



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 manufacturer to order the flu vaccine as soon as they learned it was available in April. The hospital placed an order for flu vaccine on April 15 and has

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 price of flu vaccine has gone up but not that much. He also has taken issue with the manufacturer's order of priority for filling orders.

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* on 1, 2 and 3B.

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 ticket.

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

By Karen Krien

The St. Francis Board of Education, after much discussion, agreed to publish a resolution which would authorize the board to make a tax levy for not more than 4 mills on tangible 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 amount of money but only use the 4 mills. That way, if the school were to need more money, it would be there. However, the board agreed that they 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. Francis Community High School. Some of the cast pictured are: (1 to r) Katelyn Jones, Grace Hnizzdil, Angela Van Allen and Ashley Dowgwillo.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

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 four-course 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 students.

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. They 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 cobbler).

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



Virginia Fiedler sews elegant costumes for madrigal.



MEMBERS OF THE KC CONNECTION who will be singing with the Windsong Chorus on Sunday are: (1 to r) 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 school choir.

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 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 Ross and Colleen Gardner are members of the group. Sarah

Guthmiller, a freshman at St. 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 elsewhere in this issue for more information.

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 in-store sales so don't hesitate to take a few minutes to stop in to See HUNT on Page 7A

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 percent).

Businesses, again a low usage business and a high usage business rate, were estimated at: a business with a low usage of 4,592 kilowatts

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 See RATES on Page 7A

