



**DON LOVE donates to the Red Cross Blood Drive as a technician helps. Over 113 donors showed up for the county wide drive.**  
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Blood drive goal is reached

**By Karen Krien**  
The Red Cross Blood Drive was held Jan. 13 in St. Francis and Ruth Moore, Rebekah coordinator for the drive, reported the drive had 113 donors but 11 were deferred. "There were 13 first-time givers this time which is great," Mrs. Moore said. The county met their goal of 100

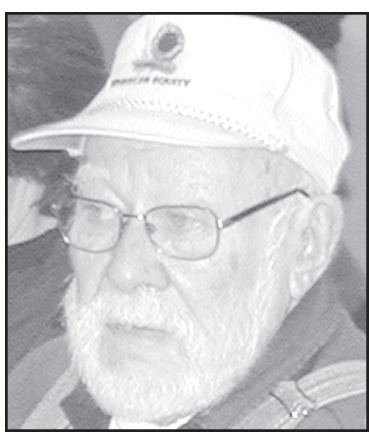
units of blood. Mrs. Moore also said there were several pins received by donors who had donated a gallon or more of blood. Vicky Copess, with the American Red Cross, commented that when the Red Cross lets the people of northwest Kansas know there is a need for more blood, the people respond.

"Thank you all for giving the gift of life," she said, adding that many will never know how many lives they touched by this act of kindness. "People will never know the patient they might have saved or the family that gets to laugh one more time with their loved one."

## 76th Kansas Day event to be held in Bird City

**By Casey McCormick**  
The 76th Annual Kansas Day celebration will be held in Bird City on Saturday, Jan. 29. This year's theme is Kansas Dancin' and the featured entertainer will be Mark Berry who will portray "Californy Joe." This year's president, Darla Dible, and her committee have been busy organizing the event which honors Kansas on the anniversary date of its statehood. "We are looking forward to a fun day that celebrates Kansas Dancin'," said president Dible. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. when the American Legion Hall will open for the setup of table displays. "Anyone or group who has an interesting item from Kansas or relating to Kansas history is welcome to display it," said President Dible. To reserve a place for a display, contact the Kansas Day Vice-president Casey McCormick at 734-2659.

Registration will open at 10 a.m. and at 11:30 a.m. the Kansas Day potluck will be served. After the dinner the program will begin at 12:30. Among other activities will be a sing along with songs from Kansas. Entertainment will include dancers from Dance Ranch of St. Francis and Kansas biographies and snapshots by the Cheylin fourth and seventh graders. The feature entertainment will be Mark Berry's "Californy Joe." "Californy Joe" combines frontier humor and history. Like in year's past, a memorial tribute will be read with the names of Cheyenne County residents who are no longer living. Along with President Dible and Vice-president McCormick, the 2005 Kansas Day officers are Marsha Magley, secretary, and Helene Landenberger, treasurer. This year marks the 144th year of Kansas statehood.



**Knodel**

## Card shower requested

The family of Art Knodel is having a card shower to honor him on his 80th birthday on Jan. 26. Send greetings to him at 619 S. Adams, St. Francis, KS 67756. A potluck is being held at Salem Lutheran Church on Sunday, Jan. 30, after the 11 a.m. (central standard time) service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

# Energy company offers free inspection to customers

**By Casey McCormick**  
The harsh winters and hot summers of northwest Kansas can make paying energy bills a year round difficulty. Midwest Energy is providing a service to help lower energy use and make customer's homes more efficient.

Les Loker, a Midwest Energy energy star certified rater, is one of the company's employees trained to give customers suggestions to make energy costs go down. On Monday morning he arrived at the home of Marion and Betty Miller in St. Francis. Armed with high tech equipment, Mr. Loker first explained to the Millers what he would do.

Normally Midwest Energy provides a walk-through audit at no cost to any customer. On Monday he also used a blower device and infrared scanner. The cost on the blower service is \$50 and the infrared scan service is \$25.

