



News photo by Barbara Green

Bowie street crews recently at work on Mill Street. It is one of the street expected to be repaired due to ripples in the asphalt.

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Streets

due to the cost.

"I have been talking with other cities who operate without a street department or with a different set-up. We contacted some third party companies, but only had one that was interested," said Tow.

The city manager was waiting for cost estimates from several contractors late this past week to see what might be workable to finish up some smaller projects.

He has found that many of the people in this area who have the equipment for this type of work are taking their skills into the oil field, where they have plenty of work and are being paid a much larger wage than the city can afford. In addition, larger companies in Wichita Falls or Fort Worth are not interested in traveling this far for a small project.

"We need to see the numbers, and for asphalt and chip/seal to see if it will work. If not then we need to regroup and maybe rehire," said Tow.

The street department purchased a used lay-down machine this year, along with a new roller and several years ago purchased a Zipper that rips up the old asphalt, so it has the equipment to do the street work, but no manpower. The lay-down machine had a masterlink break on both sides during the recent Mill Street projects, but Tow said it has since been repaired.

In addition, the supply of asphalt is back and available from suppliers, after being monopolized by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Tow said they have three main projects to complete before the winter season puts a stop to asphalt work: Redo the ripples in the recent Mill Street project between Tarrant and Wise; repairs to Nelson Street; and resurfacing from Rock to Miller. The road into the airport also had been torn down and materials ordered for new asphalt, it will have to be completed.

Three companies sent staff to measure these projects and provide costs figures to the city. The city staff also is exploring the legalities of using a third party, because anything over \$50,000 has to be bid.

Tow said those pending projects are small and should fall under the limit. He anticipates they should be able to complete them in October by using an outside contractor.

"We hope those numbers come in good this week and we can get going. It also will give us a chance to work with these companies that may be used in the future," said the city manager.

At this point, the future of the street department looks like it will remain intact with its small crew that can address small things like street cuts or potholes.

St. Jo Council adopts budget

City of Saint Jo Aldermen unanimously approved the 2014-15 budget at their special meeting on Wednesday.

There was a brief budget workshop before it was accepted.

Saint Jo City Secretary Sherri Davis reported there was no public comment on the budget at this meeting, nor at previous gatherings.

Davis reported there were no last-minute changes to the budget or the tax rate.

That means the water fund for FY 15 will total \$736,550, which includes a \$275,000 grant the city is in the process of receiving.

The general fund budget is \$643,111, which covers the salary for seven city employees and various departments including police, public works, the municipal court and parks.

The 2014 tax rate will be the same at .6856 cents per \$100, based on property values established by the Montague County Tax Appraisal District.

The MCTAD reported the city had a 5.6 percent

increase in property values this year, rising by more than \$1.7 million.

All aldermen were present for the meeting, and the budget was the lone item on the agenda.

The next council meeting is slated for 6 p.m. on Oct. 8 at the normal location.

Bowie Memorial Hospital selects McEachern chief executive officer

The Bowie Memorial Hospital Board of Directors has named Michael McEachern as chief executive office of the hospital.

McEachern has served as interim CEO since mid-April. The board announced its decision during its meeting last week.

"We are pleased to have Michael officially on board to help direct our path and success," said Tim Winn, chairman. "We will continue to work collaboratively in the coming months on our strategic plan to ensure that quality of care remains the priority for

residents of Bowie and surrounding counties."

"I am honored and humbled that the board has placed their confidence in me to lead Bowie Memorial Hospital into the future," said McEachern. "That said, I am confident in the ability of the hospital and its dedicated staff members to provide quality, compassionate health care to meet the growing needs of our community."

Bowie Memorial Hospital was recognized in May as recipient of a Bronze award for quality by the TMF® Health Quality Institute, the Medicare Quality Im-



Michael McEachern

provement Organization for Texas. TMF Health Quality Institute sponsors the awards program in partnership with Texas Hospital Association and Texas Organization of Rural & Community

Hospitals. The award recognizes Bowie Memorial's efforts to improve patient outcomes on select national quality measures.

In March, Bowie Memorial Hospital formed a clinical affiliation with United Regional of Wichita Falls, Texas, in a mutual effort to improve the health of area communities. Bowie Memorial Hospital is managed by Community Hospital Corporation of Plano.

Located in Bowie, Texas, Bowie Memorial Hospital is a 49-bed hospital serving the citizens of Montague, Clay, Jack and Wise Counties.

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Director

sit well with another staffer Lynda Medley, who had worked at the center since 1992.

