

120 aircraft arrive at annual fly-in

There was a breeze and the temperatures were warm to hot but not too hot for the 22 annual Stearman Fly-In held over the weekend.

Approximately 120 aircraft attended including 14 Stearman, the fabric-covered, radial-engined bi-planes used in World War II as primary trainers.

Many fascinating aircraft flew. Among the aircraft were experimental aircraft, warbirds and a Grumman Widgeon amphibian.

The Stearman formation flight featured seven bi-planes in two groups.

"The distinctive roar of their radial engines was music to the ears of the aviation enthusiasts," said Robert Grace, coordinator of the event and owner of Grace Flying Service.

The clear blue skies were often decorated with brightly colored fabric, as six hot air balloons flew on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Twenty skydivers made 115 skydives, including 19 tandem jumps. In a tandem skydive, a novice passenger rides with an expert skydiver, both sharing a single ram-air canopy.

The skydivers thrilled the crowd with advanced canopy maneuvers, See FLY-IN on Page 10A



STEARMAN BI-PLANES perform a formation during the Stearman Fly-In held on Sunday in St. Francis.

Recycling charges on city agenda

By Sandy Barnhart

The cost of recycling has been discussed at the St. Francis City Council meeting for several months and was again on the June 8 agenda with comments about the charge coming from Bird City. When the discussion ended, the council agreed to charge the same amount.

For the last several months, the city of Bird City has brought its recycling items to the center in St. Francis and the city of St. Francis has not charged for this service. However, there is expense involved with running the center and, at the May 18 St. Francis City Council meeting, the council agreed that some compensation was needed. After doing some figuring, they agreed that Bird City should pay 20

percent of the recycling costs.

However, at the June 8 meeting, Councilman Roger Jensen informed the council that the Bird City Council had contacted him concerning the fee and they wanted a more itemized account of the figures. At the May 18 meeting, both Councilman Jensen and Superintendent J.R. Landenberger had come up with a charge of \$220 a month or 20 percent of the costs.

Councilman Jensen went through the recycling center figures with the council noting that it costs approximately \$13,567 a year to operate the recycling center or \$1,130 a month.

He estimated that Bird City accounts for approximately 20 percent of the recycling items being handled

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Board accepts resignation; signs contracts

One letter of resignation along with signed contracts were received by the St. Francis Board of Education at the June 7 meeting.

Robyn Raile, who has served as the high school secretary, turned in her resignation after serving the school for seven years. Mrs. Raile had also served as the school board treasurer, cheerleader co-sponsor and assistant coach during that time.

Six contracts for summer school teaching personnel were reviewed. Tammy Grice and Shirley Swihart, each contracted for 110 hours in the grade school summer school; and Kent Kechter, contracted 37.5 hours in the junior-senior high school summer school, were reviewed and

approved.

Ted Busse, Tim Lambert and Chuck Peters had contracts approved for the summer weight lifting program. The total supplementary pay usually paid for this program is evenly split between the three coaches.

The board was also informed that 40 contracts from certified staff and 19 noncertified staff had been signed and returned for the board's signature.

There are still a few positions that will need to be filled for the upcoming school year including the assistant coach in high school girls' basketball; head coach and assistant

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Temps reach 90s

St. Francis weather observer Kathy Woodcox reported four days in the 90s last week and .25 inch of rain. The wind, coupled with the hot, dry winds brought the wheat around to the golden color and combines are expected to move into the fields this week.

Date	High	Low	Precip
June 8	94	68	.06
June 9	86	61	.14
June 10	93	51	
June 11	84	52	
June 12	82	52	
June 13	93	53	
June 14	91	61	.05



TANDEM JUMP IS EXCITING! Michael Sager, Bird City, was one of those enjoying a tandem jump at the Stearman Fly-In. Michael is the man in front of the skilled jumper.

Herald staff photos by Casey McCormick

Several races for primary election

By Karen Krien

Thursday was the last day for people to file for county positions up for election in the primary election. Terry Miller, county clerk, said there were a number of people filing, some at the last minute, and one has taken papers as an independent and, if he decides to run, will be on the general ballot.

