

## Sewer may cost \$400,000-\$500,000

By Sandy Barnhart

Thaniel Monaco of Miller and Associates, McCook, presented the procedures for correcting sewer pond problems to the St. Francis City Council when they met on Aug. 6. The project is estimated to cost between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Mr. Monaco explained that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, had sent a new permit to the city in January and included

in this permit was a schedule of compliances requiring the city to remedy the level of waste water treatment at the existing lagoons. However, the city had no record of receiving the permit.

The permit had two deadlines of March 1 and June 1 of this year. Basically the permit was to stipulate by the city three items: 1) the engineer, 2) a facility plan and 3) dates for completion on the remedy of the waste water discharge system.

Both deadlines were missed and the city was not contacted until the end of July that the deadlines had been missed. Mr. Monaco explained that now the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is requesting a letter naming the city's engineer and why the original compliance schedule was not met. It was noted that Superintendent J.R. Landenberger has already prepared the letter.

Mr. Monaco explained that the complete

scope of rectifying the discharge system would need to be completed and in the hands of Kansas Department of Health and Environment by Nov. 1. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will take approximately two months to read and approve the scope report. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is also pushing for the project to be completed by Dec. 31, 2003, instead of the original

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## Council's roundup

The St. Francis City Council also discussed:

- That the recycling baler grant has been approved. See Page 1 for more information.
- The progress on the new internet service along with the end of season swimming pool report. See bottom of this page for more information.

## Election officer talks about rules

By Karen Krien

The primary election has come and gone and people are now thinking about the general election which will be held Nov. 5.

There are rules in elections and some differ between the primary and the general including:

- Declaring a party before being allowed to vote in the primary.
- No write-in candidates in the primary.
- Candidate signs and posters must be 250 feet from the entrance of a polling place entrance.

"It is your right to vote and we urge everyone to vote," said Terry Miller, county election officer. "We try to make it as easy as possible and we also understand some election laws don't make a lot of sense to everyone."

### Unaffiliated voters

To better explain these differences in primary and general election laws, Mr. Miller said that it is the law that unaffiliated voters must declare a party before being allowed to vote in a primary election. Now, they may change their affiliation before the books close prior to the election or they may declare a party at the polling place on the day of election but, according to Kansas Stat-

ute 25-3301, the officer at the primary polling place will give the voter a ballot of his or her party affiliation and, in the county's primary election on Aug. 6, there were only Republican and Democratic ballots.

"Unaffiliated voters, by law, must declare a party as we are not allowed to give out both a Republican and a Democratic ballot to one voter," Mr. Miller said.

The Statutes goes on to say that no voter shall be allowed to receive the ballot of any political party except that with which such voter is affiliated.

"Voters who have registered to vote as unaffiliated must declare a party before voting in the primary. If the voter then wants to vote as unaffiliated in the General election, they must remember to contact the clerk's office and fill out a change of party card.

"I know it is an inconvenience but that is the Kansas state law," Mr. Miller said.

### No write-ins

Kansas Statutes 25-213a specifies that there will be no write-in candidates in a primary election except for precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen. That is why there are no

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## Old movie posters to be listed for sale

By Karen Krien

When the city took over the Cheyenne Theater, there were old movie posters used to advertise the present and upcoming movies. While they were unique and interesting, there was nothing done with them and they remained in the storage space above the office in the theater.

About a year ago, Colleen Shannon and her husband Bob Bixler became members of the Theater Committee. Ms. Shannon realized the significance and possible value of these posters and offered to compile a list so they could be offered for sale someday.

"I looked in the (storage) space and it looked like a lot of posters — I thought around 200 — and, I also thought, this won't take much time to write them down," she said.

However, when she hit the 200th poster and there was still a huge pile of posters left in the storage space, she realized that she had miscalculated. When she finished, she had compiled a list of around 600 movie posters.

The poster collection starts in the 1960s or 1970s. Some of the posters

include a 1970 poster featuring "Serpico" with Al Pacino; a 1975 "Airport" poster; the "Great Waldo Pepper" starring Robert Redford along with Redford's "Trail of Billy Jack," "Pete's Dragon" and "Three Days of the Condor."

