

Changes are coming; one might be stopped

Changes in the county are coming — some good and some not so good and, possibly, one change might be stopped.

This week, there will be a major change in the way some people's mail is addressed. Those people on rural routes will get a new physical address which will come in an envelope with red lettering. This change is good and could save a life as now, emergency medical technicians will know exactly where they are going when a 911 call comes in. It will also help when applying for a grant to get the Enhanced 911 system.

How often has a voice come over the scanner "what is the name of the person who needs help?" And, with that information, they then pretty much know where to go.

It may be unfortunate, but in small communities, the people living there don't even know the street names let alone the house numbers. Even after the new 911 physical addresses arrive in the mail, people will still probably not know the correct addresses of others but it is important to know their own!!

Older people may have a little trouble under-

standing everything but, don't hesitate to call the appraiser's office. The girls in the office will do everything they can to help.

Now, to the matter that people may be able to stop! That is taking the driver's license renewal abilities out of the county treasurer's office. There are petitions circulating and, if someone hasn't approached you with a petition, then go to the treasurer's office in the courthouse.

This is a much bigger problem than one might expect. Since it is a federal ruling, the state of Kansas will be forced to follow the law or risk losing federal funding and the IDs processes in Kansas' offices will not be accepted as an "approved form of ID."

There is a great effort, not only in Kansas but in other states to get this ruling stopped.

For more information, check the Letter to the Editor on this page or call the treasurer's office.

As of Tuesday, one of the biggest changes in St. Francis is the weather. Fall is here and, it actually looks like winter is right around the corner as there was a mix of snow and rain. And, it is only a little over 10 weeks until Christmas Eve!

—Karen Krien

Drivers should contact congress

Letter to the Editor and the motoring public,

I would like to bring to your attention concerns that I have regarding the 2005 Real ID Act. The federal legislation includes language that allows only employees of the state to renew driver's licenses. County treasurers are not employees of the state, but the Kansas Department of Revenue has designated the county treasurers to act as an agent for the State of Kansas to renew drivers licenses. I believe the regulations that are currently being worked on and due by December 2006, should address the issue by having the language in the regulations specifying that each state may authorize a designee or agent to assist them with the driver's license renewals.

The treasurer's office offers driver's license renewal services for Cheyenne County. Processing driver's license renewals locally is one of the most appreciated customer service programs that my office can offer.

My staff and I process change of name or address and Kansas driver's license renewals, Kansas ID cards, farm permits, instruction permits and restricted driver's license permits. We were renewing non-hazmat Commercial Driver's Licenses but the 2005 Real ID Act forced the State of Kansas to suspend that service at the county level in January 2006. Kansas is not the only state that is affected. But if Kansas doesn't follow the rules and regulations that the federal government implements, then the state risks losing federal funds and our IDs will not be accepted as an approved form of ID. Kansas treasurers are working with other states that also have treasurers who do drivers licenses and the National Association of Counties with the backing of Kansas Association of Counties. Working together we can all help our constituents.

If county treasurers are not allowed to renew driver's licenses,

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many citizens in rural areas of Kansas will be forced to drive to a county where there is a regional center. This will have a significant impact on senior citizens, handicapped, and individuals who will be forced to take time off of work and drive many miles and wait in line just to renew their driver's license. Plus I see this as an added stress to our already hurting economy.

Offering driver's license service locally is crucial, especially in rural areas of Kansas. I strongly urge the motoring public of Cheyenne County to contact your congressmen and sign the petition to let them know that we all want to protect our country from terrorists but we do not want to create undo hardship just to renew our privilege to drive.

We can do better.

Petitions can be found at: First National Bank in St. Francis and Bird City, Bankwest, city office in St. Francis and Bird City, St. Francis High School (for students and staff), Cheylin High School (for students and staff), Senior Centers in St. Francis and Bird City as well as the courthouse. Some have elected to carry the petition to help collect signatures; anyone is welcome to do this by contacting the treasurer's office, 785-332-8810. With several petitions out, I want to caution everyone to be sure they only sign one time. All petitions need to be returned to the treasurer's office by Nov. 9.

Dolores Jenik
Cheyenne County Treasurer

Readers encouraged to help those in need

Letter to the Editor,

The Salvation Army Christmas season is just around the corner!

We would like to thank everyone in the community who last year gave so generously and from the heart. We couldn't continue to serve those in need without your help.

