

# Chief reports increase of rattlesnakes in city limits

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Shane Guggenmos, chief of police, said there has been an increase in rattlesnake sightings within the city limits, when the St. Francis City Council met on Tuesday, May 28. "We're not sure why we're seeing the increase, but seven reports have been made in the past several weeks," he said. He urged that citizens be wary when doing outside yard work, especially when cleaning up around overgrown shrubs and bushes.

Chief Guggenmos and J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, discussed purchasing a used four-wheel drive utility vehicle to help better patrol and maintain the River Walk area, which is leased to the city from the Tom Keller family.

"The off-road vehicle would be able to access areas that a normal patrol car could not access," the chief said. Mr. Landenberger also pointed out that it would be used by his department to help clear debris and form the path itself as well as be used for other purposes within the city.

The chief said that he was looking into selling an old police vehicle currently not in use, to help cover the costs of the utility vehicle. Council member Roger Jensen volunteered to lend the police force his four-wheel drive utility vehicle to see how it will work before a decision to purchase one is made. Chief Guggenmos will further research and present the council with his findings.

### Business incentives

The business incentive for Fresh Seven Coffee was resubmitted. The business will be temporarily moving from its current location to the lot west of the old hotel on Gordon Ross's property. A temporarily power pole and hookup has been set up by the city on the lot. The council approved the incentive with the contingency that Fresh Seven uses power on the new pole, before the incentive kicks in. Fresh Seven is still working on getting a water hook up on the lot.

J&M Tree and Lawn Service application for a tree trim license was approved by council.

### Pool report

Council member Bruce Swihart, reported that the pool opened

Memorial Day as scheduled, with the Saintry Sharks taking advantage of the beautiful weather to begin training for their first meet, on June 1. He reported that life-guard training is almost complete.

Superintendent Landenberger reported that the paint on the pool has begun to chip away in spots, which clogs up the vacuum system. He is recommending that the pool be sandblasted in the off season to remove all layers of old paint and repainted.

Bruce Swihart, council member, reported that he would like to have \$50,000 encumbered again this year to go toward a new pool.

### Building permits

Building permits were reviewed and approved for the following: Tim Schmid, tearing down house; Travis Milne, fence; Gary Tice, fence; Alonzo Perez, fence.

### Superintendent's report

Ron Wilson has begun cleanup on the old pool hall property at 312 W. Washington in preparation to sell.

"It's good to see movement on that property," said Superintendent Landenberger.

Trees on the Royce Neitzel property have been trimmed and growth clutter is better. The superintendent will continue to follow up, as not all of his concerns have been addressed.

Weed letters have been sent to 37 properties in violation of weed ordinance.

Superintendent Landenberger has received a quote for upgrading the water/electrical meter reading system. The cost will be approximately \$19,000. He said the current system is inefficient and requires city employees to go sequentially from meter to meter, and be in very close to read them, utilizing many man hours.

With the new system, employees would be able to drive across town with less need for close proximity and no specific order to read meters, saving staff time and improving efficiency. This proposal will be considered in the 2014 budget and will be split between electric, water and computer departments budgets.

"Our goal should be 100 percent upgrade to new electronic meters," said Mr. Jensen. The system would still require individual homeowners to upgrade meters.

Mayor Scott Schultz questioned if an incentive should be explored to encourage homeowners to make the change. The council agreed to continue discussions in the future.

The department is short one pickup for city crew. Superintendent Landenberger had quotes from Yost Ford and a dealer in Aurora, Colo. There are funds in the department budget and the purchase was approved by council.

Discussion was held regarding the city code for a max height of 36-inches for front-yard landscape fencing. The superintendent's department has received requests for picket fencing enclosing the front yard. In the past, he has declined all fence requests for front yards based on city code, but he asked the council for input on interpreting the city code for the purpose of fences. The current code does not specify materials that can be used.

"If we allow decorative fencing then we need more guidelines as to what constitutes decorative," he said. "My goal is to be consistent with requests."

He will follow up with the city attorney to discuss proposed changes to the current code.

### In other business

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• Keller's Pond was discussed: Jerry Toller has expressed concern to Mr. Landenberger that since the east side of the pond has been closed, there is no access for those with disabilities, under the Americans with Disability Act on the west side of the pond. Mr. Landenberger invited Jerry and Tom Keller to come to the city council meeting to discuss the issue with council. Neither party was present. The discussion was tabled so the council can review the lease agreement.

• Ilene O'Leary from the St. Francis Housing Authority requested that taxes owed to the city from the housing authority be waived again this year due to the amount of work and money that has been put into apartment upgrades. Council approved the request.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the city council is set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 10, in city hall on Main Street.



DALLAS REED competes at the state track meet held in Wichita. Reed placed second in the pole vault event.

Herald photo by Dick Boyd

## Obituary

### Carl H. Hendricks

Aug. 24, 1918-May 11, 2013

Carl Henry Hendricks was born in rural Cheyenne County on Aug. 24, 1918, and died May 11, 2013, at the St. Francis Hospital. He was the son of Emil and Katie Hendricks.

Carl grew up on his family's farm southeast of St. Francis. He had a happy childhood and shared much love and many good times with his parents and sisters, such as family vacations in Colorado and barn dances.

He graduated from St. Francis Community High School in the class of 1935, as did Wilma Winston, who would become the love of his life.

