



YORK

Courthouse picnic table project moving forward

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YORK – When Steve Postier, representing the York Rotary Club, first approached the county commissioners about a project involving the placement of several heavy duty picnic tables on the northeast portion of the courthouse lawn, there was no expansion project on the horizon. Nor was there a downtown revitalization project focused in that area.

Now that it's time to use grant money for the purchase of those tables, the commissioners have given their permission for the service group to move forward . . . but the Rotarians were informed that with the other projects taking place there now, the tables might be located somewhere else on the lawn when it's all said and done.

Postier spoke to the commissioners this week when they met in regular session. He said he's been working with Don Freeman at Agri Products regarding

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the design of the tables.

Postier explained that the Rotary Club secured a grant to purchase the tables, which will need to be used by the end of the year. He proposed that they purchase the tables, bring them to the courthouse lawn, later place them into storage for the winter and bring them back out in spring. At that time, they could be anchored in some way.

Postier said the hope was that the picnic tables could be incorporated into the design of all the improvements that are scheduled to take place in that space downtown.

"Right now, we are just looking for acceptance," Postier said. "We have had a couple of other clubs approach us with a willingness to participate with some funding in this as well."

Postier indicated the number of tables would probably be three.

"My question is that if we are still working on the plans for the expansion, I'm not sure I'm ready at this time until we'd know where they will be," said Commissioner Bill Barnesberger.

"That's why they wouldn't be attached (anchored to the ground) until we'd know where

they'd be," Postier offered, "and they could be moved around until it's decided" where they could be situated.

"I met with Don and Steve last week about this and through the nature of the grant ending (having to be used) by the end of the year, I think we'd need to say yes now," said Commissioner Randy Obermier. "I'm OK with this, and then we could store the tables."

He acknowledged that more plans from the downtown revitalization project will come forward in the next months and the design will soon be crafted for the expansion for the courthouse.

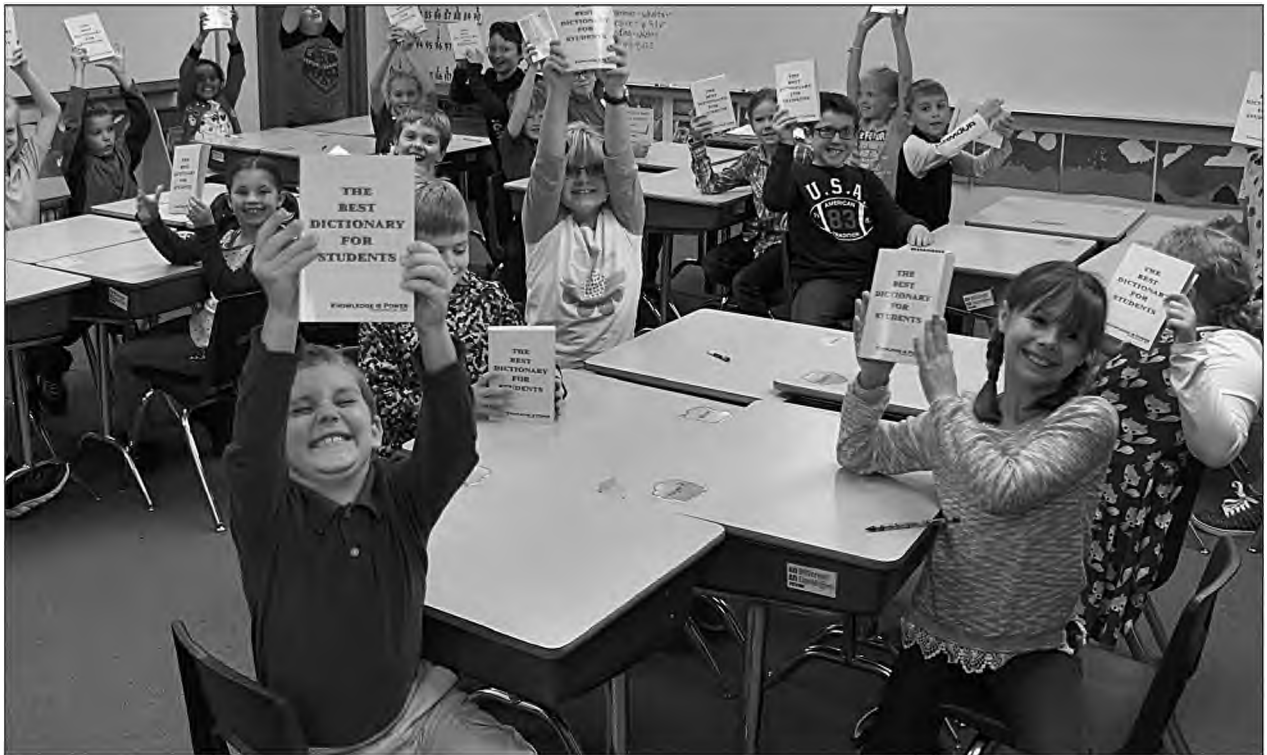
"It would be fine just as long as the Rotary knows they might not end up on the northeast corner. We don't know yet where they might end up. For the sake of the Rotary and the grant, I'm good with the project," Obermier said. "It's just hard to definitely say where they will be. So I'll make a motion to let the Rotary go ahead with the grant, get the picnic tables for the courthouse yard, and make the note that we're not yet sure where they will be permanently placed."

