

# Time to plan parade floats

By Karen Krien

Thanksgiving may seem like a long ways away but in just six weeks, it will be "Turkey Day" and the following day will be the last day to get a float ready for the second Parade of Lights down St. Francis' Main Street.

"Last year, we thought we would be lucky if we could get a dozen floats entered in the parade and hoped it would grow each year," said Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce secretary.

Little did she or any of the Christmas Planning Committee dream there would be 25 entries. And, as the last float went down the street, people were talking about what they would have for next year's float.

"We are expecting more floats and entries this year," said Secretary Bracelin.

The parade starts lining up before dusk and are ready to head down Main Street starting at the high school. Last year, it was cold and there was a bit of a breeze but that didn't stop anyone. Some of the entries were made Thanksgiving Day and while others were made weeks before. Whatever, the lights, the music and the laughter was what made each entry one of its own and had a special place in the parade.

There is no theme, just Christmas. Entries can be floats, four-wheelers, horse and buggies, hayracks, walking individuals — the limits of an entry is limitless. Santa will mark the end of the parade and he will hop off to meet kids at Santa's Hut, located at the old city building.

Unlike the Fair Parade, there will not be the need for a fancy float with lots of paper.... Just pick a theme for the float or entry, add lights, maybe some music and plan to have fun. (Lights are generally run by a genera-

tor and some are battery operated.)

The Parade of Lights is part of the Christmas Opening in St. Francis. The Christmas Planning Committee has been meeting and has several ideas which will make this holiday season in St. Francis one of the best.

While all of the plans are not finalized, it has been revealed that Santa will be in town on Christmas Opening and children will need to be making their lists. The Treasure Hunt will also be held opening night.

"We just want everyone to have fun and start getting into the Christmas

season," said Secretary Bracelin.

The businesses will be open later and many have stocked their shelves with lots of items to fill the Christmas gift lists. The grocery stores and restaurants will also be open to accommodate shoppers and those who are just too tired to cook.

Anyone having questions should contact the Secretary Bracelin at 785-332-2961 or one of the committee members. These members include: Karla Lampe, Shawna Blanka, Kim Ritter, Vicki Cress, Betty Winston and Karen Krien.

# Residents prepare for clean up of city

Residents have had almost a month to start gathering and cleaning up items for the city crew to haul away. Fall is here and it is time to start sorting and getting rid of items.

However, if people are going to want the city crew to pick up stuff, they had better get a call into the city power plant (785-332-3031) by Sunday as this is the last day they can call and the items will be picked up.

"The service is free but if people don't call before Oct. 17, they will need to wait until we have the Spring Cleanup Week," said J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent. "Those who called too late last spring will need to call again to make sure they are on the list."

Superintendent Landenberger said that without a call, the city crew is not authorized to pick up items, even if they are beside the trash container. Items to be hauled away must be outside the home as the city crew is not authorized to enter homes to pick up items.

The city has provided a yard-waste collection site south of the museum. During the cleanup, the city will pick up yard waste for those who have no way to transport it to the collection site. Residents needing yard waste picked up are asked to put it in bags, boxes or containers which may be emptied or put on ground sheets.

As part of Cleanup Week, the city crew will be picking up tree branches, however, they must be kept separate from yard waste or then cannot be picked up.

The city is no longer able to pick up chemicals, paint or any petroleum products.

"What the city crew can pick up is determined by solid waste regulations set by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment," Superintendent Landenberger said. "Your cooperation will be appreciated."

The St. Francis City Council allows two cleanups each year in an effort to make the city a more beautiful place to live.



RIDERS WERE SADDLED UP and ready to go as they started out for a 2.5 hour ride north of St. Francis at the Faylor Red Angus Ranch on Sunday.

# 97 to 100 riders show up for 14th annual trail ride

By Karen Krien

There were 97 to 100 riders enjoying the 14th annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride held Sunday at the Faylor Red Angus Ranch north of St. Francis.

Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators of the ride, said the day was warm but not too warm and a nice bunch of people turned out for the ride.

The trail ride was hosted by the Faylor family and the 2.5 mile ride was led by Dwight Faylor and his family. Riders were able to see the "Sears" house, a house which was sold by Sears & Roebuck to Archie Palmer in 1927. The house sits high on a hill with no roads leading to it and is posted "No Trespassing." Those on the trail ride could get a close look at the house and Mr. Cooper had earlier handed out a pamphlet on the history of the house.

