

# Bulletin Board

### 80th birthday

The family of Sylvia Bandel will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Sunday, June 23 with an open house from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at the senior citizen center in St. Francis. No gifts, just your presence.

If you are unable to attend the open house, cards may be addressed to Sylvia at RRI, Box 283, St. Francis, KS 67756.

### 50th anniversary open house

On Saturday, June 22 the children and grandchildren of Leon and Darlene Merklin will be holding an open house to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis. There will be a program at approximately 3 p.m. Their children

and grandchildren include Dennis and Mary Merklin, Christopher and Heather; Bradley Merklin, Pat Rose, Nikki, Dale and David; Cindy and Mike Mitchell, Kimberly, Andrew and Justin of Wilber, Neb. Request no gifts, please.

### Memorial service

A memorial service will be held for Raymond Hilt at 10 a.m. Saturday at Knodel Funeral Home.

### Association to Benefit Cheyenne County

The Association to Benefit Cheyenne County will meet at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the Dusty Farmer Tumbleweed Lounge.

### SHARE pickup

SHARE pickup will be between 11

a.m. and noon on Saturday at the Scout Hut.

### Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the basement of the clinic across from the hospital.

### On Stage, Inc. vocal auditions

On Stage, Inc., will be holding vocal auditions for Stepping Out In Style at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 9 at the Cheyenne Theater.

### Gymkhana set for Sunday

A gymkhana will be held on Sunday at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in St. Francis. Registration will start at 11:30 and action will begin at 12:30. Events include barrels, flags, poles, keyhole and goats. For more informa-

tion, contact Julie Brunk 785-332-3156 or Charlotte Hilt, 785-332-3200.

### Sunday swimming

The St. Francis swimming pool hours on Sunday from been changed. They will be open from 2 to 6 p.m.

### Grand opening

Tri-State Lumber & Tubing will be holding their grand opening from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. See the newly remodeled retail area and expanded inventory.

### Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with H and I should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

### State Fair news

The Kansas State Fair is excited to announce discount gate and carnival tickets are now available through the website, www.kansasstatefair.com. In addition, fairgoers can also purchase meal coupons and gift certificates through the website.

Both advance gate tickets and advanced carnival ride tickets, if purchased in advance, offer a significant savings over purchasing the tickets at the fair. Additional information about the fair — Party on the Prairie 2002, Sept. 6 through Sept. 15, is available at the same website.

### Hospice Service information

Hospice Services is available to provide end-of-life care and also has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning and other related topics. For more information, contact 800-315-5122.

### Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-anon

A.A. and Al-anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contacts 332-2168 or 332-2078

### Helping Hand Coalition

The Cheyenne County Helping Hands Coalition can help. Call the SRS office at (785) 332-2021.

### Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

## For the Record

### Sheriff's Report

6 vehicle inspections were made.  
6 summons were made.  
1 warrants delivered.  
3 subpoenas delivered.  
1 garnishments made  
1 writ of sale made.  
1 ticket was issued for driving without license.  
1 ticket was issued for failure to register vehicle, no proof of insurance and driving without license.  
June 6: The sheriff checked on an abandoned vehicle on south K-27.

June 13: Officer transported a transient.

June 15: An investigation was made when two dead coyotes were thrown over the river bridge north of St. Francis.

June 15: The officer assisted a motorist who ran out of gas.

June 15: Cattle were out on the River Road north of St. Francis.

June 15: An officer assisted a motorist with a blown trailer tire on U.S. 36 east of Bird City.

### Hospital

### Admissions

June 12: Margaret Stasser, St. Francis

June 14: David Penton, St. Francis

### Dismissals

June 13: Margaret Stasser, St. Francis

June 13: Harold Raile, St. Francis

June 13: Wayne Sawyer, Bird City

June 13: Willard Busby, St. Francis

June 17: Viola Wright, Bird City

### Additional hospital news

Number of patients: total acute, 6; Dr. Warren, cardiac clinic, 31; Dr. Perry, pulmonology clinic, 16; ultrasound, 1; cat scan, 3; osteoporosis clinic, 12.

## Bill signed to protect farmers

By Margaret Bucholtz

Governor Bill Graves recently signed a bill that protects farmers and agricultural retailers from lawsuits brought by anhydrous ammonia thieves, and third parties that are injured by the actions of the thieves. This law is the only law in the nation that insulates owners of anhydrous ammonia from being sued by third parties who are injured because of the actions of the tamperer.

Most of these thefts go undetected because the tanks are left in the fields and as Undersheriff, Mark Davidson

said, "Only small amounts are taken at a time. Usually it is less than 2 gallons which is put in coolers or small propane tanks to carry out of the field."

This is very dangerous, not only will the anhydrous eat thought the copper fittings but the mixture of ammonia with the residue of propane will cause them to explode. Skin contact with the chemical can cause permanent scarring as it is so cold if it touches your skin it will cause a frost bite. When released from a pressurized tank, anhydrous ammonia be-

comes a potent gas that can lead to blindness or suffocation.

There are signs to be aware of:

- If the nozzle of a propane tank is blue, that is a good clue it was used to siphon anhydrous ammonia.

- Look for any signs around the ammonia tank like footprints in the mud or dirt.
- Check to see if the tank valves are closed tightly.

- Look for any suspicious items left near the tank such as duct tape, garden hose, bicycle inner tubes, buckets or coolers.

Any of these signs can indicate that drugs are being manufactured nearby.

## Fees raise; registration mailings late in July

The new state legislation increased registration fees effective July 1 so consequently, Kansans whose last names begin with the letters, J, K and L and who need to renew their vehicle registrations during July will find that their renewal notices will be late arriving in the mail.

