

Car thief is apprehended in Maine



BERT FOLLETT talks to **Bill Beamgard** at the Lions meeting held Monday night at the Windmill.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Past district governor speaks at Lions Club

Past District Governor, Lion Bill Beamgard, Atwood, was the guest speaker at the Monday evening St. Francis Lions Club meeting held at the Windmill Restaurant.

Lion Beamgard, as representative of the current District Governor, presented a special program on recruitment of new members and

how to keep current members. He told how Lions members are respected around the world simply because their membership speaks highly of the character of the person. He stressed that the club members are a service club, both to the community and the nation, but members should still have fun as a club.

Lion Beamgard applauded St. Francis Lions' many activities and encothem to continue to promote the community and invite others to join the club.

Lion president Elmer Kellner made a presentation to past president Francis O'Leary. The presentation was a certificate of appreciation and a past-president pin for his vest.

There are still requests for the red, white and blue ribbon magnets so the members decided to order an additional 250. The club also decided to make a donation to the Operation SOS from the proceeds of this fundraiser to aid in their endeavor for the troops.

The drawing was won by Lion Ray Hoffman.

The next regular meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 25, at the Windmill Restaurant. Men and women interested in becoming a Lion are encouraged to attend.

It is believed that the person who stole a vehicle at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis on Sept. 5 may have been apprehended.

A 25-year-old accused drug dealer who spent six weeks eluding police from Colorado to Maine was arrested Oct. 4 after he made a serious mistake: He tried to flee in a car that was up on jacks then got into a fight with police on Route 100 in Maine.

Police had been looking for Jason Belmer since Aug. 19, when he fled into some woods in Corinna, Maine, after investigators found 8 pounds of cocaine worth \$380,000 buried under a shed in the yard of his grandmother's home. Since then, Belmer had led police on a cross-country manhunt, and his fugitive's tale was scheduled to be presented next month on the television show "America's Most Wanted."

Belmer eluded police in Colorado on Sept. 4. Law enforcement there said he assaulted a state trooper and fled into nearby cornfields. Belmer's girlfriend Michelle Carmack, 27, also of Corinna, was found with him in Colorado and was arrested and extradited to Maine.

Authorities believe Belmer stole a flatbed pickup truck on Sept. 5 and

abandoned it in St. Francis where he may have stolen another vehicle that contained weapons.

A tip on Oct. 4 alerted Maine state Police that Belmer was hiding in some apartments in Pittsfield. Troopers then notified Pittsfield police.

Officers positioned themselves outside the apartment with guns drawn.

Wearing a bright red coat with the hood up, Belmer walked out the front door and immediately began running.



Belmer

He refused to stop when officers yelled at him.

In the chase, Belmer evidently failed to notice that the car he jumped into to make his escape was on jacks. He locked the doors and started the car. However, officers smashed the driver's side window. After a struggle and a little pepper spray, Belmer was taken in handcuffs to the hospital where he received some stitches because of flying glass from the broken window. He was then taken to jail where his cash bail was set at \$100,000.

This was not Belmer's first offense. He had gained much attention five years ago while awaiting a hearing in a court conference room in Maine. He had crashed through a window, fled

police and jumped off a bridge into the Sebasticook River.

After a two-hour manhunt, Belmer was found, muddy and bleeding and in his underwear, on a sandbar of the river. That time, he was sentenced to two years in prison.

The vehicle which was stolen at the Village in St. Francis was a 1993 Ford Escort wagon and was recovered in Colorado Springs on Sept. 16. It belonged to Chris and Deb Cisneros.

The two weapons, ammunition and money which were in the car when it was stolen were still there.

Editor's note: The above article, written by Sharon Kiley Mack, was taken in part from the *Bangor Daily News*.

Several help build playground

On Sept. 28, Elmer and Dorothy Kellner met with around 175 members of the Thrivent Financial and 50 neighborhood residents to help build playground equipment at Blue Valley Park in Kansas City.

"This was a wonderful opportunity for Thrivent Financial to make a difference in the community," Mr. Kellner, a Thrivent Financial Community Services Specialist, said. "We're just excited to be able to give the kids a new, safe place to play, especially when it's a playground the kids designed."

