

Benefit potluck and concert an entertaining success

By Norma Martinez

Normamartinez@wildblue.net
The potluck benefit for Don and Barbara Krantz on Sunday was attended by approximately 100 people. The entertainment was very enjoyed, and there was a variety of food, so no one went home hungry.

Six years ago Barbara Krantz had a brain tumor and, not having insurance, they are still paying on that bill.

Just recently Don Krantz had an abscessed tooth that turned into a serious infection. His insurance will not cover any oral surgery at all, so they had to borrow \$5,000 to pay the surgeon up front before there was any surgery. He has had to have three surgeries to date.

The Krantz have been residents to McDonald for 11 years, and have a daughter, Laurie Knebel, who lives in St. Francis.

Entertainment

During the meal, several high school students performed singing and dancing numbers as a preview to the upcoming Cheylin High School performance, "Seven

Brides for Seven Brothers," on Nov. 12. Performers were; Jacob Brubaker, Allie Frisbie, Shawn Pochop, Tristan Archer, Connor Hazuka, Ty Carmichael, Shayla Hubbard, Walker Janicke, Marlene Dehn, Eddie Frisbie, Ellie Pochop, Manda Barnett, Heath Churchwell, Dani Possamaoi, Stephanie Busse, Grant Shrader, Nakita Schneider, and Jessica Turner.

Following their performance, Pastor David Rossback from St. John's Lutheran Church introduced the Ransom Notes, a group from Louisville, Colo.

The group consists of Amanda, the oldest who started playing at age six and plays mandolin, string bass, and violin; Amelia, who started playing the violin at 4 years of age, has added the guitar, mandolin, and sometimes the viola. At the age of 15, she competed in the Rocky Grass fiddle competition, taking third place with a piece she composed. Their brother, Michael, started playing the piano at age six, but didn't take to it and moved to the cello and mandolin.

Their first performance was

done in a spur of the moment by playing pieces such as "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" for a 100-year-old lady in a nursing home. The three siblings have played together for 10 years since then. Two years ago they played at a bluegrass festival in Nebraska and took third place.

They have recently been busy performing for benefits. After performing in Bird City, they went on to Idalia to perform a benefit dinner for Kelsie Juhnke, a sixth grader who was recently been diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

In addition to their extensive performance schedules here in the United States, plans are currently underway for upcoming tours in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Europe and China.

For more information, check www.myspace.com/ransomnotesmusic.

Those unable to attend but whowish to contribute to the Krantz's can send donations to St. John Lutheran Church, 405 Ketcham Ave., Bird City, KS. 67731.



SIBLING TRIO "The Ransome Notes," left to right: Amanda, Michael and Amelia, perform at the Krantz benefit last Sunday at the American Legion Hall.
Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Craft show in St. Francis on Saturday

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkans.com

People are urged to plan their holiday shopping at the 16th annual Craft Show on Saturday. The doors to the St. Francis Grade School will open at 10 a.m.

Sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, shoppers will be amazed at the array of items filling the gym as well as the hall. Spilling into the cafeteria, the PTA book fair will be held and lunch will be served.

"The response has been outstanding," said Bonnie Zwegardt, coordinator, "and there are many of the same vendors as well as new vendors."

"We're full!" said Tammy Grice, coordinator.

The gym and hallway are completely full, she said. There will be lots to see as well as buy. Plan to do your Christmas shopping early.

Some of the items include: denim jackets and vests, crochet items, Christmas decorations, handmade leather items, quilts, doll cradles and bedding, handmade lamps, honey, fall arrangements, jewelry, wood items, silk arrangements, homemade pies, cookies, dinner rolls, salsa, embroidery items,

handmade soap and handbags, leaded and fused glass items, original oil paintings, pecans and much more.

There are also specialty vendor booths including Premier Designs Jewelry, Pampered Chef and Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultants.

Throughout the day, there will be door prizes drawn.

Check the ad elsewhere in this issue.

Lunch served

The ABC Preschool staff and parents will be serving chili and chicken noodle soups from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. They will also be holding a bake sale. Money raised will be used to help with the preschool expenses.

PTA book fair

Teaming up with the Craft Show is the St. Francis PTA. Members will be holding their annual book fair in the cafeteria. This is the PTA's main money-making project and the money goes to help the school and students.

