



Council deals with semi truck parking

By Sandy Barnhart

Much of the St. Francis City Council meeting on Nov. 5 was spent discussing the truck parking ordinance.

At the Sept. 24 meeting, the council discussed several complaints of semi trucks parking on the streets and was concerned with three basic issues:

noise, safety and weight of the trucks. The council, at that time, had instructed the police department to proceed with ticketing the trucks that were parked on the streets for more than four hours.

Rick Burton, St. Francis, was present Nov. 5 to question the city's truck ordinance. Last year

when he had appeared before the council on the same issue, Mr. Burton had suggested the four-hour parking be prolonged to 12-hours. At that time, the council had agreed to leave the ordinance at four-hours. The ordinance could only be changed or modified by the council.

This ordinance has been on the books since

1995 but has not been enforced as the council would like to see it enforced. Attorney Mike Day advised that the ordinance was not exclusive to St. Francis but was a well-accepted ordinance across the state and nation.

Mr. Burton said he had parked his truck in front of his house since 1988 and there had not

been an accident nor had any of his neighbors complained about the noise or the fact the truck was parked there. He also noted that where his truck was parked was in a commercial zone and that he had always moved the truck when city employees had asked. The truck was moved to

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Village's 50th is Sunday

The St. Francis Good Samaritan Village will celebrate its 50th anniversary at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Village. People are asked to stop in, see the improvements from the pictures on the walls to the "park" area to the greenhouse which was just recently completed. While there, visit with the staff and residents and enjoy refreshments.

In 1952, a traveler from Arthur, N.D., stopped in St. Francis to ask about some property that had been surplus by the United States Government's Bureau of Reclamation. The 12-acre tract was on the south side of U.S. 36 and had been used as a temporary headquarters for the Bureau's Army Corp of Engineers during the post World War II years.

This land contained several buildings and roads which attracted the traveler, Pastor August Hoeger for the mission he had begun in North Dakota. The mission's motto was to become, "To share God's love in word and deed by providing shelter and supportive services to older persons and others in need, believing that in Christ's love, everyone is someone."

Present administrator Paul Rainbolt researched and found the recorded history of the Village began with a deed to the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society in September 1952. The early history of the facility can best be described as remodeling and destruction of older housing units to make room for the main building. The last housing unit was removed in December 2001, which was the old "administrator's house."

Most of the other recorded history was in the minutes of staff meetings in the last 30 years. In the Feb. 3, 1977, minutes, it stated that the Village would be getting cable television and, during that same meeting, the "Ten Commandments of How to Get Along with

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MADRIGAL TO ENTERTAIN—St. Francis high school music and drama students will entertain the audience to dinner and a visit to the Royal Court. King Grant (Keller) and Queen Amber (Feikert), right, are obviously the center of attention. Nick Keller and Samantha Coates show respect.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

High school students present a madrigal

Dress in your finery on Tuesday, Nov. 26 and make your appearance at the Royal Court of King Grant and Queen Amber as they entertain you royally. The Madrigal was last presented five years ago so Debbie Fiala and Colleen Gardner have decided to bring it back this year.

The Advanced Music Class, Vocal Class, and Drama Class are pooling their talents to produce this evening of

food and fun. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria, representative of a medieval castle, when each guest will be introduced with royal fanfare. Each course of the meal will be presented with fanfare and entertainment between courses. Wassail, salad, wolf stew, veggie kabobs, roast chicken, rice and blackbird pie will be the menu. Musical and dramatic comedy will be the evening's

entertainment.

The Royal Court will consist of Kelsey Andrist, Samantha Coates, Heather Culwell, Janis Dodd, Lori Faulkender, Amber Feikert, Amber Fromholtz, Grant Keller, Luke Keller, Nick Keller, Allyse Lampe, Clancey Livingston, Jessica Nelsen, Dana Raile, Jesse Schield, Hannah Sowers, Jon Zweygardt, Hailey Crabtree, Ashley Dowgwillio, Janu-

ary Fiedler, Megan Ford, Tyler Howard, Amanda Jones, Tara Netizel, Yo Watanabe, Jenny Weems, Jade DeGood, Kelsey Dunn, Kari Gienger, Janessa Jordan, Samantha Marin, Sheryl Miller, Kali Rueb, Jami Tagtmeyer, Ale' Tygart, Angela Van Allen, Mandy Vanderpool, Julie Voeller, Emily Walz, Chelsey Weeden, Sawyer White, Trevor Henderson, Danie

McFarland, Heidi Rohweder, Josh Walters, Vanessa Wieck and Jordan Zweygardt.

