### Building permits

Building permits were approved for the following residents: Don Browning, fence; Charlsie Rogers, erect fence; Don Keeker, build porch; Delbert Henderson, erect building; Don Brunswig, erect fence.

### Superintendent report

• Superintendent Landenberger reported that the boom truck was back from Garden City after having repairs done and is working fine.

• City employees Bob Hankins and John Larson will be attending a back flow prevention school.

• Superintendent Landenberger plans to attend an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Course in Wichita.

• The city crew will begin fog sealing on some of the streets the middle of this month.

### Police report

Chief of Police Jason Ryan reported that Officer Tom Raile will be attending Basic Academy. Officer Raile will need to have 525 hours in training.

Chief Ryan noted that he had several people express concerns regarding stereos playing loud late at night. Attorney Day said that he would do

further looking into the ordinances concerning noise disturbances.

### Clerk report

Variance - City clerk Mary Lampe said that she had been approached by a citizen regarding a business card that was circulating. The citizen asked whether the people on the business card were required to have a variance. Clerk Lampe asked directions from the council.

Attorney Day said that a variance is needed when a business is operated out of a home where the public comes and goes on a regular bases and there was no problem with this card.

Shelter - Clerk Lampe reported that the anonymous donor who is interested in donating \$5,000 toward a city project had expressed favor in putting up a shelter north of the swimming pool. Councilman Jensen said that in checking out their request of shelter by the swimming pool, he had estimated the project would cost between \$5,500 to \$6,000. The couple had said they wanted one put in north of the pool similar to the one on the south-east side. Councilman Jensen said this project had cost around \$5,000, but, at that time, the labor had been donated by volunteers. He was unsure if that could be done again.

### Other business

In other business:  
• The council approved to adopt Resolution 2003-7 regarding the consent agenda. This resolution will group items such as zoning variances, renewal of bank certificates of deposit, transfers per budget and approval of payment of insurances and utilities.



Keith and Elizabeth Kehmeier

## Former residents celebrate 50th

Keith and Elizabeth Kehmeier will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 12.

They were married in Denver, Colo., Sept. 12, 1953, at the Warren Methodist Church. At that time Elizabeth was living in Denver, working at Denver General Hospital as a medical technician. Keith was the vice president of the Citizens State Bank in St. Francis.

Elizabeth and Keith met on a blind date when their mutual friends Blanche Murren and Dale Harkins introduced them.

They lived in St. Francis for their first 22 years, where their two sons were born; Andy and Karl Kehmeier.

They moved to Hamilton, Mont. in 1975, where they are living now. Andy is a dentist in Hamilton. He is the father of Elizabeth and Keith's two wonderful grandchildren, Savannah and Nicholas.

Karl is a mortgage broker in Denver, Colo., and is the father of Elizabeth and Keith's wonderful grandson Bryan.

### Club Clip

#### St. Francis Lion's Club

The St. Francis Lion's Club met on Monday, Sept. 8. Special guests were Cheryl Miller and Jade DeGood, who spoke to the club about their experience at band camp this past summer and to thank the Lion's for their sponsorship.

A presentation on the Salvation Army was given by Dolores Jenik and the club agreed to assist with the donation kettles again this coming holiday season.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at the Windmill Restaurant.

Anyone interested in becoming a Lion is welcome to attend.

# FAIR

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book. The members had decided that the horses should be released at 8 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. however this was not changed in the rule book.

• The members voted to have only two accounts instead of four. This would make the treasurer's job much easier. The grandstand account will stay at First National and the General will be at Bankwest.

• The board discussed how hard it was for the janitor to keep up with the trash. The previous janitor had his family to help but this year it was just too much work for the janitor by himself. The board discussed getting some part-time help for him or some volunteers to help during the evening hours of the fair. The members decided to talk with the 4-H groups and others before asking the Amusement Authority to help with the expense.

### Meeting dates

Fair board meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the courthouse in St. Francis.

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