

Former resident named to position

Warden Sam Cline is pleased to announce the selection of Dan Winston to the Activities Specialist I position at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility. Mr. Winston began his career at the Correctional Facility in August 1988, as a corrections officer trainee. In July 1994, he began employment as an alcohol and drug counselor at the Facility. In April 1997, he was promoted to coordinator of the alcohol and drug treatment program. Mr. Winston was subsequently promoted to the position of corrections counselor I in April 2002.

cialist position, Mr. Winston also currently serves as the coordinator for the Barton County Community College (BCCC) Outreach Program at ECF and has taught classes for the college since 1988.

Mr. Winston graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1978. In 1982, he graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in mass communications. He also obtained graduate hours in counseling from Fort Hays State University.

Mr. Winston is the son of Betty Jean Winston, St. Francis, and the late James Winston. He has four



Winston

children: Corrine resides in Lakin, Vickie lives in Wichita, and Jean and J.J. live in Ellsworth.

Heating assistance forms need to be in by Jan. 31

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program sponsored by Priority Oil and Gas and Peace

Lutheran Church has been formed to help people to pay their heat bills but there is a deadline of Jan. 31 for applications to be returned.

This energy assistance program has been designed for needy people living only in Cheyenne County. It is similar to the Low-income Energy Assistance Program and, even people qualifying and receiving help in this program are still eligible to get help in the Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program.

Applications are available through Priority Oil and Gas, at the county sheriff's and treasurer's offices at the courthouse, at the city offices in both St. Francis and Bird City or call Peace Lutheran Church.

Applicants must meet certain guidelines including

One family member - with a monthly income of \$1,440 or less; two members - \$1,930 or less; three members - \$2,420 or less; four members - \$2,910 or less; five members - \$3,400 or less; six members - \$3,890 or less; seven - \$4,380 or less; eight members - \$4,870 or less.

Once the amount of assistance is established for eligible applicants, a check will be submitted to the energy provider for the applicants account. The eligible applicant will be notified by mail of the amount of subsidy being paid to their account.

"Helping residents with their heating bills is a way for the company can give back to the community," Robbie Gries, president and owner of Priority Oil and Gas, said. "The assistance is not designed to pay the whole bill but assistance will be given on the varied bases of need.

Kettle collections are down from last year

By Karen Krien

The Salvation Army kettles across Kansas came up short and Cheyenne County's kettles were no exception.

Dolores Jenik, Salvation Army coordinator for the county, reported that a little over half as much came in this year compared to last year.

"In 2003, the county's kettles collected around \$950 but this year, the total came to only \$450," she said.

Michael Dixon, director of the Kansas and Western Missouri Salvation Army Division, reported that the area was running about \$100,000 behind its goal of \$235,000.

The Salvation Army money raised goes to provide emergency crisis assistance such as helping with utilities, rent, prescriptions, food and clothing.

On top of less money, the Salvation Army officials are expecting increases in the number of people needing services.

Mrs. Jenik said that around \$200 has already been spent out of the \$450 raised during the holiday season.

"We are afraid there are going to be people that we will not be able to help," she said.

Years ago, Salvation Army funds went to help transients coming through the county but, today, there are people in the communities who need and get assistance — very little goes to transients.

"We try to help according to the family size and needs," Mrs. Jenik said.

It's not too late to give. The kettles may not be out at community

functions but donations are always welcome.

Checks and donations may be brought in to the county treasurer's office or mailed to the Salvation Army in care of Dolores Jenik, P.O. Box 462, St. Francis, KS 67756.

— Book Review —

From the St. Francis Public Library

Blind Alley

By Iris Johansen

Eve Duncan's job is to put a face on the faceless victims of violent crimes. Her work not only comforts their survivors, but helps catch their killers. But there is another reason that Eve Duncan is driven to do the kind of work she does, a dark nightmare from a past she can never bury. And as she works on the skull of a newly discovered victim, that past is about to return all over again.

The victim is a Jane Doe found murdered, her face erased beyond recognition. As the face forms under Eve's skilled hands, she is about to get the shock of her life. The victim is someone she knows all too well. Someone who isn't dead. Yet.