The other commissioners agreed.

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Dictionary Delivery



Each year the Nebraska City Rotary Club gives dictionaries to all the third graders at the city's public and private schools. Pictured, Julie Martinosky's class at Lourdes Central Catholic received dictionaries on Wednesday, Nov. 8. The dictionaries were delivered by Amy Allgood and Pam Frana of Nebraska City Tourism and Commerce.

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**CALENDAR
TODAY**

Cosmopolitan 100 Service Club, 7 a.m., Fremont Eagles Club.

Abe Krasne Home Furnishings Chamber Coffee, 9 a.m., 450 N. Main St., Fremont.

Al-Anon meeting, 9:30 a.m., Chapter 5 Club front room, 136 N. Main St., Fremont.

Community Closet, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Uniquely Yours Stability Support, 240 N. Main St., Fremont. The cost is \$5 to fill a bag. There is no limit of how many bags you can buy. For more information, call 402-727-8977.

Annual Christmas Market, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., downtown Fremont. The event will include food, music and shopping.

Fremont Community Breastfeeding Support Group, 10-11 a.m., Three Rivers Health Department conference room, Fremont.

HomeStore, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 701 E.

Dodge St., Fremont. The HomeStore sells donated items at discounted prices. Proceeds support the mission of Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity.

Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m., Keene Memorial Library auditorium, Fremont.

Baby and toddler time, 11 a.m. to noon, Keene Memorial Library auditorium.

Alcoholics Anonymous 12x12 study, noon, Chapter 5 Club, Fremont.

Fremont Rotary Club, noon, Fremont Golf Club, N. Somers Ave.

Veterans Day celebration, 2:30 p.m., The Heritage at Shalimar Gardens, 749 E. 29th St., Fremont. There will be a veterans program presented by Kindred Hospice, a pinning ceremony, Quilt of Valor honoree and homemade apple pie.

Colossal indoor garage sale, 5-8 p.m.,

First Lutheran Church, 3200 E. Military Ave., Fremont. The event also will include concessions, a bake sale and quilt raffle. Admission is \$5 for the early bird sale. All proceeds will benefit the missions of First Lutheran Youth.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 5:15 p.m., Chapter 5 Club, Fremont.

Dinner, 5:30-7 p.m., Fremont Eagles Club. Ham and au gratin potato casserole, catfish, shrimp, chicken tenders and wings will be served. George and The Juniors will play from 7-10 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

"The Addams Family," 7:30 p.m., Kimmel Theatre, Midland University, Fremont. The production is rated PG-13 for language and sexual content. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors, students and Fremont-Midland Entertainment Series

members. Tickets may be purchased by phone at 402-941-6399 or online at www.midlandu.edu/calendar-tickets.

Al-Anon meeting, 8-9 p.m., Chapter 5 Club back room, Fremont. This support group is for families and friends of alcoholics.

Narcotics Anonymous Point Of Freedom Group, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Education Building, west of the church, 1440 E. Military Ave., Fremont. Enter through the rear door.

Friday Night 805 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8:05 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church, 601 E. Fulton St., Hooper.

Alcoholics Anonymous candlelight meeting, 10 p.m., Chapter 5 Club, Fremont.



Real-life Experience In Architecture

Southeast Community College design and drafting technology students are getting the chance to design and modernize a band shell in Geneva. Members of the Geneva Rotary Club visited with faculty in the computer aided design drafting focus on SCC's Lincoln Campus and also viewed some of the students' designs to see how they can spruce up a piece of history.

"Twenty years from now you can drive through Geneva and say, 'this was my idea,' said Harold Janda, one of the Rotary members. "We have a lot of people in the community who want to do something with it."

The band shell was erected more than 50 years ago and has been used infrequently. In the 1970s it was used for community music concerts, but has not been used regularly since that time. The goal is to renovate it and make it useful again.

Students developed a variety of ideas in their professional practice-architecture class, including an art gallery, a theater, a stage and an updated band shell with artwork and a coffee shop. All of the designs were created on computers in the design labs.

Aaron Williamson came up with the idea for an outdoor theater, complete

with lighting and curtains that can be removed in the winter. "I took the idea and ran with it," he said.

Nathan Smock's design had colorful murals, a new playground and a place for schools to display their students' artwork. He also included a handicapped accessible ramp so everyone can enjoy it. "The detail work was the most time consuming," he added.

Instructor Todd Roth traveled to Geneva to get an up-close look at what they would be designing. He said this gave them a sense of a project they would be doing once they graduate from the design and drafting program.

"It's a real project, and more than likely one of these (designs) will be utilized," Roth said. "You take more pride in it that way. They can take their kids to it someday and tell them about it."

The Geneva Rotary Club is currently in the exploratory stage and hopes to have a decision made before July 4, 2018.

"Right now it's just sitting there, and we want to upgrade it, and it would be a benefit to the whole town," said Norman Marks, Rotary Club member. "Things like that will leave a lasting mark on the community," Roth added.