Flu vaccine to arrive on Wednesday

By Karen Krien

The flu season is here and, by this time, most people have already had their flu shots. This year, there has been a problem with getting the vaccine to Cheyenne County but Amelia Henderson at the hospital called Tuesday afternoon telling that the flu vaccine for the county will arrive on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Administrator Lacy said the hospital staff had contacted a manufacfor flu vaccine on April 15 and has priority for filling orders.

been making contacts to identify the delay in delivery since Oct. 3.

The hospital staff recently turned down vaccine that was being marketed at 400 percent of last year's cost. Administrator Lacy said that he reported this pricing to the Kansas Hospital Association as a potential price gouging, and the Association turned information over to the Kansas Attorney General's office.

Administrator Lacy said that the turer to order the flu vaccine as soon price of flu vaccine has gone up but as they learned it was available in not that much. He also has taken is-April. The hospital placed an order sue with the manufacturer's order of

First \$50 scrips to be given away this week

By Karen Krien

The Christmas On Us fun has begun and people are already collecting their tickets. Each ticket collected is another chance to win up to \$1,500 in prizes.

The first ticket numbers are listed in this week's issue of *The Saint* Francis Herald and Bird City Times

Each time someone purchases \$10 in merchandise or services, they will receive a ticket. If the clerk in a participating business doesn't offer to give tickets with the purchase, and the customer has to ask for them, they automatically receive one free

The Christmas On Us numbers will be listed in each of the next three See \$50 SCRIP on Page 7A

Board proposes adopting tax levy

thorize the board to make a tax levy property in the school district each year for the next five years.

This resolution has been published and adopted for over 20 years. The resolution has always read "not more than 4 mills and for five years." The money raised is put in the Capital Outlay Fund. This year, 4 mills raised \$118,000.

The state will allow school districts to raise up to 8 mills each year. The board discussed passing a resolution

that would allow them raise that The St. Francis Board of Educa- amount of money but only use the 4 publish a resolution which would auneed more money, it would be there. However, the board agreed that they for not more than 4 mills on tangible have managed with the 4 mills and didn't want to cause an extra burden on the taxpayers.

Board member Kelly Gienger said he was inclined to leave the resolution at 4 mills and the rest of the board agreed.

The resolution will run two times in The Saint Francis Herald and will not go into effect until 2006.

Repairs

The boilers in the grade school are See TAX LEVY on Page 7A



A MADRIGAL WILL BE HELD on Tuesday at the St. are: (I to r) Katelyn Jones, Grace Hnizdil, Angela Van Allen Francis Community High School. Some of the cast pictured and Ashley Dowgwillo.

Students entertain Tuesday evening

A madrigal is being planned with festivities beginning at 7 p.m. on Nov. 22 in the high school cafeteria. The feast will be a fourcourse banquet with entertainment being provided throughout the evening.

Queen Elizabeth is inviting the "good lords and ladies" to attend her festive madrigal for "Medieval merriment." The music will be performed by the high school Advanced Music, vocal and band

It has been three years since the high school students put on a madrigal. Debbie Fiala, music instructor and coordinator of the madrigal, said students have been planning for two months. The have designed and made the sets. They have also planned the food and costumes, however, the Parent Committee is in charge of the banquet and Virginia Fiedler, local tailor and designer, has put the costumes together.

"For anyone who ever dreamed about going back in time to experience medieval life — this will surely be a highly enjoyable experience," said Ashley Dowgwillo, participant. "The beautiful music combined with delicious food is enough to delight the senses."

The menu will include wassail, salad, banquet of leek soup, bread and cheese, wild rice with roasted fowl, steamed vegetables and black bird pie (blackberry cob-

"Virginia Fiedler has done an outstanding job in designing and **See ENTERTAINS on Page 7A**

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



Virginia Fiedler sews elegant costumes for madrigal.

MEMBERS OF THE KC CONNECTION who will be singing with the Windsong Chorus on Sunday are: (Itor) Earleen Friedly, Akron, Colo.; Colleen Gardner and Carol Ross, St. Francis; and Lisa Atkins, Haxton, Colo. Photo courtesy of Carol Ross

Chorus to sing on Sunday

By Karen Krien

The Windsong Chorus of Sweet Adelines International will be presenting "The Best of Windsong" on Sunday. There will also be guest appearances by the St. Francis high

The concert will start at 4 p.m. in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium. Following the show, the Rebekah's Lodge mem-

bers will be serving chili and cheesy Guthmiller, a freshman at St. potato soup, relish and cinnamon rolls in the cafeteria.