Mrs. Shannon noted that these old posters which she is compiling should not be confused with the new posters that are being sold for sealed bids at the theater.

When the list is finalized, Ms. Shannon plans to submit copies to movie poster dealers. In the meantime, she is learning what is considered "poor condition," "good condition" and "excellent condition."

She said that when a poster has been used it is considered to be in good condition. During a certain period of time, posters were folded to be shipped and she was afraid that the folds might take away from the value but it does not appear to.

The posters have been fascinating as well as sad to read and study. They tell a story in a period of the theater's his-

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## City superintendent reports that internet T-1 line is in

By Sandy Barnhart

Superintendent J.R. Landenberger informed the city council at the Aug. 6 meeting that the installation of the city's internet service was moving along. The T-1 line was in, along with the servers and installing the testers had begun.

The council approved a one-year contract with Chuck Peters, St. Francis, as technical support for the wireless internet. Mr. Peters has signed a one-year contract with the city and, in turn, will be paid \$1,000 a month, and have unlimited access. Mr. Peters is considered as an independent contractor.

The service is expected to be up and running in the near future.

### Pool report

Pool manager Danielle Kriegh reported that the last day the pool will be open is Aug. 18. She felt the punch

cards had been a money maker for the city, reporting that so far there was \$975 in unused punches.

Manager Kriegh also noted that the chlorine at the pool has been giving staff a lot of problems. Superintendent Landenberger noted that once the pool was closed for the season the chlorine problem would need to be fixed before next year.

There will be a special meeting at 3 p.m. on Friday at the swimming pool to inspect and discuss year-end repairs and costs.

### Property cleanup

Superintendent Landenberger addressed the council concerning trimming trees to prevent them from touching the power lines. The power outage during the storm on Aug. 4 was largely due to a tree falling and bringing a power line down.



DOORS WILL CLOSE to the swimming pool on Sunday. Heath Kibel made a great dive during one of the hot days of summer. John Weems, on the board, waits for his turn to dive.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Swimming pool closes Sunday

The summer has been hot and the days at the St. Francis swimming pool have been enjoyed by many children but, as the saying goes, "all good things must come to an end" and this is true with the swimming pool days.

Danielle Kriegh, pool manager, re-

ported that many of the lifeguards are on their way back to college or involved in high school sports and there will not be the lifeguards necessary to man the pool. Consequently, the pool will close at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening.

The pool will not be drained until

after the first two weeks of school as this facility is used as a training place for sixth grade students.

"We had a good summer and we are looking forward to seeing the kids at school activities and again next summer at the pool," said Manager Kriegh.

## City receives grant for recycling baler

Councilman Roger Jensen informed the city council that St. Francis has received the grant for a baler. The amount applied for was \$126,000 and the amount received from the grant is \$120,000.

Eric Hook, who has been hauling the recycling items to Colby, will not be hauling any more. The council noted that the city was not yet set up to haul and instructed Clerk Mary Lampe to advertise for a trucker.

Councilman Jensen said that the commissioners have raised the price for dumping at the county landfill from \$25 to \$30 a ton. He noted that the city hauls approximately 1,000 tons a year to the landfill and the city will

have 90 tons in recyclable items. There has been approximately \$3,400 spent on transportation to Colby with around \$1,500 saved on the tonnage collected. These were the figures from November 2001 to June 2002.

The council discussed the future of collecting cardboard from the city's businesses and possible giving the businesses some kind of incentive for breaking the cardboard down. It was noted that the city would see more return of its money if more cardboard could be sent to Colby.

The baler will compact the cardboard, along with other items, making it easier to transport.

## Donut shop is robbed

By Karen Krien

Pat Lawrukiewicz, owner of Aunt P's Hilltop Donut Shop on U.S. 36, was overcome by two men between 3:30 and 4 a.m. Tuesday morning.

