Several groups of visitors attend council meeting

dsloper@nwkansas.com The St. Francis City Council meeting had discussions with four groups of visitors to start the meeting.

The council began the meeting hearing from Kerry and Debbie Miller, who were rescinding their purchase of 426 and 430 Emerson St. properties. In February 2011 the Clapper estate, which owned the properties had the wrong legal description of the properties on the deed of trust. This was discovered in March 2012 when the city went to get clear title of the

The family members responsible for the Clapper estate, who reside in Texas, were sent a new deed with the correct legal description of the property, but have yet to sign and return the paper. The Millers had moved to St. Francis to take possession of the properties with the understanding that the deed issues would be cleared up. The Millers stated that they were advised by attorney Mike Day that they could start to clean up the properties, but at their own risk, due to the fact that the Clappers still had legal title to the properties. While waiting for the city to get clear title, the Millers proceeded to clean the interior of the properties and put in many man hours

After numerous phone calls to the Clappers from Attorney Day and the Millers the Clappers still have not returned the corrected signed deed. Having run out of patience, time and money the Millers asked that their purchase of the properties be rescinded and that they get the money that they paid for the properties returned. The council returned the payment in full. The Millers were also asking for partial reimbursements for their moving costs to St. Francis in good faith of purchasing the property and costs for what cleaning that they did on the properties. Attorney Day informed them that since they were told that they were doing cleanup on the properties at their own risk that he did not feel that the city owed them any money. He asked for an executive session to discuss the matter further.

Fourth of July celebration

Rodney Neitzel addressed the council on the Fourth of July celebration plans and activities. He stated that the agenda is similar cover if needed. have all day activities. They will the pool." also be using the fireworks purchased for last year's celebration and have added a few new spectacular fireworks to the display. They are sill asking for donations to help with the cost of the fireworks display as they did not have enough donations to pay for all the 2012 purchases. "We hope that those that come

out to enjoy the fireworks will

donate a few dollars each to help viewed and approved for the cover our expenses, he said.

Options service

A representative from Opassault and domestic violence talked to the council about their needs and gave a brief description of what they have been dothe organization as last year.

Community garden

Community Garden, talked about is trying to achieve for St. Franwas also requesting that they be allowed to put up a sign on a city owned lot just east of the city hall through the end of the year. The request was approved

Digital sign

installed and is operating well. not give a price unless a phone The council was very pleased line was also established. It was with how well it was working and also brought up that the AT&T with the mostly positive response trunk was at capacity, so no lines from the community. Council can be added at this time. member Carla Lampe, pointed out that only community and civic events will be displayed on the sign. No commercial, political or religious advertising will their last session passed bill be allowed.

The sign is currently operational from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., and there was a discussion about extending those hours to midnight. fect on July 1. Schools and some To get a message considered on city buildings would be exempt. the sign, citizens are asked to The rational behind this law is send an email to sfledsign1@ gmail.com.

"The city still owes \$18,550 on the sign and donations are still welcomed," said Mrs. Lampe.

Glorianne Milne, city clerk, reported that there has been some progress on the band shell bids. Bids are open until June 18 and will be presented at the next meeting. She said that she will be buildings, such as manned metal filing an extension for the grant detectors, etc. After some discusimprovements as the deadline is

Pool report

hart, reported that the pool vacu- 20 percent in wages so far this um was being repaired.

Swimming lessons were beginning between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 theater will have Sunday matip.m. Monday-Friday for the next nees for the next four weekends. two weeks.

guards and office help. They may museum staff regarding a semi look into borrowing life guards being parked at the roadside park and staff from Bird City to help for an extended time. The coun-

to the 2012 plans which were "Never had we had so few ap- and decided rather than just two canceled due to a burn ban. Conplicants," said Bruce, "In the past—hour parking as agreed previousditions permitting, they plan to we've never had an issue staffing ly, they would add signs for "No

> There is an issue of slick walkways, which will be addressed, he said. A couple of people have the weight of the trucks goalready fallen. The new manager ing through the area," said Mr. and all the new guards are addressing pool policies.

"This year has been a challenging season so far and a learning entrance." process for everyone," he said.

Building permits

Building permits were re-

following: Mary Bier, deck and porch; Amanda Milne, fence; Douglas Sloper, fence; Ron Wiltions, who help victims of sexual son, remove and replace concrete.

Superintendent's report

Brock McAtee has agreed to split the cost with the city, who extended power to his property ing in the Northwest Kansas area. line just outside city limits. The After the talk council agreed to cost will be \$990 for each side. give \$1,000, the same amount to The council agreed that this will be used as a precedent for anyone requesting city services that are Jason Padgett, representing the near, but not quite in city limits.

J.R. Landenberger, superinwhat the nonprofit organization tendent, reported that the River Walk trail has been checked and cis community. The organization cleared on the west side on the Republican River. This was done due to expected increase in activity with alumni visits and 125th celebration.

Internet access for the Cheyenne Theater was discussed. The new digital sign has been AT&T was contacted and would

In other business

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 Attorney Day reported that the Kansas state legislature in 2052, which allows for citizens with a conceal carry permit to bring their firearms into public buildings. The law will take efto allow citizens with a conceal carry permit the ability to defend themselves. The law will also recognize any concealed carry permits from other states. The local jurisdictions may contact the Kansas Attorney General to ask for an extension, which will give them until Jan 1 to come up with security plans for municipal sion the council will not be asking for an extension.

