



UNDER SHERIFF Tony Rodriguez takes a DNA sample from Emily Elfers.
Herald photo courtesy of Karen Krien.

Property cleanup tops council agenda

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Royce Neitzel was present at the St. Francis City Council meeting on Nov. 12 to update the council on the progress that had been made trimming the trees on his property. Mr. Neitzel said that all but one of the trees had been trimmed, and they are no longer a threat to the city power lines. The tree trimming service was unable to trim one tree, because he didn't have a bucket that would go high enough to reach the top of the tree.

Superintendent J.R. Landenberger told Mr. Neitzel that the city had the proper equipment and would be willing to come out and cut the tree down to a serviceable height so Mr. Neitzel's contractor could finish the work. Mr. Landenberger was concerned that, by the city doing this work, it would set a precedent for others with tree issues to just let the city take care of it. After some discussion, Attorney Mike Day said that since Mr. Neitzel has

incurred the cost and had most of the work done already, he felt that this was a special circumstance and recommended that the city move forward to get the tree down.

More discussion followed and the council asked Mr. Landenberger to go ahead and use the city equipment to trim the tree down to a manageable height for the contractor. Mr. Landenberger said that he would get out in the next few days to complete the work.

Bandshell

Mayor Scott Schultz recommended that work on bandshell cease until next spring. His reasons were winter weather conditions and time for council and the architect to review the contract and work that has been completed by the contractor. Mayor Schultz was very concerned about the recent bill of \$38,000 which had been submitted for the completed concrete work. He felt that the bill was high for just tearing out

and replacing the concrete on the stage of the bandshell.

Theater sign

Superintendent Landenberger reported that the new LED sign for the theater has been ordered, and is expected to be up and functioning before Christmas. Robert Grace from the theater board had called the city clerk's office and reported that Samantha Beeson has been hired as the new theater manager. She will be starting at the same salary as the previous manager, and will be eligible for a \$100 raise after 90 days.

Other business

Building permits were approved for the following: John Larson, metal shed; and Don Benjamin, sidewalk.

Isolation water valves are currently being installed per Superintendent Landenberger. He also recommended that budget billing be offered to the community. After much discussion it was agreed they would move forward to create

a plan for implementation. He also reported that he received a call from Grace Flying Service that they had no objection to the shooting range expansion.

The floor of the Scout Hut is in need of repair. The tiles of the floor are buckling badly and cracking. Mr. Landenberger requested that the council meet with him at the Hut to inspect the damage. He is also going to get a contractor to inspect the floor to see what could be causing the issue.

Council member Dale Weeks reported that he has found a business in Hays that can rebuild the pump on the fire truck. He said that the continuing oil leak problem on the truck could also be affecting the pumps compression. He will talk to fire Chief George Harper and explore an action plan.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the city council is set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 25, in city hall on Main Street. Council meetings are open to the public to attend.

March trial date set for local man

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A March trial date was set for a man accused of threatening the courthouse. Vance White, formerly of St. Francis, appeared in court on Nov. 19 with his attorney.

Sherman County Judge Jack Burr presided over the hearing in the District Court of Cheyenne County. Prosecution for the state was Assistant Attorney General Steven Karrer. Steve Cott of Garden City represented Vance

White.

White was charged with aggravated criminal threat, harassment, and stalking after threatening the Cheyenne County Courthouse and James M. Milliken, Chartered on July 2.

White was arrested in Salina on July 2, and transported back to St. Francis. He made his first appearance in Cheyenne County District Court on July 5. After the preliminary hearing, his bond was reduced to \$50,000 with the requirement to be supervised by

court services.

During the Tuesday hearing, Steve Cott requested that White be allowed to travel outside of Kansas. Currently, he is monitored by GPS and is not allowed to leave the state. However, his employment as an independent truck driver requires him to go to Denver and Kansas City.

State Attorney Steven Karrer responded that the court services is adamantly against allowing White to leave the state, because

once he leaves the state there is no way to monitor him.

Judge Burr agreed to loosen the bond requirements to allow travel specifically for employment as a truck driver. White is required to inform court services of employment obligations requiring him to leave the state.

The pre-trial date was set for Feb. 13, 2014, during the hearing. The trial date was also set at this time for March 4. Several days were set aside for the jury trial.

DNA sample kits to keep children safe

No one wants to think about child abuse or child abductions. It is something we hope never happens to us or in our community.