With tears rolling down her cheeks and a bandanna on her head covering the fact that she has lost her hair because of chemo treatments, she said, "I'm just trying to make a living."

Mrs. Lawrukiewicz said that she had been at work only a short time and was hanging up the last of her plants outside when two men drove up in a station wagon. They asked if she had any donuts for sale. She said there were a few day-old donuts.

She said that if the lights are on in the shop, local residents sometimes stop by and buy donuts on their way to work or out of town so she was used to people stopping.

The two men didn't seem to like the selection of day-old donuts so she offered to see what was left in the back room. Instead of staying in the front, they followed and pushed her down, duct taped her knees, ankles and wrists, intertwining the tape through her fingers, and shoved her in the bathroom, shutting the door.

On their way out, the men apparently took about \$120 in cash and her billfold.

Mrs. Lawrukiewicz wasn't discovered until about 6:30 a.m. when Tammy

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## Upset in Kansas boardrace

By Tom A. Dreiling

Connie who? That question has now been answered.

Connie Morris pulled one of the biggest upsets in Tuesday's primary election in Kansas when she ousted incumbent I.B. "Sonny" Rundell from the 5th District Kansas Board of Education seat he has held for 14 years. He is currently serving as chairman.

Mrs. Morris, a St. Francis Republican — and a newcomer to the political arena — is an elementary school teacher who happened to have a bumper harvest this year, as in harvest of votes.

Mrs. Morris collected 17,047 votes, while Mr. Rundell, a Syracuse Republican, received 11,598. The win assures Morris of a seat on the state board as the Democrats failed to attract a candidate. The only obstacle now standing in her way would be a write-in effort at the Nov. 5 general election.

Mrs. Morris credits her win to campaigning. She took advantage of fair parades, manned booths at fairs, and talked to as many potential voters as she could. On the other side of the coin, Mr. Rundell wasn't as active on the campaign trail as he had been in the past.

In Cheyenne County, Mrs. Morris collected 398 compared to Mr. Rundell's 213. Thomas County sided heavily with Mrs. Morris' effort, giving her 809 votes, while Rundell has to settle for 265.

In an earlier article which was printed in *The St. Francis Herald*, Mrs. Morris said, "We need to do something be-

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Morris



# T-1 LINE

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 city hall building. The steps are on city property, but are used by customers of hers. She also asked if she could do some landscaping of the ground. The council felt there would be no problem, but felt Ms. Koros would need to submit a letter to the council requesting permission.  
**Other business**  
 In other business:  
 • Councilman Jensen said the remodeling the new city hall building was progressing nicely. A bill from Penn Building for \$98,300 was submitted and approved. Superintendent Landenberger

noted that the landscaping was underway and the bid to Great Western, Troy Porter, was for \$26,105.  
 • The salary adjustments discussed in executive session at the July 16 meeting were approved.  
**Building permits**  
 Building permits were approved for the following businesses and residents: Janice Barnhart, widen driveway; Ruth Sharp, erect fence; Kent Kechter, erect deck and garage; Bud Burnham, erect building; Johnnie Miller, erect fence; Brad Merklin, erect fence; P&L Ideal Meat Market, run sidewalk.

**Executive session**  
 Council woman Natalie Knodel requested 5 minutes in executive session for purchase of property. After the council came out of executive session they approved to make an offer for a piece of property in St. Francis. The information about the property was unavailable.  
 Council woman Kay Shay requested 5 minutes in executive session for purchase of property. There was no decision.  
**Next meeting**  
 The next city council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the St. Francis Public Library.

# ELECTION

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 blank lines anywhere on the ballot except for in the precinct section. And, to make sure the ballots are printed right, the Secretary of State sends samples to the county clerks and there is little room to change their format.

## Signs at a distance

This year and in other years, a few candidate signs have been removed to be in the law that signs do have to be at least 250 feet from the polling place door.

