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The Cheyenne County Airport runway, St. Francis, will close on Monday, Aug. 17, for construction. It will tentatively reopen the middle to the last of October.

During that time, the airport will remain open and all three sod runways will be usable, said Robert Grace, airport manager. However, the Flight For Life aircraft and other large aircraft will likely not use the sod.

Les Lacy, hospital administrator, said he had relayed information to staff, providers, emergency medical service and EagleMed regarding the planned closure of the runway construction.

The hospital and emergency medical service personnel, he said, are communicating to streamline the ground portion of this process. While there is a possibility of helicopter transfers, the most likely situation will involve a ground transport to the airport at Goodland until the runway is reopened.

"The key issue for the hospital is the best way to get patients where they need to go when air transport is needed, Mr. Lacy said. "Most of these same kinds of cases would be flown out of other area hospitals."

The contractors will begin tear-

ing out the old asphalt on the runway immediately on Aug. 17. concrete will be poured. The end product will find the runway wider. There will also be new runway lights installed. The construction is to take 60 working days. This allows for some bad weather. However, if the weather doesn't

cause any or few delays, the project could be completed sooner.

The project is part of a Federal Aviation Administration 95/5 grant. The widening of the runway needs to be completed before 75 feet can be added to the length of the runway. The addition will also be part of the grant program.

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek

Gail and Kay Miller accompanied Randy, Sue and Justin Miller to Arkansas where last Saturday they all attended the wedding of Samantha Hubbard and Alex Hickmon at Beaver Lake near Rogers, Ark. Other family members attending the wedding were Brian, Dawn Miller, Montana and Kelsey, Jamie and Robin Miller, Autumn and Ivy and Lori Driskill.

While in Arkansas Gail and Kay visited Jamie and Robin Miller and family in Parkville and Harlan and Joan Hubbard in Siloan Springs. The Millers accompanied Blaine and Val Hubbard back to McDonald, stopping in Wichita to visit Lori Driskill. Also while in Arkansas they visited with Gail's

sister, Kay and John Winfrey of Tillamook, Ore. Blaine and Val Hubbard are presently visiting family and friends in McDonald.

R.J. and Susie Sabatka and their families returned on Friday from a week's vacation in Wyoming. Weekend guests were Rachel and Jon Mallett, Taylor and Addie and Chanda and Garrett Dowling. Sunday afternoon visitors were David and Becky Kacirek and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson visited Thurston Anderson in Benkelman on Friday. He was celebrating his 101st birthday.

Larry Wilkinson of Wichita was a Friday overnight guest of Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson. He was enroute to Estes Park to join his family for a vacation.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the Kacirek reunion in Atwood on Sunday and later in the afternoon they visited Larry Farhenbruch.

Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister were visitors of Marie Holzwarth in St. Francis last Saturday.

Joan Tongish, Betty Lewis and Eleanor Swihart attended the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show in Bird City on Thursday and Friday.

Brandon and Samantha Sabatka and girls of Colby were Sunday visitors of Ray and Marlene Johnson.

Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka attended the Micek family reunion on Saturday and the Kacirek family reunion on Sunday.



HEART CITY HEART WARMERS BAND members include Dallas Parker, left on the fiddle, and Paul Bader playing his guitar. Other members of the five-piece group included Tuyonne Gothard, Kate Songer and Rhonda Klaszus. Times photo by Linda Schneider

Public Notices

Wireless company proposes new facility

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VIAERO Wireless is proposing to construct a new wireless telecommunications facility located on a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 3 South, Range 38 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, located just north of Bird City, KS. The new facility will consist of a 195-foot Self Supporting tower with a 9 X 15 foot equipment building. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Alan Covelli, VIAERO Wireless 1224 West Platte Ave., Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701 or electronic comments to alan.covelli@viaero.com.

City publishes change to insurance ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO. 561

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 405 OF ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE 2003 CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, AND ESTABLISHING INSURANCE REQUIREMENT LIMITS FOR PUBLIC LIABILITY POLICIES OF APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR TREE LICENSES AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 5-401 OF THE CITY CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, that Section 5-405 of the 2003 Code of the City of St. Francis, Kansas, shall be amended to read as follows:

5-405. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS. No such license shall be effective and no such license shall be issued until the applicant or licensee shall present to the city clerk a satisfactory certificate of insurance covering all of the operation of such applicant or licensee in such business in the city and showing limits of \$300,000 combined single coverage. A copy of the certificate of insurance shall be on file with the city clerk. In the event of a suspension or cancellation of the insurance coverage by the insurance company, the city shall cancel or suspend the appropriate license until the appropriate insurance coverage shall have been again obtained and filed with the city clerk. It shall be the duty of the licensee in the event of cancellation of insurance to notify the city clerk of the city, within five days after such cancellation is effected.

This Section 5-405, as amended, shall take effect and be enforced from and after its publication in the official city newspaper, The St. Francis Herald.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 2009.

/s/ SCOTT SCHULTZ, Mayor
City of St. Francis, Kansas

Attest:

/s/ MARY P. LAMPE
City Clerk

Extension district publishes resolution

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SPECIAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. SF0109

with respect to financing the 2010 annual budget for Sunflower Extension District # 3, Sherman County, Kansas.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2010 Sunflower Extension District #3 district budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2009 Sunflower Extension District #3 except with regard to revenue produced and attributed to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year, or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes, or no-fund warrants; and

Whereas, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all district services are the responsibility of the district board, and

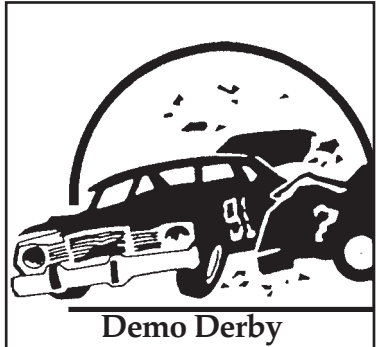
Whereas, Sunflower Extension District #3 provides essential services to district residents, and

Whereas, the cost of provision of these services continues to increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Sunflower Extension District #3 that is our desire to notify the public of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2010 Sunflower Extension District #3 budget as defined above.

Adopted this 28th day of July, 2009 by the Sunflower Extension District #3 District Board, Sherman County, State of Kansas.

Sunflower Extension District #3 District Board
/s/ Cindy Burr
Cindy Burr, Chair/President



Demo Derby

Band performs Friday night after Thresher Show closes

Last Friday evening after the Thresher Show closed for the day, Bird City was entertained by the Heart City Heart Warmers band.

Led by Paul Bader, lead guitarist and lead vocalist, who was born and raised in Cheyenne County and in his early years married to Rita, the band provided an evening of entertainment.

Mr. Bader was a photographer by trade and was trained by Hatty Joy of St. Francis. He owned a photography shop for a few years in Sainty before moving himself

and family to North Platte where he owned and operated another photography store until he retired. Then he moved to Valentine, Neb., where he now plays in the band. He also plays the accordion.

Another member of the band, Dallas Parker lives in Valentine during the summer months and in Tucson, Ariz., during the winter months. He is a professor at a local college where he teaches two nights a week and four nights a week he fiddles.

"I live the best of both worlds!"

laughed Mr. Parker.

Other members of the band are Yvonne Gothard, vocal and guitarist, along with her daughter, Kate Songer, bass and vocal, both hailing from Valentine.

Also in the band is Mr. Bader's daughter, Rhonda Klaszus, who plays the piano, guitar and vocals. She and her family are from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. And just like her father, she learned how to play at a young age. Not only can she read music, she can play by ear.

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