

Holiday contest coming

By Karen Krien

Thanksgiving is here and those who planned to decorate for Christmas but didn't get around to it might rope some of their house guests or family into helping hang those lights and drag the Christmas yard art out of storage.

St. Francis residents, businesses and city crew turn the city of St. Francis into one of the loveliest communities around during the Christmas season. There is a canopy of colored lights over Main Street and the trees twinkle with white lights. On almost every block, there is at least one house and/or yard that is decked out for the holidays.

To encourage people to decorate, the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce holds a Lighting Contest each year. Three homes will be selected and awarded \$50 each in scrip money. No entries are needed as everyone with lights is automatically entered.

Homes will be judged on Fantasy, Religious and Most Lights/Decorations. Judges are the winners of last year's contest: Travis Milne/Jennifer Boyles, Larry and Terry Zwegardt and Rick and Dawn Lucas.

The winners will be announced in *The Saint Francis Herald* in the next issue after the judging. In the yard of each Christmas Lighting winner will be a golden shovel.

For more information, call or stop by Lampe Hardware or The Saint Francis Herald Office.



Number inserted this week

The Treasure Hunt is back!!

The Chamber Christmas Committee has brought back the annual Treasure Hunt which will begin Friday night. Numbers will be distributed in this week's issue of *The Saint Francis Herald*.

Numbers will then be posted on the windows and doors of the 18 participating businesses at 5 p.m. Friday evening. People having matching numbers will receive a prize from that business where their matching number is found.

Don't throw the Treasure Hunt numbers away if the number has not been claimed the first night because it could be the winning number on one of the three Thursdays following the Christmas opening. New numbers will be posted each week.



WHEELER'S THANKSGIVING DINNER complete, former mayor Don Williams, left, introduced the new mayor Fred Magley.

Times staff photos by Karen Krien

Dinner enjoyed by many

Each year, the Friday evening before Thanksgiving, Pam Hook, owner of Captain Hook's Fine Dining hosts the Wheeler Thanksgiving Dinner. Roast beef, turkey and ham were served with all the trimmings. Guests moved to the dining room where tables were set in the Thanksgiving spirit.

Following the meal, Don Williams, the mayor of Wheeler, introduced Fred Magley, noting that he was now the new mayor.

Mayor Magley began the program, noting that he had been told that to be mayor, he had to have done two things in Wheeler that he not done in any other town. First of all, years ago, he had driven cattle down Wheeler's Main Street and secondly, he had helped erect all four of Wheeler's street signs.

Since most of the people coming to the Wheeler Thanksgiving Dinner are residents, former residents or just friends, a lively discussion took place about how Wheeler was "born" in 1888 and how the railroad had been built.

There was much laughing and talking before the evening ended with Mr. Williams telling a joke.



CAPTAIN HOOK'S was the setting for the annual Wheeler Thanksgiving Dinner. Pam Hook, right, accepts money from one of the customers.

Adventist Church welcomes pastor

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church in St. Francis and Goodland has a new pastor.

Jim Martin became the new pastor around the first of November, sharing his duties between St. Francis, Goodland, Oberlin and McCook.

Pastor Martin came from the Lincoln, Neb., area where he attended Union College. However, before coming to McCook (where he and his family live), he and wife Melissa were heavily involved in ministry for several years including spending time in radio ministry with Doug Bachelor of Roseville, Calif.

Pastor Martin said that while Melissa is a busy homemaker with two preschoolers, Seth, 4, and Allissa, 1, she is a gifted singer who uses that talent in the ministry.

Though he grew up in a non-denominational Christian Church, the

strict adherence to Biblical truths drew him to the SDA fellowship.

The primary and most obvious difference between Seventh-Day Adventist and other Christian churches is the observance of the original seventh-day Sabbath as consecrated by God in Genesis 2:2-3. The Seventh-Day Adventist creed is printed on each week's bulletin, and offers Biblical justification for each statement of belief.

"Seventh-Day Adventists are a very servant-minded fellowship," Pastor Martin said.

Church services in the St. Francis Seventh-Day Adventist Church are: Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship, 10:45.



Martin

Workshop planned to educate farmers

With the continued drought, increasing input costs and declining well capacities, now is the time for producers to examine their cropping practices and choice of crops for the coming year.

To better help farmers plan for the future, a workshop will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 10 at the St. Francis Equity meeting room on River Street in St. Francis.