There were riders from the tri-state area and one from Texas had come to visit family and especially to attend the trail ride.

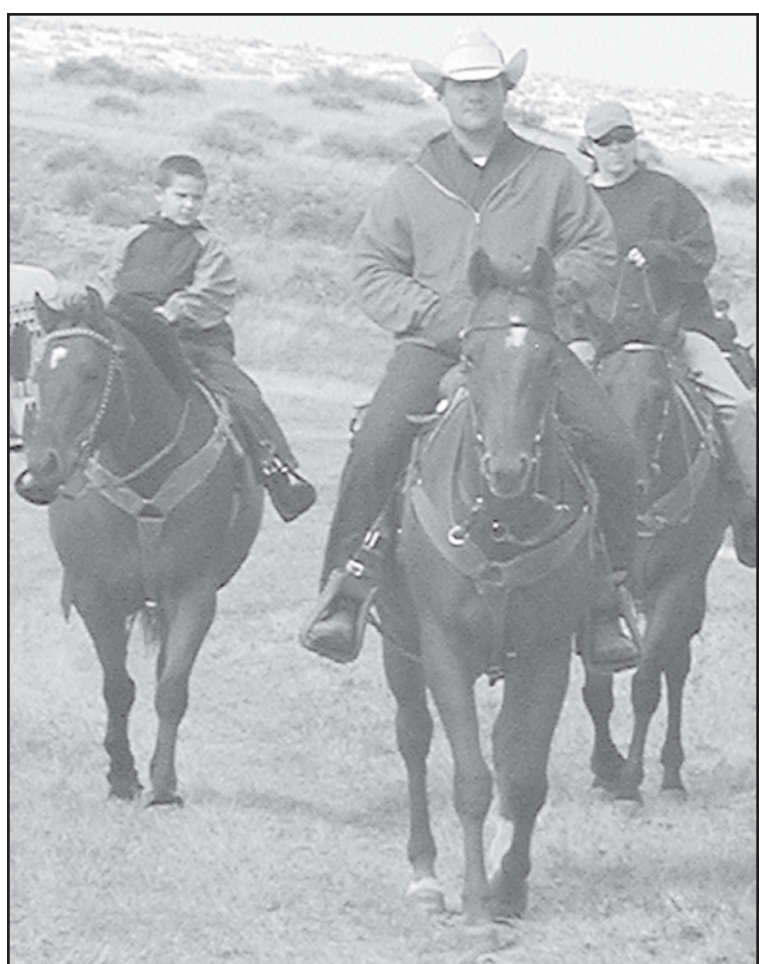
At the end of the ride, the 4-H Horse Club kids served barbecued beef, beans and chips as one of their money-making projects.

The trail ride is held in conjunction with the St. Jude Childrens Hospital fund drive.

"It's (trail ride) is a good thing — all the fun, the horses and the smiles," Sharon Olofson, coordinator for St. Jude Childrens Hospital, said.

Mrs. Olofson was especially happy on Monday when she counted the money collected for St. Judes.

"The riders donated \$502 on Sunday and on Monday, and I had received a call from a donor who gave an additional \$500," she said. "It is wonderful how every-



FAMILY AFFAIR — The Landenbergers, Lex (front), Toni and the son, Wyatt, were among those attending the trail ride on Sunday.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

one supports the ride and St. Jude's."

### Next year's ride

Next year, the Thad Douthit and Gary Grice families will host the 15th annual Trail Ride on the second Sunday in October. That ride will be along the Republican River southwest of St. Francis and, in October, when the leaves change colors, it is a lovely setting.

"Mark your calendars and plan to ride with us," Mr. Cooper said.

## — Club Clip —

### Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met Oct. 4 at the Senior Center with 18 members and one guest present.

Dr. Mary Beth Miller presented an interesting program on medicine and reaction with other drugs.

The hospital asked for help in decorating the new reception room in the hospital and the members approved the project.

President Dolores Kincheloe appointed a committee of three: Betty Loudon, Nina Raile and Sherry Schultz to proceed with the project.

Helen Burnham is in charge of collecting the grocery store receipts.

The hostesses were Pauline Hixon, Darline Price and Neva DeGood. Next meeting will be Nov. 1.

### 2003 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

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