

City, county officials talk cleaning up

By Karen Krien

The St. Francis City Council members met with the county commissioners to clarify the matter of cleaning up property outside the city limits.

Mayor Scott Schultz said he hoped the county and city could work together to get some of the areas adjacent to the St. Francis city limits cleaned up. The city council was most interested in cleaning up areas along U.S. 36 which are considered "eye sores" as people travel through the area.

Commissioner Jane Brubaker, at an earlier meeting, had thought the city had zoning rights and could go over into the county. Mike Day, city attorney, said there are zoning laws but they do not allow the city to enforce their ordinances such as the cleanup ordinances outside the city limits.

Commissioner Brubaker was hesitant about what seemed to be picking on certain people. It was pointed out that, besides being unsightly, there could be health issues on some of the junk on the property. She said she would agree to possibly drafting something (a document) that would not necessarily affect the whole county.

Roger Jensen, city councilman, said there were six different places recently identified outside the city limits that needed cleaning up. The city council members said the city's cleanup ordinance is pretty good and if it applies to the neighborhood surrounding it, the ordinance gives the council "teeth."

They talked about those people who had different hobbies such as one person who has cars which he sells. The council noted that this person moves the vehicles regularly and mows, thus keeping the area neat and free of weeds — he has never had a complaint from his neighbors.

Attorney Day said that the owner also had the recourse and a judge can decide who is in the right.

Ray Lee, commissioner, suggested that the county and city attorneys work together to come up with something to get some of the targeted areas cleaned up.

Commissioner Brubaker concluded that she really had no wish to get into city limit business.

St. Francis City Council members present besides Mr. Jensen were Carla Lampe, Rodney Bracelin, Natalie Knodel and Dale Weeks. See **CLEANING** on Page 7A

Recycling center applies for grant

By Sandy Barnhart

At the July 5 St. Francis City Council meeting, councilman Roger Jensen said that the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization was in the process of applying for a grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. If the organization does receive the grant, Councilman Jensen noted that he would be asking for extra bins for Bird City.

The organization met again on July 14 in a special meeting to discuss the procedure, the deadline to have to application in is August 1.

Amendment

The council reviewed and tabled a new issue brought before them through the State. The 2005 Kansas Legislature made a number of amendments to the Kansas Liquor Control Act and the Kansas Cereal Malt Beverage Act which will become uniform throughout the state

on Nov. 15. Basically the amendments will allow each city and county to pass an ordinance allowing the sales of alcohol and cereal malt beverages on Sundays.

At the present time liquor may be sold Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. No liquor may be sold on Sunday or the holidays of: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

If the city would choose to adopt an ordinance allowing liquor sales on Sundays, the restrictions for those sales would be uniform throughout the state. Those restrictions would include: sales Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sundays, with the exclusion of Easter, only from noon to 8 p.m. Sales would not be allowed on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day. The city could also adopt an

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Brand inspector retires after 35 years

By Karen Krien

He said he enjoyed it but, after 35 years, Marv Zwegardt, St. Francis, is retiring from his duties as livestock brand inspector.

Mr. Zwegardt started in 1970, replacing Raymond Leitner of Herndon. He had a 7-month trail before he was officially deemed as a brand inspector.

He had a huge book full of brands and who they belonged to and attended six livestock sales each week. He had a full schedule going from St. Francis, to Atwood, Hoxie, Norton, Oberlin and Oakley. At that time, there were 16 sale barns west of LaCrosse and Hays which used brand inspectors. Today, there are only eight. There are only five or six brand inspectors in this area.

Some of the sale barns have closed down and others have choose not to have brand inspections.

Mr. Zwegardt said the brand inspector is to arrive at the sale barn early in the day and stay until the sale is over in case they need to give brand clearances. He said that by the time he left Norton, it was late and then he drove back home making the day last into the next morning.

While he said he has met some might nice people, he has, on the other hand, met some not-so-nice bulls and cows. He

learned early on to never trust an animal. He has been knocked down and could crawl a fence really fast when an animal was right behind him. However, he said he was never seriously hurt on the job.

