

# Club is active; members needed

By Karen Krien

The St. Francis Lions Club was established 52 years ago and has served the community in many ways. It is still a strong and active service organization and, through the years, there have been many members. Today, the club is down to 24 active members but the members still have the same goals and want to help the community and its residents in as many ways as possible.

"If we had a few more members, we could do so much more," said Elmer Kellner, member.

The Lions' motto is "We Serve" and help those less fortunate including helping the blind, deaf, handicapped, diabetic, youth and those in need.

The organization has only a few money-making projects but these projects not only bring in money for the club to help others but also provide a service. For instance, the Pancake Day is held on the same day as the annual St. Francis Wrestling Tournament and provides a place for those attending the tournament to come get a quick but filling meal.

The newest project is the community birthday calendar. This calendar has been brought back after a number of years (the Jaycees provided the calendar for several years). The calendar only costs \$3 and each entry costs an additional \$.50. It will help residents remember when organizations meet, the birthdays of friends and acquaintances and those who have died.

The calendar project will be taking the cooperation of all Lions members and they will probably be contacting everyone in the community, if not door-to-door, then by phone. The Lions would especially appreciate those who contact a Lions about the calendar. Again, the shortage of members makes this a more difficult project.

Other money-making projects are the annual golf tournament and the soup supper.

### Projects

A few of the Lions-sponsored projects through the years are: blood-typing over 700 people for the walking blood bank, zip code booklet, sprinkling system at the hospital, drinking fountain on Main Street, maintaining the Kiddy Park, scoreboard on the football field, shelter in the park, picnic tables at the swimming pool, helped restore the park and repair Scout Hut, sponsored Good Will drives, mowed the fairgrounds, gave fair rides at the

### Members

The club has had three district governors including Don Nodtvedt, Fred Crum and Milton Lampe.

Active members today are: John Bartlett, Van Burrus, Bert Follett, Wayne Goodell, Nel Holmes, Ray Huffman, Clarence Iliff, Dorothy Kellner, Elmer Kellner, Walt Kincheloe, Betty Lampe, Milton Lampe, Dennis Merklin, Norman Morrow, Francis O'Leary, Dale Patton, Deb Patton, Howard Poulignot, Roger Pownell, Paul Rainbolt, Bernard Roelfs, Ruben



**COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY CALENDER—Francis O'Leary is collecting information for the calendar the Lions are putting together as a fund raiser. Laura Pugh was agreeing to buy one of the calendars.**

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

home-owned carnival, helped with the bloodmobile, community birthday calendars, sent band students to State Lions Band, gave scholarships to college students, provided birthday balloons to the Good Samaritan Village, gave Christmas baskets to the needy, contributed to Leader Dog, Specialty Dog, State Band and Lions Club International Foundation, bought glasses for the needy, collected eye glasses and hearing aids, planted a tree at the high school and had state convention and the 50th anniversary in St. Francis.

Schultz, Carl Werner and Marvin Zimbelman.

### Meeting and membership

The Lions meet at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at the Windmill Restaurant. Those who would like to join should talk to one of the above members.

Dues are \$40 per quarter which includes six meals, state and international dues, and subscriptions to the Lion magazine and the state Lions newspaper.

"A Lion has good moral character and reputation in his club and community," Milton Lampe concluded.

# Telegram has new publisher

Cynthia Haynes has taken the position of publisher at *The Norton Telegram*, taking the place of Kurt Gaston.

She and her husband Steve are owners of Nor' West Newspapers, which bought *The Telegram* from Dick and Mary Beth Boyd in September. The firm also operates *The Oberlin Herald* and newspapers in Colby, Goodland, Bird City and St. Francis.

Mrs. Haynes, who is chief financial officer of the company and co-

publisher of *The Herald*, began work in *The Telegram* office last Wednesday. She will continue to supervise the Oberlin office and the company's finances.

A native on Concordia, she graduated from the University of Kansas in 1971 with a degree in pharmacy. She still works part-time as a relief pharmacist in area towns.

She and her husband have been publishers since 1980, when they bought the newspaper in Creede, in southern Colorado. They returned

to Kansas in 1993 when they bought the Oberlin, St. Francis and Bird City papers.

She has been active in the Kansas and Colorado press associations and is a former director of the Colorado Pharmacists Association.

The Hayneses have three children, Felicia, 29, who works for Morris Digitalworks in Augusta, Ga.; Lindsay, 26, who teaches science in McLouth, near Lawrence; and Lacy, 23, a student in Lawrence.

## Obituaries

### Ella Rose Stanhope

July 30, 1918 - June 30, 2003  
Ella Rose Stanhope died June 30, 2003, at her home in Pleasanton, Calif. Ella was born July 30, 1918, on a farm north of St. Francis, Kan. She was the daughter of John and Matilda Keller.

Ella graduated from St. Francis High School in 1937. She was united in marriage to Chester M. Stanhope on Jan. 23, 1945.

Mrs. Stanhope is survived by her daughters, Diana Peacock of Hayward, Calif., Naomi Sichak of Pleasanton, Gwendolyn Stanhope of Oakland, Calif.; her brothers, Albert Keller, Robert Keller and Elton Keller, all of St. Francis; her sisters, Bertha Hilt of St. Francis and Helen Roelfs of Vancouver, Wash.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Stanhope, her parents and a brother, Edward.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 3, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton and graveside services and burial took place on July 7 at Cedar, Kan.

### Don Allen

Died May 17, 2003  
Don Allen, co-founder and presi-

dent of Dakota Arms, Inc., of Sturgis, S.D., died at his home on May 17, according to a company announcement.

Allen had started the company with his wife, Norma, in 1986. Under his guidance, Dakota Arms became one of the most respected manufacturers of high-quality rifles and shotguns in North America.

An avid hunter, Allen was active in the industry until his death. He was founding president of the American Custom Gunmakers Guild.

Born in St. Francis, Kan., Allen grew up on a farm in Colorado. He graduated from the University of Northern Colorado and in 1959, married Norma Jo Davis, his high school sweetheart. He was commissioned in the United States Air Force and flew RF-4 aircraft in Vietnam, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and several other honors. After his military service, Allen captained 727 aircraft for Northwest Airlines for 26 years.

He is survived by his wife, who succeeds him as president of Dakota Arms, a son and daughter, his parents, two brothers, a sister and seven grandchildren.



Petz-Preston

## Wedding planned

Darrell Petz, Bird City, and Sherrie Antholz, Topeka, are proud to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Shanda Petz, to Shane Preston, son of Paul and Sue Preston, Alma.

Shanda is a graduate of Cheylin High School and a recent graduate of Fort Hays State University with a bachelor degree in psychology and business administration. She accepted a job with Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center in Chanute.

Shane is a graduate of Wabunsee High School and North Central Kansas Technical College. He is employed with Ranz Motor Company as an automotive technician in Chanute.

A Dec. 6 wedding will take place at the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Chanute.

Stephanie Schafer, coordinator, said. Anyone interested in submitting information for their group, should stop by the city office to pick up an information request form. Forms should be returned to the city office by July 31. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call Ms. Schafer at 332-3528 or e-mail at steph@cityofstfrancis.net.



## New website for city

The city of St. Francis and the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce are developing a comprehensive new website for the city. The Chamber's current site, www.stfrankiskansas.com, will be revised and redesigned to include easy-to-access information about the city and area, the city government (including city ordinances), the community, things to do in the area, a community calendar, and frequently-asked questions.

"We are requesting information from every department, board, ser-

vice, church and area organization that wants to be included to make the website as complete, informative and interesting as possible," Stephanie Schafer, coordinator, said.

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