Tickets can be purchased at First National Bank, the Chamber office (in the basement of the courthouse), Koinonia Coffee Shop or from any Rebekah member.

Two St. Francis women, Carol where in this issue for more infor-Ross and Colleen Gardner are mation. members of the group. Sarah

Francis Community High School, will also be singing with the group.

The Windsong Chorus sang last year and practically filled the auditorium. Those wishing to attend should get their tickets so they are sure to have a seat. Check ad else-

Hunt begins Nov. 25

By Karen Krien

The Treasure Hunt has become a Christmas tradition in St. Francis. People remember looking for Treasure Hunt numbers when they were children and still look forward to walking down the streets, checking their number against those hanging in the windows. While on the Treasure Hunt, they often meet friends, neighbors and old acquaintances. It is like an alumni reunion to many.

The Treasure Hunt will begin at 4 p.m. on Nov. 25, the Christmas Opening in St. Francis. There are 18 businesses participating in the Hunt and all will have a long list of numbers to check. If a number matches, there is a prize or gift inside.

Many of the stores will be offering refreshments and instore sales so don't hesitate to take a few minutes to stop in to

percent). rate, were estimated at: a business See HUNT on Page 7A with a low usage of 4,592 kilowatts

Council proposes raise in the rates

By Karen Krien

After a lot of discussion and putting the numbers on paper, the St. Francis City Council are proposing raising electric rates. However, unlike the forecasted gas bills, the city's electric rates will only go up 11.66 percent to 14.81 percent, depending on usage and whether or not is a residential home or business.

'The city has not raised the electrical rates since 1987. As much as we hate to raise rates, our costs for bringing in the electricity has gone up so we are forced to raise rates," said J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent.

The superintendent had some actual figures of two residential and businesses electricity charges. People can look on their electric bill and see the kilowatts used.

A low residential rate and a high residential rate were compared. The low residential rate of 255 kilowatts would have only a \$3.90 increase (11.87 percent). The high residential rate of 852 kilowatts would have a\$13.03 increase each month (14.37

Businesses, again a low usage business and a high usage business

will see an increase of \$58.62 (11.66 percent); high usage of 21,400 kilowatts will see an increase of \$329.95 (14.81 percent).

The actual figures and how the superintendent came to the totals are listed below:

Residential rate comparison Old rate vs new rate

 This resident used 255 kilowatts during the month. With the old rate, the resident would have been charged \$32.23 which included a meter charge, \$6; first 100 kilowatts used, \$11.50; and after the first 100 kilowatts (155 kilowatts in this instance), \$14.73 for a total of \$32.23

before taxes. With the new rate, again, 255 kilowatts used: the charge is \$36.05 which includes a meter charge, \$8; then a flat rate of \$.110 per kilowatt (255 kilowatts) equals \$28.05 total of \$36.05 before taxes.

 The resident with high usage of 852 kilowatts at the old rate would have been charged \$88.94 which included a meter charge of \$6; 11.50 for the first 100 kilowatts used; and \$71.44 for the remaining kilowatts

(752 kilowatts) used. With the new rate, the customer using 852 kilowatts will pay

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\$101.72 which includes a meter charge, \$8; then a charge of \$.110 per kilowatt which comes out to \$93.72; added together, the final charge is \$101.72 before taxes.

Business rate comparison

"Business rates are higher and some of the small businesses might find their rate is a little lower than in the past," said Superintendent Landenberger.

Commercial rates are set up different than residential rates. With the old rate charts, there was a minimum charge which is the meter charge, a charge for the first 150 kilowatts used; a charge for the next 500 kilowatts used; and finally, a charge for the rest of the kilowatts used.

With the new rate, there is the meter charge; a charge for the first 250 kilowatts used, then a charge for the rest

• With the old rate chart, a small business example uses 4,592 kilowatts. There is a minimum charge of

Business Charges today

- 1. \$6 meter charge
- 2. \$25.50 for 1st 150 kwh 3. \$62.50 for next 500 kwh
- 4. \$.095 per kwh in excess of 650 kwh

Proposed changes

1. \$8 meter charge

2. \$.15 for 1st 250 kwh 3. \$.11 per kwh in excess of 250 kwh

Additional adjustment in July

"The city used to have a fixed and outages. The peak time is June, Landenberger. "Now we have 'market energy pricing."