Christmas chorus rehearses



Rehearsals for the annual Community Christmas Chorus will begin Sunday at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Registration begins at 2 p.m. and rehearsal follows at 2:30. All other rehearsals will be held the following Sundays from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Neala Carmichael, chorus director, invites all singers in the area to come and share their gifts and talents for the benefit of others.

"Express your faith through music and performance," she challenges.

There are no auditions but it is very important that singers are able to read and sing soprano, alto, tenor and bass choral music and that they sing in tune.

The chorus will present a benefit concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, at Peace Lutheran Church. The concert will feature vocal and instrumental solos and special guests. The chorus will also perform at the Music Festival and at Salem Lutheran Church during the holidays.

Plan now to be a part of this magnificent chorus, Mrs. Carmichael said, and feel the joy and exhilaration as you sing the beautiful and inspirational music of the Christmas season.

"It's the best gift you can give and an experience you won't forget," she said.

For more information, contact Mrs. Carmichael at 785-332-8996.



NEALA CARMICHAEL and Twila Kramer are rehearsing songs for the upcoming Holiday Community Chorus.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Nancy and Alan Pallozzi of Lakewood, Colo., were weekend guests of Myra Miller and Iris McIntosh.

Jerry and Betty Knapp attended the Krantz Benefit Sunday in Bird City.

Eleanor Swihart, Joan Tongish, and Betty Lewis enjoyed lunch Friday at the Landmark Inn in Oberlin. They helped Eleanor celebrate her 90th birthday. After lunch they called on Vera Kacerik at the Good Samaritan Home there.

St. Francis 16th Annual Craft Show

Saturday, Nov. 5 • 10 a.m.-3 p.m. CT
St. Francis Grade School • 307 E. Webster

HANDCRAFTED ITEMS OF ALL KINDS

- Silk Arrangements • Wood Items • Jewelry • Fall Arrangements • Honey
- Handmade Lamps • Doll Cradles & Bedding • Quilts • Handmade Leather Items
- Christmas Decorations • Crochet Items • Denim Jackets & Vests • Homemade Pies, Cookies, Dinner Rolls, Salsa • Embroidery Items • Handmade Soap & Handbags • Leaded & Fused Glass Items • Original Oil Paintings • Pecans • Much Much More

Lunch Served 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. By THE PRE SCHOOL
PTA BOOK FAIR ON SITE

- • Door Prizes throughout the Day • •
- Specialty Vendor Booths:
- Premier Designs Jewelry • Pampered Chef
- Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultants

Sponsored by the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce

For more information: Bonnie Zwegardt • 785-332-2569;
Tammy Grice: 785-332-2910; Chamber Office • 785-332-2961
or email: coc@cityofstfrancis.net

Business Directory

To list your business, call 785-332-3162.

YOST FARM SUPPLY

Noel Ketzner
Machinery Sales

Bus. - 785-332-3351
Bus. - (800) 421-3914
Cell - 785-332-8255



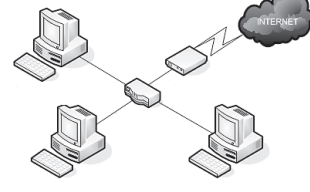
NEW HOLLAND

1545 US Hwy 36 • P.O. Box 1080
St. Francis, KS 67756
www.yostfarmsupply.com

Ken Johnson Computer & Network Service

KJCNS

785-734-0757
kjens.com
ken@kjens.com



Natalie Knodel
Personal Trainer

122 W. Washington, St. Francis, KS 785-332-0191



THE CLASSIC ROSE
FLORIST

116 W. Washington Street
Saint Francis, Kansas 67756
Phone: 785-332-2200
Toll Free: 855-700-ROSE (7673)

We are here to help with all your floral needs!

www.TheClassicRose.com
RoseMary@TheClassicRose.com

Put Your Harvest In Our Hands

Aggressive bids. Quick unloading in three separate pits. Accepting up to 20% moisture

For grain bids or more information please call Tim/Wade/Caitlin at 308-423-5381

GAVILON **DeBruce Grain INC.**

Call for bids picked up at your bins or delivered our elevator located just southwest of Benkelman on Highway 34.