



TRACTORS AND DRIVERS take a break for lunch at Sage Hill Winery outside Parks, Neb.

Tractor relay deemed big success

Ron Loudon recently participated in Nebraska's Tractor Relay.

The owner of a 1952 Super M Farmall tractor, Mr. Loudon said he had always wanted to be a part of a relay. The relay started May 31 in Nebraska City, and each day a certain distance was covered. Mr. Loudon didn't join the relay until it reached Benkelman. He then traveled on to Haigler with about 20 other tractors.

The cost of the relay from Benkelman to Haigler was \$20, but Mr. Loudon thought he got more than his money's worth. Besides having a good time, we stopped at the Sagehill Winery in Parks for lunch, then at Haigler, we were served coffee, tea and cookies at their new community building. For supper, we had steak at the Haigler Country Cafe.

The tractors - old ones, antique ones, new ones, and escorts, wound their way from Haigler over the dirt roads, hills and pastures to the Three Corners site (Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado), said LaNeta Carlock, Haigler writer.

It was a great trip, Mr. Loudon said. We probably traveled a total of 50 miles before we went in for supper.

The relay was to raise money to benefit the American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors Program.

The next Nebraska Tractor Relay will be held in 2015, across the northern part of the state. Mr. Loudon thought he might pass on that trip, as he would have to



RON LOUDEN driving in the Nebraska Tractor Relay

transport his tractor a long way.

However, he, Eldon Zimbelman, Roger Orth and Dale Leydig are planning their own relay from St. Francis to the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, held in Bird City. They will start early in the morning on Friday, August 1, stop in Wheeler at Captain Hook's for breakfast, and be in Bird City by 9:45 in time for the tractor parade. That afternoon, there will be a tractor rodeo, coordinated by Bob

Golding of Stratton, Neb.

In the fall, Ron and Eldon are planning a tractor drive. The time, place and destination are still in the tentative planning stage, but they are welcoming anyone who wants to join them on the drive to Bird City and/or the fall drive to join them. For more information, talk to Ron or Eldon.

It should be lots of fun, Mr. Loudon said.

Commissioners receive report on Good Samaritan fire inspection

By Karen Krien

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At the June 17 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting, Jeff Paulsen, Good Samaritan Village administrator, reported the fire marshal's inspection had required more sprinklers be installed. The sprinklers, used in case of a fire, are to be installed in the new west entrance. The entrance is constructed of wood.

Mr. Paulsen had two quotes, one from Pryor Automatic Fire Sprinklers of Great Bend for \$8,330 and one from Precision Safety Technology of Emporia for \$8,497. However, the quotes were inconsistent and left questions. Mr. Paulsen said the fire marshal had said the work needed to be done by June 27. He had requested a waiver for the end of July but the commissioners met in special session on Monday, June 23, where they selected Pryor for a lower bid of \$8,329.

Another deficiency were relays for two doors. The commissioners agreed to have Percision rewire and install two new 24 AC relays for door hold opens on the south hall and dining-activity area fire doors. The cost will be \$720.

Brett Poling, commissioner, asked that Mr. Paulsen check with local contractors when work needs to be done.

The booster heater for the dishwasher was replaced for \$1,468.

In other business

In other business:

- Byron Moberly, landfill supervisor, and Dave Flemming, public works supervisor, met in executive session to discuss personnel problems concerning the landfill. No decision was made when they adjourned.

- Ryan Murray, emergency manager, was present to have an emergency declaration signed. The storm on Saturday, June

14, had caused enough damage that it could be declared as an emergency. It could help county businesses and individuals receive reimbursement.

• Cody Beeson, county sheriff, reported he had talked to the St. Francis City Council and was working out details for coverage for the city with Shane Guggenmos, city police chief. He figured it would cost the city approximately \$45,000 if they decide to contract the county for part-time coverage. The city, he said, will be responsible for weekends.

He asked for executive session to discuss personnel with no decisions being made when coming out of the session.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Monday, June 30, in the commissioners room in the courthouse.

Family reunion held on Saturday

An enjoyable gathering was held on Saturday, June 22 for the thirteenth Schlepp family reunion at the Church of Christ. There were 49 guests including the following:

Christina (Schlepp) Zimbelman family - Leon and Darlene Merklin, Bradley Merklin, Pat Rose, Dawson and Dailey, all of St. Francis. Eldon and Dorothy Palmer, Alvin and Sylvia Zimbelman, all of Goodland.

Lena (Schlepp) Miller family - Lucille (Miller) Price, Tom and Sandy Bandel, Mike, Leigh Ann Bandel and Bella. Matt, Mila Bandel, Kyla and Karly all of St. Francis. Josephine (Miller) Lacklin and Lisa (Lacklin) Ryan of Milton, Florida.

Jacob Schlepp family - Louise

Schlepp, Spencer and Lisa Schlepp, Mitch Schlepp, Debbie Lindsten, Jackie Cole, all of St. Francis. Tammy (Schlepp) Granowsky of New York City and Mitch's friend Allie Steiner of Greeley, Colo.

John Schlepp family - Charles and Virginia Schlepp of Fremont, Ohio.

Katie (Schlepp) Waerpel - No one attended.

Rudy Schlepp family - Connie (Schlepp) Williams of St. Francis and her grandson, Skylar Williams of Lubbock, Texas.

Esther (Schlepp) Haar - No one attended.

Alice (Schlepp) Monroe - No one attended.

Harry Schlepp family - Clinton and Vickie Schlepp, Wray, Colo.,

Greg and Susie Walz, Ryan Doyle, Josh and Peggy Moberly, Janae, Andreanna and Kryan all of St. Francis, and Crystal Hoffmann of Dighton.

Leonard Schlepp family - No one attended.

Other guests were Margaret Holzwarth, of St. Francis, James and Julie Baldwin of Austin, Texas, and Janine Holzwarth Thomison.

A lovely meal was enjoyed. Everyone enjoyed visiting, taking pictures and looking forward to the next reunion. Several visited later at the Leon Merklin home. They were Charles and Virginia Schlepp of Fremont, Ohio, Connie Williams, Alvin Zimbelman of Goodland.

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