

## City cleanup scheduled March 31

Thursday, March 31, has been set as City Cleanup Day in St. Francis. To get those items picked up, residents must call the power plant, 785-332-3031, by Sunday.

"This service is free," said J.R. Landenberger, city supervisor.

But, anyone calling after the deadline will need to wait until the fall cleanup."

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 accessible, that is, next to the alley or street and not behind fences, bushes, utility meters or poles.

Mixed piles cannot be picked up. "Sort items in separate piles of metal, tires, concrete, furniture and

lumber which is too large to go into trash containers and tree branches," Superintendent Landenberger said.

"The sorting of materials is necessary because one of the goals of the cleanup is to decrease the rate the solid waste pit fills up and to recycle as much as possible."

The city is no longer able to pick up chemicals, paint, batteries, yard waste and any petroleum products.

The spring cleanup is for resident household cleaning only. Contractors or residents having construction, demolition, remodeling or renovation collection are expected to haul the materials to the landfill. It should be noted that the city reserves the right to refuse pickup at any site.



## Second meeting indicates need for leadership

By Karen Krien

There were over 35 people attending the meeting called to see what kind of interest there was in helping St. Francis — helping St. Francis businesses already established, finding out what types of businesses people wanted and needed, and what plans were needed to accomplish these goals.

Carla Lampe, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce president, opened the meeting and said she was extremely happy with the number of people who had turned out to the Dusty Farmer Restaurant's meeting room with St. Francis' best interest in mind.

Tom Keller took over the meeting telling that he and Carol Redding, Cheyenne County Development Corporation Coordinator, had gone to a leadership workshop in Garden City. They both felt that good leaders were needed to promote economic development as well as improving the life in northwest Kansas. But, at this important time in St. Francis' life, good leaders were needed to help form plans, work on bringing industry and businesses in and help those businesses which are already established.

It was pointed out that there are many crises in today's world and the people do not know how to come together to solve these problems.

The leadership training Mr. Keller and Ms. Redding attended

### Co-op still an option

At the Friday meeting of people interested in helping St. Francis, Ruth Milliken, owner of KM Clothier, was asked if there was still the option of a group forming a cooperative to keep a woman's clothing store open. Mrs. Milliken said that yes, there were still people wanting to invest in a cooperative and these people will be meeting separately from the meetings such as those held on Friday.

For more information about when a meeting on the clothing store cooperative will be held, contact Mrs. Milliken at 785-332-3421 or Carol Redding, coordinator of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, 785-332-3508.

was put on by the Western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance. See LEADERSHIP on Page 8A



SNOW! SNOW!! SNOW!! Most people were glad to see the snow and rain which fell on Monday night and part of the day on Tuesday. Weather observer Kathy Woodcox reported .47-inch moisture.



Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

## Both sides of road dilemma are heard

By Karen Krien

Two farmers were present at the March 15 meeting of the Cheyenne County Commissioners. Both were concerned with the road which runs through irrigated property.

Ted Partch, Bird City, and Ken Knorr, St. Francis, both expressed

concerns about the road 6 north of Bird City, 1 west and, at that point, going north. Mr. Partch wanted the road moved to allow for a full pivot irrigation system. Mr. Knorr was concerned that, if the road was moved, there would be serious water problems with a lagoon at the end

of the road. Andy Beikman, acting chairman, pointed out if the road was moved at the county's expense, it would cost the taxpayers which he wasn't in favor of. However, if Mr. Partch was willing to pay for the expense of moving the road, he would agree.

Commissioner Beikman asked Mr. Knorr if he would be satisfied if Mr. Partch moved the road and if the road were to be built up so there would be no water problems with the lagoon. Mr. Knorr said he would be satisfied.

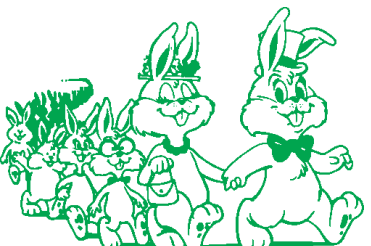
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## Bunny brings eggs, toys

There will be candy, prizes and the Easter Bunny at the Easter Egg Hunt set for 11:30 a.m. on Saturday in the St. Francis Grade School gym. Children should bring their baskets to collect the candy and prizes.

Be sure to bring a camera as there will be opportunities for parents to take their child's picture with the Easter Bunny.

There will be five age divisions: 1-year-olds; 2-year-olds; 3-year-olds; 4- and 5-year-olds; and 6-, 7- and 8-year-olds.



SOON-TO-BE EAGLE SCOUT Lucas Smith moves in one of the benches donated to the Good Samaritan Village as part of his Eagle Scout project. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Scout completes Eagle project

By Karen Krien

The Good Samaritan Village residents and guests will be able to enjoy the sunshine sitting on benches made by a Boy Scout working toward his Eagle Scout badge.

Lucas Smith, Colorado Springs, often visited his grandmother Arlene Busse while she was a resident of the Village. His grandfather Martin had, at that time, rented one of the apartments.

When his grandmother died on April 13, he decided to add double meaning to earning his Eagle Scout badge: first by building the benches for the leadership part of the badge; and second, giving the benches in memory of Grandma Busse.

Lucas, the son of Ron and Beverly (Busse) Smith, has been a scout since he was in kindergarten when he joined the Cub Scout troop. Now, at 16 and a junior in high school, he is finishing his scouting career.

He took on the building of the benches as the leader with 10 scouts working with him.

He found the pattern on a web site for cedar building. People donated \$720 to build the project. Lucas began modifying the plans which took more time than he had thought but the actual construction of the benches had taken only two days.

The basic structure is made of cedar but the seats and backs are made of a plastic composite material which will never splinter nor will they need to be painted. Several of the benches will be placed in the "Arlene Busse Rose Garden" south of the facility.

Lucas has found scouting to be fun and last summer went on a 10-day, 50-mile backpacking trip in New Mexico. In the future, he may go to Canada where scouts will travel by canoes on the lakes.

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