

# Contest begins for the new sign design

By Karen Krien

The St. Francis Chamber of Commerce's Highway Sign Design Contest is now underway. People, young, old and in between, are urged to design a sign advertising St. Francis and submit it by Jan 31. One person will receive \$100 in scrip money to be spent in St. Francis.

There are two signs advertising St. Francis, each about 6 miles on either side of town. These signs are beginning to show the wear and tear of time and the elements and it has become evident that they need to be replaced.

Sign painters say that when a sign

deteriorates, the sign keeps advertising but it gives a different message.

With this in mind, the committee has decided to hold a "Highway Sign Design Contest." Besides receiving \$100 in scrip money, the winner will have his or her name displayed on the sign.

The theme of the sign should promote the advantages of living and working in St. Francis or just promote St. Francis. The sign measures 10-feet high and 20-feet long and entries should have those proportions.

Advertising experts say a highway sign should contain seven words or less.

"This is not a strict rule but a sign that is too wordy to read at 65 miles per hour will probably not be selected," Robert Grace, committee chair, said.

Members of the committee investigated the materials to be used on the sign and it was decided to on a vinyl-type fabric which can have a photo scanned onto it along with the lettering but the photo or scan needs to be submitted either by mail or by e-mail. Unlike traditional signs, these signs have the ability to display photographic images. It opens up the options of the design.

Those thinking about entering have

until Jan. 31 to think about, check out other cities' signs and come up with a winning design. A sheet with the rules and regulations can be picked up at the Herald office or check the list on sheets hanging in Chamber businesses.

Designs should be submitted to *The St. Francis Herald*, P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, 67756 or e-mailed to karen@nwkansas.com before Jan. 31. The Sign Committee will then select the winner. It should be noted that alterations in the design may be necessary to make it work but this will not take away from the prize nor the honor of being a winner.



**READING THE INSCRIPTION on the plaque presented to Kristina Blair for being the 2001-2002 Secretary of the Year for the Rebekah Assembly of Kansas was Sharon Clemmons, right. Members reported that being chosen as Secretary of the Year is 'quite an honor.'**  
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Funds being collected for those in need

By Karen Krien

People may have received their Salvation Army donation envelope from national headquarters in the mail but it didn't have a return address. However, Dolores Jenik, secretary/treasurer for the county's Salvation Army organization reported that new envelopes will be sent later. If a person is wanting to give before the new envelope arrives, just drop the donation by the Cheyenne County Treasurer's office, Bankwest or mail to P.O. Box 462, St. Francis.

When most people think of the Salvation Army, they think about the Santas ringing their bells encouraging people to drop donations into the black kettle beside them. However, Salvation Army no longer works with Santa but will have a person dressed with an apron who has a

bell to ring. This year, the first in many years, there will be volunteers with kettles and bells on the streets of St. Francis. Mrs. Jenik said that volunteers are needed on the Sunday afternoons in December.

There will also be containers for donations at First National Bank in Bird City, and Bankwest, First National Bank and Saintry Super Foods, all in St. Francis.

"We are instructed to leave the containers just through the holiday season and we receive some donations but not many," Mrs. Jenik said. "The money collected in the county stays in the county to be used as needed."

The local organization is allotted \$400 a year and, for the last two years, was given \$5,000 each year. However, this year, the \$5,000, which was grant

money, will not be there. The county organization can get special funds at the state level.

"It was nice to have that much money available to help people," she said.

The county's Salvation Army funds help those in need purchase necessary items such as groceries, gas and other things that do not cost too much. The state's special fund is much larger and when a request is approved, these funds help purchase eye glasses, clothing, groceries and pay utilities, just to name a few, for those who need a boost. Funds are also available to help with disasters such

as flood and fire.

Mrs. Jenik reported that people can donate to the Salvation Army any time of year.

There is a Salvation Army account at Bankwest and people can go directly to the bank to give. They can also make checks out to Salvation Army and give them to Mrs. Jenik who can be found at the county treasurer's office in the courthouse.

Those knowing of someone in need can contact Mrs. Jenik, ministers or law officers.

# Deer may have diseases

By Leonard R. Hopper  
District Wildlife Biologist

Deer hunters should consider taking some extra effort this fall to have their deer tested for a disease. Chronic Wasting Disease has been found in deer in Colorado, Illinois, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The United States Department of Agriculture, the Kansas Animal Health Department and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks are conducting a health check on the Kansas deer herd to determine if the disease has spread to Kansas.