It is imperative that producers modify their practices to result in maximum net return, not gross return or maximum bushels per acre. This workshop will look at strategies for selecting the most profitable crops for your operation as well as strategies for decreasing evaporation, making more of the water you pump available for crop growth. Topics will include: crop growth and development, weed management, insect control, benefits of various

crops in rotation, no-till and strip-till management on irrigated acres, harvest concerns and economic prospects of the various crops.

The workshop is free to the public and lunch will be served. Please call the Cheyenne County Extension Office at 785-332-3171 by Dec. 5, so reservations can be made for lunch.

Sponsors for the meeting include: K-State Research and Extension, Cheyenne County Extension, St. Francis Merc Equity Exchange, National Sunflower Assoc., High Plains Committee of NSA, Northern Sun-ADM, Mycogen, Triumph, Fontanelle, Pioneer, Garst, Cropland Genetics, Monsanto, Kaystar Seeds, Red River Commodities, BASF, Mueller Grain, D & D Commodities, Colorado State Extension, Colorado Sunflower Administrative Committee and others.

Famous Quotes

•People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing—that's why we recommend it daily.

— Zig Ziglar American Sales Trainer, Author, Motivational Speaker

•You cannot raise a man up by calling him down.

— William Boetcker

•We promise according to our hopes and perform according to our fears.

— Francois De La Rochefoucauld 1613-1680, French Classical Writer

•One of the strongest characteristics of genius is the power of lighting its own fire.

— John W. Foster 1770-1843, British Clergyman,

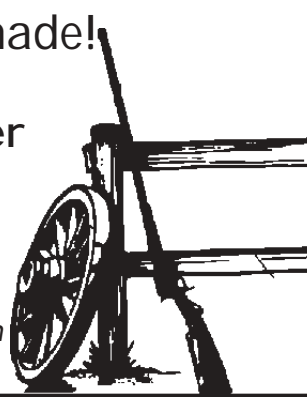
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Amy
Nicklos
Grade: Junior
Parents:
Dave & Mary
Nicklos

Student
of the
Month

Amy, a junior at St. Francis Community High school, is the November Student of the Month. Amy is presently participating in volleyball, basketball and works at Saintry Super Foods. Her hobbies include playing sports, watching "Friends" hanging out with friends and talking on MSN Messenger and the phone.

After St. Francis Community High School, Amy plans on attending college to become a physical therapist, plus being trained in sports medicine.

10 years from now Amy is in hopes working at a job she loves, being married and starting a family.

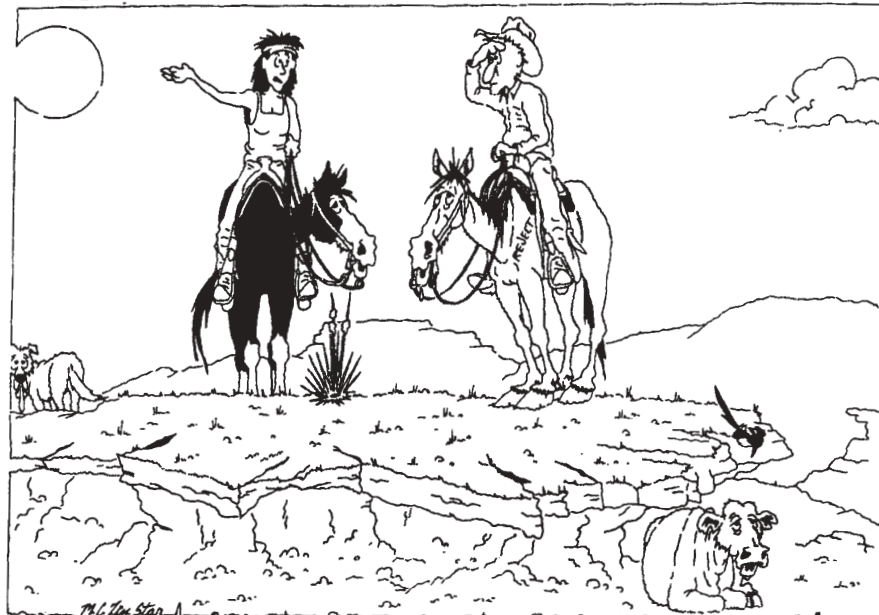
Amy's favorite quote is: "A friend is one who knows all about you and loves you anyway."

~Christi Mary Warner

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