

Theater donations amount to \$6,100

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The donations for the needed digital equipment for the Cheyenne Theater are starting to come in.

Robert Grace, member of the Theater Committee, reported \$6,100 of the \$25,000 goal has arrived. On Monday night, more donation requests will be sent out.

Many letters were sent several weeks ago and the response was very good, said Mr. Grace. We are still a long way from the goal but we are working hard trying to raise the money.

The digital equipment, he said, is necessary for the future of the theater. "I encourage everyone to please make a donation."

The Theater Committee recently decided that if the theater was going to continue showing movies, they needed to upgrade their equipment from 35 mm film to digital cinema.

Digital cinema is the newest technology for movie theaters. The movie is on a hard drive which means the cost of shipping the 70-pound film and canisters will be reduced dramatically, there will be no labor of threading, splicing and

mounting the film and the picture quality will be superb.

Could the old 35 mm movies be a thing of the past? There is a chance, said Robert Grace, Theater Committee member. It is so much easier for film companies to make and distribute movies digitally that many industry experts predict that 35mm will be abandoned at some point - it is a question of "when," not "if."

There were so many people who donated both time and money to get the theater back up and running 18 years ago, it would be a shame to see it close because of not being able to use the digital equipment.

Movie tickets at the Cheyenne Theater are still cheaper than many other places. Those 12 and under can see the movie for \$3; all others pay \$5 a ticket.

The city of St. Francis owns and pays for the upkeep of the building including the cost of the movies and shipping. Paula Keller, Theater Committee member and city council member, said the theater is like the swimming pool and library - they do not make enough money to keep the doors open. Without the city's contributions, Mrs. Keller said, they would not exist.

The new equipment will be a major upgrade, she said, and will be necessary to continue to show movies in the future. The people will need to decide if they want to keep the theater open.

The cost of the digital cinema equipment is around \$75,000 to \$100,000. The St. Francis City Council has committed \$12,500 a year in a five year understanding that future councils are not bound to this plan. Support from other sources is needed.

Complete details on digital cinema and how to donate are on the new theater website: <http://cheyennetheater.com>. Donations may be directed to the city office.

The list of those who have already donated is also on the website.

Player honored

David Guthmiller, a former St. Francis Indian who now plays football at Sterling College, has received a post-season honor. He finished the year by being a Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) All-Conference selection. Guthmiller, a junior, received honorable mention as a defensive lineman.



Guthmiller

The Warriors placed third this year in the conference's final standings with an overall record of 7-3 and a 6-3 conference record. There are 10 teams in the conference.

Chuck Lambert of Sterling College, brother of former Indian coach, Tim Lambert, was named the conference's assistant coach of the year.



DIDN'T MAKE THE TURN - This 2001 Peterbilt semi truck, driven by Michael Ralph Kleystbuker, Garden City, and owned by K.L Johnson Trucking, Garden City, didn't make the turn coming down K-27 west of St. Francis on Wednesday, Nov. 17. He ran across U.S. 36 and took out a tree at the Riverside Golf Course. Mr. Kleystbuker was not injured but the truck suffered considerable damage.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Cheyenne County family honored

Shawn and Shawna Blanka were honored as Kansas Farm Bureau's Farm Family of the Year for Farm Bureau's 10th geographic district of northwest Kansas. The Blanka family received their award during Kansas Farm Bureau's 92nd annual meeting in Manhattan, Nov. 19.

One family in each of the Kansas Farm Bureau's 10 geographic districts is selected each year for the Farm Family of the Year award. The award recognizes families for their service and leadership in agriculture, Farm Bureau and their communities.

The current Blanka operation consists of 1,000 acres of wheat, 1,000 acres of summer fallow, 200 acres dry land corn and 240 acres of irrigated corn. They synchronize and artificially inseminate their mainly Red Angus Cross

cow herd. With 60-70 first calf heifers that calve in early March and 350 cows that begin calving in mid-March the Blankas are one busy farm family.

The Blankas have been active in Farm Bureau for more than 10 years. Both past presidents and current members of the local board, Shawn and Shawna promote agriculture every chance they get. As a couple, they have served on the state Young Farmer and Ranchers Committee and visit local schools regularly to share Kansas Farm Bureau's children's book series, Kailey's Ag Adventures, with children.

The Blankas have two sons, Shakotah, 13, and Shadryon, 7.

Both boys are very active in 4-H and Shawn and Shawna serve as project leaders in their local club as well as for the

county. They are Goat Superintendents during the county fair and help fair board committees with activities. The Blankas also help with the Recreation Program where Shawn coaches flag football and C-team baseball and Shawna keeps score for the games. Shawn also officiates both junior varsity and var-

sity football games in the area. They are active members of the United Methodist Church.

Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit advocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry.

Movie Review

Megamind

Megamind is the most brilliant super-villain the world has ever known... and the least successful. Over the years, he has tried to conquer Metro City in every imaginable way -- Each attempt, a colossal failure thanks to the caped superhero known as "Metro Man," until the day Megamind

actually defeats him in the throes of one of his botched evil plans. Suddenly, the fate of Metro City is threatened when a new villain arrives and chaos runs rampant, leaving everyone to wonder: Can the world's biggest "mind" actually be the one to save the day?

Come & Go Bridal Shower for Megan Rice
(Bride-elect of Justin McAtee)
Saturday, Nov. 27
4 - 6 p.m.
United Methodist Church
St. Francis

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Wayne Ritchey
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Shower: Nov. 27
Wedding: Dec. 4
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Paraprofessional
The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center is seeking applicants for a paraprofessional for the USD 297 Saint Francis School District and USD 274 Oakley School District.
Qualifications: Spanish Language Proficiency. This position requires an individual to provide services to children who meet eligibility for the Migrant Education Program.
Contact Person: To receive an application for the Saint Francis position, contact Rose Langley at 785-672-3125 extension 200 or Rob Schiltz at 785-332-8182. To receive an application for the Oakley position contact Rose Langley at 785-672-3125 extension 200. For position related questions, contact Tim Thornton at 785-672-3125 extension 125.
Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.
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Help Wanted
The Cheyenne County FSA (Farm Service Agency) is accepting applications for a permanent full-time Program Technician. Salary range: Grade 3 (\$24,933) to Grade 7 (\$50,431) depending on education and experience. See full vacancy announcement for mandatory application and qualification requirements at <http://www.usajobs.gov> search What: Farm Service Agency; Where: Kansas. Applications must be received by 4:30 pm CT, December 3, 2010 at the Cheyenne County FSA Office, West Highway 36, Saint Francis KS 67756; phone 785-332-2183. FSA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

Join us in celebrating our first anniversary!
Once Upon A Holiday Open House
Friday, November 26
8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
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