To qualify for testing, the deer must be fresh (submitted within three days of the date it was shot), an adult animal, and the brain stem must be intact.

Hunters who wish to submit their deer head may keep the antlers and cap. Tags are provided at each collection site so that hunters may identify their deer. Hunters will be notified if their animal is determined to be positive for chronic wasting disease.

Chronic Wasting Disease has not been detected in wild deer or elk in Kansas. Public health and animal health professionals have not detected any public health or livestock health problems associated with this disease in deer and elk.

Chronic Wasting Disease is a member of a group of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies. It causes brain tissue to become spongy in appearance when it is examined under a microscope. Characteristics of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies are that they occur at low prevalence in a populations and their symptoms generally are not detected until an individual is middle age or older.

Affected animals suffer a progressive debilitating illness during which they undergo loss of weight and condition, depression and behavior changes, excessive salivation and urination, and eventually death. Sick deer and elk in the latter stages of the disease frequently stand with their heads held down, their ears drooping, and grinding their teeth. Their coat appears

to be shabby and ungroomed, and these wild animals lack normal concern when people approach. There is no cure, treatment or natural recovery. The disease cannot currently be diagnosed in live deer or elk.

Spongiform diseases occur in humans. They include fatal familial insomnia, Gerstmann-Sträussler-Scheinker disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and Kuru. These diseases are rare, occurring in less than one in a million people. Some of these diseases appear to be restricted to unlucky families, regions of the world, or ritual ceremonies. However, these diseases are not Chronic Wasting Disease and Chronic Wasting Disease is not known to affect people.

Common safety precautions should be followed by people who hunt or eat deer or elk.

• People should avoid contact with any wild animal that appears to be sick. Rubber gloves should be worn while field dressing the carcass. Materials like brain, spinal cord, spleen and lymph nodes should not be consumed. Boned-out cuts of meat would have the lowest probability of containing the prion if the animal had Chronic Wasting Disease.

**Collections**

Collections will begin on Dec. 4 and continue until 1,200 samples are obtained. Numerous locker plants are cooperating in this health check. There will also be collection barrels at various locations throughout. Some locations where you can take your deer are:

Dale's Fish & Fun, 502 E. Frontier Parkway, Oberlin

Justin Burrus, 1102 E. 4th (Old Sellers Tractor Building), Colby

Marc Payton, 402 Grant St. (behind convenience store), Atwood

Sherman County Road Dept., north edge of equipment storage area on K-27, Goodland

Junction U.S. 36 & K-161, Kansas Department of Transportation area, Bird City

U.S. 36, Roadside Park, McDonald

Kansas Department of Transportation shop, west edge of St. Francis on U.S. 36, St. Francis

# Club Clip

Merry Circle

November

Merry Circle met Nov. 20 at the home of Nola Burrus. Violet Cranmer was co-hostesses with 17 members present.

Susan Roelfs opened the meeting with "A New Garden For God" and a prayer "Lord, Open Our Eyes" by Mother Teresa. She also reported on the 29th annual United Methodist Women District Conference in Colby on Oct. 19 and the District Charge Conference on Oct. 27.

Sherry Schultz announced the United Methodist Women Christmas Tea will be Dec. 1. Installation of officer will take place at 2 p.m. with an open house from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Lisa Holzwarth opened the program with a Thanksgiving prayer, "I Gave Thanks." The prayer honored the pilgrim fathers for their struggles to bestow freedom to this nation. Mrs. Schultz presented "Healing The Whole Person." The program focused on a sense of wellness.

The members were asked to define "How do you define health" and "Are you making healthy choices." Smoking, alcohol, poor diet, sedentary lifestyle and lack of good interpersonal relationships are affecting the quality of life in the United

States.

The members reached out with their World Thank Offering, which will provide an opportunity for daily, individual thanksgiving.

The closing hymn, "Amazing Grace" was sung by the group. Mrs. Schultz closed with a thought from Helen Keller - "I thank God for my handicaps, for through them, I have found myself, my work and God."

**October**

The October meeting of Merry Circle was at the home of Mardell DeGood. Margaret Holzwarth was co-hostess with 17 member present.

The lesson was presented by Betty Loudon "To Have Home-Courageous Women Leading The Way." Wanda Gienger read several scriptures focusing on the home.