Mr. Zwegardt said a rancher can buy a brand for \$45 and it will be good for 5 years and renew it.

He used to have a sign in his pickup which read, "Trust everybody but, brand your calves." He thinks that it is a good idea to brand calves, not because someone is so apt to steal them but, occasionally they will get mixed in with the neighbor's herd and, if there isn't a brand, the owner has just lost a calf.

Brand inspectors are employed by the Kansas Animal Health Department. Several things have changed since he joined on as a brand inspector.

"At first we were furnished a vehicle then they did away with it.

Mr. Zwegardt said he is probably going to miss the people because he said he has met a lot of nice people and they have helped him a lot.

Just the other day, he was given a letter from Claude Le Gall, France, which had been sent to Jerry Fortin, Oberlin sale barn. Mr. Le Gall had been in Oberlin in 1971 and had taken pictures at the auction. He said the

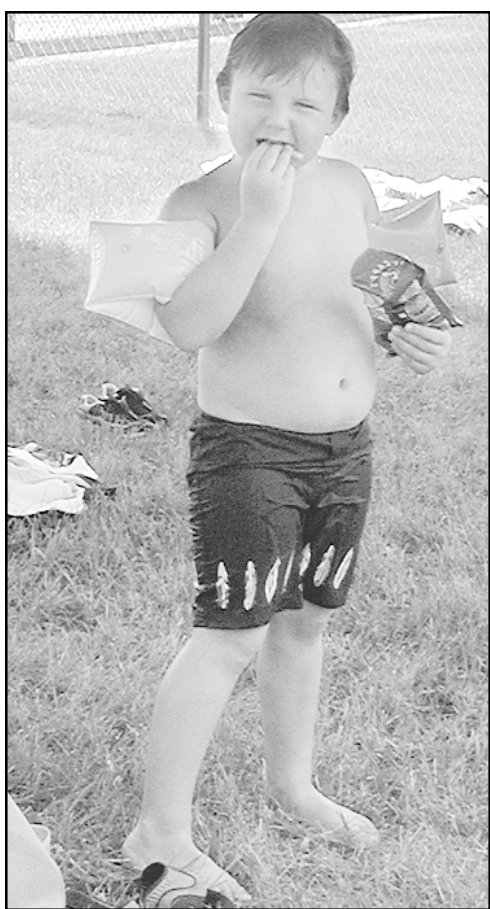
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Cooling off —



PERFECT FORM — Alyssa Lee took the opportunity to cool off at the pool.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



POOL FUN includes eating and swimming. Above, Trayton Doyle took time off for a snack. Hanna Bracelin, right, didn't want water up her nose.



Board votes for new seating

By Karen Krien

By the end of October, the auditorium at the St. Francis Community High School will have a new look and feel, thanks to the memorial money left to the school by Ray and Vergie Rogers.

At the Thursday meeting of the Board of Education, they approved the seats for the auditorium. New air conditioning and heating unit is being installed this summer.

The seats are much like those recently installed in the Cheyenne Theater and will be covered in a jade-colored material.

At the special board meeting on June 29, the board agreed to table the ordering of the seats until the placement of the seats could be further investigated.

The auditorium now has 489 seats. They are small, narrow wooden seats, installed when the auditorium was built. At first, the proposal was to decrease the number of seats from 489 to 410 but, after measuring and talking about the comfort of those sitting in the seats, the board agreed to have 40 inches from the back of a seat to the back of the seat in front. To get this measurement, the number of seats went from 410 seats to 348. There will also be chairs for handicapped people and a place for wheelchairs.

As the number of seats went down, so did the cost. The final cost of the seats which includes installation, is \$40,585. For 410 seats, the cost would have been \$46,900, thus saving \$6,315.

It is seldom that the auditorium is completely full but the board members felt that, with the comfortable seating and cool air, the facility may be used more often and by more people.

