



# Spring Home &

## Community garden plot ready to plant

St Francis has a Community Garden Club. The club has been meeting since October 2011. The idea came out of meetings with the Community Wellness Committee.

The goal of the group is to provide recreation and learning opportunities to the community through gardening. Produce from the garden will be available to volunteers who work in the garden, and also donated to the food pantry, the local schools, and the local churches.

The garden plot at Quincy and Third streets was plowed by Benny Weber last week. The official groundbreaking ceremony was held at 2 p.m. Area conservationist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Dan Meyerhoff, will be present and the Earth Team volunteers will begin planting items.

Volunteers planted potatoes, radishes, garlic, onions, cauliflower, broccoli, Kohlrabi, cabbage and peas. As the planting season progresses, there will be more vegetables planted.

Landowners, Sue and Hal Griffin, are allowing the garden to be planted in the 30- by 40-foot spot. They also planted 14 semi dwarf trees last year.

We are required to use organic methods and restricted from using genetically modified organism (GMO) seed, said Bernadette Luncsford, Cheyenne County Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist.

All are welcome to volunteer and participate. It would be nice to have representatives in the club from the county and city governments as well as area business people.



**BENNIE WEBER** had his tractor and plow at the community garden, located at Quincy and Third streets. They had the garden worked in record time as Rev. Warren Cico, Sue Griffin and Kathy Weber (background) watched.



**DIANNE PADGETT** anxiously worked the dirt in her hand. She will be one of the volunteers and is ready for whatever work the garden will take.



**THE COMMUNITY GARDEN** was laid out and the rows made Tuesday afternoon. Helping stretch a line is Dan Meyerhoff (center) with the Conservation Service. Others present, left to right, were Cale Rieger and Bernadette Luncsford with the county Conservation Service, and Mila Bandel, county health nurse.

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