

# City council members discuss buildings/property

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The temperatures are warming up and the weeds are coming up.

Weeds along with trash, dangerous, varmint infested and/or shabby buildings and property were at the top of the agenda when the St. Francis City Council met Monday, May 9.

Mike Day, city attorney, reported they had heard from Bob Medina with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, concerning the property just east of the city power plant on West First Street. There is a grant which the city has qualified for but until the money from Kansas Department is available, the project is put on hold.

The council received folders with photos taken by J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, showing property and areas in St. Francis which have problems. They went through the folders, discussing different properties. They agreed that they needed to identify what they considered the worst areas which included the property at: Houtman building at 114 S. Scott, Wilson building 312 W. Washington, Amack house 509 W. Webster, Clapper house at 430 E. Emerson, the Meyer residence at 534 E. Second, and the Rogers property at 536 E. Second. Owners of these areas will be encouraged to work at cleaning and/or fixing up.

People with concerns about other property they think needs to be cleaned up should report them to the city office

## Runway project

Dave Yost, representing the

Airport Commission, was concerned that the city council not give anyone a building permit who might want to build within the no-fly zone.

He said that the county has received a 95-5 matching grant to finish lengthening the runway. It will cost the county \$100,000 but the county will end up with a \$2 million completed project.

Mr. Landenberger said at one time, there had been a zoning permit that the city was to adopt. It was noted that there needs to be some direction or map that will show the area that is within the no-fly zone.

The council assured Mr. Yost that they are willing to cooperate in any way to keep the area clear.

## Shipping containers

Shipping containers or storage containers such as the one on the property of Ross Manufacturing were once again discussed. The council had checked out the containers and agreed that they be allowed only in commercial areas. The container must be put down on concrete and/or tied down. They must also be painted in a color similar to the other buildings and should be put down as a permanent structure.

## Kids and adults working together

Zach Gienger, representing Joining Hands, a group where young and old work together on community projects asked Mayor Schultz for a list of projects needing done in the city.

The council recommended that the group could put the sealer on the Scout Hut, paint the top trim on the swimming pool building, Keller Pond needs a general cleanup; and the old playground equipment needs painting again.

## Swimming pool report

Bruce Swihart, council member who serves on the Pool Committee, reported that all the lifeguards and manager are currently certified in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) but a re-certification course is planned for the last of June.

The pool will open Saturday, May 28.

He indicated that raising money for a new swimming pool will be promoted.

## Police report

Chief, Shane Guggenmos said a tranquilizer gun had been purchased and will be used only for trouble dogs. The veterinarian will issue the right amount of drug to slow the dog down.

He also talked about having a place to keep impounded vehicles. When needed, they had used places in Atwood and Goodland.

Superintendent Landenberger suggested that they use the old fire house. He thought there would be enough room if a secure place is needed. The council will consider this idea and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

## Building permits

Building permits were issued to Roger Neitzel for a carport;

Jim Barnhart, sidewalk; James Reynolds, tear down a house; and Larry Wilson, driveway.

## Superintendent's report

Superintendent Landenberger reported that a recent safety inspection went well. He noted that Glorianne Milne does a good job in keeping the city in compliance.

He said the tomado siren which sounds at 11:45 a.m. the first Wednesday of each of the warm months, was not sounded by the city crew. "We have no control over the whistle," he said.

The council approved that one of the pumps at the sewer ponds be pulled and tested in the fall. It is important, he said, that it is kept in good working condition. The cost will be between \$7,000 and \$10,000.

## Attorney's report

Attorney Day had the amended resolutions raising the reconnection utility fee as well as the late-fee penalty. The council accepted the resolutions.

A deed and easement had been made to Karen Uplinger, and Robert and Julie Uplinger for two tracts of land to cover the municipal wells 9 and 10 including the pump house.

The mayor accepted the easements and they will be filed with the register of deeds.

## Recycling update

Roger Jensen, councilman and the county's representative to the Northwest Recycling Board, reported that a new route truck driver had been hired to pick up items at the different recycling centers. In some of the counties, there had not been cooperation in loading the trucks and they had also been overloaded. Cheyenne County, specifically Glenn Schliep and Earl Hankins, had been commended on how the loads were sent out and how they treated the driver. They make sure the information sheets are filled out correctly.

So far this year, 37 tons of recyclable items have been sent to the center in Colby. The center in St. Francis is also one of the nicest, usable and cleanest facilities.

Clerk Mary Lampe had figured that the city is paying the county about \$1,000 less a month in dumping charges. Mr. Jensen figured that the county is saving at least \$10,000 a year.