Even though we don't want to think about it, we need to prepare the best way we can in the hopes our preparations never have to be used.

One of the ways to prepare is to have your children's DNA sample saved, and ready for law enforcement to use. The Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office now has DNA collection kits available to the public, free of charge.

The kits are easy to use, and allows the parents control over who has access to the DNA sample.

"In the past, we have used fingerprints for this purpose. Getting a toddler's finger prints can be a challenge," Sheriff Beeson said. The Sheriff's Office will still fingerprint a child at the parent's request.

"This kit allows the parent to

take the sample and control it. Having the parent take the sample can work better, compared to a stranger taking the child's fingerprint. Fingerprinting small fingers can be difficult and often time we have smudges."

The kits were developed by Mom on a Mission. It is a community project started by a Kansas mother whose infant was violently abused by someone close to the family.

It is also important to take an up-to-date color photo of the child once a year; children under two years old should be photographed every few months.

Have DNA and fingerprints. Keep up to date descriptions sheet including: date of birth, height, weight, eye and hair color, birthmarks, moles, scars and other identifying features.

The kits are available at the Sheriff's Office and the office plans on distributing the kits through various community projects.

Need for blood continues during holidays

The American Red Cross will be in St. Francis on Thursday, Dec. 12, to collect blood. Donors can go to Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Every day patients across the country rely on blood donated through the American Red Cross. While the need is ongoing, the supply isn't always especially during the holiday season, when many regular donors are busy

with holiday activities. Donors of all blood types are currently needed to help ensure a sufficient supply for patients.

As part of the Give Something that Means Something winter campaign, blood donors can invite a loved one to follow in their footsteps or let someone know they gave in his or her honor with a customized postcard. Donors simply take a photo of a Red Cross moment,

whether it's relaxing on a donor bed, enjoying a post-donation snack or meeting a blood recipient, then upload the photo and add a message at rcblood.org/holidaypostcard. The "postagram" will be mailed anywhere the donor chooses, courtesy of the Red Cross and Postagram.

Eligible donors can help the Red Cross maintain a stable blood supply around the

holidays. Appointments can be made by visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Other upcoming blood donation opportunities in the area include:

Rawlins County - Dec. 11 from 12-5 p.m. at Knights of Columbus, Lake Road in Atwood

Bowling News

Wednesday nights mens 11/13

Team standing: The Drunks, Lampe Motor Sports, Wright & Wrong, Gillywood, Cheyenne Bowl, Haigler 1.

High game (scratch): Haigler 1 623, The Drunks 590, Wright & wrong 585; (handicap): Lampe Motor Sports 867, Haigler 1 831, The Drunks 830.

High series (scratch): Haigler 1 1776, Wright & Wrong 1661, Gillywood 1638; (handicap): Lampe Motor Sports 2438, Haigler 1 2400, The Drunks 2325.

High game men (scratch): Wayne Mahon 181, Alex Peterson 179, Tanner Gilliland 177; (handicap): Kelly Lampe

253, Tanner Gilliland 250, Alex Peterson 240.

High series men (scratch): Wayne Mahon 480, Kelly Lampe 479, Jerry Olsen 469; (handicap): Kelly Lampe 713, Tanner Gilliland 641, Jerry Olsen 631.

Most over average (game): Kelly Lampe 62
Most over average (series): Kelly Lampe 140

Ladies night out 11/14

Team standing: The Lodge, Dundy Ag, Wray Meat, Strikers, Bier, Kathy's Krafts.

High game (scratch): Strikers 639, Bier 561, Dundy Ag 505; (handicap): Strikers 842, Bier 798, The Lodge 765.

High series (scratch): Strikers

1811, Bier 1594, Dundy Ag 1497; (handicap): Strikers 2420, Bier 2305, The Lodge 2230.

High game women (scratch): Tammy Drummond 199, Vicky Harford 198, Terry Yost 181; (handicap): Tammy Drummond 244, Vicky Harford 244, Carol Peterson 232.

High series women (scratch):

Tammy Drummond 497, Kathy Blecha 486, Terry Yost 479; (handicap): Carol Peterson 639, Tammy Drummond 632, Vicky Harford 597.

Most over average (game): Vicky Harford 60

Most over average (series): Carol Peterson 87

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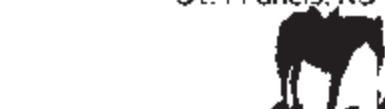
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