



## It's time to start thinking what is 'outside the box'

Not too long ago at a St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, the remark "we are going to have to think outside of the box" was made. The "box" is the old way of thinking.

People become so used to doing things the way they always have and their parents did before them. After all, what worked then will work now???

It hasn't been that long ago that people thought twice before traveling out of town — whether it was for a dentist appointment, to shop or to eat. But, today, traveling out of town is an adventure or an outing to many. To some in St. Francis, it is a necessity if their children need underwear or shoes, just to name a few of the items that cannot be purchased in St. Francis.

Also, today, there are going to be Wal-Marts! Who can stop them? Even the New York community is having trouble keeping the big chain business out. Yes, Wal-Marts have a tendency to kill downtown businesses and small businesses in neighboring towns.

But, on Monday night, a group of people met to see if there was any way they could keep the woman's clothing store, KM Clothier, open in St. Francis. Among those present were two women from Oberlin who were part of The Dresser, a women's dress shop. A group of about 65 people thought "out of the box" and invested money (not a lot of money) into the dress shop and, 11 years later, it is still thriving. It kept a business in a building which might have stood empty and it offered nice clothing to women in Oberlin, and the women in surrounding areas and many others who happen to be in Oberlin.

Hopefully, there will be enough people interested in keeping the doors of the St. Francis businesses open. St. Francis' business district is unique, and for a town of its size, has a fair number of interesting, well-stocked businesses. The people are lucky to have merchants who are trying to keep ahead of Wal-Mart.

—Karen Krien



## This is the Place

By Carol Redding

Cheyenne County Development

Still wondering what's going on in economic development? Check out this second partial list of opportunities:

Kansas State Department of Commerce has a new approach to determining community business needs and identifying barriers to

growth: Kansas Business Retention and Expansion E-Survey (BREES).

Discussions on city/county incentive programs for new or existing businesses.

Anyone want to allocate land for a wind farm? How about solar? Someone want to help find a buyer for the energy produced?

Paint the Town Red—workshop

on event or festival planning—Feb 9, 2005—Salina—\$40.

Information available on hosting a Beef Fest here. Would you like to help with that?

Please call the Development office at 785-332-3508 or 888-735-2444 for more information.

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

What is the Department of Agriculture thinking? They have decided to reopen the Canadian border to live cattle and additional beef products on March 7.

Despite a couple of cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease), little guarantees

that Canadian cattle feed has become purely vegetarian and, with no way to effectively track each cow from the north, the United States Department of Agriculture apparently does not see a risk.

At least we have a strict and structured system in our country to make sure each cow being processed is

healthy. So why do we need Canadian beef?

What is in it for the Canucks that is worth risking the well being of Americans?



## Honor Roll

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## Quotes

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbor's wife."

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

DON'T FORGET YOUR VALENTINE!

GOD SAYS

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 65:25

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## News From the Past

### 5 years ago - 2000

The Kansas 200 Calendar, a supplement of the Kansas! Magazine, features the Breaks for January.

High school principal Ward Cassidy turned in his resignation to the St. Francis Board of Education when members meets. The resignation will not be effective until the end of May.

Between 50 and 60 people attended the Cheyenne County Museum open house on Sunday. The old Soda Shoppe was a popular place and was the ISIS Shriner's showcase.

Cheyenne County will be celebrating 50 years of conservation at the annual meeting

Four Indian wrestlers were ranked by Kansas Wrestling Coaches. Named were Wes Cooper, Tyler Lampe, Jason Barnhart and Jon Zweggardt.

The Lady Indians are 6-2 overall and 2-0 in Northwest Kansas League play. Scoring in double figures in the won over Hoxie were Michelle Young with 16

points. Kelsey Andrist Added 13 and Dani Halpin 11.

The first baby of 2000 born to Cheyenne County residents was Mallory Mills, daughter of Mark and Julie Mills. She was born Jan. 12.

### 10 years ago - 1995

William W. Leach has stepped down/retired as a member of the Cheyenne County Commissioners and a reception is being held in his honor. He has served the county as Commissioner of the First District for 20 years and has also been involved in the State County Commissioners Association Board and the Northwest Kansas County Commissioner Highway Association.