Superintendent Carl Werner mentioned there are five rows of risers in the balcony and seats could be installed up there if the board wanted to do that. The trouble with the balcony risers is they are narrow and the new seats would not fit well. The board talked about installing some of the old seats in the balcony. Superintendent Werner pointed out that it could be done but the seats would need to be anchored to the floor which is solid cement. He said that the old black folding chairs could be placed in the balcony when needed.

To put the new chairs in the balcony would cost around \$9,329.

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35 YEARS AGO, Marv Zwegardt was photographed inspecting cattle at Oberlin.

School meal prices remain the same

By Karen Krien

The cost of the lunch program was discussed at the Thursday meeting of the St. Francis Board of Education. However, despite the increase in costs, the board and administration agreed to keep the prices for meals the same as last year.

When going over the Cash Summary Report, Superintendent Carl Werner noted that Food Service was up 4.3 percent from last year even though fewer lunches were served. He said that, in looking at the line items report, the cost increase is because food costs have gone up. There were also fewer cafeteria employees.

He said that both Oberlin and Hoxie schools had shut down the kitchen in one of the buildings. Meals are fixed at one kitchen and transported to the other school. This would be one way of saving money in food

service but he indicated that he was not in favor of shutting down a kitchen.

"I don't have a problem with the food program," he said.

The board and superintendent agreed that the economy is not good and, if the price of meals was increased, it could cut down on the number of kids eating at school.

The price of meals were increased slightly last year and it was the consensus to keep them the same price this year. In the grade school, breakfast is \$.85; lunch, \$1.30; and in the junior-senior high school, breakfast is \$1.15; lunch is \$1.70. Adults meals are \$1.30, breakfast; and \$2, lunch.

The board approved the program agreement for the school breakfast and lunch programs with the School Food Service Section of the Kansas State Department of Education.

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Temps reach 98 degrees

It's been hot!

Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, recorded a high of 98 degrees on Sunday. The National Weather Service predicts over a 100 before the week is done.

Not only is it hot, it is dry. There was only .34 of an inch recorded for moisture. Hurricane Emily is dropping buckets full on Mexico and Texas. Maybe a remnant of the

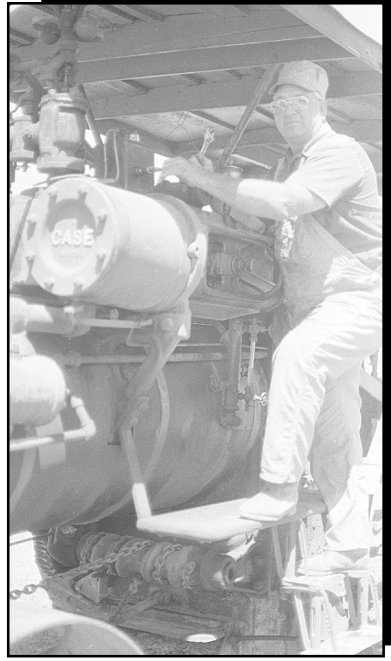
storm will reach western Kansas.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
July 12	95	64	
July 13	95	70	
July 14	92	64	
July 15	96	73	
July 16	95	68	
July 17	98	72	
July 18	87	63	.34



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CLEANING

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Fair board president Dick Bursch reported back to the commissioners on the amount of extra money the fair board would need by fair time. Because of the additional cost of insurance at the fairgrounds, the board estimated that they needed \$3,500 before the fair started. Hopefully, there would be enough money made from the grandstand events to cover any other costs.

After looking at different funds, the commissioners agreed to take \$1,000 out of the Parks and Recreation Fund and the other \$2,500 out of the General Fund.

It was noted that the fair board has been getting a \$16,000 appropriation for years. The commissioners were going to have a budget work session following the meeting and agreed that maybe they could look at raising the amount.

President Bursch said that they might have been OK if the insurance hadn't gone up and there had been a gradual upkeep of the buildings instead of letting them get in bad shape before starting repairs. The latest repair has been replacing the tin on some of the buildings and the problem of rotting wood that the crew ran into under the old roof.