The registration books will close on July 19 so those needing to register will need to do so before then. The primary election is slated for Aug. 3.

There was no person filing for county attorney. At the Tuesday commissioners' meeting, the matter was discussed but they knew little about the matter. They were informed that the county attorney will need to be "qualified" and that one write-in vote will not be sufficient in electing a county attorney. What to do about a county attorney will be on the agenda in future meetings.

Official candidates who will be

listed on the primary ballot include:

Magistrate judge, District 15: Robert VanAllen (R); Jolene R. Dodd (D); and William G. Fiedler Jr. (R).

County clerk: Terry Miller (R).

County treasurer: Dolores Jenik (R).

Register of deeds: Mary Morrow (R).

Sheriff: Edward Dankenbring Jr. (R); Gary D. Morris (R); Chuck Kribs (R).

Commissioner District 2: Kelly Morris (R); Ray Lee (R); Ronald R. Loudon (R); John L. Finley (R); Dale W. Patton (U) (will only be on the general ballot since he is unaffiliated.)

Commissioner District 3: Andrew Kent Beikman (R); Ron Krien (R).

Precinct Committeeman/Committeewoman: Steve G. Carpenter and Darla Kaye Dible, both Bird City Township.

300 alumni expected at celebration

By Karen Krien

The 47th St. Francis Community High School Alumni celebration has arrived. Shirley Zwegardt, alumni coordinator, said she is expecting 300 to 350 people to attend the event.

Alumni should plan to meet at 5 p.m. at the high school. At 6 p.m., all alumni are to meet in the gym where class pictures will be taken. Each class will be dismissed to the cafeteria or wrestling room where the banquet will be served.

The Alumni Association will not be sponsoring a dance this year but the Association to Benefit Cheyenne County will holding a free alumni dance in the band shell in Sawhill Park starting at 8 p.m. There will be music and karaoke and if those attending feel so inclined, donations would be helpful.

Honor classes have made plans for a variety of events including Friday evening picnics/suppers, Saturday golf and trips to The Breaks, as well as gatherings in homes and other meeting places. (Check side article as to where classes will be meeting and what they have planned.)

Many class activities planned

The weekend of the St. Francis Community High School Alumni celebration has arrived. A number of the classmates have been meeting for months planning for their class parties. Honor classes meet every five years but it is common for other students to drop in and visit with the honor classes.

Honor classes this year are: 1924, 1929, 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984 and 1994. However, the earliest class to hold a party is the class of 1939.

Class of 1939

Barb (Anderson) Ewing is in charge of the 1939 class celebra-

Honor classes this year are: 1924, 1929, 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984 and 1994.

Those attending should have already purchased their banquet tickets but, if, at the last minute plans change, check with Ms.

Each classmate received a letter which started: "Sixty-five moons ago, the class of 1939 Cheyenne Indians held a victory celebration at the St. Francis Community High School Teepee." She called for everyone to come join their pow wow with brunch at Riverside Recreation (2 miles west of St. Francis on U.S. 36), at 10 a.m. on Saturday; then to the banquet at the high school that evening (starts at 5 p.m.). An 8:30 a.m. breakfast will be held at the Windmill Restaurant on Sunday.

Others helping with the arrangements are Darline (Deardoff) Price and Manette (Hurlock) Keeler.

Class of 1944

The class of 1944 will gather at

Riverside Recreation at 6:30 p.m. on Friday where they will order dinner. Prior to the celebration at the high school on Saturday evening, classmates and spouses will meet at the home of Dr. E.R. and Bonnie (Waters) Cram at 3 p.m. for visiting. Both Mrs. Cram and Bonnie (Wickwar) Busby have worked together to make the plans.

Class of 1949

Margaret (Harkins) Holzwarth has been in charge of organizing the activities for the class of 1949. Friday at 7 p.m., classmates and spouses will be

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Zwegardt to see if there may have been someone cancel.

Those who called in their reservations can pick their tickets up at the door before the meeting. Tickets are \$10 each.

