



**THREE SEMI TRUCKS** loaded with metal for the new Kan-Step emergency building rolled into St. Francis on Wednesday. It took two skid loaders working together to unload each section. Ron Krien and Dale Weeks were making sure they were laid straight. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

# MONUMENT

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rocks for the base of the building. Those helping to collect rocks included: Henry Hilt, Glenn Isernhagen, Milton Lampe and Tobe Zwegardt.  
**Ogallala Commons**  
Mary Lampe, clerk; Natalie Knodel, council woman; Tom Keller; and Glorianne Milne, assistant city clerk; attended an informational meeting on the Ogallala Commons in Atwood. The organization offers leadership and education for economic development to communities of similar size.  
There is a fee to become a member of the group and deadline for the membership is Dec. 20. The group will investigate the organization

some more before making a decision.  
**Superintendent report**  
Superintendent J.R. Landenberger reported that the water storage reservoir located by the Good Samaritan Village had developed leaks. Concrete was replaced to stop the leaking.  
Due to the recent high winds, a three-phase conductor has been replaced behind Mill and Seed.  
**Attorney report**  
City attorney Mike Day said Randy and Dorothy Smestad had contacted Clerk Lampe with the intent to purchase the old city hall building at 113 W. Washington.  
In July the Smestad's entered into a lease to purchase agreement and within six months if they chose to buy the building, the lease would be deducted off the originally price.  
Attorney Day said that the amount for the building minus what the Smestads have already paid would be \$21,500.

# Idalia News

**St. John Church of Christ**  
On Sunday Dec. 3, 10:30 am., St. John will hold a "Hanging of the Greens," worship service to mark the beginning of the Advent season. The service will include scripture readings, Advent and Christmas carols, and decorating the sanctuary. We will also distribute Advent devotional resources to everyone. Families and children are especially invited to participate. The adult study group, "Christianity and World Religions" meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Stephanie Thompson was a Tuesday through Thursday guest of her parents, Bill and Debbie Thompson. They were all Thanksgiving dinner guests of Lynn and Renada Doddridge of Kirk. Other guests were Gene and Dorelene Doddridge of Kirk, Michael Doddridge of Westminster, Scott Doddridge of Greeley, and Kyla and Lindy Doddridge of Lubbock, Texas.  
Christine and Rosemary Shanks had Thanksgiving dinner with Elsie Shanks at the Hillcrest Care Center in Wray on Wednesday.

slow but steady progress in his recovery.  
Andrea Knodel joined Sally and Robbie Parker Friday evening to enjoy the parade of lights in St. Francis. Later that evening they enjoyed supper with Steve and Susan Knodel and Brett joined them as well.  
Guests of Terry and Deb Crites for Thanksgiving dinner were Bernice Zwegardt of St. Francis and Lawrence and Jerry Crites. Afternoon visitors were Link Zwegardt of St. Francis and Reece Bowman of Yuma.  
LaVerne and Carol Boden enjoyed Thanksgiving weekend with the John Boden family of Smith Center, Ks. Thanksgiving dinner was at the Carl Osthoff farm, south of Franklin, Neb.  
Andrea Knodel and Robbie Parker enjoyed shopping in Sterling on Saturday. The Greg Swiatkowski

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# TOURNEY

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with three champions, three second place finishes and one third.  
St. Francis placed fourth with 135.5 points, one champion, five second place finishes, one third and two fourths.  
The Invitational has the reputation of being one of the toughest tournament around and this year should be no exception.  
"I think our experienced boys will step up and do well," Coach Mike Frewens said. "Of course they will not be in the same shape, but the moves are the same as they learned earlier."  
Wednesday afternoon Thanksgiving dinner guests for Steve and Susan Knodel and Andrea were; Tony and Susie Paintin, Joyce Knodel, Christina and Johan Marquardt and Ruth Knodel. Friday afternoon, Susan Knodel, Joyce Knodel and Ruth Knodel traveled to Wild Horse, CO for the postmaster installation of Susie Paintin.

# RINK

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as the ice holds.  
The area around the rink has been decorated for the holidays. Mrs. Jenkins loves Christmas trees in the house but Mr. Jenkins said they were getting crowded with all the trees so some have been moved outside to the rink. There are lights, garland and other Christmas decorations to add to the atmosphere.  
When the rink officially opens, there will be music, a small fire to heat cold hands and bales of hay to sit on.  
"We hope everyone has a lot of fun and 'wonderful memories' and we pray everyone has a very merry Christmas!" Mrs. Jenkins concluded.