"The blower produces an artificial, 25 mile-an-hour wind that sucks air out of the house," said Mr. Loker. This causes a reverse air flow that shows where drafts enter the home. The infrared scanner shows a black and white display of hot and cold spots in each room. Looking through wall and ceiling the scanners show everything from lath, drywall screws and insulation.

Hot areas, such as a recent human hand print on a cabinet door show up as white. Cold areas, like outside air around a window, are seen as black shadows that seem to spider web into the home.

"Often what we find are some-



**LES LOKER OF Midwest Energy shows an infrared display of the interior of their kitchen ceiling to Marion and Betty Miller.**  
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

things that won't cost the customer very much," said Mr. Loker. "A lot can be done with a tub of caulk and some insulation." Another service is a video tape of the walk-through audit that the homeowner can use as a reference for

future repairs or to provide for an independent contractor to see what can be changed. "We can't control the cost of gas," said Mr. Loker, "but, hopefully we can help customers use less."

## Symposium to be held on Jan. 29

Farmers and ranchers from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas will be coming to St. Francis on Saturday, Jan. 29, for the Tri-State Cow/Calf Symposium and Trade Show on Saturday. The show will start at 8 a.m. and run through 3 p.m. at the St. Francis Community High School.

Tye Faulkender, Cheyenne County Extension Director, pointed out that the cow/calf industry is at a very dynamic state and cattlemen are staying progressive minded.

"The Tri-State Cow/Calf Symposium will be another informative and useful tool that can be utilized," he said. "We look forward to bringing this highly informational event to the cattlemen of the

area."

The meeting will be held at one location and has a registration fee of \$20 with additional group members fee of \$15 which should be paid before Jan. 25. The cost will be \$30 after the Jan. 25 deadline. Included in the registration fee will be trade show activities, a meal and the proceedings for the day. Director Faulkender said brochures with registration forms will be coming soon in the mail.

The schedule for the day involves a trade show with a large variety of interest.

For further details, call Dr. Sandy Johnson, Area Extension Specialist, Livestock at 785-462-6281; Tye Faulkender, Cheyenne County Extension Director, 785-332-3171; or your local Extension office.

Make checks payable to Cheyenne County Extension office, P.O. Box 667, St. Francis, KS 67756.

*In Memory of Dale D. Raile*  
1-27-43/1-25-04  
I'm Free  
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God has laid you see. I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief. Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and peace to thee. God wanted me now; He set me free!  
Sadly missed by his family

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John Dougherty of Colby and the city of Grainfield are the big winners in the Colby Free Press/KXXX first-ever College Bowl Contest. Dougherty wins a three-day trip to Silver Creek Resort at Granby, Colo.

The city of Grainfield J. Dougherty won the title of "Best Football Town" in northwest Kansas in addition to the "Golden Plains Traveling Trophy."

Rexford finished second and McDonald finished third in the city competition. In addition to Dougherty, the others comprising the Top 10 Best Football Pickers are: (tie) 2nd, Scott King, Colby, Ed Poe, Oakley, Heide Shull, Colby and Ben Smull, St. Francis; (tie) 6th, Chuck Prevatt, Oakley and Deke Elliott, Colby; 8th, Heather J. Flavin, Grainfield; and (tie) 9th, Mike Fell, Colby and Loren Jacobs, Colby.

"Ten football fans from Grainfield demonstrated their great football knowledge by earning more bowl points per entry than fans from more than 20 towns that participated in the contest," said Mike Fell, general manager of KXXX and Tom (TD) Dreiling, publisher of the Colby Free Press. The ten football heroes whose predictions won Grainfield the trophy, are: Heather Jean Flavin, Tyler Flavin, Brian Rathgeber, Charles Packard, Christy Rathgeber, Mark Heier, Don Hartman, Darrin Herl, Butch Weber and Art Heili. This was the first such contest jointly sponsored by KXXX and the Colby Free Press and both Fell and Dreiling felt the response was "more than they anticipated for the first time." Both agreed it will become an annual event and anticipate interest growing each and every year. "It's a non-sponsored activity, pitting football fans in northwest Kansas, southwest Nebraska and eastern Colorado against one another to demonstrate their prediction skills," said Dreiling.

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