

90 women enjoy luncheon



Sherri Weeks (above) is received a makeup case as a door prize from Stuarts Jewelry. Carol Ross (below) just finished drawing the name of another winner.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Theatre plans set

The case of "The Secret of Cell Block #7" continues to practice for their Monday, dinner theatre production. Presented by the St. Francis high school advance music class, band and vocal groups, the musical and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Advanced music students make up the cast of this murder mystery/comedy. High school band and vocal students will be providing musical entertainment throughout the evening.

There will be only a limited number of tickets sold for the dinner theatre due to space available in the cafeteria, and they must be purchased in advance.

Tickets are available at First National Bank and Bankwest. For more information, contact Debbie Fiala at the high school or check out the ads on the classified page.



FINAL PRACTICES HELD - Cara Hunt and Kimberly Voeller are checking to see if the glove fits Jason Riedel. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Retiring members given recognition

By Peggy Horinek

When the St. Francis City Council met on April 13, two city council members, Rodney Bracelin and Natalie Knodel, were presented with plaques and thanked for their time of service to the city after retiring. The oath of office was given to the two new council members, Paula Keller and Bruce Swihart and also to re-elected city councilwoman, Carla Lampe.

Chuck Kribs, representing Cheyenne County Development Corporation, updated the council on some upcoming programs. There will be a program to replace old appliances, a weatherization program for low-income households and the American Recovery and Reinvestment program. Mr. Kribs will be following these programs and reporting to the council.

The council reviewed the county's business incentives. The council had never approved the incentives listed and have their own utility incentive program, tax abatement policy and utility hook up incentive. The council would like the city's name taken out of the county's incentive document. They will be sending a letter to the County Development Corp.

Building permits

With spring here, people are anxious to get started on their

summer projects. The following building permits were presented to the council: Betty Petersen, garage floor; Dave Straub, fence; Ron Wilson, concrete, porch and fence; Carla Lampe, fence; Eric Hook, sidewalk; Church of Christ, cement apron; Mike Henderson, wood deck; Deb Gohl, patio and fence; Lori West, concrete landing and ramp; Neil McCumber, garage addition; Jamie Patton, carport; Solid Rock Baptist Church, sign; Kary Zwegardt, concrete; Jim Milliken, sidewalk and steps; Knodel Funeral Home, sidewalk and steps; Uptown Meat Market and Deli, concrete and roof for coolers; Becky Roberson, concrete slab; Kody Krien, fence. All the building permits were approved.

A tree trimming license was approved for Louis Aguilar.

St. Francis website

The St. Francis Chamber of Commerce has been responsible for the St. Francis website but has decided they no longer want to do it. Designs by Jessica proposed an update and maintenance plan for the council to consider. Designs by Jessica is the enterprise belonging to Jessica Schultz. The web design and maintenance would be \$3,300. Hosting fees start at \$10.39 per month. Possibly some of the Guest Tax Fund could be used for this purpose. No decision was made.

Other business

City attorney, Mike Day, presented the council with Ordinance 560 concerning golf carts, ATVs and work-site vehicles. After discussion, Mr. Day was asked to rewrite the ordinance allowing the small work-site pickups to be allowed to use Washington Street.

Bruce Swihart was appointed the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency director to replace Rodney Bracelin. Scott Schultz will remain as the alternate director. Other new appointments include Paula Keller to the Theater Board,

Carla Lampe to the 911 Board and Bruce Swihart to the Pool Board.

There is a person interested in buying some property for a hangar at the airport. One of their considerations is the availability of sewer hookups. J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, will have Miller and Associates look at it when they are in town. The cost of the sewer line would be the cost to the individual.

The second May city council meeting will fall on Memorial Day so it has been moved to Tuesday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Planning meeting held

The Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis, is holding an estate planning information and planned giving opportunities meeting.

The meeting will be held starting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4, in the Village dining room. There is no charge.

Local lawyers will provide information on wills and trusts, long-term care insurance and division of assets. Estate planning allows people to utilize certain Medicaid provisions for the family's benefit. It is also

important to note that tax benefits and/or life-time income may be derived from planned giving.

Those unable to attend but would be interested in getting the printed material from the meeting should contact Carol Redding, resource development coordinator for the Good Samaritan Village.

"The Village is glad to be able to provide this information to the communities," said Ms. Redding. "I look forward to hearing from you and hope you can attend the Monday meeting."

Cookin' with Peg

By Peggy Horinek

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Do you like lasagna but don't like all the work that's involved. The following is a quicker version but with the same flavors. It also is a great dish to make a day or two ahead when you have the time, and then just pop in the oven.

Lasagna Casserole

- 12 oz. pkg. wide noodles
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 (15 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 12 oz. small curd cottage cheese
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- 1/4 c. minced onion
- 8 oz. ctn. sour cream
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- salt - pepper to taste
- 3 green onions, sliced

Cook noodles; drain. Saute beef and onions until brown, stir in tomato sauce. Remove from heat. Combine cottage cheese, cream cheese, sour cream and green onions. Put a layer of noodles in a 2 qt. casserole pan.

Spread on 1/2 of the cheese mixture. Top with 1/2 of the meat mixture. Repeat layers, ending with the meat mixture.

At this point you can cover and put in the fridge for a couple of days, or let set for about 15 minutes and then bake at 350 degrees uncovered for one hour.

(I like to put shredded cheddar cheese on top of the casserole about 10 minutes before it is done.)

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