"An e-mail address for the Alumni Association has been estab-

lished for the convenience of alumni having any questions, comments, request or address changes. The address is sfchsalumni@hotmail.com (all lowercase letters)," Ms. Zwegardt said, noting that any address changes would be greatly appreciated.

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coach positions in high school boys' basketball; along with the high school secretary and cheerleader co-sponsor positions.

Superintendent Carl Werner said efforts are underway to fill all of these positions and recommendations for board approval will be made at later board meetings.

Scholarship regulations

At the May board meeting, there had been some discussion on establishing regulations on scholarships which are awarded at the discretion of the committees selecting those scholarships and/or control funds. The administration had developed some proposed regulations whereby scholarships could be withdrawn from seniors in cases of unacceptable misbehavior.

In the proposed regulations, senior scholarships will continue to be selected and processed with the same procedures and timelines as in the past. However, the selections made will be regarded as preliminary selections and it is emphasized that the district and school administration will have the responsibility and authority to recommend that a scholarship be withdrawn whenever the senior has been involved in misbehavior that will warrant the withdrawal of the scholarship.

When this happens, a special meeting will be held before graduation. The district and school administration will present the details of their recommendation and the board of education will take the official action.

If the scholarship is withdrawn, it will be awarded to the next eligible senior on the scholarship ranking list.

If the graduation ceremony is over and there has been no special board meeting called for scholarships recommendations, the selections become final when the scholarships have been presented.

Since this is "proposed" regulations, it was the consensus of the board to do some rewriting and to continue to develop the regulations and then the regulations will be reviewed again before making the final approval.

Energy grant

For the last six months, the board has been working toward the acquisition of an Institutional Conservation Program energy grant. The board had hired a person to do a technical analysis energy study grant which was required as part of the application. But, within the last month, Superintendent Werner was notified that the grant funds had been withdrawn and the schools which had applied had not been notified. Superintendent Werner contacted the Kansas Corporation Commission officials and found the Commission had known about the cancellation of funds months ago but had not bothered to tell the schools. The officials finally agreed to pay for the energy study which had cost \$4,200.

New Professional Development Plan

The St. Francis schools are now entering into a new Professional

Development Plan. The staff development plan outlines a set of activities through which the people of the district can advance and enhance their school's program and, using a "points" system, teachers can renew their teaching licenses.

Members of the Professional Development Council are six teachers: Jeff Olofson, chairman; Brenda Day, Kathy Rainbolt, Carla Schiltz, Rob Schiltz and Shirley Swihart, along with the three administrators, Scott Carmichael, Larry Gabel and Superintendent Werner.

This was the first review of the plan and it will be scheduled for further discussion and final approval at the regular board meeting in July.

In other business

In other business:

- The board was reminded that Tim Lambert's position on the Recreation Commission will be up and the board will need to fill the position at the July meeting.

- Thank you notes were read from several graduating seniors for the scholarships they received. There was also a thank you note from the Cheyenne County Conservation District for renting the organization a school bus for the student tour of The Breaks.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the board of education will be a special meeting to approve the final business transactions for the fiscal year. It has been set for 7 a.m. on June 30 at the Duty Farmer Restaurant.

The next regular meeting of the board will be at 8 p.m. on July 8.



A FRIGHTENING RIDE! Rachael Keller, 17, was traveling the dirt road near the River Walk when she met another vehicle on the bridge. It appeared she over compensated, lost control and went over the north side of the bridge. Emergency medical technicians, firemen and law officers were called to the scene. Rachael was taken to the hospital and taken to a Denver hospital.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

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meeting at Riverside Recreation where they will be eating and visiting.

On Saturday, they will meet at the Cheyenne County Museum at 9 a.m. to tour the museum. At 1 p.m., they will meet at Cheyenne Manor meeting room located at 200 N. Ash, for more visiting before going up to the high school for the banquet.

At 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, they will meet at Captain Hook's Fine Dining in Wheeler for brunch.

Class of 1954

Ron and Dot Hill will host the 7 p.m. Friday re-acquaintance party for the class of 1954. The Hill home is located at 609 S. Francis.