The 25 percent plus increase in prices during peak time of the year at 785-332-3031.

\$6; \$25.50 (\$.170) for the first 150 kilowatts; \$62.50(\$.125) for the next 500 kilowatts; and \$374.49 (\$.095) for the last 3,942 kilowatts used. Total cost, excluding taxes, is \$468.49.

With the new rate, a small business example again uses 4,592 kilowatts. There is a minimum charge of \$8; \$37.50 (\$.150) for the first 250 kilowatts; \$477.62 (\$.110) for the last 4.342 kilowatts, before taxes.

• A large business will be figured much as the small business. For instance, this business using 20,480 kilowatts, in the past, would have paid \$1,977.85, paying a meter charge of \$6; \$25,50 (\$.170) for the first 150 kilowatts used; \$62.50(\$.125) for the next 500 kilowatts used and \$1,883.85 (\$.095) for the remainder kilowatts used; total is \$1,977.85 be-

With the new rate, the business using 20,480 kilowatts will pay an \$8 meter charge; \$37.50 (\$.150) for the first 250 kilowatts; \$2,225.30 (\$.110) for the remainder, totaling \$2,270.80 before taxes.

Residential **Charges today**

- 1. \$6 meter charge
- 2. \$11.50 for 1st 100 kwh 3. .095 in excess of 100 kwh

Proposed changes

- 1. \$8 meter charge

2. \$.11 all kwhs

price for electricity but not any July and August. This will require more," said Superintendent that the city put in place a fuel cost adjustment to cover the varying costs at a later date. For questions on your city bill,

purchased electricity to the city also talk to the clerk at the city office or includes exposure to market energy call Superintendent Landenberger

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see what is being offered. Those businesses which will have

numbers are: Schultz's, First National Bank, Pizza Hut, Owens True Value, Donna's Gift Palace, Video Connection, Massage Therapy and Body Works, The Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis Super's, Stuart's Jewelry, Krien Pharmacy, Video Kingdom, Empire Motel, Cheyenne Bowl, K-Store, Bankwest, the Methodist Thrift Store and the St. Francis Equity.

Numbers will be inserted in Nov.

24 issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times. In order that people on routes will have their newspapers before Friday, both little extra money during the holinewspapers will be published and distributed one day early.

"Bring your numbers and come Times. enjoy all the opening Christmas festivities in St. Francis," said Gloria scrip money up to \$400 and, if we Bracelin, secretary of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce.

Also planned on Nov. 25 is the Dec. 15 drawing.' Christmas Light Parade. See related article for more information.

ENTERTAIN

Continued from Page 1A making the costumes," Mrs. Fiala

said. "They are beautiful."

The costumes will help set the mood tic. and time of 1575, the time of Queen

Elizabeth. Katelyn Jones, as the jester, goes on a quest to find the question. She knows the answer is "Igloo."

"It's a perfect way to step back into the past without going any further than the high school," Katelyn said. "It's amazing to realize how much we can accomplish and have

a blast while doing it.'

Mrs. Fiala said the madrigal gives the students a different look and sound of music, gives them a chance to learn about that period of time, the history and how the people lived. "So far, I love the Old English

music we've learned," said Sheryl Miller, who plays Queen Elizabeth. My favorite part of the production Mrs. Fiedler said she loved mak- has been designing and creating cosing the costumes. She is using rich tumes. We've done a lot of research rims, brocades, silks and velvets. on the subject so it will all be authen-

"I would say that my favorite part of the madrigal is not a single part but the culmination of every partthe band, the singers, the play and the dinner," said Gavin Smull, one of the participants. "You won't want to miss it!"

Invitations can be purchased at Bankwest or First National Bank.

"The tickets will go fast as there are only a very limited number available," said Mrs. Fiala,.

Guests are encouraged to bring lots of pennies for the beggars.

"Mark your calendars now for an evening of 'Medieval merriment!" said Mrs. Fiala.



RON LUCAS, right, owner of Goodland Greenline, visited with some of the guests at the open house on Thursday in Wheeler. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

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Herald and Times newspapers. If with the scrip money.

"We figure everyone can use a days," said Casey McCormick, ad representative for The Herald and

We will be giving out \$50 in

The deadline to claim matching McCormick.

