

Council members meet to discuss several issues



Adley Loyd

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The bandshell in Sawhill Park was once again on the agenda when the Saint Francis City Council met on Monday, Aug. 26.

The city clerk's office had received the signed contract from Phisny Restoration to restore the structure. The only change that was made was that they would start the repairs to the bandshell on Sept. 1 and be completed by Dec. 28. They also requested \$1,500 fee for the re-bid they did. Mayor Scott Schultz initiated the updated contract and council approved the fee.

City attorney Mike Day, along with Jason Padgett and Sue Griffin, the Bandshell Use Committee, presented their recommendations to the council. An application will still need to be filled out by any person(s) or organization wishing to use the bandshell for an event. Any for-profit organization will be charged \$75 a day to rent the bandshell along with \$100 damage deposit. Nonprofit organizations can request that

the fees be waived.

Applications are submitted to the city clerk. The clerk's office can approve or defer to the city council if there are questions regarding the application such as street closures. In such cases, the application will be presented to the city council for approval.

Mayor Schultz brought up the point that, in many cases, use of the bandshell might include Sawhill Park. Conversely there may be groups that just want to use the park and not the bandshell. He suggested the application include both Sawhill Park and bandshell. Council member Carla Lampe brought up the issue of liability insurance. Mr. Day said that he had spoken to other communities in the area and they didn't require insurance, so as of now, there will be no requirement for liability insurance.

City website

Mrs. Lampe has been concerned that the website is not up to date with current information and events along with links to other community sites. She also felt that the

website is something that not a lot of people go to for city information.

A long discussion brought up many ideas as to what would be needed on the site. "Maps to area attractions, such as the breaks, adding popular links such as Cheyenne County Development Corporation, school, and county would be very helpful," said Mrs. Lampe. She will schedule a meeting with Mr. Padgett, who is an administrator for the site, to look over ideas

Property cleanup

Superintendent J.R. Landenberger reported that Royce Neitzel contacted him regarding property cleanup. Mr. Landenberger said that he went over again what needed to be done, starting with the trees that have grown into the city power lines.

Mr. Neitzel indicated that he did not understand the original agreement and what needed to be done. Mr. Landenberger requested and the council approved to another three month time frame for Mr. Neitzel to complete the required work.

Pool report

The new pool committee continues to explore ways to raise money for a new pool. Many ideas still to be addressed including how best to put together financing. The committee is in the process of establishing an entity so that any contributions would be tax deductible.

A survey was given out at the schools during school enrollment as to the value of a new pool. Councilman Roger Jensen questioned this approach

as being too narrow of a group.

"Of course most, if not all, of the people with school age children are going to be in favor," he said. "The pool committee needs to get out and survey everyone in the area."

Superintendent's report

Superintendent Landenberger handed out pictures to the council of trees along Main Street that have gotten too big or are sick. He indicated that it would cost \$1,000 to remove and replace the trees. Councilman Jensen recommended that he also look into cleaning up and painting the lamp posts along Main.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the city council is set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 9, in city hall on Main Street. Council meetings are open to the public to attend.

Introducing

Emily and Dylan Loyd, St. Francis, announce the arrival of their little girl Adley Jo. She was born July 10, 2013, at 3 p.m. at the Wray Community District Hospital in Wray, Colo. Adley weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 1/2-inches long.

Grandparents are Daryl and Keely Loyd, St. Francis, and Jeannie and Joe Rehmer, Grinnell.



Women invited to attend various sessions on Oct. 1, 2

Today, women involved in agriculture are a new kind of agricultural pioneer, going where no farm woman has gone before.

Northwest Kansas Conservation and Environmental Alliance is celebrating women in Northwest Kansas by hosting their fourth Women in Denim event: Renew the Mind, Refresh the Body, and Revive the Desire. This event will be held on Oct. 1 and 2 at Mt. Sunflower Bed and Breakfast in Sharon Springs. We are expanding this event for a fun evening of activities prior to a full day of various sessions.

The keynote speaker this year will be Judge Tommy B. Webb of Sublette. Imagine, you are a South Korean war orphan in 1952 and living a life of hunger, desperation, and fear. The main priority in life was to simply survive.

Judge Webb has lived this unbelievable life. He was one of these orphans living on the streets in South Korea in 1952. He speaks eloquently about the importance of learning to bounce through life's twists and turns while making a positive difference in the world of negativity. He also stresses the importance of valuing ourselves and others.