 Council member Paula Keller Council member Bruce Swi- stated that the theater has saved year to date by monitoring when staff is needed or not needed. The

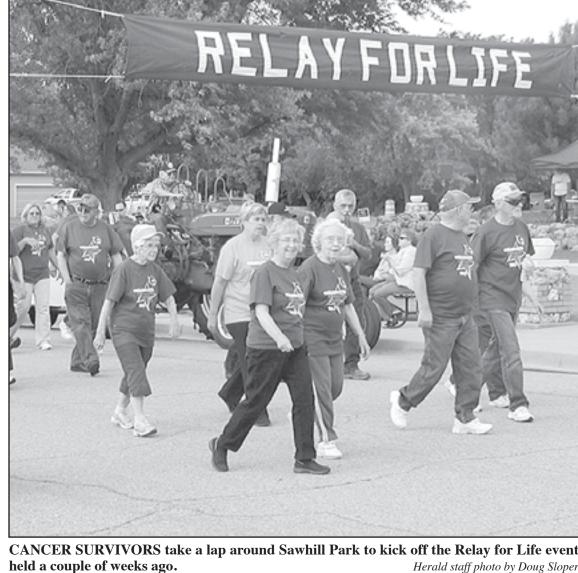
• Council member Roger Jen-The pool is short handed on life sen was contacted by the county cil discussed the matter further Truck Parking" at the roadside

> "The asphalt cannot handle Landenberger. "We also want to make sure patrons of the museum have a access to the park near the

- The council approved a fireworks license for Anita Amack.
- An application to use the band shell was discussed. Council members had learned that the planners of a Fourth of July concert intended on charging admission for the event. There was an agreement by the council that donations could be accepted, but no group could use public property for proprietary purposes. Supervisor Landenberger will reach out to the applicant regarding the use of the band shell.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the city council is set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 24, in city hall on



held a couple of weeks ago. Herald staff photo by Doug Sloper

Cancer relay held in park

On June 8, the Cheyenne Counvivals and show those in the grip lit hundreds of luminaria all over ty Relay for Life began it's allnight festivities at Sawhill Park to honor the survivors and remember those who lost their fight with cancer.

It was a beautiful evening, said Betty Louden, one of the coordinators. The park was decorated with many banners proclaiming "Remember, Celebrate and Fight Back." The large banner over the starting line for the walkers read, "Hope Starts Here!"

The evening was a culmination of caring volunteers, all working together to help find a cure for the dreaded cancer. Several teams were in the park to be sure that at least one team member was on the track every hour from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. They walked through the night into the darkness, and then after midnight, they walked toward the dawn and toward the cure of cancer.

A free-will barbecue was held with the survivors as guests. Pam Bolin, Hobo Snack Shack, served the meal. The Cheyenne Shrine Club had their Candy Wagon in place and served pop, water, snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy. were donated back to Relay.

After a welcome by Pat Rose, hairman, Chad Miller gave a anthem. The survivor's lap start- Relay. ed at 7 p.m.

'We celebrate each of their surmany volunteers had placed and of, Ms. Rose concluded.

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of cancer that there is hope and the block-square park. that they can walk with us next Relay," Mrs. Louden said.

survivors and their caregivers. Purple carnations, donated by RoseMary Bierig, owner of Clas- and Mrs. Grice read the list of sic Rose, were given to each sur-The committee including Ms. Rose, Vicki Coates, Mrs. Loud-

en, John Finley, Christy Wurm, Tammy Grice, Allison Grice, setting, so that we will never for-Crystal Schultz, Bridgette Antholz, Cara Hunt, Bailey Merklin, Nikki Rose, Dale Rose, Ginger and Dusti Chadwick and Brandee Sassee, were introduced.

Brandee Sassee, who has gone through three different bouts with cancer, told that she made it because she had such a great support group and her desire to overcome it. Two songs were sung sible if it were not for the many by Christina Stafford and Taylor The annual auction was lively

and conducted by Skip and Betty Petersen and their daughter, Robin. Many interesting theme baskets, homemade articles and All proceeds from both vendors flower baskets were sold to the lay is in August so if team memcrowd in the band shell.

by Randy Smestad. Each year he thrilling rendition of the national donates his time and talent to the our final total! Cheyenne County

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"It is always a thrill to stroll through the area and look for the The second lap was for the names of the loved ones in whose honor and memory the luminaria was purchased for. Mrs. Louden those honored people. Pat Rose, with the assistance of her son, Dale, gave a very meaningful end to the service by depicting a table with an empty chair and place get those who lost their struggle, but through events like the Relay, can give home to those who still struggle with cancer.

As the dawn rose and the The survivor talk was given by campsites were cleared, a closing prayer was offered by Hoagie Carmichael and a breakfast was provided to the teams and staff who had stayed all night.

The event would not be poscorporate sponsors, the volunteers, the teams, the city crew that helps get the park ready and the people who bought luminarias as well as The Herald office that sold luminiarias, said Ms. Rose. Our final date for the 2013 Re-

bers come by or you see those Music in the park was provided "cute" pink flamingos in your yard, you can still help us out for has one of the top Relays in the Tammy and Allison Grice and state – one we can be very proud

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And then we went out... Teams were formed to go out to individuals who were good representatives of the different factions. Inter-

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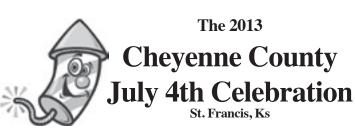
How did it happen?... St. Fran- views were set up and questions asked. We listened and took notes.

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What was missing... Oops...in looking over the data, we realized that a "younger" voice was not well represented, so we are currently gathering names to attend a meeting to gain that input. If you are between 20 and 35 years old, we want to hear what you have to say! If you are interested in attending, please call Bonnie Cram at 785-332-2156 or email her at bonniecram@sbcglobal.net to get on the list.

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