

Remember to vote for your favorite Valentine couple

By Karen Krien

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Stop and think! In 1962, 50 years ago, couples were getting married. Looking through the 1962 St. Francis Herald's bound issues, it was a busy year for brides and grooms. Among those featured still living in the county were Marvin and Veda Orth and Dale and Mary Rath. But, if you put on your thinking cap, there are probably many others who were married about that time or earlier.

In this week's issue of The Herald on the Valentine's page, there is a coupon that can be clipped, filled out and taken to one of the businesses promoting the contest. Each of the businesses also have extra coupons that can be filled out.

This year, two deserving couples will be honored with bouquets furnished by The Classic Rose and The Flower Shop.

On Monday morning, Feb. 13, the ballots will be counted and

the winners will be announced in that week's Herald. The winning couples will be awarded a bouquet from the floral shops, photographed and featured in The Herald.

Last year's winners were Albert and Bessie Burr.

Rules are: 1) The couple must be married 50 or more years; 2) must live in Cheyenne County; and 3) previous winners are not eligible.

This is an easy contest. There are no essays to write, no mosh notes to print and it doesn't cost a thing. The participating merchants are taking care of that.

When taking the ballot into one of the stores, be sure and thank them.

Participating merchants are: Donna's Gift Palace, The Flower Shop, The Classic Rose, Saintry Liquor Store, Owens True Value, Stuart's Jewelry, Video Kingdom and The Saint Francis Herald.

Representative and senator to visit area

Kansas State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer along with Representative Ward Cassidy will be in St. Francis from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Cuppa Joe Expresso, 216 W. Washington. The senator and representative will be seeking your ideas on issues being addressed in the Kansas legislature.

Information will be presented from many of the issues being con-

sidered and discussion will be held on anticipated issues and their impact on all of us. Everyone is urged to attend.

Earlier in the day, they will be at Phillipsburg from 8 to 9 a.m.; Norton, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.; Oberlin, 11:30 to 1 p.m. and in Atwood, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. In Atwood, they will be at Williams Brothers Grocery.



GROCERY STORE receives full order. Manager Carl Crable and Karen O'Very, employee, unpack stacks of boxes.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Store receives \$54,000 grocery order

After the short closing of Bella's Market on Jan. 31, it reopened with promises of filled shelves and dedication to the community.

Sam Mancini, owner, report-

ed on Tuesday that he had sent \$54,000 in groceries to help fill the shelves of the super market.

"We are committed to Bella's and our other supermarkets," Mr. Mancini said. "The last thing I

want to do is close the doors." Mr. Mancini said he had received a number of responses to the short closing because of the untimely delay of paying state sales tax.

"I answered every call," he said. "Most of the response was positive and, even those less positive were taken in stride. I appreciated hearing from everyone."

Bella's employees spent several days stocking the shelves and noted they were still unpacking boxes on Sunday. The freezer in the back was also filled with ice cream, pies and pizzas.

Carl Crable, store manager,

said the produce was a little short over the weekend but, because of all the other items to be put away, there would be little time to take care of perishable items. We cut back on that order, he said.

On Monday, the store received another \$8,000 in items. Carl said he is also getting help to keep the floors in better shape.

Mr. Mancini and Mr. Crable are anxious to serve their customers in St. Francis and the surrounding areas. They are open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. except on Sundays when they open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Behind The Scenes

Fund raising project

By Janet Carman



With the help of a local writing group, the Rough Writers, many wonderful memories written by residents of the Good Samaritan Village are now preserved in a book called *Memories & Musings*. The United Methodist Thrift Store, private donors, and The Cheyenne County Historical Society are involved in the project.

The United Methodist Church Thrift store granted \$1,000 for the initial printing of the book. Private donors helped with additional costs. The Cheyenne County Historical Society is handling sales. Proceeds from the book sales will be used to fund future Historical Society projects.

The process of bringing *Memories & Musings* to life took hours of loving care and perseverance. It began in 2008 with monthly writing sessions led by Lucille Rossbach at the Good Samaritan Village. Rough Writers assisted by scribing for some residents. After each session Mrs. Rossbach typed the stories told by residents.

Members of Rough Writers loved these stories so much that they decided to publish a book

featuring these memories. This past summer, the group met to choose selections for inclusion in the book. A great deal of time was spent categorizing, and cutting and pasting selected stories.

Mrs. Rossbach said she probably spent 350 hours formatting and reworking the book. Sue Griffin's editing expertise and publishing experience helped keep the project on track. Marie Holzwarth, Bonnie Cram, and Helene Landenberger assisted in choosing stories. Carol Redding, Joy Fisher, Louanne Isernhagen, Kay Shay, and Sue Griffin each had a part in reviewing and editing the book.

Mrs. Griffin recommended a publisher in Colorado and the book was submitted electronically. After an exchange of e-mails with the publisher, corrections and rewrites were made, and the book was sent to the printer several days ago.

The book will be available at the Feb. 12 open house at the Good Samaritan Village where resident writers will sign copies.

Other Historical Society news
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includes:

- Finley Energy of Atwood will install 3/8-inch Lexan polymer to the exterior of the windows at the old country church. This will protect the windows from hail and wind damage. The cost for this project is \$4,500.

- Applications for grants from Midwest Energy and Walmart will be submitted to help with these costs. Donations are always welcome and are tax deductible, because the Historical Society is a 501c3 organization.

- Board meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. at the museum. Next meeting is Feb. 15. The public is welcome. Quarterly meetings and programs will be announced.

- Thanks to 4-H Junior Leaders who have volunteered to do jobs in and around the museum.

- Bill Keller and Stanion Electric for donating the new lights in the old church. The church's interior has truly been transformed.

It's ready to be put to use!

- Memberships add to Cheyenne County Historical Society's income. People can join for only \$10. Send check to PO Box 611, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Legislative Town Hall Meeting with Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer and Rep. Ward Cassidy Saturday, February 18, 2012

8-9 a.m. CT	Phillipsburg	Third Street Bakery
9:45-10:45 a.m. CT	Norton	Town and Country Kitchen
11:30-1 p.m. CT	Oberlin	Decatur Co. Courthouse
12:45-2:45 p.m. CT	Atwood	William's Bros. Grocery
3:30-4:30 p.m. CT	St. Francis	Cuppa Joe Expresso

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