

# Commissioners agree county cannot give bonuses

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Most of the Cheyenne County Commissioners meeting on Monday was spent talking about the concerns for the county after a part of the Good Samaritan Village burned on Oct. 19. However, there were a few other matters of business including the agonizing fact that they were not going to be able to give Christmas bonuses to the county employees.

Last year, Dale Patton, commissioner, said, we overspent when we gave bonuses. Now, with the financial condition of the county along with the fact that 60 employees from the Village lost their job because of the fire, giving bonuses doesn't seem like the right

thing to do.

The board voted unanimously to not give bonuses this year. Possibly, the county will be in better shape next year and bonuses can once again be handed out.

The employee benefits has been one of the reasons that the county is in financial trouble. For years, Mr. Patton said, the employees have been covered well – better than most.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, and Mr. Patton had discussed lowering the cap on the health insurance from \$35,000 to \$20,000. It was noted that the employee's cost would not increase. No decision was made.

**In other business**

- The commissioners signed the

Memorandum of Agreement for Vulnerable Needs registry, noting that Ryan Murray, emergency manager, and Mila Bandel, county health nurse, will be in charge of this information.

- Executive session was called by Clerk Miller to discuss paying overtime. When coming out, the commissioners agreed that, as in the past, no overtime would be paid.

- Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, talked about the work done by the crew. He noted that the Kansas Department of Transportation had reimbursed the county \$7,682 for the overlay on the River Road and \$4,965 on the Olofson bridge project.

# Eleven apply for position

The district clerk's position was one of the main topic of the St. Francis Board of Education meeting on Thursday evening. There were 11 applications received by the superintendent.

Ten minutes of executive session was called to discuss non-elected personnel which was for the position now held by Sharon Olofson. When the board came out of the session, they agreed to start the process of interviewing five of the 11 applications as soon as appointments could be scheduled.

**Assessment awards**

Superintendent Rob Schiltz reviewed the 2010 Kansas Assessments Standard of Excellence Awards that had been received from the Kansas State Department of Education. St. Francis schools had received the Standard of Excellence Awards in reading in grades third, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and 11th. In math, grades third, eighth and 11th received the award.

Students and their teachers who received the awards will be recognized in the near future. Plans are

being made but were not set when the meeting ended.

**Terms running out**

Election for board of education members will be held on April 5. Positions held by John Knodel, District 3, position 3; Dr. Mary Beth Miller, District 1, position 1; Bonnie Zweygardt, District 2, position 2; and Sherry Weeks, member at large, will be up for election.

**In other business**

- Mr. Schiltz reviewed the emergency plan that had been put into place last year for the elementary school and the junior-senior high school.

- Mr. Schiltz reported on the Kansas Association of School Boards Legislative Finance Committee meeting that he had attended on Nov. 5 in Topeka.

- The board reviewed five policies: Disruptive action to the school, problem solving, gifts, solicitations in the school building and advertising. No changes were made in the five policies.

*Editor's note: The above article was taken from the unapproved minutes of the Thursday St. Francis Board of Education meeting.*

## NUMBERS

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It is the second week of the Christmas On Us fun and people need to read the ads on the Christmas On Us pages in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

This week, there are six \$50 scrip instant giveaway prizes to be claimed as well as six business prizes.

Customers receive a ticket when they purchase \$10 in goods in participating businesses. Individuals can receive one ticket, no purchase necessary, each week at *The Herald* office.

Throughout the Christmas On Us promotion, there are ticket numbers printed in ads on the special Christmas pages. The \$50 give-away numbers are included along with "\*" numbers which are prizes given away by businesses. Winners will have their pictures taken whether they receive \$50 in scrip or a prize in a business.

The business prizes are a bonus for customers as there will be nine additional prizes given throughout the season.

"Giving prizes in the businesses builds excitement and also gives the business owners another chance to say "thank you for shopping in St. Francis," said Casey McCormick, ad manager for *The Herald* and *Times*.