**Holiday Program**

The Idalia School will be having their holiday program on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Plan to come and enjoy a variety of musical selections from the elementary, junior and senior high school students. The seventh grade class will be hosting a chili supper before the concert from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Operation Christmas Child**

Share your Christmas season with children who will not have gifts. Simply fill a shoebox with a variety of items - toys, personal hygiene supplies (non-liquid), school supplies and other gifts, or bring any items to St. John United Church of Christ (South Church) or Idalia School to be combined with others for a box. Also, we will buy gifts if you prefer to donate cash. The final date is Sunday, Dec. 3. Are you willing to share some time to work at the Denver Collection Center? Easy access is near Tower Rd. Volunteers are needed to check boxes for shipping. Operation Christmas Child prepares 10,000 boxes daily for 3 weeks, so many helpers are needed! Our scheduled times are Dec. 4-5 from 1 to 6 p.m. Call Betty Moellenberg 970-354-7343 with any questions.

**Dance Residency**

Kim Robards and some of the dancers from *Kim Robards Dance* will be returning for the final week of their dance residency Dec. 4-8 and will be conducting workshops with the preschool through fourth grade. On Friday, Dec. 8 a.m. at 1:30 p.m. There will be a "Sharing" of those dances in a performance by the preschool - fourth grade. This dance residency is sponsored by the MetLife Dance for Life Project in cooperation with Colorado Young Audiences, funds from the Gerber Trust, EPYCS, and proceeds from cookie dough sales.

**Thanksgivings**

Lucille Helling, Alma Helling, Raymond and Joyce Helling, Kaylene Helling, Roberta and Edmund Helling, and Kenny and Nancy Helling, Will and Stephanie had dinner Wednesday at the Hillcrest Care Center in Wray.  
Reed Parker arrived home last Sunday to spend time with his family, Brett, Sally and Robbie Parker for the Thanksgiving break. He returned to Fort Collins Sunday to complete his fall semester at Colorado State University.  
Tim Carpenter surprised his parents by coming home for Thanksgiving. The Gary Soehner family trucked up to Berthoud to meet the in-laws. They stopped at Village Inn and bought the "Thanksgiving Bundle" (pecan, apple, pumpkin and French Silk pie) and took it to the gathering. They motored home Thursday evening.  
Ward and Vaudie Wiley of Burlington, Brett, Sally and Robbie Parker of Idalia, and Reed Parker of Fort Collins traveled to Cozad, Nebraska on Thursday morning to enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner with Trish Lengel. Ward and Vaudie, Sally and Robbie spent the night and traveled back on Saturday while Reed and Brett returned home that evening.  
Su and Chuck Wright spent Thanksgiving in Denver with their sons, Alex and Steven. It was the first time in their married life that they did not host Thanksgiving dinner!  
On Friday, Chuck Wright had the opportunity to visit Vincil Shively at Poudre Valley Hospital and meet his daughter, Hope. Vincil is making

# RAMBAT-ANTHOLZ AD

# PARADE

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years and each of the participating businesses had 20 different numbers. Secretary Bracelin said there were some businesses which had up to nine numbers exchanged for gifts.

Everyone is urged to save their Treasure Hunt numbers because a new set of numbers along with the numbers used Friday night will be displayed on Dec. 18. The Treasure Hunt will once again be held in conjunction with the Chamber drawing for three \$100 scrip prizes, the Christmas On Us drawing for \$1,000 and \$100 scrip. At that time, the winners of the Christmas coloring poster contest and the Christmas Lighting Contest will be announced.

Santa hopped off his sleigh at First National Bank where a long line of children were waiting to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Bank employees had treats for the children after they had talked to Santa. Even those children who, no way were they going to talk to that fat man with all the whiskers, got a bag of candy.

**Food**

The seniors at the St. Francis Senior Center sold out of potato and chili soup and cinnamon rolls. The 4-H Junior Leaders were also selling coffee and cocoa during the parade.

**Wonderful start**  
"All in all, it was a great evening and wonderful start to the Christmas season," Secretary Bracelin said.

# NUMBERS

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It is not necessary to make a purchase to claim a ticket because those coming to *The Saint Francis Herald* office may each receive one ticket per week.

Each week, 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 look at the specials.

Participating businesses in the Christmas On Us drawings are: Bier's Hometown Store; Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King; Goodell Greenhouse and Garden Center; Hilltop General Store; Owens True Value; Parkhill Restaurant; St. Francis Super's; Schultz's Ltd.; Stuart's Jewelry; St. Francis Equity; The Saint Francis Herald; Video Kingdom.

Remember, the contest will end at noon on Dec. 18 and the grand prize drawing will be held at 5:30 that afternoon on Main Street.