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ter that runs from the emergency entrance, drains into that property and it will create problems in the winter and the safety of the kids in the area, she said.

"When we moved here a few years ago we bought our house because it was a good neighborhood, nice houses and if there would have been the parking lot then, we would not have bought our house," she said.

Mrs. Harper said she noticed, when it snows, the hospital property doesn't get cleaned now in a timely matter so when it snows who is going to clean the new parking area?

Mr. Van Allen said that the parking lot will decrease the value of the entire block.

It was pointed out that there are 45 parking spots and if the hospital was really that concerned with parking couldn't the employees park a little further away? And what about the parking spot that has been filled with rock on the west side.

They realized that the day that the mammography truck comes does cause issues for parking.

Mrs. White said she felt it would be an issue with kids and the cars going in and out of the alley and to the street.

Mr. Van Allen told the board that 100 percent of the neighbors are against the purchase of the property. We have a nice neighborhood and we will continue to take care of it.

Mr. Lacy pointed out that he has no personal investment in this one way or the other. He said the board has budgeted carefully and have looked at this from a financial standpoint; they have board reserves and funded depreciation to help with the upkeep on the facility.

"Why were we not invited to the first meeting when this was discussed and decided upon?" Mrs. Gamblin asked. "We had to find out about it in the paper. You were not considering us like you said you were."

Mrs. Harper asked Mr. Calnon why he had asked about the property. He said so the employees would have more parking, for safety issues and possibility of preventing wrecks on the streets.

Someone mentioned that the hospital could request more stop signs to be put in if needed. Mr. Calnon pointed out that the hospital board meetings are public meetings and anyone can attend.

Mr. Van Allen said he was contacted by a board member who said if the neighbors were against the parking lot, then other avenues would be pursued but then it came out in the paper that the board had voted to purchase the property.

Mr. Gamblin said that the east parking made more sense for now, the grass is pretty but expensive, so why not go ahead and make the east side parking like the west side.

Mr. Lacy said the east basement entrance has a fire code issue that needs to be taken care of. It was asked then isn't being up to code more important than spending the money on the property?

The board went into a 20-minute executive session at 9:10 to discuss property with no decisions made. After coming out of executive session Ms. Andereg moved to not purchase the property and to send a letter telling them of the decision to everyone on the block.

Editor's note: the above article was taken from the unapproved hospital board minutes.

\$1,000

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Those businesses participating in the Christmas in July Shopping Spree are: Thrift Store, Owens True Value, Ross Manufacturing/Sunshine Travel, Saintry Stitches, Schultz's, St. Francis Super's and The Saint Francis Herald.

Contest rules include:
 • The winner must be at least 18 years old.
 • Employees of sponsoring firms are not eligible to enter at their place of business.
 • The deadline is Friday, July 20.
 • The scrip must be spent by 6 p.m. on Monday.
 • The winner must be present to win. Someone else cannot pick up a ticket for another person.
 • The \$1,000 will be given in scrip and can be spent only in participating business.

• The winner must allow Herald staff to photograph them while they are shopping with the scrip money.
 • The winner agrees to release The Saint Francis Herald, sponsoring merchants and others associated with the promotion from any and all liability.

For more detailed rules and to see the bargains and specials businesses have to offer, check Page 8A of this issue.

The \$1,000 Christmas In July giveaway replaces the Fall Shopping Spree.

"There should be many people in St. Francis for the drawing," said Karen Krien, publisher of The Saint Francis Herald.

"While they are in town, they should stop by the businesses and see what they have to offer. Better yet, scope out the businesses before the drawing. After all, you might be the winner of the \$1,000 scrip!"

QUEEN

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kids in the cellar as we didn't know what was happening," she said. "It was a black cloud of dirt. Everyone said it was blowing from Oklahoma."

Then, of course, she remembers the 1935 flood.

"I will never forget that!" she said.



PILES OF PIPE — 16-inch pipe for a natural gas line are unloaded from rail platforms in Bird City. About 40 platform cars of pipe were also delivered to McDonald.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

DUTIES

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ready in good shape but they need constant attention. The grade school had new windows installed several years ago recently so now it is time to start putting new windows in the high school building. In the near future, he hopes to be able to install new lighting and suspended ceilings in the grade school and high school hallways. will be installed.

Mr. Schiltz said there is a great deal of community support for the school and it helps. The school board is also a reasonable, responsible board.

Mr. Schiltz and his wife, Carla, who is the seventh- through ninth-grade math instructor, have two sons, Isaac, 13, eighth grader; and Mason, 11, sixth grader.

His hobbies include motorcycle-riding, camping, hunting and fishing. He and Mrs. Schiltz especially enjoy road trips on the motorcycle.



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representative.

Meal prices

At the recommendation of Rob Schiltz, superintendent, the prices of breakfast and lunch tickets raised 5 cents. In the grade school, breakfast will cost \$.90 and lunch \$1.35; high school breakfast will cost \$1.20 and lunch, \$1.75. The cost of adult meals went up 10 cents, with breakfast now costing \$1.40 and lunch \$2.10.

Mr. Schiltz said the price is still cheap.

The cost of meals has not gone up since the 2004-2005 school year and, even with the raise, the school food program will probably continue to operate in the red. However, with the increase the school will generate around \$4,800 additional revenue.

Snack machines

Last year was the first year for the school owning and operating the snack machines in both schools. They had purchased two machines at approximately \$2,000 and were able to pay off both machines. Scott Carmichael, principal, said they

might have generated more money but food mysteriously disappeared from the store room during several months of the year.

The snack machines are filled with healthy snacks including juices, jerky, crackers and other such foods. Soda pop is not allowed in the school during school hours.

School calendar

The school calendar had been approved earlier. School policy states that there will not be a holiday on the Monday following the prom. A day of spring break had been scheduled so the day break was moved to the following Monday, April 28.

Some school activities fell on the second Thursday when board meetings are scheduled. Consequently, three meetings were rescheduled. In September, the meeting was moved to the second Monday, Sept. 10; In December, it was moved to the second Tuesday, Dec. 11; and in February, to the second Monday, Feb. 11.

In other business

In other business:
 • Devin Dinkel, high school math

instructor, was approved as A high school assistant football coach, filling the vacancy left by Brett Petersen.

• Taylor Archibald, an out-of-district student, was approved to attend St. Francis middle school.

• The board approved \$3,837 Kansas Association of School Boards dues and \$1,100 for Kansas Association of School Boards Legal Assistance.

• The board approved the sale of a 1990 suburban at one of the miscellaneous sales. It has 108,000 miles.

• Principal Carmichael said the summer maintenance at the schools

is going well, in fact, could be ahead of schedule. A science room is being established in one of the grade school rooms. The new computer room in the high school will be finished by the time school begins.

Next meeting

The board of education will hold a special budget meeting at 7 a.m. on Monday, July 23, at the high school. If the budget is approved, it will be printed in The Saint Francis Herald on July 26 and a hearing will be held at the regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 9, in the high school library.

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Nick Ketzner said that he could see both sides of the matter. Mr. Ketzner classifies the sheep and he said he was pretty lenient as to his judgment on the rules with low numbers of sheep.

After lots of questions and lots of discussion, the members had a motion and a second to vote. Mr.

Ketzner asked if they could vote by secret ballot so that nobody knew who voted which way. Mr. Bursch said that they could vote that way. Gary Cooper, secretary, calculated the votes and announced six votes for Hampshire and one no.

Editor's note: Read more about the fair board meeting elsewhere in this issue.

Upcoming Promotions

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