

By Janet Carman



**FRESH SEVEN** coffee wagon moved across the street a couple weeks ago.  
*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

The Cheyenne County Museum has been alive with visitors, volunteers, and activities since spring. On June 1, living history characters portrayed people from our county's past.

During Alumni weekend the Historical Society served brat lunches to nearly 150 people. The Society also hosted a museum open house and services at the Old Country Church that weekend. A standing-room only crowd filled the old church on July Fourth as Althea Lebow led the group in a rousing patriotic sing-along. Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by Richard Cram was a moving tribute to the 150th anniversary of that historic battle.

Volunteers are working to keep the museum open during the week and hours are 1 to 4:30 p.m. If you don't see the open sign in the window, call 332 3569 or 332 3939 and we will make every effort to open for you. More volunteers are always needed, so if you would like to help at the museum, just call the above numbers.

**Projects**

Several projects have been completed this spring and early summer. New glass was purchased and installed by Goodland Glass for the Vintage Clothing Display Case. This replaced old, used, stained glass and has enhanced that exhibit. Steps were constructed on

the back of the church to serve as a fire escape. Prior to that there was no way out the back except to jump several feet to the ground. The museum's front door was repaired and painted, as were the benches in front. Wallpaper and paint were added to display areas.

Plants for the old church landscape were donated and planted by P.E.O. Chapter U. Currently a curved walkway connecting the Old Country Church and the museum is underway. Brad Matthis will prepare the groundwork and high school football players will lay the brick provided by the city.

The Historical Society could not keep the museum and old church functioning without the encouragement and support of the community. Each year necessary expenses for the church and museum amount to nearly \$14,000; \$4,000 of that comes from a county allotment. The rest is made up through donations, book sales, fund-raisers, Historical Society memberships (\$10) and Friends of the Museum (\$25).

Many people donate time, services, merchandise and advice. We appreciate Roger Neitzel for his donation of time and materials to keep our heat and air running. Rodney Neitzel is a great encourager

and instigator and we appreciate the supplies he provides. Roger Jensen is always available to help with repairs and give good advice. We also thank the following: Scott Schultz for the donation of carpet; Tom Smull for the painting and work he has done to get the museum up and running; Keary Carman for painting the door and benches; Althea Lebow and Jean Ann Confer and the participants in the Fourth of July Sing-a-Long; the United Methodist Church Thrift Store for grants and donated items for the museum; The St. Francis Herald for their publicity and support. All of the "Friends of the Museum" who have generously donated money and time are greatly appreciated. We couldn't do it without each of you!

This is your museum. We encourage you to use it. Bring out-of-town relatives to visit. Treat the kids to a summer afternoon field trip. Don't forget that you can reserve the Old Country Church for reunions, weddings, church services, concerts and meetings. Again the numbers to call if you have questions are 332 3569 or 332 3939. See you at the Museum on West U.S. 36.

**Groups address council members**

By Doug Sloper  
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The St. Francis City Council began the meeting with several groups addressing the council.

Rodney Neitzel reported on the Fourth of July celebration. He thanked the council on behalf of the July Fourth Committee for all their support. The kids parade in the morning had around 85 participants, who had a great time. The hot dog eating contest was well attended and he got many positive comments on the event. He reported no major issues and received little to no complaints regarding traffic and noise during or after the fireworks celebration.

Janet Carman, representing the Historical Society and the Cheyenne Center for Creativity inquired about use of the bandshell

and what would need to be done to make it more usable for everyone in St. Francis. The discussion also centered around what could be done to keep the bandshell cooler during hot weather. The suggestion was made that a temporary canopy could be put up during performances to shade the inside. This would allow performances to occur during hotter days. Other issues mentioned were to re-write the current policy and application for bandshell use to possibly allow for-profit shows.

A committee has been formed consisting of council members Roger Jensen, and Bruce Swihart, along with Mike Day, Janet Carmen, Helene Landenberger, Jason Padgett and Susan Griffin to look into this issue. Anyone interested in serving on the

committee can still contact the city clerk for details.

Roger Sauer addressed the council regarding the city's efforts requesting him to clean up his property at 121 W. Webster St. He was upset that a "government" man showed up uninvited and inquiring about his welfare and wanting to nose around his property. He also said he feels like he is getting harassed by the city regarding property cleanup.

After some discussion, in which both the council and Mr. Sauer expressed their concerns, Mike Day thanked him for coming and was glad that he is willing to work together with the city to improve his property. Chief of police Shane Guggenmos will contact him by phone, per Mr. Sauer's request, to follow up.



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**Wednesday, August 14**  
7:30 p.m.  
**Laura Story**  
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**Friday, August 16**  
7:30 p.m.  
**Styx**  
Legendary Rock Band



**Saturday, August 17**  
7:30 p.m.  
**Justin Moore and the Talbot Brothers**

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