Saturday at 9 a.m., the class is urged to meet at the roadside park where they will leaving by bus for a tour of The Breaks north of St. Francis. No plans have been made for the afternoon but everyone will meet again at the high school for class pictures and the banquet.

A worship service will start at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday at Ye Olde Country Church just west of the museum on U.S. 36, St. Francis.

Marge (Johnson) Peter is the class coordinator.

Class of 1959

Pat (Houtman) Confer and Marvin Walz are in charge of the class of 1959 activities. They noted that all plans are subject to change but they are starting the weekend off by meeting at Riverside Recreation at 6:30 p.m. on Friday where they will eat dinner and reminiscing.

Saturday plans will be announced at the Friday evening. Those who cannot make the Friday meeting can call Mr. Walz at 785-332-2858 or Mrs. Confer, 785-332-2718, and they should be able to tell classmates what Saturday plans are.

There are tentative plans to meet at the museum at 1 p.m. and a bus will be able to take those wanting to go to The Breaks with Tobe Zwegardt, local historian, as their guide.

Class of 1964

Donna (Graves) Stevens, chairman, is inviting the class of 1964 to a "Blast from the past!" There are 13 classmates living in the area and eight of them met at Coleen (Raile) Applegate's home where they decided to meet at 7 p.m. on Friday at the St. Francis Fire House located on College Street.

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, they will once again meet at the fire house before going to the high school for the banquet and pictures.

They will meet at Captain Hook's Fine Dining in Wheeler for breakfast at 9 a.m.

Other classmates helping make plans were Janice (O'Leary) Krien, Sharon (Schild) Elliott and Mary Lou (Smith) Douthit.

Class of 1969

The class of 1969 has been challenged to bring their green beanies, their ugliest freshman picture and other memorabilia (if they dare)! They will meet at 8 p.m. on Friday at Riverside Recreation.

On Saturday, a picnic will be held

in the courthouse park at noon. Everyone is to bring their own lunch, their families (parents, siblings and children) as well as friends and plan to have a good time. Everyone is encouraged to wear their T-shirt from the last alumni reunion.

Glori (Burrus) Milne is in charge of the arrangements.

Class of 1974

The class of 1974 is planning to meet at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Cheyenne Bowl on U.S. 36. They can bowl, play games, eat and visit throughout the evening.

On Saturday, classmates will meet at 9 a.m. at the Windmill Restaurant for breakfast. Those interested can meet at Riverside for a round of golf. At 5 p.m., they will meet at Riverside for a social hour before going to the banquet. After the banquet, they will head back to Riverside for more visiting.

Karla (Sherlock) Zwegardt was appointed as the chairman for heading up the activities.

Class of 1979

Pat (Richard) Leiker and Natalie (Kramer) Knodel reported that the class of 1979 will meet at 7 p.m. on Friday at Riverside Recreation. Finger foods will be provided or, if preferred, the Riverside dining room will be open and people can order off the menu.

On Saturday, the class will meet at the high school by 6 p.m. so they can attend the banquet and have their class picture taken. More plans will be made when they get to-

gether.

Class of 1984
It will be "family night" at the Cheyenne Bowl when the class of 1984 meets at 7 p.m. on Friday. Everyone is urged to bring their family, eat, bowl and play games.

On Saturday at 4 p.m., the class will meet at Sam Crabtree's home for drinks, then go to the high school for pictures and the banquet.

After the banquet, they will head to the Diamond R. Bar or Riverside.

"We are going to wait and decide when everyone gets together before the banquet," said Marla Ross, chairman.

Others on the committee are Troy Gardner, Sam Crabtree, Greg Cooper and Linda Yonkey.

Class of 1994

The class of 1994 will meet at the Diamond R Bar on Saturday immediately following the festivities at the high school. The Diamond R

Bar is located at 118 Washington and Natalie Rogers, urges everyone to plan to be there for visiting.

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including a dragplane and a downplane maneuver. In the dragplane, the bottom skydiver in a three-stack flies his canopy upside down, and in a downplane, two attached skydivers fly straight down at nearly 60 miles per hour.

Some of the crowd took Stearman rides and many enjoyed

breakfast and lunch on the field. Eric Baldwin of Henderson, Colo., won the annual Stearman "balloon bust" contest.