Instantly Eve's peaceful life is shattered. Eve must put her own life in the balance and question everything and everyone she trusts.

As the trail of faceless bodies leads to a chilling revelation, Eve finds herself trying to catch a master murderer whose grisly work is a testament to a mind warped by perversion and revenge. Now she must pit her skills against his in a showdown where the stakes are life itself.

Official Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange will be held at the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas, January 6, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. CST. Reports will be presented by the Board of Directors and management along with a review of the financial statements of our auditors. Members will elect two directors to serve on the board and we will conduct any other business that may legally come before the members.

Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. CST. The business session will follow at about 7:00. Drawings for door prizes will follow the meeting.

Please make reservations by calling the office in St. Francis or Haigler by Jan. 4, 2005. All patrons are urged to attend.

St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange /s/Ted Zielke, Secretary



James E. Reeves, DPM
Podiatrist/Foot Specialist
Reconstructive Surgery
Foot & Ankle Injuries
For appointments call:
Rawlins County Health Center
785-626-3211

Wed., Jan. 19
Cheyenne County Hospital - P.M.
210 W. 1st • 332-2104

Thurs., Dec. Jan. 20
Fri., Jan. 21
Atwood • 626-3211

Thurs., Jan. 20
CSMC, 175 S. Range
462-3332
CMC, 100 E. College Dr.
462-7511

AARP

AARP will have their first meeting of 2005 at 2 p.m. on Jan. 13, at the St. Francis Senior Center.

The program will be Skip and Betty Peters speaking on "Sale Barn and Auction Business." Roll call is "My New Year's Goal." Host and hostess will be Bud Houtman and Gladys Cullum. All are welcome.

St. Francis Sale Barn annual meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Francis Sale Barn, Inc., will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at Western Auction Real Estate Office. See ad for details.

St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange annual meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange will be held at the St. Francis Community High School cafeteria at 6 p.m. tonight (Thursday). Check ad for details.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will be meeting at 8 a.m. on Monday morning at the courthouse. At about 9 a.m., newly elected county officials will be sworn in.

Board of Education to meet

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

Help to pay heating bills

Priority Oil and Gas is offering help to those residents living in Cheyenne County who are having trouble paying their heat bills. Applications are due by Jan. 31 and are available at the sheriff's and county treasurer's offices and the city office in St. Francis. They can also be picked up at the city hall in Bird City, all three county banks, grocery stores, Equities and the Food Pantry. Or call Peace Lutheran Church, 785-332-2928; or Priority Oil at 303-296-3435 or e-mail priorityog@aol.com.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the St. Francis Public Library.

Historical Society annual meeting

The Cheyenne County Historical Society's annual meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Cheyenne County Museum in St. Francis. This will be election of officers.

Yost Ford **Mercury**
E. Hwy. 36
St. Francis, KS

Check out these recent trade-in's

- '92 Ford Explorer — \$2,500
- '97 Olds Cutlass — \$2,500
- '93 Toyota PU — \$3,275
- '85 GMC 2500 4x4 — \$3,400
- '98 Ford Windstar GL — \$5,500
- '00 Ford Explorer — \$9,800
- 4x4
- '00 Chev. 1500 — \$13,500
- LS 4x4

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

2001 Mustang
\$8,500

Only 1 - 2004 left!
HUGE DISCOUNTS!
785-332-2188/800-524-9678
Visit us on the web @
yostford.com

2005 DOG TAGS ARE AVAILABLE

Come to the City Office,
209 E. Washington, to register
your dog(s).
**ALL Dogs that live in the city need
2 tags: a rabies tag from a veterinarian and a city dog tag
from the city office.**

Bulletin Board

Quilters Group

Quilters Group will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 11, at the Country Pantry.

Car Seat Checkup Event

A free car seat checkup event will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Yost Ford. There is no cost for the service and no citations will be issued. All parents and caregivers with children Infant to 8-years-old to attend the checkup.

Help the PTA

The St. Francis Elementary School PTA members are again collecting Box Tops for Education and this year they are also collecting St. Francis Super's grocery receipts. Please bring or send them to the elementary school.

Alcoholic Anonymous/Al-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2078.

