Leavenworth church to host flute concert

Staff report

First Presbyterian Church in Leavenworth will host a free Mother's Day concert on Sunday.

The concert begins at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary and will feature the First City Flute Choir. They will perform music from the early baroque period to music from the 20th century.

Freda Proctor, the church's director of music, will lead the flute choir, which is made up of musicians from the Leavenworth-Lansing area and the Kansas City area.

The church is located at 407 Walnut St.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, May 8

WHAT: Spring Citywide Yard Sale
WHEN: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WHERE: City of Lansing

WHAT: Touch-a-Truck
WHEN: 10-11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Landing Park/ Riverfront Community Center/ C.W. Parker Carousel Museum
DETAILS: Free event

WHAT: Skate Night
WHEN: 5-11 p.m.
WHERE: Leavenworth Local Hotel, 600 Shawnee St.

WHAT: First City vs. Southside (semi-pro soccer)
WHEN: 7 p.m.
WHERE: Pioneer Stadium, 2012 10th Ave.
DETAILS: Tickets $5

Saturday, May 9

WHAT: Leavenworth Farmers Market
WHEN: 8 a.m. to noon
WHERE: Haymarket Square, 7th and Cherokee streets

WHAT: Basehor Farmer & Craft Market
WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WHERE: 2705 155th St.

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and/or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other associated components related to digital operations."

A Texas-based company, Cloverleaf Infrastructure, has proposed the development of a data center near Tonganoxie.

Aaron Bilyeu, chief development officer for Cloverleaf Infrastructure, spoke to commissioners about the project during a March 18 meeting. The company has created a website for the project, which is called Project Bluestem. The website can be found at bluestemdatacenter.com.

The company has not yet submitted an application to the Leavenworth County Planning and Zoning Department.

"We don't have an application for anything," Planning and Zoning Director John Jacobson said Wednesday.

About a dozen members of the audience spoke in opposition to the project during Wednesday's meeting.

"We have been listening to individuals very attentively on what their concerns are," Commissioner Willie Dove said.

He suggested taking a step back and looking what commissioners have been doing.

Dove said he believed at least four of the five county commissioners have visited a data center.

The proposed data center regulations were on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting. Dove suggested that the regulations be reviewed before the commissioners discussed a moratorium.

Commissioner Mike Smith suggested reviewing the regulations during a separate work session.

Dove said he thought it was



Ted Grinter listens to a public speaker at the courthouse.

appropriate to have the discussion during Wednesday's meeting. He said audience members could see that county officials have been working on regulations based on up-to-date information.

Commissioner Jeff Culbertson said he thought commissioners were going to have the second half of a work session that took place March 18. He said there was information that commissioners did not get to during the hours-long work session.

He said people keep asking about the benefits of a data center.

"We didn't even get to that part in the work session we had after six hours," he said.

Jacobson reviewed the proposed regulations, which would set requirements for things such as setbacks, lighting and noise. The regulations would also require data centers to use a "closed loop system or more efficient technology to limit water usage" for cooling purposes.

County Administrator Mark Loughry said commissioners were not being asked to approve the regulations during Wednesday's meeting.

"You couldn't approve them even if you wanted to," he said.

He said the regulations can only be approved following a process that involves a review and public hearing by the county's Planning Commission.

With no regulations in place, the only way a data center could be approved in the county at this time is through a special use permit, Loughry said.

He said commissioners could place conditions on a special use permit similar to those in the proposed regulations.

Following the discussion of the proposed regulations, Stieben made a motion to impose a moratorium on Project Bluestem and other data center projects in Leavenworth County for 90 days. During this time, he said, commissioners could investigate all aspects of data center development and the regulations could continue to be developed. He said there should be no additional work by county staff on a data center project.

Smith expressed concern that the motion would stop the gathering of information about data centers.

Culbertson said this would be the opposite of the way he wants to go.

"I'm trying to get more information," he said.

Stieben said regulations could still be finalized during the moratorium, but staff would not work on a development project.

"We can have our work session and get these regulations set," he said.

Culbertson said commissioners needed to have a work session before deciding on a moratorium.

"We're missing half the information," he said.

Stieben's motion failed.

Commissioners then passed a motion to approve a cost funding agreement with Cloverleaf, doing business as Western Meadowlark Projectco.

Under the agreement, the company will establish a fund with an initial amount of $450,000 that can be used to fund county expenses for the use of third parties, such as consultants, for review work for the proposed data center project.

The agreement was approved 3-2. Stieben and Smith voted against the motion.

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"compare our insides to other people's outsides." There's another brilliant expression I wish I'd thought of. We see the big, fancy house but not the big, fancy mortgage. We see our friend's vacation photos but not their credit card bills. Of course, the mortgage could be paid off and they could have paid cash for the vacation.

Another article suggested we consider the possibility that someone somewhere might actually be comparing themselves to us and our outsides. Trying to figure out why they would do that could help us appreciate what we have a little more.

One article suggested we avoid the situations that trigger us to compare and despair. The author was mainly referring to that great self-esteem slayer in cyberspace, social media. But I think you might also want to avoid reading Christmas letters and going to the gym. Both have been known to cause compare and despair in some people.

And it's easy to see why. Hardly anyone mentions their insides in Christmas letters. And it's hard not to compare yourself to other people at the gym and come up short — or tall or fat or thin, though seldom thin. That's why I don't go to the gym.

And finally another article suggested we compare ourselves to ourselves rather than other people. You'd think that would end in a tie. But the author went on to say we should celebrate our own progress, ask ourselves how we stack up against our former selves — unless it's worse.

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