## Moving? Let them know

If you have moved recently, please inform the county clerk's office so they can update the voter registration.  
 Mr. Miller said that those working in the clerk's office try to send cards to people they hear have moved but they don't hear about everyone.  
 "The most common discrepancy we run into on election day is an incorrect address," Mr. Miller said. "Please help us keep your address up to date."  
**Problems and concerns**  
 "If you have problems and concerns on election day, please call or come by the county clerk's office," Mr. Miller said, noting that he is in the office from 6:30 a.m. until after the polls close.  
 "Our election workers are well

trained and understand the current laws. If you are told something you don't agree with, please feel free to come to the county clerk's office and

let us explain or show you the election laws we have to follow.  
 "It is your right to vote and we urge everyone to vote."

# POSTERS

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 tory where the movies went from very good movies to poor quality movies and, at one point, there were even a few Spanish movies shown. At one point, there was evidently no posters furnished or sent with the movies and the person running the theater had turned over posters and used a marker to announce the movie running that week.  
 The Theater Committee has no idea what the posters might be worth but the money, if the posters are sold, will be put back into the theater to make improvements.

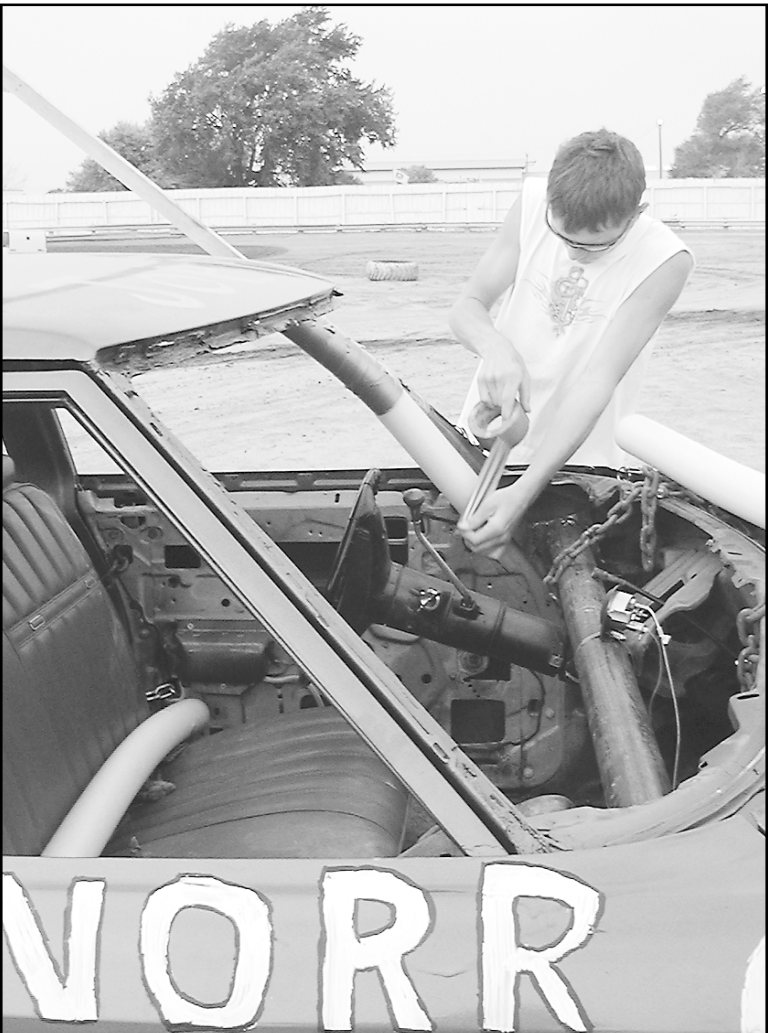
The Cheyenne Theater was taken over by the city of St. Francis in the early 1990. At that time, it was renovated by volunteers using money raised through fund raisers and donations. Through the years, it has been obvious that the theater income could not sup-

port itself as a business but it has managed to be self-sufficient with the city picking up some of the major expenses such as a new roof and fixing the air conditioning. Fans were donated by Bill Keller and put up for cost by votech students.

Ms. Shannon reported that she will be keeping the public updated on the posters.