Have you taken the time to do your estate planning and preserve the dynasty your family and you have worked so hard to build?

Stacey Seibel, attorney at law from Hays, comes from a long line of farmers and ranchers. She specializes in estate planning and understands the importance and impact proper estate planning can have as assets are being passed from generation to generation.

During this session, she will be sharing her mission to help others preserve their hard-earned assets by using various estate planning tools and expand on information she provided at last year's event. You can never be too prepared for your's and your family's future. For more information on Stacey Seibel, please go to <http://seibel-law.com/>.

During a session called "Bucket lists and Looking Back," Karen Ridder, freelance journalist of Topeka, will be sharing her answers to her question "What was worth the Work?" that she posed to Kansans living past their 95th birthday.

You will hear their answers and explore where they worked, why they worked, and what work they have continued through the years. What life goals will you look back on and believe were the best accomplishments in your life?

The story of breast cancer is the story of people - people who live everyday with this disease, those who have survived, the families of the patients and the people who are trying to end this disease in laboratories around the world and

in our own communities. These people are transforming how the world talks about and treats this disease and helping to turn millions of breast cancer patients into breast cancer survivors. In this session, you will learn more of these courageous people and help us to celebrate the women and men who inspire us all.

The Alliance is a group of conservation district managers from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties who work together to provide educational programs for the citizens of the districts.

Those wanting to attend the event may submit a registration and either \$75 for both days or \$30 for one day registration fee to: Bev Elder, Wallace County Conservation District, 115 E 6th St, PO Box 608, Sharon Springs, KS 67758.

Chief of police requests pay for officers while off duty

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The Saint Francis City Council meeting began at approximately 7:50 p.m. due to the meeting with the Cheyenne County Commissioners. All council members were present.

Police report

Shane Guggenmos, chief of police, requested \$40 per week be paid to any police officer not on duty and not technically on call for having to be available in case they are needed. As it stands now the police department has one officer on duty, one officer on call and the other police officer on staff is expected to be available in the event that there is an emergency that requires more than two officers to handle. Currently, only the official on call officer is compensated with the \$40 per week on call pay.

"The other officer that is not technically on call does not receive the additional pay, yet is expected to be available in the event of an emergency," said Chief Guggenmos. "It is only fair

to pay the additional officer the same on call pay given that he's also expected to be available."

Superintendent J.R. Landenberger strongly objected to the chief's request. He stated that his department also has on call responsibilities for one individual to be available.

His primary objection is based on the fact that, as part of his department's job description, his crew is expected to respond to any emergency if they are in town, regardless of whether or not they are on call. He also expressed concern about the police department setting a precedent that any city employee that is around to help out would expect on-call pay even if they are not technically on call.

The lively discussion continued back and forth between the chief and Mr. Landenberger, with the chief pointing out that his request would only be \$6,000 a year more and that he has that cost covered in his

budget. He also pointed out that Mr. Landenberger's department has more employees, nine compared to three for the police department.

Both departments were requested to bring statistics to see how many times there has been a need for an on-call person to assist. These statistics were presented to the council. One council member asked about the possibility of using the county sheriff's department if needed. The chief pointed out that while that might work, he is never sure where or how close they would be in an emergency.

After more discussion between all parties and the council, Mayor Scott Schultz decided to table the issue until next meeting until more information could be examined. He would also like to see how other communities such as Atwood and Oberlin are handling their on call issues.

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BEECHER ISLAND REUNION

Saturday, Sept. 14th

6:30 a.m. Breakfast with Idalia FCE Club

9 a.m. Black Powder Shoot sponsored by Idalia Gun Club

10 a.m. Peddle Tractor Pull

Concessions available from Wray Lions Club

Helping Hand Club Quilt show

1 p.m. Races/games begin; music by The Swinging Seniors; dryland turtle race

7 p.m. Win in the historic Beecher Island Auditorium, Wily Jim Pheiffer

Sunday, Sept. 16th

6:30 a.m. Pancake breakfast by the Idalia Lions Club

9:45 a.m. Boy Scout flag raising ceremony

10 a.m. Sunday Service, Speaker Phil Mitchell, Music by New Harmony led by Willie Sharp

1 p.m. Historic Music program featuring Crooked Creek. History speaker, Dave Belke.

Traditional Song "Arickaree" sung by Merry Lu Simmons

Helping Hand Club raffle drawing