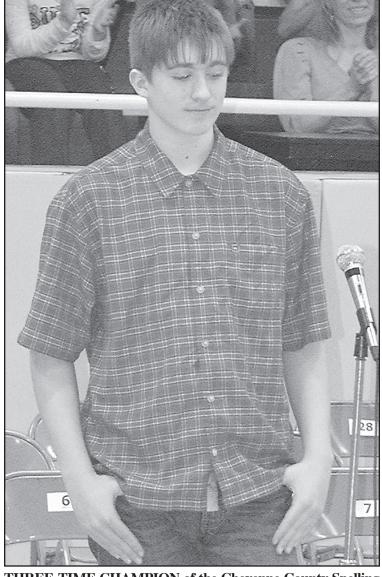
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THREE-TIME CHAMPION of the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee Austin Patton approaches the microphone. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Council still waits to sign power contract

By Nathan Fiala nfiala@nwkansas.com Members of the St. Francis city council met Monday evening, Jan. 23.

The main topic of discussion was still the impending power agreement that needs to be signed. issue.

Attorney report

City attorney Michael Day referred to an ongoing issue with power to a water well. He said they are waiting for approval back from Norton on what to do. He would like to have preauthorization from the mayor to act on those recommendations, which was approved.

in about three weeks. He also said letters for the sign on the highway had been acquired for less than anticipated and can be sandblasted and repainted.

A few weeks back when a power pole at the vet clinic was damaged during high winds, a step in the The agreement will most likely repair procedure was missed be signed on Feb. 13. More which resulted in damage to the information will be in the next clinic's furnace. As soon as the city was aware of the oversight, it was fixed, the clinic was notified. The issue is now in the hands of insurance company.

Clerks report

City clerk Glorianne Milne said annual dues were due for the U.S. 36 Highway Association and Kansas Municipal Utilities. Both were approved.

together, 21 wonderful reminders Mrs. Milne said she had received of spring have been studied Mr. Day said the ownership of a letter from some concerned very thoroughly as I divert my the bridge at Keller's Pond is still citizens about Glenda Krien attention from television to in question. City superintendent putting a business in a residential J.R. Landenberger said he still area. Mr. Landenberger said this gorgeous cucumbers! needed to talk to county road and was regarding a variance Mrs. bridge supervisor Dave Flemming Krien had in process and that they were aware of it. Mrs. Milne also received a letter from Fred Waters requesting money for alcohol education, which was approved; and a letter from the Kansas Rural Water Association, which was asking for a letter of support, which was also approved.

Previous winner takes spelling bee

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansas.com A St. Francis eighth grader won the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Austin Patton won the spelling bee for the third time, having won the first contest in 2009 when he was a fifth grader. He won the contest for the second time in 2010 but, in 2011, he and Jude Faulkender battled it out and Austin took second place.

This year, he and Sydney Sundstrom, St. Francis eighth grader, were the only students left standing. Sydney had the word, "interpret" which she misspelled. Austin then correctly spelled "defiantly" then, as the rules stated, he had to correctly spell the next word which was 'laboriously.'

All 27 contestants were in the running when the first round ended but the second round found six contestants taking their seats in the audience. The contest ended with eight rounds. Some of the words used in the contest included marshmallow, echoed, airborne, antelope, ingredient, perturbed and imitate.

Pronouncer was Bruce Swihart, St. Francis junior high teacher. Judges were Jan Busse, Robin Petersen and Scott Carmichael. Students ranged from grades fourth to eight. Those students competing from St. Francis

were: Aaron White and Hannah Zimbal.

By Kay Melia

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Alright, lets see the hands of all

you gardeners out there who are

as pleased as I am that the seed

catalogs seem to be coming our

way earlier and earlier each year.

Those opposed, same sign. The

It was the day before last

Halloween that the catalog for

Pinetree Gardens suddenly

appeared in my mailbox, and it

was just last week that I received

what is surely the final offering

of the season in the form of

a colorful catalog from the

Michigan Bulb Company. All

You know what? After I've

"pleaseds" win, hands down.

Fifth grade: Draven Houtman, Shelby Wolff and Shalyn Zweygardt.

Sixth grade: Reagan Beims, Devin Patton and Zoe Sundstrom.

Seventh grade: Taryn Zweygardt (Ryan Grover was absent).

Eighth grade: Jude Faulkender, Austin Patton and Sidney Sundstrom.

Cheylin students competing were:

Fourth grade: Kaylynn Hendricks and Miguel Gonzalez.

Fifth grade: Jessie Frisbie, Bob Havel and Kevin Castillo.