"Be sure to check out the many specials located in ads on the Christmas On Us pages (1B, 2B and 3B) while you are looking for your numbers.

"Check out those numbers! You might be a winner!" Mr. McCormick said.

There will be a drawing for \$1,000 on Dec. 13.

**Winning tickets must be brought in no later than Monday**

"It is important that the numbers be matched by Monday at 5 p.m. because, on Tuesday, new tickets will be drawn and there will be

new numbers," said Karen Krien, publisher. "The numbers from the week before will no longer be good to claim a prize."

If a ticket number is unclaimed, a new number will be drawn and it will be added to the next week's numbers on the Christmas On Us pages.

Those winning a \$50 scrip prize will be photographed for next week's papers. They will also need to tell how they plan to spend the money. Those winning a prize at a business will be accompanied by one of the staff from *The Herald* to the business where they will be pictured with the owner and the gift they won.

"It is a merry time of the year and giving away money and prizes makes it even more fun," said Mr. McCormick.

A total of \$400 in scrip will be given to Instant Winners and nine business prizes will be given away.

"Each week, participating merchants will be advertising sales and specials in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages so while you are looking for matching numbers, be sure to take a good look at the specials," Mr. McCormick said.

Participating businesses are:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Bumper To Bumper
- Hilltop General Store/Uptown Market
- Majestic Service
- Republican Valley Auto Supply
- St. Francis Super's
- Schultz's
- St. Francis Tire and Service
- The Saint Francis Herald
- United Methodist Thrift Store

Be sure to mark the calendar for Dec. 13 for the grand prize drawings held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce's activities. The drawing starts at 5:30 p.m. at the grade school in St. Francis.

## Idalia News

By Angela DeLeon  
St. John news

- Men's Bible study is weekly on Thursday mornings from 7 to 7:30 at the St. John Church. All men are welcome.

- Idalia young adults are invited to gather at St. John on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. to share in a meal and to decorate the sanctuary Christmas Tree in preparation for the "Hanging of the Greens" on Dec. 5. Contact Kim Hall for more information.

- St. John United Church of Christ annual Sunday School auction will take place on Sunday, Dec. 5, following the worship service. The soup luncheon will be served by the St. John Christian Education Committee. Proceeds will benefit the 2010 Community Vacation Bible School.

**School news**

The Christmas program is Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Enjoy the holidays with

the students. Contact 354-7298 for more information.

**Recycling jeans**

Recycle those old jeans! The program is called "Blue into Green." Habitat for Humanity is now turning worn-out denim jeans into insulation that will go into the homes it builds for people in need. The jeans are shredded and worked through the normal process. They are non-toxic, give off no gases and are completely safe to install in homes.

The Bicentennial Family and Community Education Club has placed collection boxes at the Outback Fuel and Feed Station, the Prairie Vista Cafe and the Idalia School.

**Idalia Exercise Hour**

There will be an exercise hour on Mondays, beginning Nov. 8 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Cornerstone Building.

**Commemorative afternoon tea**

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where he will visit with children. This is a time for parents to snap that picture for an everlasting memory with their child and Santa.

This is a great time to meet friends and neighbors, especially those who have come to spend the holiday with family living in St. Francis. It is also a traditional way to welcome in the holiday season.

# Ticket winners receive prizes



WINNER OF A GIFT CERTIFICATE at The St. Francis Herald was Marvin Zimelman. Karen Krien, publisher, presents the gift. Mr. Zimelman's matching number had an "\*" behind it.



GLENDIA KRIEN, left, was the winner of the \$15 gift certificate at Majestic Service. She is holding Aiden Meyer. Holding the prize is Audrey Meyer. Majestic owner, Bud Erskin is also pictured.

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By Floy Fisher



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## PARADE

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The last entry in the parade is Santa and he is the only Santa allowed in the parade.

When the parade ends, people are asked to cast their vote for the "People's Choice." Voting places are Owens True Value, Stuart's Jewelry, Schultz's and Donna's Gift Palace.

Santa will stop at Bankwest

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