# ROBBERY

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 Frink came to work. Mrs. Lawrukiewicz said she could tell it was her so she banged on the bathroom door with her head to get her attention.  
 When the door was opened, Ms. Frink took the tape off of Mrs. Lawrukiewicz mouth and then called 911.  
 Jason Ryan, St. Francis Chief of Police, was called to the scene where he took the tape off and began investigating. Later that morning, he reported that the officers were continuing the work on the case.



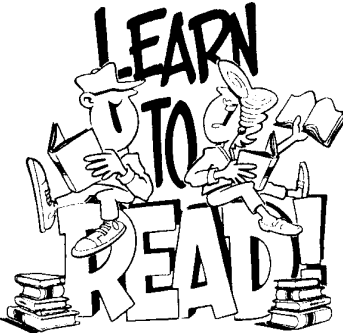
BRAD DAVIS works on a derby car during the demolition derby in Goodland. The car was driven by Joey Austin.

Staff photo by Sharon Cochran

# RACE

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 cause the financial path we are now following will not allow our western Kansas schools to keep the doors open.  
 "I know I'm a greenhorn but I feel that with my experience and ideas, the bits and pieces can be put together and come up with a workable plan."  
 She stated that both Rep. John Fabor and Sen. Stan Clark are also concerned and think along the same lines as she does when it comes to education.  
 She is concerned about illegal immigrants draining the school system of tax

dollars and hampering teachers' ability to focus along with administration restructuring including reducing and/or eliminating high-cost positions.  
 Mrs. Morris taught in the Idalia school as a first grade teacher and was recently appointed by Gov. Bill Graves to serve a four-year term on the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board.  
 She lives in Kansas with her husband Kelly who is a business owner and farmer. She has two daughters, Jessica and Lacy.



VIOLET CRAMNER grew a "question mark" cucumber which was 21 1/2 inches long. She donated it to the Herald office staff who thought it was one of the best they had ever eaten.

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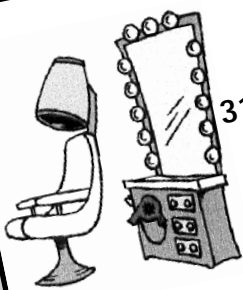
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FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL	508,744.13
ROAD & BRIDGE	316,138.24
SPECIAL MACHINERY	58,128.00
BRIDGE BUILDING	41,438.29
NOXIOUS WEED	36,856.12
NOXIOUS WEED SPECIAL FUND	13,841.70
SOLID WASTE	4,670.90
CAFETERIA PLAN	382.67
RURAL FIRE	22,511.62
HOSPITAL	20,806.77
DIVERSION FUND	7,693.39
CO ATTN'Y BAD CHECK FUND	140.00
REG OF DEEDS TECH FUND	412.00
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	1,026.81
16/20 M TRUCKS	354.53
SPECIAL ALCOHOL & DRUG	1,399.40
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	3,685.76
911	71,494.94
UNCLAIMED FUNDS	333.29
AMBULANCE MEMORIAL FUND	6,487.84
ADVANCED TAX-NON BUDGETED	100.81
SPECIAL AMBULANCE	10,882.00
DRIVERS LICENSE	50.00
SPECIAL FIRE EQUIPMENT	37,368.78
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	22,760.69
TREASURER'S SPECIAL	11,324.73
STATE SALES TAX	12,623.24
CURRENT TAX	42,807.61
COUNTY REDEMPTION	2,462.32
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ATTORNEY FUND	3,275.33
FISH & GAME	30.50
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PARK PERMITS	167.50
MORTGAGE REGISTRATION	85.37
MAPS	834.50
BENKELMAN TOWNSHIP	620.45
CALHOUN TOWNSHIP	6,802.02
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP	763.48
JACUA TOWNSHIP	7,307.57
HANDICAP EQUIPMENT	60.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	219,921.25
CCH/COUNTY HEALTH	8,230.08
PRAIRIE DOG	6,396.03
GIFT ANNUITY	20,413.12
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