Sixth grade: Jordan Janicke, Rachel Keltz and Alex Hazuka. Seventh grade: Haleigh

Rucker, Bergan Bock and C.J. Antholz.

Eighth grade: Devon Janicke, Kelsey Miller and Elizabeth Keltz.

Austin will be traveling to Great Bend for the state spelling bee contest on March 17. In the event he would not be able to go, Sydney would take his place.

"All students, teachers and parents should be proud of their respective sons and daughters for being selected and participating in our local spelling bee," said Scott Carmichael, St. Francis schools principal. "We are all proud of Austin and Sydney's performances and wish Austin all the luck as he travels to Great Fourth grade: Dakota Morris, Bend to compete at the state level."



EIGHTH GRADER Sydney Sundstrom came in second place at the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

The Gardener

varieties are no longer available; after I carefully study the my nearest friendly hometown fully-accredited garden center and buy the seeds and plants that I intend to grow this year.

rack at the garden center doesn't always display the varieties of seed that I prefer, but if they do, that's where I will do business. Never mind that in my case, the nearest real garden center is at least 30 miles away from where I live. I'm going there anyway to see if they can provide what I want. And also, other needed garden supplies such as fertilizers visions of beautiful flowers and and bug killers and whatever else I feel like I need.

For me, seed is the problem.

catalogs; after I see that one packet of YaYa carrot seed on a catalog are nearly all \$4.95 this or two of my all-time favorite seed rack, and I must have YaYa year, and the newest offerings carrot seed.

I've not seen Megaton possibilities of some of the new cabbage seed on a seed rack, and varieties; only then will I visit I must absolutely have Megaton at the garden center. Never mind cabbage seed because it has proved to me to be the best I have ever grown.

The same goes for Super Tasty Please understand that the seed tomato seed, Sweet Success cucumbers, and Mirai sweet corn.

> And yet, for every preferred seed I can't find on the rack, there are always two or three that are always there. And please understand this. Although I will pay extra if need be to secure the variety of seed I prefer, most packets of seed on the garden center's seed rack are lots less expensive than their counterparts the sender. in the seed catalog.

Burpee Seed Company's

are mostly \$5.95. You'll have to hunt diligently to find a seed packet that costs more than \$2.50 that you'll also pay upwards of a \$5.95 minimum for shipping and handling when you order from the catalog.

Still, I'm not about to pass up the varieties of vegetables or flowers I like best. Therefore, a small order goes out to a big seed company every spring, with my sincere thanks for providing me with valuable information about the seeds and plants that I'll try my best to find at the nearest hometown greenhouse and garden center. Never yet have I returned a seed catalog to

for more information.

A complaint about some metal pipes stored at well number seven had been filed with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Mr. Day had been in contact with the agency and they decided, with the landowner's permission, the city would remove the pipes to come back into compliance.

Mr. Day also said he would need some time in executive session to discuss personnel.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Landenberger gave the superintendent report, first briefly referring to the 800 megahertz radios. He said there was a misconception about the radios and the city was not going to buy them

Mr. Landenberger addressed the signs that council member Carla Lampe had previously asked about and said they had been designed and would be received

You're invited

In other business

• Chris Bracelin put in a building permit to move a small storage building. It was approved.

• The water emergency plan was approved.

• A trailer park license for John and Anita Amack was approved.

Council member Dale Weeks said that Janelle Bowers asked if she could paint her office at the emergency building. He said that as long as there was no mess, it shouldn't be a problem.

Next meeting

The next city council meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday.

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Open House

Sunday, Feb. 12

2 - 5 p.m.

Good Samaritan Society -

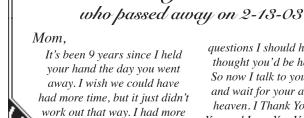
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is celebrating the completion of the new

section and we would like for you

to join us in the celebration.

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questions I should have ask, but thought you'd be here forever. So now I talk to you on the hill and wait for your answer from heaven. I Thank You, Miss You and Love You Very Much

~ Claudette

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In Loving Memory

To My Wife, Our Mother,

Grandma & Great-Grandma

Betty Gleason

St. Francis Outreach Clinic Schedule

Cheyenne County Hospital 210 Ŵ. 1st Street - St. Francis

> Cardiology **Dr. Jeffery Curtis** Monthly (888) 625-4699

Mobile Mammography Monthly (785) 332-2104



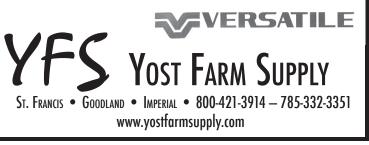
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