



OVER 60 PEOPLE attended the commissioners meeting on Thursday. They were there to hear what Randy Fitzgerald, director of operations for the Good Samaritan Village, had to say about the proposed lease when the Good Samaritan Society turns over the facility and the apartments to the county. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Over 60 attend meeting concerning Village

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During the last year, the residents in the county have been wondering what the county commissioners were doing about signing a contract with the Good Samaritan Society. And, during the last year, the commissioners have been worrying about signing a contract but, until the Oct. 31 meeting, didn't have a lease.

At the Nov. 15 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting, over 60 people gathered in the courtroom to hear what Randy Fitzgerald, director of operations for the Good Samaritan Society, Jeff Paulsen, Good Samaritan Village administrator, and the commissioners were going to talk about.

The proposed lease the commissioners had received from the Society on Oct. 31 had left the board with several questions and requests which Mr. Fitzgerald had come to answer.

The commissioners stressed to Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Paulsen that they wanted the nursing home and they wanted the Society in Cheyenne County – that they were just looking out for the taxpayers' money and making sure that all questions were asked and a satisfactory lease would be worked out before anything was signed.

The commissioners requested that the lease with the Society be reviewed every year and that a budget for the nursing home be presented to them by July 1 when the county's budget is being prepared.

Mr. Fitzgerald said they wouldn't have a budget available at that time of year however, they would have a Medicaid audit. The commissioners agreed that this would work.

Another request made by the commissioners was to submit a monthly request for needed mon-

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RANDY FITZGERALD, left, and Jeff Paulsen, Village administrator, met with Kari Gilliland, county attorney, center, Ernie Ketzner, Andy Beikman and Dale Patton, commissioners, on Thursday, Nov. 15.



REFLECTIONS opened last week. Owner and operator, Lucinda Straub, cuts Lane Hoffman's hair.

Beauty salon opens

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Reflections Salon And Spa, owned and operated by Lucinda Straub, officially opened at 117 E. Jackson, St. Francis, on Nov. 16.

Lucinda will be available to give mens, womens and childrens hair cuts as well as shampoos and styling. She will be giving perms, coloring, body waxing, pedicures, facials, manicures including artificial nails OPI and OPI gel polish. A special room has been set up for full or upper body massages.

Office hours are from Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. People need to call 785-772-7380

for appointments.

Lucinda recently graduated from Northwest Kansas Vo-Tech College' cosmetology department in Goodland. She has passed her state boards and is anxious to get to work. Her shop, located just east of her home, has been renovated in shades of grays, pinks and blacks.

An open house has been set for Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. She will be serving cookies, punch and coffee.

Lucinda and Sean, who is the St. Francis schools bus garage manager, have two sons, Dillion and Dalton.

Santa comes to St. Francis on Friday

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The St. Francis Christmas Opening is Friday – the day after Thanksgiving. The Christmas lights are up on Main Street, the stores are stocked with items for Christmas giving and people received their Treasure Hunt numbers in this issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times.

When the Chamber of Commerce dissolved at the beginning of the year, several businesses and some individuals have accepted the job of keeping the Christmas spirit alive in St. Francis.

The Treasure Hunt starts at 3 p.m. on Friday. Participating businesses are listed on the page with the numbers. These businesses will have their list of numbers posted on the door or in the window.

Those with matching numbers will need to take their numbered sheet into the businesses to claim their prize. The three St. Francis banks, Bankwest, First National and Western State, have organized the Treasure Hunt.

From 5 to 7:30, people can get a bowl of vegetable beef soup and a cinnamon bun at the St. Francis Senior Center located at the west end of Main Street. This is one of the few money making projects that helps support the center.

People will be down at the right end of the street for the Light Parade which starts in the Equity's south drive. This event is being organized by The Herald staff and everyone is encouraged to get their trailers, four-wheelers, bikes and wagons out, put some lights on it, play music if possible and then make your way up the street.

Santa will bring up the rear of the parade and will stop off at Western State Bank to visit with children.

Visiting with Santa is the highlight of the children who wait patiently in line to whisper their wishes to Santa. Some children have even written a list which helps Santa when he is filling his sack on Christmas Eve. As they visit with Santa, parents will have the opportunity to snap a picture for their Christmas cards.



In last week's issue of The Herald, it stated that there would be a sing-a-long in the park. At the last minute, those plans have fallen through – maybe next year. The weather is supposed to be warmer than usual even though farmers and others are wanting a foot of snow or a nice rain. Take ad-

vantage of the nice weather, build a float or parade entry and show up at 5:30 at the west end of Main Street. If you are not planning on building a float, plan to enjoy the Christmas Opening activities, visit with friends and neighbors and support the businesses with a little Christmas shopping.

