

Government studying to cut the service offices

There are rumblings that there will be around 48 less people in the Natural Resources Conservation Service offices in Kansas. Out of the 104 offices in Kansas, it will probably make a definite difference in at least 20 of them.

The state conservation for Natural Resources Conservation Service said funds had been taken away from Kansas. Randy Rueb, who represents Cheyenne County, said it was because Kansas had done such a good job of getting conservation on the land.

Does that sound like government reasoning? Punishing the state for doing well? So Kansas' money is going to another state who hasn't done well in conservation — maybe the people didn't try, maybe they didn't care but, in northwest Kansas, farmers care and have made great steps in conservation.

Cheyenne County Natural Resources Conservation staff may be traveling to Goodland by 2008. And, since the county office will be closed, farmers will be using more of the gas that seems to go up in cost weekly, to do business in Goodland. And, everytime that person goes out of town, he or she will probably do a little shopping, so there will be less money trickling into the St. Francis downtown businesses.

Because the government will no longer have the money to pay the rent on the county's Natural Resources Conservation Service office space, there will be no office for the district manager for the

Cheyenne County Conservation District. The commissioners allot about \$12,000 a year and the government matches it with another \$10,000 but that is hardly enough to rent space, pay a part-time salary and other expenses.

Yes, the matter is under a study but, it appears that it is just a matter of time before the consolidation takes place. But, do you want to really feel the fear? The Farm Service Agency is next on the federal government's list.

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—Karen Krien

Hangin' With Marge

Done Painting

By Margaret Bucholtz



Just a few more touch-ups and the house will be painted!

Maybe age is catching up with me but I don't remember it taking this long the last time I painted the house.

My brother stopped in this weekend and he kind of looked at me strange and said, "Is that the shirt you wrote about that was hanging in the paint?"

I said, "Yep, it sure is and nope I haven't washed it yet."

I got smart this time around and saved myself some clothes. Usually I change my clothes every day, but then I figured that the way I paint, I would ruin several outfits so I decided I would just wear the same shirt and shorts until I was done.

It wasn't too bad the first few days but then the clothes got a little

itchy and, to tell the truth, even the dogs didn't come around for very long either.

But the good news was that by the end of the two- or three-week period, I no longer had to lay my clothes over a chair — all I had to do was stand them beside my bed and jump into them in the morning.

Support by residents appreciated

To the editor:

As chair of this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life Committee, I would like to thank residents of Cheyenne County for their generosity and support. Nine teams participated in this year's event, raising more than \$25,680 for the American Cancer Society's research, education, advocacy and service programs. The outstanding support received proves that the people to Cheyenne County are truly committed to the fight against cancer.

I want to applaud the 59 survivors that participated in the opening lap and the survivor recognition. They

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are the reason we continue the fight because each year there can be more and more people living wonderful lives following a diagnosis of cancer.

A special thanks goes to the many Relay for Life volunteers who worked to make this event a success. The Relay for Life Committee did an outstanding job of putting the event together. Committee members included Ericka Wieck, co-chair; Susie Walz, Survivorship Chair; Deb Patton, Luminaria Chair; Patient Ser-

vices, Sherry Schultz; Advocacy/Publicity, Betty Loudon; Corporate Sponsor, Randy Wieck; Registration/Accounting, Marsha Zimelman; and Missions, Mary Ruth Burkett.

We also appreciate the generosity of this year's corporate sponsors. Relay For Life would not be possible without them. See related article for a listing of corporate sponsors.

Again, thank you for supporting the American Cancer Society, and remember it's not too early to become involved in Relay for Life for next year.

Deb Lindsten
2006 Relay for Life chair
American Cancer Society
Cheyenne County

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GOD SAYS

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Romans 14:10-12

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News From the Past

10 years ago - 1996

The Plum Creek 4-H Club is planning a 50th anniversary celebration on Aug. 10 during the Cheyenne County Fair. It has been 50 years since a handful of young people and two adults formed the club. It was originally made up of members from the area where Plum Creek winds its way along the hills north of St. Francis.