Carl worked as a bookkeeper for the St. Francis Equity after high school, just down the street from where Wilma worked, and it didn't take him long to realize that she often was standing outside when he walked by. They were married on Aug. 18, 1940.

Carl played briefly with a Major League farm team after high school, but said he soon realized that he wasn't going to have a Big League baseball career. He came home and told his father, "I want to farm."

He and Wilma lived for a short time with Carl's parents and then bought their own farm in Lawn Ridge, where they raised their three daughters: Carolyn Sue, Deanna Lou, and Carla Beth. They built a new house on the farm in 1949.

Carl deeply loved his family and his farm, and in 1956 he and Wilma were honored to receive an award for Balanced Farming and Family Living from the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Kansas State College.

Carl enjoyed and was good at many sports, but his favorite was baseball. His position was shortstop, and he played into his 30s with the St. Francis team; they

won a championship in 1951.

He started playing golf in his late 30s and loved to travel to tournaments with his golfing buddies. He continued to play golf into his 90s. He also bowled on several teams, and he and his teammates would travel to state bowling tournaments--and pack their golf clubs so they could stop at favorite courses on the way to and from the tournament.

Wilma used to say Carl loved any game with a ball in it, and that included pool. He especially enjoyed beating his sons-in-law at pool, on their own tables, when he visited them.

In October of 1980, Carl and Wilma moved from the farm to a new home they built in St. Francis. Carl was an active member of the St. Francis community, serving for many years on the school board and actively supporting Riverside Recreation.

Carl retired from farming at age 62, but he never really left the farm; a week before he died he drove his van out Lawn Ridge road to check on the wheat.

He and Wilma traveled extensively in retirement. They visited 49 of the 50 states, missing only Rhode Island, and especially enjoyed a cruise in Alaska. In the 1980s and early '90s they spent several weeks of each winter in the southwest, playing golf and visiting friends.

From their first dates through their senior years, Carl and Wilma loved to go to dances. For their 50th anniversary, they hired a

band and held a dance for friends and family, and they were the best dancers on the floor.

Wilma was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 1996, and Carl's loving care of her for many years was an example of how to meet hard times with grace, courage, and patience. Wilma died in December of 2004.

Carl was predeceased by his sisters Agnes (who died in childhood), Mabel Harkins, and Ida Walker, and by his daughter Deanna.

He is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Sue Pugh and her husband Tom, and Carla Hendricks and her husband Larry Sackett; and by four grandchildren, Kirstin Pugh and her fiancé Scott Romer, Michael Pugh and his wife Allison Reynolds, Jessie Sackett Romero and her husband Jerad, and Jon Sackett and his wife Heather; and by two beautiful great-granddaughters, Eleanor Jane Reynolds-Pugh and Claire Deanna Romero.

Carl also will be greatly missed by his "extended" family--Rita and Dan Stephens, Mike and Brenda Day, Sherry and Eddy Schultz, and Lucille Price and Tom and Sandra Bandel--who shared holidays with him and watched over him in his later years, and by many nephews and nieces, friends, and neighbors.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 17, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis, with burial following at the St. Francis Cemetery.

# Annual golf tourney held

The annual Three-Man Scramble was held Saturday and Sunday at Riverside Recreation west of St. Francis.

We had 34 teams despite the windy day on Saturday, said Roger Lauer, organizer. It was a good turnout!

Winning the championship was

## Weather

Date	H	L	Prec.
May 21	70	39	
May 22	74	47	.03
May 23	71	48	
May 24	89	58	
May 25	95	61	
May 26	89	58	
May 27	82	51	
May 28	86	56	
May 29	78	46	.46
May 30	77	44	
May 31	78	50	
June 1	69	38	
June 2	82	46	
June 3	97	56	

the team of Johnson, Daise and Doll with a score of 118. Second was the team of Glad, Pfortmiller and Organ with 119; third was the team of Tyler Lampe, Carpenter and Ihrig, 120; and fourth, Tyler Lauer, Gerald Lauer and Gall, 120.

Second flight: Bracelin, Quiggle and Loyd, 128; Rieger, Rieger and Hawks, 130; Roberts, Schultz and Petersen, 131.

Winners of other prizes during the two-day scramble were:

Hole 1-Longest putt - Travis Daise, 22-5, and Darren Workman, 36-4.

Hole 2-Closest to bridge - Bill Wilger and Rod Lampe.

Hole 2-Closest to pin - Garrett Carpenter, 4-2; Ty Zwegardt, 5-10.

Hole 3-Longest putt - tie, Randy

Dinkel and Brad Pfortmiller, 25; Trent Raile, 23-1 1/2.

Hole 4-Closest to pin - Sean Lennox, 85; Cale Rieger, 3-7.

Hole 5-Longest putt - Randy Dinkel, 39-9 1/2; Brandon Rumme 46-9.

Hole 6-Longest putt - Cale Rieger, 22-9; Cale Rieger, 35-10.

Hole 7-Closest to pin - Jason Johnson, 17; Andy Hostetler, 7-4.

Hole 8-Longest putt - Nick O'Loughlin, 18-2 1/2; Doug Sager, 46-1.

Hole 9-Longest putt- Wayne Weyerman, 41-10; Gerald Lauer, 16-4.

Hole 9-Closest to pin, second shot - Curt Confer, 13-3; Brett Lampe, 8-3.

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