Dairy University

Dairy University will be held Jan. 12-13 in Garden City. Free registration. For more information, contact Cheyenne County Development Corporation, 332-3508.

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.

Check your name label

Have you checked the name label on your paper? This label also shows the expiration date of your subscription. Note that if your subscription runs out completely it will take two weeks after you resubscribe before it will once again be delivered to your mail box. In order to not have a break in your service, renew by the expiration date.

Sports Schedule

Friday: high school wrestling, Hoxie, here, 6:30 p.m.; high school basketball, Hoxie, there, 6:30 p.m.

Monday: high school "C" team basketball, Dundy County, here, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13: junior high girls basketball, Colby, there, 4 p.m.; junior high wrestling,

Goodland and St. Francis at Oberlin, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14: high school basketball, Oakley, here, 6:30 p.m.; high school wrestling, Oakley, there, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15: high school wrestling, Sterling Invitational, Sterling, Colo., 10 a.m.

School Menu

Monday 1/10

Breakfast: French toast sticks, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: chicken strips, broccoli and rice, casserole, hot rolls, peaches, no-bake cookie, milk

Tuesday 1/11

Breakfast: coffee cake, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: goulash, corn, tossed salad, French bread, pears, milk

Wednesday 1/12

Breakfast: muffins, yogurt, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: chicken fajita, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, sour cream, seasoned rice, sliced pineapple, fortune cookie, milk

Thursday 1/13

Breakfast: waffles with maple syrup, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: French dip sandwich with au jus, spicy fries, vegetable blend, apricots, brownies, milk

Friday 1/14

Breakfast: breakfast taco, salsa, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, peas, apple crisp with topping, milk

•Salad bar is offered at noon daily in the junior/senior high school

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hour 38 min.

January 7, 8 & 9

Starring: Tom Kenny, Rodger Bumpass, Alec Baldwin, Bill Fagerbakke, Carolyn Lawrence

The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie

Comedy, Kids/Family & Animation

Rated: PG for some mild crude humor.

Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS

Children 11 & under: \$2 12-18 yr.: \$3 Senior Citizens: \$3 Adults: \$4

Quarterly Financial Report

ENDING SEPTEMBER, 2004

	9/30/2004 BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	12/31/2004 BALANCE
General	\$339,571.66	\$350,690.92	\$191,257.42	\$180,138.16
Road & Bridge	\$323,815.39	\$159,137.56	\$60,546.35	\$225,224.18
Noxious Weed	\$30,921.64	\$6,481.83	\$4,685.19	\$29,125.00
Noxious Weed Special	\$11,091.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,091.70
Rural Fire	\$27,121.96	\$6,121.26	-\$6,459.63	\$14,541.07
Hospital	\$22,817.27	\$32,526.74	\$77,932.32	\$68,222.85
Special Fire Equipment	\$47,350.78	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$58,350.78
Treasurer's Special	\$10,952.63	\$1,152.83	\$5,924.80	\$15,724.60
Attorney Fund	\$3,608.15	\$23.50	\$22.00	\$3,606.65
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$817,249.18	\$556,134.64	\$344,908.45	\$606,022.99

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such statement shall be available upon request. K.S.A. 19-228

Terry Miller
Cheyenne County Clerk

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

What is Holding Your Children In?

FREE Car Seat Checkup Event! Infant to Eight years old

Wed., Jan. 12
2-6 p.m.

Yost Ford-Mercury
St. Francis



There will be no cost for this service and no citations will be issued. This is an educational event aimed at protecting our children while riding in vehicles. Child Passenger Safety Technicians will assist and educate parents and caregivers with the correct installation of their children's car seats.

Vince and Larry will be on hand to entertain the children and hand out goodies!

This checkup event is sponsored by the Kansas Highway Patrol, K-DOT Safety Belt Education Office, Kansas Safe Kids and The Cheyenne County Health Department. For questions please contact Rita Keeker at 785-332-2381 or Tech. Trooper Tod Hileman at 785-625-3518.

Corrections

The Saint Francis Herald will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 332-3162 to report errors. We believe that news stories should be fair and factual, and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

American Profile

Celebrating Hometown Life

See American Profile magazine in this week's issue of

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