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in Oberlin, That's where Jeff Williams, formerly of St. Francis and a certified air and engine frame mechanic, and Glen Stragey did the wiring and ran the hydraulic lines.

While all of the plane was being assembled, Linda was doing all the paperwork. There were forms for applications, registrations and certifications as well as photo albums detailing the progress.

Federal Aviation Administration inspections were made on March 7 declaring it "air worthy." Mr. Rogers first flew the new plane on April 1. The Federal Aviation Administration requires that the plane have 40 hours test flights before he can take any passengers up.

On April 5, he had flown over The Breaks putting on some test flight hours. When he was ready to land at the airport, the green lights that come on telling the pilot that the plane is ready to land, didn't come on. That, Mr. Rogers said, means the landing gear is not working.

If he couldn't get the gear to come down, he would probably have to land in the grass on the plane's belly.

I didn't want to do that, he said, because of the damage it would do to the plane. He pointed out that many people land safely without landing gears. However, he had just finished years of work on this plane.

Robert Grace, Richard Grace, Ron Schlittenhardt and Jeff Williams were on the ground talking with him. They were making suggestions to get the left gear down (the right gear was working fine).

I decided, he said, if this plane was going to be damaged, I was going to have some fun and, maybe, at the same time, bring that gear down. So he did some rolls. He also was jerking hard on the stick. The jar of the jerking and/or the force of gravity brought the gear down, although, the green landing light was still not showing.

However, those on the ground assured him that both gears were down, so he made a trial landing but he didn't like the position he was in, so went back up and came down.

The landing was smooth. Emergency fire and medical service personnel were on hand in case they were needed and, they, along with everyone else, were glad to see a safe landing.

I really appreciated all the support, Mr. Rogers said. He also noted that he was glad he hadn't needed them.

When Mr. Rogers bought the plane kit, there were 25 T-51 Mustangs in the air. When he finished building his plane, his was the 51st. plane to fly in the USA. There are only 64 flying worldwide today.

The next day, he was back at

the hanger working on the landing gear. Following the 40 hours test flying, Mr. Rogers will have the plane painted.

The plane will get a military paint job of silver and yellow with stars. His call number is N548RR and her name is "Mustang Sally."

Council, at last meeting, votes wage increases

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The St. Francis City Council met on Monday, April 9. Reading the minutes of the last meeting, it was noted that the council members had voted in a 4-percent wage increase for city employees after discussion in executive session.

City clerk Glorianne Milne had attended grant orientation for the bandshell and had a standard project agreement that needed to be signed and sent back. The entire block is on the historical record, so any changes or additions need to have permission beforehand.

Rodney Netizel visited the council to tell them about his plans for the Fourth of July town gathering. He handed out an agenda listing the various events and times for the day, mentioning that he wanted to add a car rally to Atwood and back, the money collected from this to go toward fireworks next year and to get flags for the highway.

Gerri Lampe came to the council to make a statement regarding her son, Kelly Lampe, who recently relocated motor sports business to St. Francis. She talked about the complaints he had received about the cleanliness of the property and felt he had been unfairly singled out.

City superintendent, J.R. Landenberger said he had visited with Kelly and saw for himself that some of the complaints inaccurate. He also noted that noticeable progress had been made since the issues were brought up, and that the minutes of the last meeting reflected that.

Volunteer fire chief, George Harper noted to Mayor Scott Schultz that the fire trucks they currently have are from 1972 and 1992, and that a new fire truck should be put into a five-year plan. **Building Permits**

Building permits for the Methodist Church to put up a sign, Margaret Holzwarth to replace sidewalk and Kelly Lampe to put up a fence were approved. Pete Jensen had also applied for a variance for an addition to the front of his house.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Landenberger gave the superintendent report, first stating they had generated electricity for Sunflower at their request. They will be reimbursed for their output, however, there was no real need to generate at the time, as it was not a peak usage period and they had their full Western Area Power Administration allotment.

As he understands the agreement,

there is no penalty if they do not comply with this request in the future, and he will find out more about that for the next meeting.

Mr. Landenberger had been in touch with Krutsinger Construction in Benkelman and they said they are on schedule to do two blocks of concrete work on Main Street, but will have to see if they can do a third.

Mr. Landenberger also said they need to surface some streets in August and need to get on that now, as rock can be hard to get. Someone had asked him about a beer garden in town, and he would talk to city attorney Michael Day about it.