Be on your best behavior as the Queen's executioner dressed in full garb and carrying a hatchet will be on duty watching for those using bad manners. Be sure to bring pennies to have your fortune told and to buy lavender from the beggars. A limited number of tickets are available from either bank.

Christmas season is around the corner

Christmas On Us giveaway totals \$2,000

By Karen Krien

There will be some people who will have a little jollier Christmas season when their number is called during the grand prize giveaway slated for Dec. 15. And, there will also be those who will take home \$50 in scrip if their number is printed in one of the ads on pages 1, 2 or 3B of next week's paper or one of the following three week's papers.

The person holding the first place ticket will find themselves with an extra \$1,000. The second place winner will have \$500 and the third place is \$100. For the next four weeks, two people will be instant winners of \$50 scrip if they have the ticket which matches one of the two numbers

found in the Christmas On Us pages of advertisements.

A ticket will be given for each \$10 purchased in participating businesses. However, it is not necessary to make a purchase to claim a ticket. Each week, those coming to *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* offices may each receive one ticket a week.

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

Those finding matching numbers will need to bring them into *The St. Francis Herald* office to claim their \$50 in scrip. Winners will need to bring them in on or before Monday because if the scrip is not given away by then, that scrip will be carried over

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Chamber Christmas promotion starts Nov. 29

The Thanksgiving holiday is just two weeks away but the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce is already planning the Christmas holiday which will start the Friday following Thanksgiving.

St. Francis, also known as "The City of Lights," gives shoppers and merchants a boost to a season which can be rather busy at times. Merchants have stocked their stores to help customers fill their shopping list and most plan to be open later on the evening of the Christmas opening.

Some may be serving refreshments while others will have bargains and lots of items to choose from.

This year, the Chamber's Christmas Committee has some new ideas. After much discussion, the annual Treasure Hunt, which has opened the Christmas season for many years, will not be held. In its place, Bankwest and First National Bank will be handing out free passes for the first 100 kids Friday evening to the movie "Santa Claus II," which will be shown at the Cheyenne Theater.

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BOB HANKINS, city employee, unrolls the lights as they were hung across the street.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Fair entertainment planned at meeting

By Lezlie Hilt

At the meeting Thursday night the Cheyenne County Fair Board members decided on most of the entertainment for next year's fair. Wednesday night's entertainment is set for the Kids Ranch Rodeo, Thursday night entertainment will be Baxter Black, cowboy poet. Friday night is tentatively set for the Antique Tractor Pull and of course Saturday night will be the Demolition Derby.

Extension

Extension agent Casey Johnson, representing the extension council, discussed a 4-H family member moving their garden project over to the fair building where the other 4-H exhibits are displayed. The board wanted some time to think about this before they gave an answer. Agent Johnson also asked the board if they would like the extension staff to make arrangements for fair judges when they are finding those for the 4-H judging. The board agreed to let them make the arrangements.

Demolition Derby

Kelley Faylor, member, stated that he had been asked by several people about putting on an earlier demolition derby around the end of May or first of June. All members present seemed to think this would be a good idea. They

agreed that they need to get to advertising and getting things ready.

Livestock scales

John Finely, member, had contacted Salina Scale Company about the livestock scales, which will not be certified next year. The quote to update the scale received was for \$975. The update will be for a digital scale. The members agreed that this would probably be the best deal however Nick Ketzner is going to get some quotes from some other company to compare prices. The members also felt like they should check and see who the scale belongs to — if it is the extension's or fair board's scales. The members will check this out and proceed at a later time.

In other business

In other business: Bill Ehrman, representing the Amusement Authority, reported that the new ride was here.

After a five minute executive session, the board members approved two people for new members which will be sent to the commissioners for approval. The identity of the prospective members was not announced.

The members voted to have their Christmas supper at Riverside Dining.

Early holiday copy deadline is Nov. 22

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and Christmas opening, *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* will have an early deadline for the

Nov. 25 issue. All ads, news and pictures for this issue are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22.