"Tin for the roofs and other remodeling has taken a toll on the budget," he said.

Recycling grant

St. Francis City Councilman Jensen talked about a grant the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization is applying for. This grant money will be used to purchase four recycling bins for the Bird City recycling trailer. The board wrote and signed a letter of support for the grant and signed the application form.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, had two bids for a mower. The low bid of \$11,645 was from Yost Farm Supply. Van Allen Implement's bid was for \$12,383. The low bid was taken.

He presented road crossing permits for Rosewood Resources. The company is wanting to bore under county roads. The permits were signed.

Supervisor Flemming said he had talked to Bill Bider, Kansas Department of Health and Environment chief, regarding the landfill testing and chromium results. Mr. Bider suggested that all five landfill wells

be tested instead of the two that were previously tested. However, after discussion, the commissioners agreed to wait until next spring when the annual sampling takes place.

Musk thistle, a noxious weed, was discussed and the supervisor noted that there was an increase of the plants growing in the county.

He said the Park Road would have chip seal applied on Aug. 8 and 9. The commissioners and supervisor

visited land owned by Brett Poling. He has several gravel pits he is willing to give to the county if the county crew will excavate it. No decisions were made.

In other business

In other business: Mary Morrow, county register of deeds, said three more old books (over 100 years old) in the office needed rebounding. The cost for the three would be over \$500 but she planned to use money from the

Technology Fund. The Technology Fund is accumulated when she charges \$2 per copied page she makes for customers.

The public hearing concerning the conflict of interest with the fire truck bids was held with no one contesting. See related article.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be at 8 a.m. on July 29 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

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ordinance requiring retail liquor stores to close prior to 11 p.m. but not earlier than 8 p.m.

The city has from July 1 to Nov. 15 to decide whether they want to change the liquor sales regulations.

Superintendent report

Superintendent J.R. Landenberger informed the council that he had contacted Sergeant Drilling concerning Well 8 repairs. The council approved the estimated cost of \$17,329.

The council also approved for Eagle Roofing, Kip Rethke, to repair the roof over the 8-cylinder room at the power plant. The estimated amount is \$982.

Police report

Chief of police Troy Gardner reported that Officer Dave Warren had graduated from the academy on June 24 and received an award for jogging 200 miles. Only six out of a class of 58 received this award.

Chief Gardner told the council that Officer Derek Morrow was scheduled to attend the academy in the next couple of months.

Other business

In other business: The council approved the pay request of \$37,388.71 to Interstate Irrigation, Yuma, Colo. and \$4,250 to Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission. Kelly Frewen will again this

year be renting the old city hall building for insurance adjusters. Last year Mr. Frewen paid \$1,350 rent to the city.

The council approved to allocate \$5,000 for the Cheyenne County Development Corporation for the year 2006.

The city received a refund in the amount of \$2,242.58 for the year 2004 from Kansas Municipal Energy Association.

Building permits

The council approved building permits for Diane Zwegardt, erect garage; Gary Rogers, concrete; Joe Peter, concrete; Martha Stothard, concrete; Burr Retail Liquor, concrete.

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tion including the Income Eligibility Guidelines for the Free/Reduced Price School Meals Program. Superintendent Werner was named as the authorized representative for the Food Service Program.

School funding

The state has set the new school funding for schools. Superintendent Werner said the St. Francis schools will receive about \$130,000 more this year. He pointed out that, before

the legislature's decision, the St. Francis schools were lacking about \$190,000 in the budget. With the \$130,000, the school will still need \$60,000.

Superintendent Werner said that they have one less teacher and one teacher retired who will be teaching part-time. There was no indication as to what the enrollment in the St. Francis schools will be this year. Enrollment will be held Aug. 11 and 12.

The superintendent will not get the software to figure the budget until this week. He suggested that the board members study and ask questions about the proposed budget at the regular board meeting on Aug. 2. The proposed budget will be published in *The Saint Francis Herald* on Aug. 11. At 6:15 p.m. on Aug. 26, the board will hold a special meeting for the budget hearing.

