

# Bed races planned for Saint Patty's Day activities

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It's time to start getting your plans together so you will have your bed geared up and ready for the bed races on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17.

Joyce Russ has organized the second bed races so there will be some activity and excitement in March.

It's just a fun thing, she said. It is a long wait between the car show and the Christmas Parade.

Someone or a team builds their bed and puts wheels on the legs. A team pushes the bed with a rider, generally a small rider, to the end

of the block. At that time, the rider puts on a pair of pajamas and the bed is pushed back to the finish line.

Businesses, families, churches, clubs, just to name some, are welcome to enter. All ages may participate but pre-teen children should be accompanied by a parent who participates in the race.

Since it is held on a Saturday, people from other towns can enter, she said.

It is also at the end of the school's spring break and kids looking for something to do can build their bed.

The race will be held at 2 p.m.

at the south side of Sawhill Park. Entries will line up behind the band shell. Entry forms can be obtained by calling Mrs. Russ at 332-2118 or jeruss@eaglecom.net. Completed forms will be collected 30 minutes prior to race time.

Two beds will race at a time. The winners of each race will race against each other. The races will be held rain or shine, Mrs. Russ said.

The fee for having a great time racing a bed is \$1 or a canned-food item. The entry fees will be donated to the Food Pantry.



**ADDING UP THE RECEIPTS** — Ken Quigley, Art Krueger from the senior center go over the receipts with Carl Crable, manager of Bella's. Bella's Market presented the center with a \$1,000 check.

## Senior center meets with council to discuss additional funding

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Representatives from the St. Francis Senior Center met with the St. Francis City Council at the Feb. 27 meeting.

Art Krueger and Ken Quigley told the council that the senior center is slowly using its reserve funds and, at the rate they are going, the center will be out of money by Dec. 31, 2017.

All money collected for meals goes to the Homestead Nutrition which, in turn pays for the food served at the center three meals a week, the head cook and some of the supplies.

However, there are still expenses such as the utilities, paying two other cooks, insurance and repairs.

The city of St. Francis gives \$5,000 and Cheyenne County gives \$5,090. The senior citizens bring in money by holding a soup supper and a pancake feed along with the money received in renting the building for different functions. There are also donations made by individuals and through memorial donations. Last year, Bella's gave them \$1,000 in return for \$100,000 in cash receipts. In all, last year, they brought in \$38,296.

Some of that money was donations and was earmarked for

certain projects such as having the roof repaired, buying a washer and drier and partitioning a section of the building for storage.

In the last three years, Mr. Krueger said, our expenses have increased and we have had to use approximately \$3,500 of our reserve funds to pay the necessary expenses.

In the past, he said, to help our budget, we have asked for a monthly voluntary donation of \$10 per senior. Now, he said, we are asking that each senior pay \$15.

They realize that giving \$15 could be a hardship for some people and they don't want to discourage people from coming to the center.

The center, Mr. Krueger said, served about 7,500 meals last year and delivered another 3,025 meals to those who are unable to leave their homes. Deliveries are made by volunteers.

Before the city council adjourned, they agreed to give the senior center an additional \$3,000. On Wednesday, Mr. Krueger and Mr. Quigley collected a \$1,000 check from Bella's Market for turning in another \$100,000 in receipts.

Anyone is welcome to come eat at the senior center on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For those 60 years and old, they are encourage to pay \$3 a plate. Those younger are asked to pay \$5. Reservations are encouraged and should be made by 9 a.m. Also, if those who are regulars cancel, that should be done by 9.

## Classes scheduled for storm spotters

The National Weather Service in Goodland and Cheyenne County Emergency Management are holding a storm spotter class in St. Francis. This year's training will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, at the high school cafeteria.

The class is free of charge and open to anyone with an interest in helping their local community by reporting severe weather events to the National Weather Service. This program is conducted only once a year by National Weather Service meteorologists, so consider attending this fun and educational training in St. Francis.

thunderstorm formation, organization and evolution, associated clouds and their meaning, thunderstorm hazards, safety, and what and how to report.

For more information, contact the Goodland National Weather Service at (785) 899-7119.

Other storm spotter classes are:

March 13, 10 a.m. mountain standard time, St. John's Church of Christ, Idalia.

March 22, 6:30 p.m. mountain standard time, Dundy County High School distance learning room, Benkelman.

March 27, 6:30 p.m., Rawlins County Courthouse, Atwood.

## Notice

The community of Idalia and surrounding areas has formed an LLC called the Idalia Restoration (IR LLC). We are asking community members to purchase shares to help in the purchase of 2 lots of land and a new building for a bar/restaurant. We are going to try and make the restaurant so you can choose bar or family dining and also have a large back room you can partition off so you can have more than one party at a time or open it up to hold a large party of 250 people. Our goal is to have the bar/restaurant up and running by the time construction of the new school begins. We are having a community meeting March 12th 7 p.m. at the Corner Stone in Idalia if you are interested in learning more please join us!!!! idaliarestorationllc@hotmail.com

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## Man celebrates 103rd birthday

Lester Confer, St. Francis resident, celebrated his 103rd birthday on Feb. 13.

Mr. Confer was born in a soddie west of St. Francis. With a little help, he is able to live independently.

Family gathered to help him and his great-granddaughter, Kari Peter, to celebrate their birthdays. During the celebration, his twin great great granddaughters, Harper and Josie Krien, 10 months old, were entertained as he played the harmonica and sang to them.



**GREAT GREAT GRANDPA Lester Confer entertains Harper and Josie Krien.**



**LOGAN WHITMORE plays his trumpet at a concert.**

## Student receives award

Logan Whitmore, a senior at Saint Francis Community High School, was awarded Kansas State University's Foundation Scholarship during ceremonies February 27 at K-State. Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students, presented the award.

During K-State's annual Scholarship Day, students and their parents were guests of the university at a banquet. Throughout the day, they attended meetings with academic deans and student life officials.

Logan plans to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering with a minor in Music.



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