The Stearman Fly-In is the second Saturday in June so next year's event will be June 11 and 12.

For more information or to check out the photos of the Fly-In, log on to www.stearmanflyin.org.

Check it out ...
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The Flag

Proudly display the flag inserted in this issue. For those needing additional flags, stop by The Herald office.

Also thank those people on the back for helping bring the flag to you!

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in St. Francis. St. Francis is responsible for paying the utilities, and insurance on the building as well as the wages for employees and the cost of transportation to Colby. The money received after the items are taken to Colby goes into the Northwest Kansas Recycling Organization. The estimated cost for handling the recycling items from Bird City totaled \$226 a month. The council decided to keep the charge the same with the previous charge of \$220 a month for Bird City.

Loader bids

Three bids were received for the 1975 Ford A-62 loader that the city had advertised for sale. The bids were: Rodney Shay - \$8,100; Brent Hostetler - \$8,021; Roger Moore - \$9,111. The city approved to sell the loader to Moore for the amount of \$9,111.

Ordinance 2004-1

Attorney Mike Day presented to the council the Ordinance 2004-1 which would enforce a transient guest tax to be applied to city motels. The ordinance states that a 3-percent tax to be applied. The council approved the ordinance and its publication.

The transient tax is handled like sales tax and once collected, it is sent to the state, the state then takes 2 percent of the gross amount for administrative fees and sends the remaining funds back to the city for use in tourism. This money can be used for brochures, upkeep of signs

and any kind of advertising to promote St. Francis/Cheyenne County. There are presently three motels in St. Francis. The money does not come from the motel owners but from the guests who stay at the motels.

The ordinance will be published two consecutive times in *The Saint Francis Herald* and will go into effect 61 days following the last publication, allowing for possible protest against the tax. If there are no protests, the first collection will start by October.

Police report

Chief of Police Troy Gardner presented Certificates of Appreciation to six residents for the dedicated service toward making the area a safer, more wholesome community. Those receiving the certificates are: George Harper, Shane Wurm, J.R. Landenberger, Dale Weeks, Dan Blair and Kevin Trembly.

Building report

Building permits were approved for the following residents and businesses: Mike Frewen, erect fence; Tiffany Jensen, erect fence and pour concrete pad; Lanny Robbin, house addition; Mike Day, erect fence; Pam Hook, erect fence.

Building permits were approved for the following residents and businesses contingent upon Superintendent Landenberger's approval: John Hilt, pour sidewalk; Roger Neitzel, pour sidewalk; Roger Pinnell, pour sidewalk; Jim

Epperson, erect garage; John Bartlett, erect fence; Randy Dinkel, erect fence.

Other business

In other business:

- The council approved to allocate the second payment to the St. Francis Senior Center in the amount of \$2,500.

- Ron Loudon, representing the Airport Authority, was present to update the council on grants they will be working on.

- The council approved for Association to Benefit Cheyenne County to hold a dance at the Sawhill Park band shell during alumni Saturday night.

- Fireworks permits were approved for the Class of 2006 and Job's Daughters.

Special meeting

A special open meeting was held June 2 solely for reviewing the bids for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The bid deadline was May 28 and two bids were received: APAC Kansas of Hutchinson in the amount of \$869,857 and Interstate Irrigation Inc. of Yuma, Colo. in the amount of \$748,877.

Engineers, Miller and Associates of McCook, reviewed the bids before the meeting. Thaniel Monaco of Miller and Associates said his firm had reviewed both bids and had not found any discrepancies.

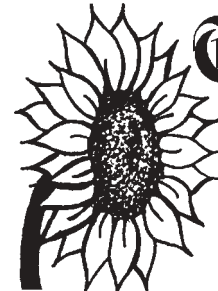
The council after discussing the matter moved to accept the low bids from Interstate Irrigation Inc. in the amount of \$748,877.

Cheyenne County Fair

Aug. 4 - 7

New this year!!

Pre-fair section features 4-H's, fair and carnival activities and other interesting happenings at fair time. After-the-fair section features the results and many photos.



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