

Red Cross will be in town Sept. 27

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The American Red Cross personnel will be in St. Francis from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, at the grade school, 307 E. Webster, to collect blood.

The organization reports that the oppressive summer heat across the area has kept blood donors away from their scheduled donations and the impact on the blood supply could lead to shortages.

The summer months are traditionally a challenging time for blood collection. During the school year, donations from high school and college students account for approximately 15 percent of the Red Cross blood collections.

In the summer, these donors become much more difficult to reach, with schools not in session and many families on vacation.

Pam Head, chief executive officer for the Red Cross Central Plains Region, said that help is needed to increase the community blood supply so that the organization can continue to provide hospitals with the lifesaving blood people need every day.

"The need for blood is ongoing — every two seconds, someone in America needs a blood transfusion," she said.

"Emergencies and other health issues don't go away when the weather gets hot, and we encourage our donors to keep up their lifesaving efforts at all times of the year."

To be eligible to donate blood, the individual must be at least 17-years-old (16 in Kansas with completed parental consent form which is available at www.bloodgiveslife.org), weigh 110 pounds and be in generally good health.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-448-3543. Walk-ins are also

welcome but they may have to wait. "Giving blood is a safe and easy process," Ms. Head said. "Please consider donating blood soon."



Wanda Gienger

Card shower requested

Wanda Burr Gienger is celebrating her 75th birthday on Sept. 20. Her mailing address is 1950 Rd 13, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Club Clip

Lawn Ridge April Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was April, 9.

Vice President Taylor Archibald called the meeting to order. Allysn Northrup led the flag salute. Roll call was answered by 11 members, three Leaders, four parents and one guest.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Heidi Yonkey gave the treasure's report, Dale Harley Northrup gave the Jr. Leader's report and Christy Wurm gave the Leader's report.

Ericka Wieck gave a committee report on the Krispy Kremes fundraiser and Penny Archibald gave a committee report on Parents Night.

In old business, Tammy Pettijohn informed the club of the date for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for kids sake.

In new business, a motion was passed that the club pay for half the cost for Katie Ford to attend discovery days.

Valerie Wurm gave a project talk on Jr. Livestock, Heidi gave a talk on goats and Tristan Archer led the club in playing "Thumbs Up for Up."

Caitlin Northrup led the 4-H Pledge.

The meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served by the Pettijohn Family.

Allyson Northrup, Reporter



GUS ZWEGARDT shows the picture with his twin to Pearlina Rath at the Senior Center. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Twins share special photograph

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Gus Zwegardt, St. Francis, was 95-years-old on Sept. 4. He made the day special by sharing a photo of him and his twin brother Albert with those at the Senior Citizens Center.

He said he and his brother were born on the family farm 6 miles north of St. Francis. They were the first born to Ludwig and Mathilda

(Bandel) Zwegardt and the midwife, who delivered them, didn't expect them to live.

"And here I am — 95-years-old," he said.

Albert died when he was 68.

Gus remembers the day the photo was taken. He said there was a new photographer by the name of Baxter who had opened a shop in town. The Zwegardts had brought in a load of wheat

when the photographer saw them.

"He wanted to take our picture," Gus said. "Mom couldn't speak English and we were little."

However, they were persuaded to pose.

"In those days, the photographer put a big black cloth over the camera and himself... It was scary to two little boys," he said. "He told us to smile but we didn't."

The photographer gave the

photo to the Zwegardt family and eventually, closed his shop and moved on. When he was much older, he came back to St. Francis and asked about the Zwegardt twins.

"He said it was the best picture he ever took," Mr. Zwegardt said.

Mr. Zwegardt married Martha Shirmer on Aug. 22, 1911, in Cheyenne County. They have two children, Ruth and Glenn.

Behind the Scenes

A special exhibit featuring photos, music and a biography of well-known St. Francis musician, Stuart Churchill, has been on display in the front lobby of the museum for several weeks.