In July, approximately 40 children from the Police Athletic League program met with Mr. Hall and other organizers to draw their dream playground.

The volunteers started the day installing bedding materials followed by the assembling and erecting of the playground equipment. In addition, neighborhood school children were on hand to plant flowers.

The Thrivent Financial for

Lutherans Kansas and Missouri Regional Financial Office is leading the way to enhance a Kansas City neighborhood park with a \$60,000 donation as well as volunteers.

Thrivent Financial is partnering with the Kansas City Chiefs' Dante

Hall and his X-Factor Foundation as well as the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department and the not-for-profit organization KaBOOM! which is facilitating the playground project.

Craft fair scheduled

Saturday, Oct. 25, has been scheduled for the annual Holiday Fair craft show in Bird City. The Go-Getters 4-H Club is hosting the event.

It will be held in the Cheylin School gym from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tina Sager, coordinator, said the Go-Getters took over the show six years ago and this year, they already have 13 booths with many more expected by Oct. 25.

Some of the consignors will have etched glass, jewelry, baked goods,

knitted and crochet items, floral arrangements and baskets along with crochet Christmas trees.

"We should have lots to buy and help people start their Christmas shopping and decorating," Mrs. Sager said.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the Holiday Fair. The building will be open at 8 a.m. for participants to set up. Food booths are also accepted. Call Mrs. Sager at 785-734-2478.

A good turnout is expected as there will be a large variety of items displayed for sale.

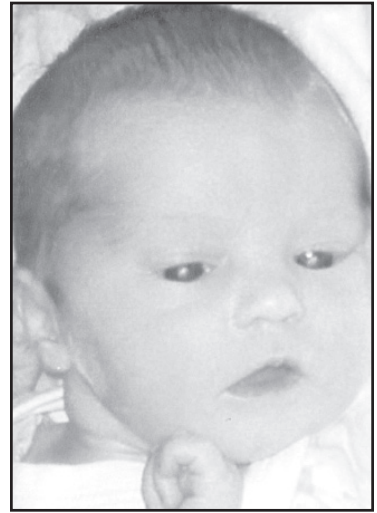
Club Clips

United Methodist Women

The regular meeting was held October 6, in the Fellowship Hall at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis. Hostesses were Ellen Raile and Sylvia Raile.

A short business meeting was held. The need for food at the Food Pantry was discussed and acted upon. It was suggested that each member should do what they can individually to help re-stock the shelves. The need is great!! We also discussed the Thrift Shop and the need for additional volunteers to operate the shop throughout the winter.

Following the meeting Gertie Loyd and Marian Miller presented the lesson. Nel Holmes gave a most interesting lessons on the seasons of the church year and shared with us some of her stoles and their significance.



Houtman

Introducing

Jesslynn Elizabeth Houtman Big brother Draven Houtman is excited to announce the birth of his baby sister Jesslynn Elizabeth Houtman. She was born on September 7 at 10:50 CDT at Wray Community Hospital in Wray, Colo.

Jesslynn weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce and was 19 and one quarter inches long. Jesslynn's proud parents are Scott and Sara Houtman.

Jesslynn's grandparents are Pete and Betty Sherlock, Dale & Sherry Weeks, St. Francis and Lynn and Nancy Houtman of Harrison, Ark. Her great-grandparents are Bud (Marlin) Houtman & Gladys Cullum, Norris and Doris Anderson of St. Francis and Bill and Pat Weeks of Hoxie.

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This column has strongly advocated revitalizing and building up existing businesses or starting new businesses — large and small. The Development office in the courthouse is open most mornings 8 to 12, Monday through Friday. Or call at (785)

332-3508 or (888) 725-2444. I look forward to hearing your ideas.

Here's a quick review of some ideas that you could make happen:

- Agritourism.
- Chuck wagon Cafe — portable or stationary.
- Covered wagon trail rides (various routes to minimize environmental impact).
- Winery (oops — we've already got competition coming, so we need to open first!).
- Adopt-an-animal or adopt-a-farm programs.

• Lots of others possibilities — let's talk about them.