First place winners in the Life Skills Judging during fair week were Toni Rice, junior division, Jamie Dunn, intermediate division and Christian Rainbolt, senior division.

At the completion of the Northwest Kansas Swim league summer season and league meet, three St. Francis boys were recognized by the league for their outstanding performance during the season. Andy

Poling, Tom Weaver and Michael Dorsch earned high point honors which ranked them in the top two positions in the league standing for their age group.

The Chamber of Commerce paid for the repainting of the signs welcoming people to St. Francis. Mike Ketter, Brian Davis, Tyler Lampe and Troy Hilt erected the signs.

40 years ago - 1966

Nine band students from St. Francis are among the nearly 650 young musicians attending the High Plains Band Camp at Fort Hays State College. Attending camp were Sue Sherlock, Myra Zimelman, Rita Canniff, Tom Kite, Steve Miller, Sheryl Keeler, JorJan Reynolds, Gail Wellman and Ruth Canniff.

Four St. Francis girls, Gaye Northrup, Joyce Douthit, Mary Lou Shaver and Alice Schneider, will

participate in the Miss Northwest Kansas beauty pageant.

Fair notes:

- Judy Schlepp had the Grand Champion Steer
- Charlene Curry had the Grand Champion Shorthorn.
- Doug Busby had the Grand Champion Market Barrow.
- Lawn Ridge 4-H Club members, Rick Murray, Doug Busby, Karen Little and Darrell Busby, won first place in the Livestock Judging contest.
- Debbie Gorthy won first in the 2-year-old mare class in the Quarter Horse Show.
- Phyllis Roelfs won the Style Revue; Lyle Boll won the Best Dressed Boy Contest and Jeanne Maring was the Grand Champion in the clothing division.
- Beverly Busse had the Grand Champion entry in the Foods Division.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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As the old saying goes, "Blood is thicker than water."

Last weekend Lezlie and I took our two youngest kids to Denver for a little family reunion. My father's sister, Katherine Baker, better known as Aunt Sissy or Kitty, was in town from California.

There were three children in her McCormick home. Aunt Sissy was the oldest, born 1923. Then came Uncle Bob, 1924. My Dad, Joe, was born in 1927. He was always the "baby of the family" and he got the nickname of Butchy.

Both Dad and his brother are gone. But they were sure in the

room of my twin brother's home when we gathered last Saturday evening.

Aunt Sissy sat at the big, round, wood table with the old lazy Susan in the middle. The table came from the house I grew up in and was the location of many previous gatherings.

We had several generations of McCormicks and their significant others around. From outside, the neighbors had to have heard boisterous laughter as stories were retold for the countless time.

But when Aunt Sissy talked about the Depression, a silence fell on the audience. Even the young ones were absorbed into the moment.

She spoke of how our grandfather, Robert McCormick, had landed a job in Akron, Ohio, as the supervisor of a production line for golf balls. When the crash came he was let go, but he did not want the family to worry. Each day he continued to get ready and leave for work, although his day was filled with finding whatever work he could.

There were tough times, but the Irish-American spirit of our family always persevered with a love for one another and a quick smile.

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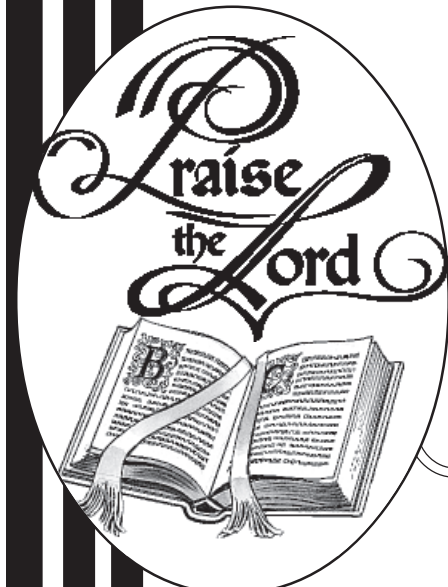
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