During the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt weekend, the front lobby special feature will be a video

about the Arikaree Breaks. This will give visitors to our county an opportunity to learn more about our own candidate for "The Eight Wonders of Kansas". When you visit the museum, be sure to browse through the collection of books in the library. There are E.S. Sutton and George Brent

books to check out. *Ghost Towns of Kansas*, *Sod House Memories*, *a Treasury of Soddie Stories* and *Early Bird City* by Mast and Magley are also among the many books of interest in the collection.

In the back room, a new exhibit of old photos that Marge Lampe and Rachel Huffman discovered

By Janet Carman



in the museum archives is on display. These old photos include: churches, businesses, farmsteads, community and concert bands, ball teams, as well as the oldest known photo of St. Francis which dates back to 1889. Another collection of photos in this exhibit documents the development of Sawhill Park.

The Historical Society Board and museum director, Margaret Bucholtz, wants to thank the people who have stepped forward to volunteer their time and talent the past few weeks. There are still interesting positions waiting to be filled. One opportunity is for individuals with computer skills to input accession data and census records.

Come by the museum and find out how you can get involved.

Historical Society Notes: On Sunday, Sept. 9, the Historical Society hosted a tour of The Breaks. Eighteen people from McCook, McDonald, Goodland and St. Francis enjoyed the tour led by Tobe Zwegardt.

Remember the Historical Society needs your input on how to fix up the old church.

First birthday party held in the city park

A first birthday barbecue was held on Aug. 25 for Zoey Hankins. The park was decorated in a pink Care Bear theme.

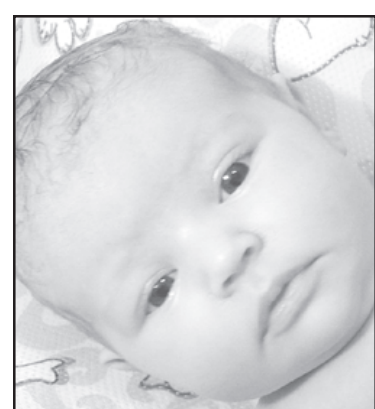
Those in attendance were her mother, Angie; her Grandmother Dot, Uncle David, Aunt Ginny, Uncle Bill, Uncle John and Aunt Chrisse, Uncle Earl, Uncle George and Aunt Nonie, Uncle Bud and Aunt Betty; cousins,

Kevin and Cathy and daughters, Mercedes, Kailin, and Tasha, Sandy and sons, Jonathan and Nick, Brenda and son, Donovan, Michael and Amy and their children, Braden, Ryann, Bryan and Eddie.

An early birthday was held with her great-grandma, Kathleen Stanley, at the Good Samaritan Village at noon on Aug. 25.



Zoey Hankins



Mahra Padgett

Introducing

Mahra Melita-Kay Padgett

Mahra Melita-Kay Padgett was born on Aug. 2, 2007, at 8:56 p.m. mountain time in Thornton, Colo. Mahra weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 20.5-inches long. She is the daughter of Jennifer (Dankenbring) Padgett and Jason Padgett.

Grandparents are Kaye Bauman of St. Francis, Vic Dankenbring of

St. Francis, Dianna Padgett of Denver, and Kristine and Chuck Padgett of Meridian, Idaho. Great-Grandparents are Meta Melita Dankenbring of Bird City and Janet Williams of Fishersville, Va.

Mahra wanted to be a Kansas girl so she moved from Thornton to St. Francis days after her birth.