After the deadline, there will be new numbers drawn for the next newspaper issue.

purchase to claim a ticket because one ticket per week.

look at the specials.

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Burr Liquor
- Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy

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• Krien Pharmacy

the number on the page matches the number on a ticket, the holder of the ticket needs to bring it into The Herald office to claim \$50 in scrip. The winner will have their picture taken and tell what they plan to do

don't give it away through the ads, the scrip will be drawn for at the

ticket numbers is Monday afternoon at 5 p.m. "Anyone with a matching number in the Christmas On Us ad pages must bring their tickets into The Herald by 5 on Monday afternoons," said Mr.

It is not necessary to make a those coming to The Saint Francis Herald office may each receive

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

Participating businesses in this year's Christmas On Us promo-

• Owens True Value

• Parkhill Restaurant

- St. Francis Super's • Schultz's
- St. Francis Equity
- Saint Francis Herald

 Video Kingdom The contest will end at noon on

Dec. 15 and the grand prize drawing will be held at 5:30 that afternoon.

Superintendent Carl Werner said he had talked to Rod Lampe, Lampe Hardware, St. Francis, and he had suggested that an electric heating and

in 1965. The fire marshal would be

satisfied if the administrators would

air conditioning unit be installed in each of the 15 rooms. A 16th room also needs a unit but this room is not being used this year and the unit could be installed next summer.

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put some specs together.

The superintendent will also get a bid from Midwest Energy.

Computer carts

Rob Schiltz, assistant superintendent, demonstrated how the new laptop computer cart worked. The cart, which holds 23 PC computers, is checked out by teachers and the students use them in the classrooms. This is the second such computer cart in the junior-senior high school. The other cart has 10 Macintosh computers.

School projects

The board discussed some of the suggestions made at the last meeting for upgrades in the schools. Projects included: letters for the bleacher press box on the football field; mats in the high school gym to replace the carpet on the walls; overhead volleyball nets for the high school; new scoreboards for the grade school gym; fix or replace the intercom system at the grade school; and a storage building to house the busses, track equipment and lawn-care equipment.

The superintendent and principal had talked to a company official in Atwood concerning the grade school intercom system. The official thought, for approximately, \$8,000 to \$10,000, the system could be fixed.

The digital score boards, which are similar in looks to those in the high school, could be replaced for \$8,400. The board agreed to replace the score boards and fix the intercom/fire alarm A salesman had dropped off some

examples of mats for the high school gym and the cost would be around

\$6,500 to \$7,000. Mr. Werner said the mats had been priced in 1999 and they not meeting code. They were installed were around \$5,000. The board had agreed then that it was too much money. He noted that the carpet still works but the glue had come loose and the carpet was sagging.

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TAX LEVY

It was suggested that prices be sought from other companies before the board made a decision. The board agreed that a mat would be more safe than the carpet.

The overhead volleyball nets are installed in the WaKeeney and Johnson-Stanton County gyms. The man who custom makes and installs the net equipment will come to St. Francis to look at the gym and give the board an estimated cost.

The superintendent had talked to John Guthmiller at Ross Manufacturing about the cost of the letters for the press box. Mr. Guthmiller was not ready to give a bid but will get back to Mr. Werner in the near future.

Mr. Schiltz had drawn up a plan for a building near the bus garage. He had worked with Sean Straub, bus maintenance supervisor, and, to house all the equipment specified above, it would take a 50-by 200-foot building. The board discussed alternatives but, because this is the first time a plan has been presented, agreed to see if Mr. Schiltz could come up with some different drawings and talk to a contractor to see what the approximate cost might be.

Wrestling

Scott Carmichael, junior-senior high principal, said he had talked to Larry Gabel, wrestling coach, concerning a Cheylin student coming to St. Francis for wrestling practice. Mr. Gabel said that he was in favor of having the student at practice and he will get the opportunity to wrestle. The school will need to enter in a cooperative agreement with Cheylin School.

Next meeting The next meeting of the St.

Francis Board of Education has been set for 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 at the high school.

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High Honor Roll - Grade point avg. 3.33 to 3.74 CHANCE HOBROCK TALISA VOORHIES BRITTNEY STATLEY

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JUSTIN SHERLOCK

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KATTIE FORD KEATON FREWEN **F**RESHMENS

Andrea Born

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SARAH GUTHMILLER TAYLOR KENNEDY LACEY KIBEL JEREMY MEYER

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