## In other business

In other business:  
• A license was approved for J and M Tree Trimming and Lawn Service.

• Carla Lampe questioned the salary paid to the city judge.

## Next meetings

The next meeting of the city council will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23, at city hall on Main Street.

The city council will also meet with the commissioners at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 27, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



SALEM DEDICATION – Pastor Chris Farmer blesses the new cemetery directory designed by Clay Zimbelmam.

Herald staff photo by LeZlie McCormick

# Graduation weekend enjoyed

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, a commencement ceremony was held at the Salina Bi-Centennial Center for the graduating class of 2011 from Salina Area Technical College. BreAna Zwegygart, 2010 St. Francis high school graduate, was one of the students graduating from the welding technology class.

BreAna is the daughter of Tina Marie Walz and Brian Zwegygart. She is the granddaughter of Mary L. Walz, and the late Jackie Lee Walz, and Larry and Terry Zwegygart.

Attending the graduation ceremony were Tina Walz, Damon Carmichael, Mary L. Walz, Jacy Rose Hilt and her big sister, Ashley Marie Zwegygart.

On Friday evening they all went to Bennington Lake, where Tina and Damon were camping. All enjoyed having a barbecue and visiting.

On Saturday after the graduation ceremony, BreAna invited some of her classmates to go out to the lake so they could celebrate with her. Others returning to the lake were Grandma Mary, Aunt Jacy,

Ashley; aunt, Marie Dungan, Elizabeth and children. They enjoyed visiting and fishing.

Mary Walz spent time with her sister and husband, Marie and LeRoy Dungan. Jacy spent time

with BreAna and Ashley. They all returned home on Sunday.

BreAna is employed by El Dorado's, a welding company in Salina.



Keely Brunswig

## Introducing

### Keely Taylor Brunswig

Keely Taylor Brunswig, daughter of Preston and Amber Brunswig was born April 5, 2011, at 6:47 a.m. in Wichita. She weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces and was 18 1/2-inches long. She is welcomed home by a brother, Jace and a sister, Aubrey.

Grandparents are Diana Brunswig-Bosso and Mark Bosso of Arnold, Mo., Chris and Melinda Taylor of Arkansas City and John Brunswig of Haigler, Neb.

# Winners named

The potluck/salad supper which ended the Ladies Bridge Card-O-Rama season was held on May 12 at Cheyenne Manor.

In the ladies group, Margaret Shay and Elaine Kehlbeck won high and Arlene Walz and Lois Leydig placed second high.

Teams playing in the ladies group include Betty Loudon and Sherry Schultz, Mary Rath and Shelly Klie, Gladys Cook and Joan Wellman, Margaret Shay and Elaine Kehlbeck, Lois Leydig and Arlene Walz, Betty Jones and Margaret Poling, DeEtta Knorr and Rose Mary Bierig, Raedell Winston and Joyce Thompson and Dolores Kincheloe and Betty Jean Winston.

**NOTICE • NOTICE • NOTICE**

**Ads and copy DEADLINE for the June 2**

**The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be Tues., May 31 at 5 p.m.**

**The offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th. Newspapers will be delivered a day later.**

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**Thurs., June 9**  
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Colby (p.m.)  
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Pool Number: 332-3410

**Regular Pool Hours:**  
Sunday-Saturday: 1:30 - 5:30  
Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri., 7 - 9 p.m.  
(Saturday Evenings - Private Parties. Call Information.)

**Pool Manager: Mikaela Grace**  
Lifeguards: Brett Lampe, Logan Whitmore, Christina Hilt, Shayla Hilt, Christina Schoenrogge, Matt Whitmore, Aly Marin and Jennifer (Henderson) Fritz

**Lap Swimming: \$1 daily or Lap Pass \$40**  
Monday-Friday: 6:30-7:30 a.m.

**Swimming Lessons**  
Details coming later  
Water Safety Instructor- Jennifer Fritz

Private Lessons: Dates/Times: Available all season, assuming guards schedule allow for it.  
Price: \$65 per person

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Superintendent J.R. Landenberger, Kevin Lampe, Bruce Swihart, Larry Finley, Margaret Poling, Natalie Stahlecker

**Aquacise**  
Starts: Wed., June 1  
Price: \$2 per session or \$40 season pass  
Mon., Wed. & Fri. 5:35 or 9:15 p.m.  
Sessions lasting approximately 30-45 min.  
More information contact the pool 332-3410

**Midnight Swims: Ages 14+**  
Dates to be announced 10 p.m.-Midnight.

**Fees: 5 & under free**  
\$1.50 Admission  
Season Passes:  
Single \$55 - Family \$125  
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