Contracts/vacancies

Two more contracts had come in for the board to sign. They then turned to the matter of filling the two custodian vacancies — one in the junior-senior high school and one in the elementary school. Superintendent Werner said the positions have been advertised and the administration will be interviewing in the near future. He said he hopes to have recommendations for the board by the next regular meeting.

Appointments and meetings

Before the meeting began, Terry Miller, county clerk, swore in new board member Kelly Gienger who replaces Gene Dodd. The first item on the agenda was the election of officers and Cliff Raile was elected president. He replaces Sherry Weeks. Vice president is John Knodel.

Other appointments made were: Marilyn Raile, treasurer of the board; Sharon Olofson, clerk of the board; and Kite and Day, law firm to represent the board.

Kary Zwegardt was re-appointed to serve another four-year term on the Recreation Commission. Bruce Feikert will be the school's representative to the Kansas Association of School Board governmental relations network; and Mrs. Weeks will be the representative on the Kansas Education Service Center Board in Oakley.

Meetings of the board are generally held the second Thursday of the month. However, there were six of the 12 meeting days which conflicted with school or community activities. The board agreed to change the August meeting to Tuesday, Aug. 2. The other changed board meeting dates are Dec. 12; Jan. 9, Feb. 5, March 6; and April 10. The meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. central standard time or 8 p.m. central daylight time.

In other business

The board approved out-of-district students to attend the St. Francis schools and tuition will be waived. Students are Nathan Ketzner, Taylor Archibald and Alecia Zimbelman.

The board approved new seating for the high school auditorium. See related article.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the board of education will be at 8 p.m. on Aug. 2 in the board room at the high school. The budget hearing will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Aug. 26 at the high school.

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After discussion, the board agreed to put that matter on hold but indicated that they would probably not be putting new seats in the balcony.

The project is to be completed by the end of October. New aisle carpet may be installed later but no definite plans have been made.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers gave \$71,550 to the school to use however the board decided. The amount may not quite cover the total cost of the air conditioning/heating and seats. If not, some will be taken out of Capital Outlay which is used for school improvement.

Old seats

All of the old seats will be removed from the auditorium and the board discussed what they would be doing with them. Superintendent Werner recommended contacting the fair board to see if they could use them.

If they don't want them, the seats may be taken to Western Auction's building where they will be sold at auction.

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sale was the "highlight" of their journey across the country. He had sent a photo of Mr. Zwegardt, noting that it must have been about 34 years ago. (The photo is the one used with this article.)

Mr. Zwegardt said he is looking forward to retirement and to not having to put up with the cold weather and standing on cement all day long. He is looking at playing a little golf. "Just take it easy for a while!" he said.

Jim Dunn, St. Francis, will be the new brand inspector from this area.

Friday, July 29 9:00 CT Antique & Household AUCTION Sellers: Robert & Laura Lee Jones

SALE SITE: 424 East Bressler in Bird City, Kansas. Signs will be posted.

ANTIQUES

Ox yoke; Brass harness & horse collars; Lots of misc. bits, spurs, sleigh bells, single & double trees; Pack saddle & fly netting; Harness/Saddle repair stand; Leather leg & arm guards; Sev. Model A Model T headlights, u-joints, coils, wrenches; Hub caps for REO, Buick, Ford, Nash, Oakland, Essex, Dodge Brothers, Pasco; Radiator caps; Car horn; Peerless & Hexcel radiator shrouds; Griswold waffle iron; UNA Eclipse stove #3 Zither; Cole 8 light; Tin pictures, Stereoscope; The Royal Tailors Ig. Catalog 1922-23; Sears & Roebuck catalogs; Country Gentleman catalogs; Horseless Carriage magazines, 1950's; National Tobacco cutter #2; Misc. tobacco cans (some full); North American Cutlery Co. razor; J.I. Case T.M. Co. acreage meter; A.J. Lindemann & Heverson Co. heater; Pittsburg toaster.