The St. Francis junior high girls will be presenting a musical entitled "Guess What I Did Last Summer" on Tuesday.

Margaret Bucholtz was elected as the new chairman of the Cheyenne County Commissioners. Jane Brubaker took her seat as the new commissioner of District 1. The commissioners named Leon Brethower, Bird City, to the hospi-

tal board to replace Dan Susse who had served for the last eight years.

Heath William Churchwell is the winner of the 1995 First Baby of the Year contest. He is the son of Eric and Janice Churchwell.

Seven Boy Scouts, Derek Fromholtz, Dale Rose, Mike Dorsch, Ryan Weeks, Brad Carney, Brian Schlittenhardt and Kevin Trembly, left today to attend the Wheatland District Klondike Derby. Mike Wotlers was sick on Friday when the Scouts left.

### 50 years ago - 1955

Kenard Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kelly of St. Francis., had the honor of being selected the 29th Air Division Airman-of-the Month. He is stationed at the Great Falls (Mont.) Air Force Base.

The new board members of the St. Francis Community High School were sworn into office on Jan. 10. The newly added members were Roy Jackson, Harvey Stewart and J. B. Wickwar.

## Legislative Hot Line

The Legislative Reference Section of the Kansas State Library would like to remind all Kansans of the Legislative Hotline since the 2005 Legislative Session convenes Jan. 10. The hotline provides all Kansans with toll-free access to Kansas Legislative activity and documents. The hotline number is 1-800-432-3924 and operates year round. The same number is also available for hearing impaired TTY calls. The Legislative Reference Section will assist in contacting legislators who will then return calls and the Legislative Reference Section will also relay brief messages to legislators.

The Legislative Reference Section will assist with questions concerning general and specific information on the Kansas Legislature including bill introduction, sponsorship, amendments, status, history and information related to other legislative action and issues. The Legislative Reference Section will also provide copies of bills, calendars, journals, committee agendas and other legislative documents. Bills and other legislative documents are also available in Braille for the visually impaired.

The Legislative Reference Section maintains a complete collection of current and historical legis-

lative documents including bills, interim reports, journals, calendars, session laws, statutes, as well as other documents that can be useful in legislative research. The section also maintains a permanent index to Kansas legislation including all bills, amendments and conference reports.

The Legislative Reference Section also maintains an extensive current and historical collection of Kansas newspaper clippings on state government, politics and public policy issues.

Roll call voting records on individual legislators are also available.

## Worship Warms the Heart

<p><b>Wesleyan Church</b> Hwy 36 • 734-2727 Pastor Scott Baker Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>First Christian Church</b> 332-2956 • 118 E. Webster Pastor Tony Christians Sunday School 9:20 a.m. Church Service 10:30 a.m. Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>United Methodist Church</b> Church Office 332-2292, Church 332-2254, 512 S. Scott Pastor Morita Truman Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Church of Christ</b> 332-2380, Pars. 332-3424 502 W. Spencer Norman Morrow - Minister Bible Class 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church</b> 332-2888 • 3rd &amp; Adams Pastor Jim Martin Sabbath School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45</p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 2nd &amp; Scott • 332-3921 J.W. Glidewell, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wednesday prayer service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Grace Assembly of God</b> 332-2925, Pars. 332-2899 208 E. 2nd Rev. Rob Meyer Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church</b> 625 S. River • 332-2680 Fr. Beryl Gibson Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m. Weekday Mass 8 a.m. Confessions Sat. 4-4:30</p>	<p><b>St. Francis Community Church</b> 332-3150 • 216 W. Washington Pastor: Richard Garcia Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Salem Lutheran Church</b> 332-3002 Pastor Chris Farmer Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Living Water Fellowship Ministry</b> Pastors: Terry &amp; Tiffany Glasco Downtown Bird City 785-734-2363 Sunday: Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Word 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Last Sunday evening of Month: Healing Service 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>St. Francis Equity</b></p>
<p><b>Peace Lutheran Church</b> 202 N. College 332-2928 Pars. 332-2308 Pastor David Rossbach Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>St. Francis Community Church</b> 332-3150 • 216 W. Washington Pastor: Richard Garcia Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>First National Bank</b> Member FDIC</p>

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