

# Updated report given

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Early in 2004, the St. Francis Firemen went to a city council meeting with the proposal of building a new building to house their equipment. They knew about a KanStep grant which, if the city were to get it, would pay for all the material. The labor would be donated.

It wasn't until fall of 2006 that the first work began on the new St. Francis Emergency Building. There were people doing the labor but, there were also numerous people who were running after supplies, furnishing food and there were even some who were supporters on the sidelines.

The plans for the building had changed some because of the amount of money available but, the 80 by 140-foot building now included a bay for the ambulances, offices for the



**MARK MILLS, a emergency medical technician, is working on the computer in the new emergency medical service office in the new Emergency building.**

ambulance director, fire chief and emergency manager as well as a meeting room.

As the walls went up, it

appeared that St. Francis would have a new emergency building in just months. However, cold weather and other snags slowed the work down. Roger Jensen had volunteered his shop so the petitions could be built and moved up to the building when the roof was on. When the roof was on, the windows were installed, the petitions moved in and sheet rock was nailed on. The staircases were built and the cable wire put in.

Most of those volunteering their labor also had regular jobs so work days and evenings were scheduled. Many spent their

weekends there trying to get it done.

At the turn of 2009, five years after the building was first proposed, the emergency equipment was moved in and people were occupying their offices. The building's facade of native rock coordinates with the museum which is just west. It shows a sign of progressiveness for this small community.

An open house is planned for later. However, people are welcome to stop by the building when it is open and there will probably be someone to give a guided tour.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Moments With Mila



By Mila Bandel

County Health Nurse

### Cervical Health Awareness Month

Cervical cancer was once the number one cancer killer of women, but now numbers have greatly declined due to the widely available and reliable Pap test. This screening test indicates if further testing is needed so cancer can be detected and treated when it is still curable. January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, and this makes a great time in the beginning of a new year to schedule an annual well-woman check-up.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the survival rate is nearly 100 percent when cervical conditions are discovered and treated at an early stage. Cervical cancer is normally a slow growing cancer and a Pap test can often detect pre-cancerous cells which can be removed before the cancer had developed or spread.

Although the number of cervical cancer cases has declined in the last 50 years, an estimated 4,600 women still die from cervical cancer in the U.S. this year. In Kansas women, cervical cancer accounts for approximately 2 percent of all cancer, with an average of 107 new cases diagnosed each year. About 35 percent of those cases occurred in women ages 55 and older. About 33 Kansas women die of cervical cancer because six out of 10 cervical cancers occur in women who have never received a Pap test or have not been tested in the past five years.

More African-American and Hispanic women get cervical cancer and are diagnosed at later stages of the disease than women of other races or ethnicities, possibly because of decreased access to Pap testing or follow-up treatment. It is important for women of all races and ethnicities to seek early detection and treatment. In Kansas, African-American women die of cervical cancer at a rate twice that of white women.

In addition to screening tests, a vaccine is available which can prevent cervical cancer. The vaccine targets the human papillomavirus (HPV), which is present in more than 99 percent of cervical cancer cases. The vaccine is recommended for girls to help prevent cervical cancer later in life. Parents are encouraged to talk with their daughter's health care provider for more information regarding the vaccine or contact the County Health Department.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment through the County Health Office promotes cervical cancer for all women. The Early Detection Works program provides breast and cervical cancer screening for uninsured women age 40 to 64 who meet income guidelines through a network of contracting providers across the state. For more information regarding this county program, contact the Health Department at 332-2381.

## Department taps wind for savings

Department of transportation taps wind for energy savings

The Kansas Department of Transportation hopes to save some operating costs by tapping a plentiful Kansas resource — wind.

A wind turbine installed last week at department's Osborne subarea shop is expected to provide 30 percent of the facility's electricity needs. And, there should be some excess electricity that can be sold back to the local power provider. Within a few weeks a second turbine will be installed at the office in Grainfield.

"Finding ways to stretch our budget is always important. So we decided to research the use of alternative energy to accomplish that goal at two of our facilities. And, this goes along with our on-going effort to support the Governor's green initiative," said Jerry Younger, deputy secretary for engineering/state transportation engineer.

Osborne and Grainfield were selected for the installations because there is plenty of wind and

electricity costs are relatively high. The turbines were purchased for \$12,000 each from PIFM Power of Lincoln, and the department crews did the foundation work. The turbines, designed for residential use and mounted about 30 feet off the ground, are far smaller than the more familiar giants in southwest Kansas and along I-70 in central Kansas.

Including maintenance costs, it is estimated that the payback time will be 10 to 15 years. It is also expected that during periods of lower demand, the state will be able to sell back some of its excess electricity to the local power provider.

The Kansas Department of Transportation is partnering with Kansas State University, which will conduct a study of the small turbines.

"With minimal maintenance, we expect that this could help save the state money for years. The study will provide a way for us to consider its applicability for use at other area offices and rest areas," said Mr. Younger.

# Theater company plans presentation

The Wichita Children's Theatre Professional Touring Company will present Amelia Earhart at the Quinter High School auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door.

This riveting drama tells the life story of one of America's most fascinating heroines. A curious reporter begins to uncover the story of Amelia's mysterious disappearance, grabbing the audience's attention in the first few moments by asking the compelling question, "What happened to Amelia?" The script presents the story in a very theatrical way

through headlines of newspaper stories, remembrances, flashbacks and monologues by Amelia as she flies across the Atlantic.

The Wichita Children's Theatre Professional Touring Company performs from September through February in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. The company is professional in every facet, complete with storybook sets, costumes and props appropriate for each production.

There will be additional performances in schools in Sharon Springs, Brewster, Golden Plains and Wheatland, on Thursday, Jan. 29, and Friday, Jan. 30.

## Club Clip

### Red Hat Mamas

Just one week past the 12th day of Christmas on Jan. 13, the Red Hat Mamas visited the home of Agnes Burk to see her spectacular display of 132 nativity scenes. Members were in wonderment as they viewed the various scenes and listened intently while Agnes revealed the history of the various nativity scenes.

The artifices of the Bethlehem wooden set, the unusual usages of natural materials, the Alaska set depicting the five fish, and the one she purchased herself during a vacation to Italy made the morning such a rewarding and inspiring way to end the Christmas season.

Agnes ended the amazing morning by showing an icon created by her daughter using egg yolks for the paint.

Nine more miles and it was time for lunch at Captain Hook's Fine Dining in Wheeler. The groups queen, Phyllis Wingfield, found Santa's britches and filled them with a red hat calendar and a crocheted hat for favors. The afternoon was spent playing dominoes and more visiting.

Red hatters attending were: Ana Antholz, Florence Antholz, Sandra Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll, Bethel Gohl, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Diane Kribs, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Connie Rooney, Edna Roensner, Margaret Voorhies, LaVina Waters, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.

The Feb. 17 gathering will be a tour of Ross Manufacturing in St. Francis.

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