- Commercial/Industrial.
- State-of-the-art conventional or organic dairy with cheese factory.
- Clean-up and fix-up existing business areas. (Soap and water and elbow grease doesn't cost much but bring positive results).
- Wind farm or solar.
- Bed and Breakfast(s).

Others....
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- 2001 Chevy K-2500, red, 36,872 miles, ext. cab, 4 wd.
- 2003 Chevy CK15703, red, 14,226 miles, V8, AT, 4 wd, AC, PW, PL.
- 2003 Chevy K-2500, green, 3(SOLD), crew-cab, shortbox, LS, diesel, CC, PW, PDL.
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- 2004 Chevy Colorado, white, 17,634 miles, LS, 4 wd, crew-cab, 5G, CC, Z85.
- 1996 Chevy K-1500, blue, 106,639 miles, 5.7, auto, bench, 4 wd.
- 1993 Ford F-150, blue, 87,267 miles, XLT, Ext., short, 2 dr., 351, V8, CC, cass., camper-shell.
- 2001 GMC K-1500, blue/silver, 54,975 miles, ext. cab, SLE, 5.3, CC, PW, PDL, CD, buckets.
- 2002 GMC TC15743, blue, 33,188 miles, SLE, 6.0, CC, CD, PW, PDL, 2 wd.
- 2003 GMC K-2500, black, 27,364 miles, ext. cab, 4 dr., SLE, 8.1, 5-spd., CC, 40-20-40, grill guard.
- 2003 GMC TK15753, red/pewter, 9,633 miles, SLE, 5.3, CC, CD.
- 2003 GMC TK15753, black, 20,457 miles, SLE, 5.3, CC, PW, PDL, cass./CD/XM, buckets.
- 1996 GMC K-2500, silver, 96,263 miles, ext. cab, 8' box, 4 wd, SLE, 5-spd., CC, cass.
- 1999 GMC Sonoma, red, 54,827 miles, reg. cab, 2 wd, 4-cyl.
- 2002 Nissan Frontier, gold, 40,733 miles, buckets, CD, auto, tilt, CC.

SUVS

- 2002 Chevy Trailblazer, pewter, 60,253 miles, 4 dr., LS, I-6, 4200, CC, CD, receiver-hitch.
- 2003 Chevy Suburban, blue, 34,936 miles, LS, 5.3, CC, 6-disc.-CD, cloth, grill-guard.
- 2003 Chevy Venture, red, 22,714 miles, FWD, Ext., LS, 6G, CC.
- 2004 Chevy Suburban, white, 20,328 miles, LT, 4 wd, 3rd-seat, CC.
- 2004 Chevy Tahoe, white, 7,482 miles, LT, 4 wd, leather, DVD.
- 2002 GMC Yukon, blue, 43,747 miles, SLE, 5.3, CC, PW, PDL, cass./CD.
- 2004 GMC Yukon, silver, 27,883 miles, 4 wd., V8, PW, PDL, CC.
- 2002 Oldsmobile Bravada, pewter, 32,339 miles, AWD, Onstar, 6-CD, leather/heat.

CARS

- 2003 Buick Century, white, 49,479 miles, custom, 4 dr., 6G, PW, PS, CC.
- 2003 Buick Park Avenue, silver, 29,554 miles, 4 dr., CD, PW, PDL, tilt, CC, leather.
- 2004 Buick Century, beige, 12,896 miles, 4 dr., custom, V6, PS, PW, CC.
- 2003 Cadillac CTS, cashmere, 20,000 miles, 4 dr., manual, CC, PW, PDL, leather/heat
- 2004 Cadillac Deville, white, 12,280 miles, 4 dr., CD.
- 2003 Chevy Malibu, red, 28,191 miles, LS, 4 dr., CD, PW, PDL.
- 2004 Chevy Impala, tan, 25,072 miles, LS, 4 dr., CD, V6.
- 2000 Pontiac Grand Am, black, 83,000 miles, 2 dr., GT, CC, PW, PDL, CD, leather.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS WERE:

- ★Leah Price ★Jean Orth
- ★Mary Ann Koch
- ★Gwen Murphy ★Tony Kosch

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For attending our new car and truck showing this past week. We enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new acquaintances throughout the event.

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