

Chairs for scout hut discussed at council meeting

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Members of the St. Francis city council met on Monday, Sept. 24.

In old business, city clerk Glorienne Milne said that Joyce Russ had priced out folding chairs and tables for the scout hut. Mayor Scott Schultz said that they may want to look into stacking chairs for longer durability. The refrigerator in storage had also been moved back to the scout hut and it seemed to be working so far. Marlene Penton had also been hired to clean the scout hut once a month, and it was felt she would need to clean more often. City superintendent J.R. Landenberger said that someone from the city checks the building at least once a week.

The city employee picnic is scheduled for Oct. 23. Mrs. Milne had said that Jen Blair suggested plenty of early planning so food could be bought from the grocery store.

There was no new business or attorney report.

Council member Carla Lampe did ask city attorney Michael Day about the city still owing back taxes on the Smith property. The city had been given the deed on the property but had not filed it yet. Mr. Day said he had been verified that the property was not deeded to the city yet. Mr. Day also said he had not received the Clapper deed yet and that he was waiting to file that deed with the Smith deed. Mr. Day said he would check again on the deed and see if there was something he could do to make sure the city was not responsible for the property tax due.

There was no police report.

Council member Bruce Swihart gave the pool report. He gave a report of earnings and expenditures for this year. Salary cost was lower than projected. Expenses were higher than estimated, \$3500 of that going for a lift. Income was approximately \$1000 more than what was expected.

There were three building permits: Dennon Flemming for a deck, Leo Mazon for concrete and one for Deb Harper. All were approved.

For the superintendent report, Mr. Landenberger wanted to point out that he was present at the meeting, as it had been pointed out in a previous story how he had not been present at a council meeting. He talked briefly about electrical costs for August and how the profit margin was still maintained despite higher costs.

Mr. Landenberger also confirmed the US Hwy 36 signs outside of town had been changed out. He said that Tom Keller had attended a Cheyenne County Wildlife meeting regarding funding for the river walk and would

continue to check for ways to get funding. Mr. Landenberger confirmed that the fall clean-up deadline is Oct. 12 and that it had been run in the newspaper.

Mr. Landenberger also encouraged city council members to attend the Cheyenne County Development Corporation's annual meeting if they could, as three seats on that board are opening up.

Mr. Landenberger stated that some trees had to be removed from the roadside park for the airport because they were too tall, and they will be replanted.

For the clerk report, Mrs. Milne said that a CD was up for renewal, and it was approved to renew it. She also said the accounting software had been installed, that Mr. Schultz had signed the paperwork and a check was ready to mail to them.

Mrs. Milne also said that the police debit card had been used for some unauthorized purchases and that the number had somehow been scammed for these purchases, and that it had been cancelled and a new card was to be issued soon.

For council comments, council member Carla Lampe said that an economic development meeting needed to be scheduled, and it was decided to set it for Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Mrs. Lampe had also received a request to install some handrails along the south side of main street, and the council discussed that without making any decision at the time.

The council will next meet on Tuesday, Oct. 9 to allow for Columbus Day.

Poems

Carol Eve

It means friendly, courageous, faithfulness

It is 8

It is the color of the flowing ocean

It is going on a mission trip to Oklahoma

It is the memory of spending a week with my sister

Who taught me honesty and to believe in myself

When she used to babysit me My name is Carol Eve

It means I love my life and want to spend it wisely

By CarolEve Harris

Butterfly

Insect

Colorful, pure

Flying, swirling, twirling

Flies away ever so peacefully

Monarch

By Makayla Rogers



Ladies entertain others at music club

The St. Francis Federated Music Club met Monday, Oct. 8, at the St. Francis Public Library meeting room. The program included scripture and songs from memory presented by Bonnie Cram and Ione Slattery who accompanied on guitar. Ione is a retired elementary school music teacher from Hays and has been learning classical guitar since her retirement. Ione and Bonnie also perform separate programs at area nursing homes.

A pumpkin dessert was served by hostesses Jackie Butler, Raedell Winston and Helene Landenberger.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 5, at the country home of Beth Maifeld. The program will be "According to Accordions" by Althea Lebow and Dr. Ron Maifeld, who played during the Art Walk in June. Bonnie Cram will do the Poetry Moment.

Hostesses will be Beth Maifeld, Rikki Rueb and Jackie Butler. Plans will be discussed for the annual Yuletide Festival at the high school set for 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2.



ENTERTAINING the crowd were Bonnie Cram and her daughter Ione Slattery.

Chance for wild turkey Thanksgiving meal

The fall turkey season doesn't have the tradition or build-up that surrounds the spring turkey season but only because it's overshadowed by deer, waterfowl and upland bird hunting seasons. Kansas fall turkey hunters enjoy unsurpassed opportunities, in terms of season length, generous bag limits and odds of success.

The fall turkey season opened Monday, Oct. 1. The season will run through Jan. 31, closing during firearm deer seasons. Hunters may hunt with shotguns, 20 gauge or larger using shot size No. 2 or smaller, and archery equipment. There are six Turkey Management Units established for the season.

In the past, the state was divided into four units; however biologists felt that new unit boundaries would allow more precise turkey population management and enhanced hunting opportunities. Unit 4 (southwest) is closed to fall turkey hunting. Hunters may obtain one turkey permit, valid in Units 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, and hunters who

possess a turkey permit may also purchase up to three turkey game tags, which are valid in Units 2, 3, 5 and 6. The turkey permit and turkey game tags each allow the harvest of one hen or tom turkey. Consult the 2012 Kansas Hunting and Furharvesting Regulations Summary for more information, as well as a map showing the new Turkey Management Units.

Last fall, just more than 8,000 hunters pursued turkeys in Kansas, and more than 30 percent of them took at least one turkey. All units provide excellent hunting opportunities, and the good news is that after several years of poor production and declining numbers, the population in southeast Kansas is rebounding. Many public lands managed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, as well as Walk-In Hunting Access lands hold turkeys, so hunters have a variety of choices.

Hunters also have several choices when it comes to the way they hunt fall turkeys. In the spring,

only tom turkeys are legal, and most birds are taken when they respond to hunters' calls imitating a hen.

In the fall, there is no breeding activity, so hunters usually stalk birds or set up a point of ambush and hunt from a blind. However, calling can be effective in the fall. A popular hunting technique in regions with more fall turkey hunting tradition is to use a dog to scatter turkey flocks.

Once dispersed, the hunter and dog hide quietly for a time. There is safety in numbers for turkeys,

and the urge to re-flock is strong. Birds will use a "kee-kee-run" call to regroup, and the hiding hunter can imitate this call to bring a bird within shotgun or bow range. Dogs are not allowed during the spring season.

Whatever the technique, fall turkey hunting can be a break from the more traditional fall pursuits, as well as an exciting adventure. And those who've tried it will testify that roasted wild turkey is a welcome addition to the Thanksgiving table.



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