Police Report

Police chief, Shane Guggenmos handed out a list of calls they had made recently and said it had gotten busy. Some high school kids had recently been running through yards playing games at night and some residents had wanted a curfew put in place. He didn't feel that it would be a continuing problem but said he would mention the idea of a curfew to the council.

Mr. Guggenmos has also gotten a quote on ammunition from Frontier Arms and said that they could not get what he was looking for in duty ammo, but that he would look up more information on what he could get to see if it would work for the department's needs. He had also attended the commissioners' meeting on purchasing 800 megahertz radios and said they are looking at a 10-year lease instead of buying them outright, which would also cover maintenance. He feels that they should do whatever the county does, to keep things uniform and hopefully uncomplicated.

Pool Report

Council member Bruce Swihart reported that four applicants had applied for the advertised two part-time lifeguard positions. He noted that the Red Cross office in Colby is closed and need to find a new place to get training materials. It was also noted that Meredith Knodel would schedule lifeguard training and that Aly Marin was doing training in Hays. Mr. Swihart asked about putting some money in a reserve for the pool.

Council member Paula Keller said they had applicants to interview for theater manager, and councilman Roger Jensen asked Mr. Landenberger about salary comparisons, which they would discuss in executive session.



SHERRY JONES, waitress at the Majestic Restaurant, fills coffee cups for Larry Forsythe, left, and Keith Peter, center.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

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French fries or chips. They continue to follow the customer's suggestions. They have added homemade pies, chili-cheese nachos, slushy drinks and grab-and-go breakfast burritos.

In the future, they will have soft-serve ice cream.

Sherry Jones has worked at the restaurant for almost two years. In the summer, when she has time, Bud's granddaughter, Audrey, also helps wait tables and has a "Sun-

daes on Sunday" special on most Sunday afternoons.

In honor of their second year anniversary, they are holding drawings. People are encouraged to stop by, sign up and enjoy the food.

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and said that his board said there would be no profit sharing.

"This (profit sharing) is a deal breaker," Mr. Patton said. "If we are going to be responsible for the property, then why can't we share some of the profits?"

We need the facility, Mr. Patton said. It provides a much needed service in the area but we want something that will be suitable for a long time."

The commissioners noted that Mr. Fitzgerald was supposed to bring a contract to the commissioners on March 15. Mr. Paulsen suggested that if the commission-

they need, then it needs to be submitted to the Society in writing. Mr. Patton said they would have something written up and sent to the Good Samaritan Society, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Paulsen and Mr. Isernhagen.

Later in the meeting, the subject of the nursing home came up again. Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said, the people have voted to subsidize the Village up to 6 mills (approximately \$200,000) a year. In 10 years, that is \$2 million. That would go a long way toward building a new facility.

At a prior meeting, Mr. Beikman said he had thought, if there would be an addition onto the high

school to include a grade school and new gym, then the grade school building could be torn down. This would leave an ideal spot to build a nursing home and assisted living. It would be within walking distance to the grocery store and post office, across the street from the park and on Main Street when there are parades and other activities.

We only have eight months before we are supposed to acquire the Village for \$1 from the Good Samaritan Society, Mr. Beikman said. I don't see how we can possibly get everything worked out in that time.

Upcoming Promotions

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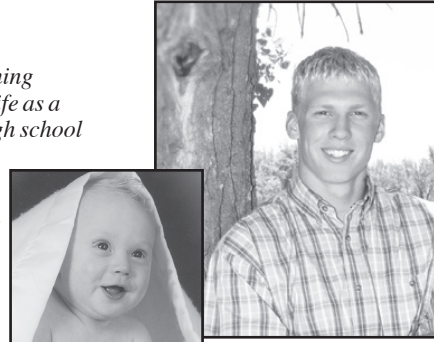
Congratulate Your Graduate

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times are now planning the Senior Graduation Supplement and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for \$20 extra. This feature is optional. Senior pictures will be sponsored by parents, grandparents, individuals and/or businesses for \$40 each or three for \$100. Deadline for baby picture and message is Friday, April 27.

Garrett Figgins

I am planning to begin my life as a farmer after high school

We are so proud of you Garrett. You have been a joy to raise up. We love you and wish you all the blessings that God has for you!



Parents: Brad Figgins Leeanna Windell

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