



\$1,000 scrip drawn on Saturday

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Get ready to spend \$1,000 in scrip!

On Saturday, one lucky person will win \$1,000 in scrip to spend in one of the participating St. Francis businesses. The Christmas In July drawing will be held at 11:30 a.m. in front of Krien Pharmacy, W. 105 Washington Street. Casey McCormick, advertising manager

for *The Saint Francis Herald*, reported that it has been hard to keep up with the entry blanks as many people are signing up.

"We have had to empty the containers each week so there is room for more entries," he said.

The businesses, listed on Page 10 of this issue, are planning in-store and sidewalk sales. Some of the Farmer's Market sellers will be at Bud Houtman's lot

east of the theater.

Dorothy Smestad, owner of Saintry Stitches, is bringing out the Christmas music to put everyone in a shopping mood. The Thrift Store always has great deals. Owens True Value's flier has come out and the staff is ready for the big crowd. Schultz's will have sidewalk sales and Bob at Saintry's Supers said the store will be full of "cool deals." Don't forget to stop by Ross Manu-

facturing businesses on Jackson Street.

There are a number of local people who have singing and instrument playing talent. They, too, are encouraged to come play on Main Street. People enjoy the music and it makes the morning more festive, along with showing off their talent.

The drawing will not take long so everyone is encouraged to be there on time. Some might want to bring

a lawn chair.

The winner of the Christmas In July scrip money will have until Monday at the close of business to spend their money. While he/she is on their spending spree, there will be a Herald photographer following them around, snapping shots of the fun the winner has while handing out the money in exchange for items.

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HOT AND DRY — The weather has been in the upper 90s and very little rain has fallen. Firemen were called to put out this ditch fire on Monday. George Harper, fire chief, urges

people to be extremely careful and not burn if possible. The National Weather Service is forecasting a slight chance for showers on Thursday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Board reneges on purchase of parking lot

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met in special session on Monday, July 9, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis to discuss the recent agreement to purchase property for a parking lot. With an audience comprised of neighbors, the board agreed not to purchase the property.

According to the unapproved minutes of the July 9 meeting, those present were board members: Jerry Toler, Swede Calnon, Joy Anderegg and Traci Neitzel; neighbors: Deb Harper, Don and Carol Gamblin, Craig and Sharon Van Allen, Roseanna White, Glorianne Milne and Marjorie Walz. Others at the meeting were Les Lacy, hospital administrator, and Shawna Blanka, recorder. Jackie John, representing Great Plains Health Alliance, was there via ITV.

Mr. Lacy told those objecting to the proposed Spencer Street parking lot that the parking lot had been planned so the area in front of the hospital and clinic could be used for patients and visitors. Employee

parking has been an issue. Mrs. Harper asked where was the consideration for the neighbors — they felt like they should have been consulted from the beginning and where would the money for the project come from?

Mr. Lacy that the hospital funds depreciation to do facility upkeep such as this project. Mrs. Harper said she thought there were more things in the hospital that needed the money than buying the property. She also stated that, if the hospital didn't need money, then why was it still on the tax roll.

One of those attending asked if the employees had a problem with walking a block?

The group said they would prefer employees parking around the block versus having a parking lot on the block.

"The paper said that in the future the east would be made into parking like the west, why don't you do that first?" Mrs. Gamblin said.

Some issues we have are the wa- See RENEGES on Page 9A

Fair board overturns ruling on hog classification

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The Cheyenne County Fair Board was faced Thursday night with making a decision on whether a hog could be shown as a Hampshire or crossbred. After a lengthy discussion, the board overturned the ruling made by two different officials.

A 4-H family purchased what they thought was a Hampshire hog. At both the 4-H livestock weigh-in and the Spring Livestock Show, the hog was classified by two different officials as a crossbred because of the underbelly of the hog. The Hampshire rules read that in order to qualify as a Hampshire, the belt

must go completely around the girth of the hog, which, in the case of this particular hog, it did not.