B&R Electric & Telephone Co. telephone; 1863 Waterbury Clock Co. clock; Misc. cigar boxes, wooden boxes; Edison Standard & Columbian phonographs; Sev. phonograph horns (Thomas Edison, Fireside); Cast iron tractor seats (Hapgood Plow Co., Buckeye, McCormick Deering); Domestic vacuum sweepers; Buffalo scale; Ceneva hand fluter; Jacobs Bros. Scale; Misc. antique wrenches, jacks, air pump; Ice tongs, ice skates; Cream cans, ammo boxes; Corn-shuck gloves; Ant seeder, corn planter; Army helmets; Porcelain doorknobs & bath handles; Razor straps; Oil lamps; Sausage stuffer, peeler & pitter; Ant elec. toaster & waffle iron; Brass torches & lanterns; Sev. flat irons, coal shovels, shoe lasts; Shoe sizer; Washboards; Fence stretcher; Wood barrel bungs; JD Plow Co. corn sheller; Pitcher pump; One cent peanut machine; Cast iron pot; Steam engine oil can; Twin City seed cleaner; Stove handles; Wood pulleys & planes; Coffee grinder; Wood rakes; Levels; Ant. cans & jars; Ant. electric motor; Scythes; Wood handled golf clubs; Much more.

SHOP EQUIPMENT, TOOLS AND RELATED

220 Campbell Hausfeld 60 gal. 7hp air compressor (like new); Craftsman 2hp air compressor; Air bubble; Northern 4-hole sand blaster (4'x4'); Century battery charger, jumper cables; Packard Precision metal cutting band saw; Walz Metal Works chop saw; Anvil (stamped) w/wedge; Century 250 AC/DC 295 HD welder; Dixco 396 engine analyzer; Metal shop bench w/vice; Shop table on wheels; Bolt bins (full); Little Giant tap & die set; 2-Craftsman tool box on wheels; Elec. garage door opener; Air Master 3-phase grain dryer; 2-Acetylene welders; McCulloch chain saw; B&D 3/4" elec. impact wrench; HD elec. air hammer; Elec. grinder; JD open & box-end wrench set 7/16"-11/4"; 1/2" drive socket set; Craftsman drill; Craftsman 10" table saw; Double wheel grinder; Hydraulic drill press; Packard HD drill press; Craftsman 6 gal. shop vac.; 8 ft. aluminum ladder; Craftsman band saw; Metric wrenches in toolbox; Misc. crescents, easy-outs, vice grips, pliers, end wrenches, sockets, ratchets, chisels, punches, hammers, pipe wrenches, wheel pullers, screwdrivers, files, impact driver; allen wrenches, hack saw, Dremel; tool w/access., nail puller, etc.; Halo-gen shop light on stand; Handi-Kleen parts washer; Cherry picker; 20 gal. propane bottle; Car jacks; Old Briggs motor; Misc. nuts, bolts, nails, etc.; Shovels & posthole digger; Hydraulic jack & Avery jack; Misc. shelving; Knipco portable heater; Shop creeper; Log chains, chain hoist; Oil cans; Lawn hand sprayers & lawn spreader; Folding lawn chairs.

1998 Chevy S10, auto, loaded, 42,000 mi. (excellent); 4x6 utility trailer; John Deere 600 Gator (like new); 1938 Humber w/rebuilt motor and all parts (needs reassembled). More miscellaneous too numerous to mention.

FURNITURE

Flexsteel sofa & matching loveseat (blue); Charles Schneider sofa (floral); Hide-a-bed sofa; Sofa tables, end tables, coffee table; 2 Stafford chairs; Box fan on stand, lamp; 2-utility carts; Lazy-E-Boy office chair, reclines (nice); Calculator; Metal file cabinet; Misc. clocks; Dining table - 4 chairs; Coat hall tree; Sev. TVs; 2-metal desks; Trash compactor; Card table.

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