The Department of Revenue Division of Motor Vehicles will delay mailing 256,000 renewal notices so the new rates can be reflected on the documents. Notices for last names beginning with J, K and L will arrive in the mail two weeks later than normal, around June 29 rather than June 15.

The Kansas Legislature increased vehicle registration fee for passenger automobiles and pickup trucks by \$5; heavier trucks by \$2 to \$10; and motorized bicycles and motorcycles by \$1.

Vehicle owners with questions may phone the local county treasurer's motor vehicle office or the Division of Motor Vehicles, Title and Registration Bureau in Topeka at 785-296-3621. In Cheyenne County, the phone number of the treasurer's office is 785-332-8810.

The normal mailing of renewal notices will resume in mid-July for last names beginning with M, N and O.

**SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 1 hour & 51 min.**

**Showing June 21, 22 & 23**

## Enough

Rating: PG-13 for intense scenes of domestic violence, some sensuality and language. Starring: Jennifer Lopez, Bill Campbell, Juliette Lewis, Ruben Madera, Dan Futterman

**Cheyenne Theater** St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children: \$2 Senior Citizens/High School: \$3 Adults: \$4

## Tiny Tikes Daycare

Owner: Jill Bracelin

### HAS NEW OPENINGS!

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## Book Review

### Stolen Lives

By Malika Oufkir

A book review from the St. Francis Public Library

Malika Oufkir has spent virtually her whole life as a prisoner. Born in 1953, the eldest daughter of General Oufkir, the King of Morocco's closest aide, Malika was adopted by the King at the age of five, and was brought up as the companion to his little daughter. Spending most of her childhood and adolescence in the seclusion of the court harem, Malika was one of the most eligible heiresses in the kingdom, surrounded by luxury and extraordinary privilege.

Then on Aug. 16, 1972, her father was arrested and executed after an attempt to assassinate the King. Malika,

her five siblings, and her mother were immediately imprisoned in a penal colony. After 15 years, the last 10 of which they spent locked up in solitary cells, the Oufkir children managed to dig a tunnel with their bare hands and make a daring escape...though they were recaptured after only five days of freedom, Malika was finally able to leave Morocco and begin a new life in exile in 1996.

*Stolen Lives* is a heart-rending account of resilience in the face of extreme deprivation, of the courage and even humor with which one family faced their tormented fate. A shocking true story, it is hard to comprehend that it could have happened in our own times.


Malika Oufkir is now 47 years old. She lives in Paris.

## Come & Go Baby Shower

for Priscilla Prentice & baby boy SETH AARON

Sat., June 29 • 2-4 p.m.

St. Francis Public Library



## HILT FAMILY REUNION

Sun., July 21 • Noon

St. Francis Senior Center

Potluck  
Bring your own service




**BRETT AND ROBIN PETERSEN** took a one-week intense training in auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa.

## Auctioneering school graduates students

On June 16, Col. Brett Petersen and Col. Robin Petersen, both of St. Francis, graduated from the World Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa. Sixty-three students from 27 states and three countries gathered at Mason City to learn the trade of auctioneering.

The intense one-week training course teaches the auction profession from booking the sale to finalizing. Instructors from various areas of auctioneering shared their personal experiences, plus provided tips for the trade. Most of the 92 hours of class time was dedicated to drills and chant development.

Currently Brett is attending Fort Hays State University majoring in industrial arts. He plans to continue to help with the auctions with the firm and also look into the avenues of livestock auctioneering. Robin is a sales agent for Western Auction & Real Estate in St. Francis and is excited about exploring the opportunities in the auctioneering field, most notably farm and residential real estate auctions and later in her career getting involved in competitions.

"I really enjoyed my experience at the World Wide College of Auctioneering. The instructors were excellent about teaching the tech-

niques of the chant and also for providing a little bit of inspiration for each student there," said Robin.

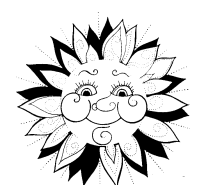
"My favorite part of the session was getting to know everyone whom I attended. I made many new friends and had a chance to do some networking as well," Brett noted.

"We look forward to better serving the customer with our full staff of auctioneers and experienced team. We will handle your auction from concept to completion!"

Robin and Brett are the children of Skip and Betty Petersen, owners of Western Auction & Real Estate.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
June 11	85	62	
June 12	88	59	
June 13	78	46	
June 14	84	53	
June 15	84	53	
June 16	85	58	
June 17	100	70	



**Happy 80th!**  
We love you dad!  
—Your Family



**Dee's Creations Annual**

## 2 for 1 Sale

- Fresh Cut Roses and Latex Balloons

Wed. - Sat. June 19-22

785-332-2838 or 888-310-2838  
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## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

### "A Counter-Terrorism Symposium"

Speaker: Kent Trembly, DVM, JD  
Officer in the US Army Reserve

Thurs., July 18  
8 a.m.-Noon OR 1-5 p.m.  
Cheyenne County Clinic Conference Room  
221 W. 1st St. • St. Francis KS

Contact Hours: 4 FEE: \$32

**Objectives**

- Increase awareness of the current world situations and risks
- Recognize what could happen and replace fear with knowledge
- Discuss biological and chemical terrorism agents
- Examine information about agro terrorism
- Explain nuclear terrorism
- Identify available resources to aid in broadening knowledge & designing a disaster plan specific for Cheyenne County

TARGET AUDIENCE: ARNPs, RNs, LPNs, Respiratory Therapists, EMTs, PTs, PTAs, OTs, OTAs, Social Workers, LMHTs, Dietitians, Dietary Managers, Dentists, Nursing Home Administrators, Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Emergency Preparedness, Veterinarians, Funeral Directors, and Educators. Also open to the general public.

To register for this program being given by a former resident of Cheyenne County, please call Candi at 785-332-2104 or Jill Loker at 785-628-6128