Mrs. Loudon began by having those attending read "Drinking From My Saucer." The focus was on women of courage who have often seen the solutions to problems that government and society have been unable to unwilling to face.

Members of the United Methodist Women historically have sought to offer God's shalom of safe haven to women, children and youth.

# Health Talk

Fight the Flu

Protect yourself and your loved ones this holiday season. Get a flu shot! The holidays are a hectic time, so don't let the flu slow you or your family down. This season, share the gift of health - not the flu. Get a flu shot today!

November and December are not too late to vaccinate. While the best time to get a flu shot is October or November, flu shots in December or later will still protect you and your family against the flu.

Flu vaccine is available. More vaccine has been produced this year than in past years. The flu is far more dangerous than a bad cold. It's a disease of the lungs, and it can lead to pneumonia, hospitalization and even death.

More people die from complications of the flu than any other vaccine-preventable disease. Most are over 65 years old. The flu shot will not give you the flu.

Flu vaccines are made from killed influenza viruses. Even if you aren't at high risk of complications, you should get a flu shot to protect everyone you live with and have contact with.

Contact the Cheyenne County Health Department (332-2381) or clinic (332-2682) for your flu shot.

# Occasion

Birthday club

The birthday club met at Park Hill Restaurant Thursday noon for the November meeting to celebrate an early birthday for Deloris Knorr.

Attending besides Deloris were Darlene Merklin, DeEtta Knorr, Rosemary Powell, RoseMary Bierig, Lois Leydig, Arlene Walz, Betty Jean Winston, Dolores Kincheloe and Sharon Penton.

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2002 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS  
USED TO FUND THE 2003 BUDGETS  
Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk  
Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$36,224,870.  
Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation

COMPARISON OF 2001 AND 2002 LEVIES AND VALUATIONS:					
DISTRICT	2001 VALUATION	2001 LEVY	2002 VALUATION	2002 LEVY	DIFFERENCE
STATE	\$37,242,250.00	1.500	\$36,234,870.00	1.500	.00
COUNTY	\$37,242,250.00		\$36,234,870.00		
General	19,007		17,917		-1,090
Road & Bridge	9,764		10,136		+0,372
Bridge Building	1,149		2,046		+0,897
Noxious Weed	0,000		0,641		+0,641
Hospital	2,608		8,138		+5,530
TOTAL COUNTY	37,528		38,884		+1,356

  

2001 VALUATIONS		2002 VALUATIONS		
BIRD CITY	\$ 2,079,444.00	29,321	\$ 2,113,537.00	+3,400
ST. FRANCIS	7,269,555.00	24,462	6,822,704.00	-2,613
USD #103	18,401,518.00	29,563	18,454,620.00	+3,102
USD #297	25,454,586.00	30,431	24,412,528.00	-3,149
CEMETERY DIST. #1	12,410,034.00	0,796	12,452,113.00	+0,793
CEMETERY DIST. #2	24,832,216.00	0,968	23,782,757.00	-1,049
RURAL FIRE #1	26,753,718.00	1,572	26,163,094.00	-5,624
RURAL FIRE #3	1,139,533.00	1,572	1,139,533.00	0.00
NW KS. LIBRARY	27,893,251.00	0,870	27,298,629.00	-5,922
CALHOUN TWP.	1,348,726.00	1,261		-86

  

\*\*The 1997 Legislative Session approved Senate Bill #41 which provided an exemption on residential property of \$20,000.00 appraised value or \$2,300.00 of assessed value for the USD General Fund. If you own a residence this reduction is reflected on your tax statement.

LEVIES OF TAXING UNITS			
STATE LEVIES	K.S.A.	CITY OF BIRD CITY	K.S.A.
KS. Ed. Bldg.	76-601	General	79-1953
St. In. Bldg.	76-604	Library	79-5032
TOTAL	1.500	TOTAL	32.721
COUNTY LEVIES	K.S.A.	CITY OF ST. FRANCIS	K.S.A.
General	72-6431	General	79-5032
Road & Bridge	68-5,101	Library	79-5032
Bridge Building	68-1135	Employee Benefit	1-113
Noxious Weed	2-1318	TOTAL	26.713
Hospital	12-183		
Bond & Interest	19-15,116		
TOTAL	47.762		
USD #103	K.S.A.	USD# 297	K.S.A.
General	72-6431	General	72-6431
Supp. General	72-6435	Supp. General	72-6435
Capital Outlay	72-8801	Capital Outlay	72-8801
Recreation	12-1927	Recreation	12-1927
TOTAL	33.187	TOTAL	33.580
CEMETERY	K.S.A.	NW KS LIBRARY	K.S.A.
Cemetery District #1	80-932	General	12-1230
Cemetery District #2	80-932	Employee Benefits	12-16,102
TOTAL	1.572	TOTAL	0.846
RURAL FIRE	K.S.A.		
CN County R.F. #1	19-3610		
RA County R.F. #3	19-3610		