Medley recalls she didn't really know Roth, but she was concerned if she would be a good fit at the center.

"We had to go to a seminar in the Metroplex after the first few days she worked here, it was uncomfortable, but we soon got to be at ease with each other. We are best pals now," laughs Medley, who is now assistant director and has been promoted to director by the board.

At the age of 70, Roth said she cut back on the days she worked about five years ago, and she decided it was time.

"It will be an easy transition with Lynda, but I will really miss it," says Roth with teary eyes.

She sees the mission

of the senior citizens center as one simple goal: Get seniors out of their houses to be with other people.

"You'd be surprised that for so many this daily routine is their life. For those who may be alone it is especially important," explains Roth.

Social activities, as well as daily meals, are vital elements at the center. There are action-packed dominoes daily, quilting and crochet programs and daily lunch service and Meals on Wheels.

Roth said they deliver about 90 to 100 meals a day and serve anywhere from 35 to 50 in the dining room.

Coordinating volunteers and meals is one of the director's major tasks.

"We are always in need of volunteers to delivery

meals. It only takes one hour a day, one day a week," explains Roth.

If you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals contact the center at 872-4500.

Her favorite part of the job has been the people who have become like her family. She looks back on an array of assorted characters who brought their unique personalities to the center. Her least favorite, book work.

Roth said she won't

be gone completely as she plans on continuing the crochet/tattooing class, along with the quilters club. She looks forward to not having a schedule, other than what she makes for herself.

"I have a quilting machine so I want to do more of that, I also will do more with my hobbies and spend more time with my husband. I look forward to sleeping in or reading when I want too," laughs Roth.

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Wreck

where the two women are from or their medical condition.

The accident report states the vehicle was traveling southbound in the northbound traffic lanes on U.S. Hwy. 287 when it left the roadway and went into the median.

The vehicle went airborne according to witnesses going between the overpasses and plunged 151 feet to the paved service road below.

Pelton states the front end of the vehicle struck the pavement and then flipped in the air landing on its roof on a drainage ditch embankment, sliding to a stop just out of the ditch. Distance from the first impact to stop

was approximately 75 feet said Pelton.

Powell was airlifted from the scene to John Peter Smith Hospital, where she was last reported to be in serious, but stable condition in the intensive care unit.

Her passenger, Samantha McDonald, 26, was airlifted to United Regional Hospital, but there is no information on her condition stated police.

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answer to September 20 puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Time unit (abbr.)
4. Semiliquid infant food
7. Pacific Standard Time
10. Unitary
11. Brew
12. Language of Laos
13. Higher up
15. Toupee
16. A love affair
19. Exaggerated emotional play
21. Hadith
22. Used to one's advantage
23. Ancient Persian governors
25. Surrender possession
26. Carbamide
27. Can't move
30. ___ Institute, Santa Barbara
34. Helps little firms
35. Consumed
36. Plural of index
41. Of the African desert
45. Part in a play
46. Famous British School
47. Paragon of chivalry
50. Given
54. Set to end
55. Daily TV drama
57. Line used to haul up leeches
58. Product of human creativity
59. Equip with weapons again
60. Car mechanics group
61. ___ Bo - martial arts exercise
62. Computer key for cancelling
63. Outcome
64. Doctor of Education
65. Ethiopia (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Slang for money
2. Itemized bill
3. Pine leaves
4. Processions
5. Medical astringent
6. Winged horse
7. Wall & ceiling coating
8. Japanese warrior
9. Chinese mahogany genus
13. Doctors' group
14. Am. soprano ___ Sills
17. Atomic #105 symbol
18. British astronomy org.
20. Interpret
24. Something curved in shape
27. The 23rd Greek letter
28. Airborne (abbr.)
29. Radioactivity unit
31. Golf score
32. School organization
33. 1/100 yen
37. A citizen of Iran
38. Treated with indulgence
39. ___ Lilly, drug company
40. Sensory
41. Calmed by drugs
42. At the peak
43. Esteemed recipient
44. Reverse dactyl
47. Drinking establishment
48. Shower month (abbr.)
49. Rental contract
51. Educate
52. Make a mistake
53. Obstruct water
56. Toward the mouth

see answer in the October 4 edition

Relish what's coming next month!

Look for it Oct. 1 in your Bowie News.

White Bean and Keilbasa soup with cheesy cornbread will fill up tummies for a night of trick or treating

Roasted garlic makes its way into turkey burgers sure to ward off vampires

Comforting loaded potato soup gets a jump start with packaged hash brown potatoes

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