



Good Samaritan Village — St. Francis plans

## Demolition work begins on nursing home building

By Karen Krien

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It has been eight months since the fire at the Good Samaritan Village destroyed the center section of the facility. Blue tarps covered part of the roof and the burned rooms on the south side.

However, on Friday, the blue tarps came off along with the shingles, rafters and insulation as a forklift began to remove the roof in sections. The plans are to begin knocking down interior walls this week. Jeffrey Paulsen, administrator, said the Good Samaritan Society has hired Altman-Charter, a long-term care design and construction firm out of St. Louis, Mo., as the general contractor.

A full set of plans has been drawn up, Mr. Paulsen said, and the general contractor will begin lining up sub-contractors to do the structural work as well as the electric, mechanical and plumbing work. The foundations will also need reinforcement. The plans were submitted to the state fire marshal's office and the Kansas Department on Aging in May, and required approval before any work could begin.

When the work is completed on the rebuilt center section, the present south wall will no longer be there, but the north wall will remain on the outside as it is today. The remodeling will also allow for three private rooms on the west end and three offices on

the east end.

There will be a connecting corridor going the length of the wing which will be nice for residents, nursing and kitchen staff. Residents will be able to have meals in the dining room and the kitchen staff will no longer need to transport food and dishware on carts from the kitchen outside to the west wing. Mr. Paulsen said the construction is scheduled to be completed before the first of the year.

### Opened in March

In March, the west wing was opened again to residents with a capacity of 22 beds. Before the fire, there were 50 resident beds. By the first of the year, the Village will be able to house 35 residents.



AFTER MONTHS OF WAITING, the roof on the Good Samaritan Village's burned section came off. A wall will be demolished and the middle section where there was severe fire damage will be made into three private rooms, three offices and a corridor.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

## Fair parade is a month away

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade is just a month away, Saturday, Aug. 6 — Plenty of time to plan an entry, whether it be a float, an individual entry, horses, antique and derby vehicles, just to name a few.

This year's theme is "Reach for the Stars, Lasso the Future."

"With this theme, people will be able to create amazing floats," said Carla Lampe, parade coordinator.

The parade is organized by

the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. The floats will be judged by three people. Criteria for judging floats include: 1) unique theme creation; 2) creative use of material; and 3) originality.

There is a grand champion overall winner and three divisions: Family; Organization/Church; and Commercial.

"We are encouraging every individual, family, business and organization to make a float," Mrs. Lampe said.

"People enjoy seeing the kids on bikes, four-wheelers or their own special creative float. They also like the horses, antique vehicles, derby cars and 4-H winners, just to name a few."

There is no pre-registration — just show up before the parade at the high school in St. Francis. The map showing the line up for divisions will be printed in the newspaper closer to parade time.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Lampe at 785-332-2145 or 785-332-2913 or Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, at 785-332-2961.

### Election

There is an upcoming election in August to decide if taxpayers are agreed to accept county ownership of the Village. The Good Samaritan Society has offered to sell the nursing home and apartments to the county for \$1. With the sale, the Society would assume a 5-year contract to lease and operate the facility.

Look for more information on the election in upcoming issues of *The Herald* and *Times*.

## NOTICE • NOTICE • NOTICE

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be closed Monday, July 4th.

Ad and copy deadline will be Tuesday, July 5th at 5 p.m.



## South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

George and Kathy Banister attended the funeral of Bob Dickman in Grinnell Wednesday.

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Ote, Ellen, and Linda Dewey attended the party and supper

for Mr. and Mrs. Scott Roesch Saturday evening.

Brynn Waters is spending the week with grandma, Bethel Goltl and grandpa and grandma, Doug and Karen Flemming.

Trinity and Devon Crayton are visitors this week at the Binning Ranch.

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