The rules also state that the white on the rear legs cannot come above the hock of the animal. The hog in question had an "off belt," meaning that the belt does not go all the way around and the white on the right

rear leg comes above the hock by at least 1 to 2 inches.

The 4-H family (the name was never mentioned at the meeting) did object to the classification on both rulings. However the family did not make direct contact with the superintendent. Two fair board members, Dick Bursch and Jared Douthit, pre-

sented the information to the rest of the members.

Mr. Bursch said that he and Mr. Douthit would not be voting on the issue they were only presenting the facts for the other members to decide.

Mr. Douthit brought an updated classification with a new ruling that

said a Hampshire with an off belt can be shown as a market hog but not as a breeding Hampshire.

John Finley, board member, felt that the hog had been classified twice as a crossbred, and the board should stand behind its superintendents.

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Clerk swears in board members

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A short meeting was held when the St. Francis Board of Education met Thursday evening. Following the swearing in of new board member Dr. Mary Beth Miller, and re-elected board members John Knodel and Sherry Weeks; Kelly Gienger, president, asked for nominations for the 2007-2008 president. Mr. Knodel was elected unanimously and took the seat. Bruce Feikert was elected vice

president. Other appointments included Sharon Olofson as clerk; Marilyn Raile, board treasurer; and Kite and Day, law firm when needed.

Clay Keller was reappointed to the St. Francis Recreation Commission; Pete Raile as the board's recommendation to the Kansas Association of School Boards governmental relations network; and Sherry Weeks as the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center

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Thresher Queen crowned July 26

This year's Thresher Queen will be crowned at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show on Thursday, July 26, at noon on the show grounds. The Thresher Show will start on Wednesday and end Sunday morning. The schedule of events is less on Sundays but there will be a church service in the old church on the grounds.

The Thresher Queen is always a secret revealed at the crowning. This year's queen was born and raised in the surrounding area in 1925. There were six children in her family and she was the third child.

She remember the Dirty 30s when, in the middle of the day, it became night time and that it was very scary.

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Thresher Queen



SUPERINTENDENT, Rob Schiltz, works on the new budget. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Superintendent assumes duties

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On July 1, a new superintendent took over the duties at the St. Francis schools.

Rob Schiltz has been the assistant superintendent, working under the guidance of Carl Werner, for the last two years. When Mr. Werner retired with his last day being June 30, Mr. Schiltz stepped up to the job.

"Mr. Werner was a fabulous teacher," he said. "It would be an overwhelming task to take on without all of the help he has given."

Mr. Schiltz came to St. Francis in 1987 as the Industrial Arts teacher. He enjoyed his work and had changed the program occasionally to make it challenging for both the students as well as himself.

When he applied When the opportunity for the superintendent po-

sition became available, he said he was ready for a change and looked forward to yet another challenge.

"I am hoping to make a smooth transition from assistant superintendent to superintendent, he said. "I don't foresee any big changes as Mr. Werner already has everything running well — I will continue on the same track."

His duties include preparing the budget each year, filling out forms

and reports due to the state department, overseeing personnel and projects at the school, as well as, day-to-day office tasks.

He said that he and the school are fortunate to have a tremendous staff that genuinely tries to improve their teaching skills each year.

"We constantly need to update our technology programs," he said. "I want to offer our teachers the opportunity for professional development with workshops and in-service training on a regular basis that deals with improved teaching methods and the integration of technology in the classroom." He added that he expects the teachers to be able to help students and use their computers to full capacity. Kent Kechter, technology coordinator, has already done a good job training the teachers on technology use in the classroom and the "spark is there."

The high school home economic room is being remodeled this summer and students will find a high-tech room when they come back to school.

Instructor Susan Dinkel will be having computer classes in the grade school this year. "I think it is important that the younger students are learning correct computer skills," Mr. Schiltz said.

One of Mr. Schiltz's goals is to keep the student academic performances up. "We are already so close to reaching the 100-percent level of the No Child Left Behind program and I think we can achieve it," he said.

He said that the schools are al- See DUTIES on Page 9A