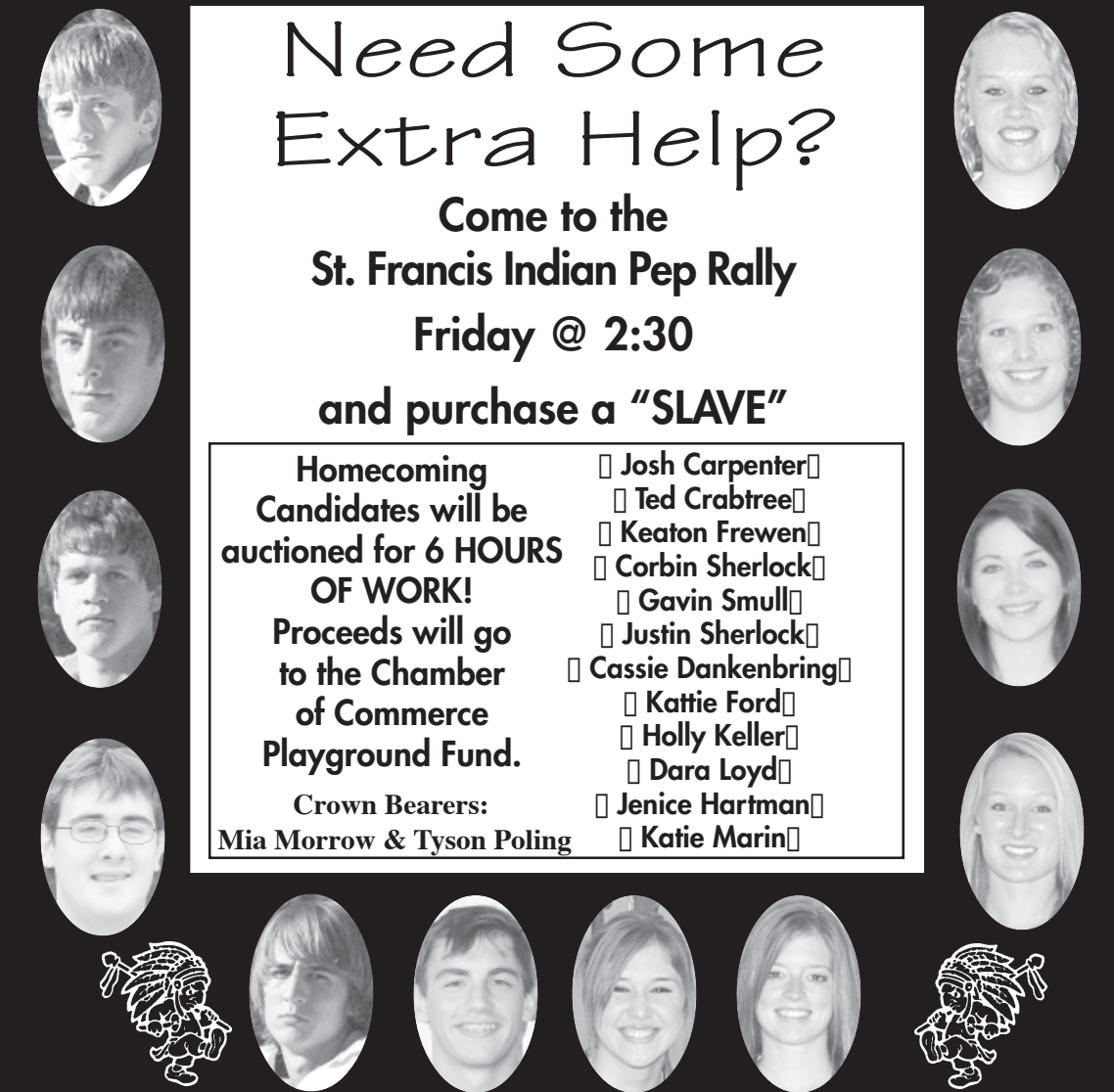
Need Some Extra Help?

Come to the St. Francis Indian Pep Rally Friday @ 2:30 and purchase a "SLAVE"

Homecoming Candidates will be auctioned for 6 HOURS OF WORK! Proceeds will go to the Chamber of Commerce Playground Fund.

Crown Bearers: Mia Morrow & Tyson Poling

- Josh Carpenter
- Ted Crabtree
- Keaton Frewen
- Corbin Sherlock
- Gavin Smull
- Justin Sherlock
- Cassie Dankenbring
- Kattie Ford
- Holly Keller
- Dara Loyd
- Jenice Hartman
- Katie Marin





Petroleum Development Corporation

Grand Opening

Petroleum Development Corporation Invites all landowners related to our operations to attend our grand opening at our new office in Wray, CO.

Please join us for lunch being served by Balon Valves, along with refreshments that will be provided by National Oilwell Varco.

Time and Place: 36621 US Hwy 385 Wray, CO 80758

September 20, 2007 @ 12 p.m. MST

Thank you all and we look forward to seeing you there.