<b>001 CITY OF BIRD CITY</b> Valuation \$2,113,537.00	<b>002 CITY OF ST. FRANCIS</b> Valuation \$6,822,704.00	<b>008 BIRD CITY TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$7,796,321.00
State 1.500	State 1.500	State 1.500
County 47.762	County 47.762	County 47.762
USD #103 33.187	USD #297 33.580	USD #103 33.187
City 32.721	City 26.713	Cemetery #1 0.793
Cemetery #1 0.793	Cemetery #2 1.002	Rural Fire #1 1.532
Total 115.963	Total 110.557	Library 0.846
		Total 85.620
<b>010 BIRD CITY TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$1,135,535.00	<b>017 CALHOUN TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$354,188.00	<b>018 CALHOUN TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$821,986.00
State 1.500	State 1.500	State 1.500
County 47.762	County 47.762	County 47.762
USD #103 33.187	USD #103 33.187	USD#297 33.580
Cemetery #1 0.793	Cemetery #1 0.793	Cemetery #2 1.002
Rural Fire #3 1.561	Rural Fire #1 1.532	Rural Fire #1 1.532
Library 0.846	Library 0.846	Library 0.846
Total 85.649	Total 85.620	Total 86.222
<b>019 CALHOUN TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$153,967.00	<b>027 CLEVELAND RUN TWP</b> Valuation \$1,323,340.00	<b>033 WANO TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$217,639.00
State 1.500	State 1.500	State 1.500
County 47.762	County 47.762	County 47.762
USD #297 33.580	USD #297 33.580	USD #103 33.187
Cemetery #1 .793	Cemetery #2 1.002	Cemetery #1 .793
Rural Fire #1 1.532	Rural Fire #1 1.532	Rural Fire #1 1.532
Library 0.846	Library 0.846	Library 0.846
Total 86.013	Total 86.222	Total 85.620
<b>034 WANO TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$199,524.00	<b>036 WANO TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$11,634,846.00	<b>048 ORLANDO TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$744,978.00
State 1.500	State 1.500	State 1.500
County 47.762	County 47.762	County 47.762
USD #297 33.580	USD #297 33.580	USD #297 33.580
Cemetery #1 .793	Cemetery #2 1.002	Cemetery #2 1.002
Rural Fire #1 1.532	Rural Fire #1 1.532	Rural Fire #1 1.532
Library 0.846	Library 0.846	Library 0.846
Total 86.013	Total 86.222	Total 86.222
<b>049 ORLANDO TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$276,280.00	<b>050 ORLANDO TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$205,122.00	<b>056 BENKELMAN TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$1,555,687.00
State 1.500	State 1.500	State 1.500
County 47.762	County 47.762	County 47.762
USD #297 33.580	USD #103 33.187	USD #297 33.580
Cemetery #1 .793	Cemetery #1 .793	Cemetery #2 1.002
Rural Fire #1 1.532	Rural Fire #1 1.532	Rural Fire #1 1.532
Library 0.846	Library 0.846	Library 0.846
Total 86.013	Total 85.620	Total 86.222
<b>062 JAQUA TOWNSHIP</b> Valuation \$879,216.00	<b>USD #103 VALUATION</b>	<b>General Fund</b>
State 1.500	Cheyenne County	\$ 11,945,496.00
County 47.762	Rawlins County	6,264,299.00
USD #297 33.580	Total	\$17,309,795.00
Rural Fire #1 1.532		
Cemetery #2 1.002	<b>USD #297 VALUATION</b>	\$22,221,015.00
Library 0.846		\$24,412,528.00
Total 86.222		

STATE OF KANSAS, CHEYENNE COUNTY, SS:

I, Terry Miller, County Clerk of Cheyenne County, do hereby certify that these are the legal levies of Cheyenne County, Kansas for the 2002 tax year and the 2003 budget year as shown in the records in my office.

Terry Miller  
Cheyenne County Clerk

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