In 2006, thanks to your support, The Salvation Army served 81,022 people in 93 counties in Kansas, providing emergency crisis assistance including help with utilities, rent, prescriptions, food and clothing. Our dedicated volunteers logged an amazing 27,699 hours of service.

Once again this holiday season we are asking for your help to en-

sure the disadvantaged of our community receive the assistance they need throughout the coming year. In addition to the red kettles you'll see outside local stores, you can also donate via credit card on-line at armykettle.com, or by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY. Another way to make a difference is to volunteer. As always, we are in need of bell-ringers. If you'd like to be a part of this wonderful holiday tradition, and change lives in the process, please give me a call.

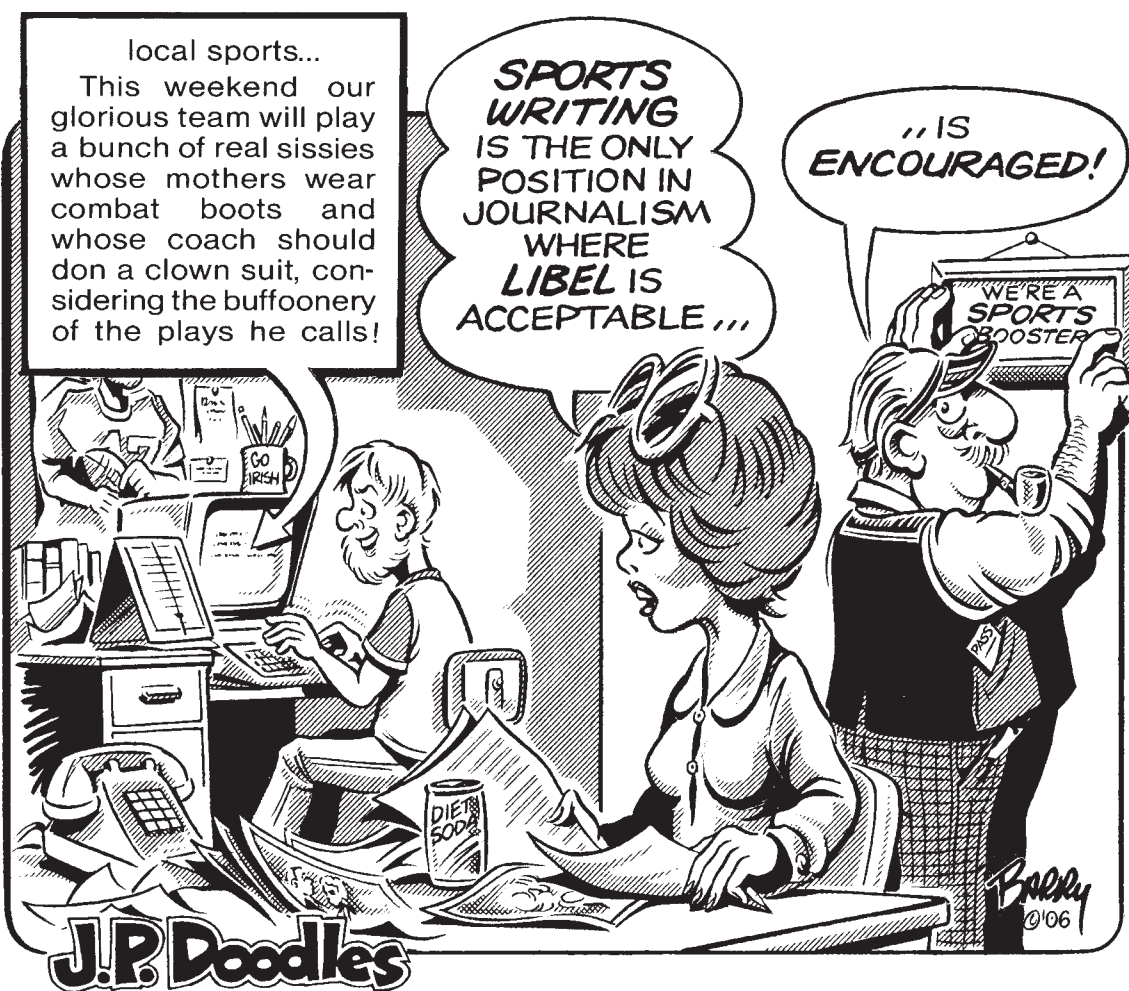
Brian Carroll
Service Extension Director
The Salvation Army, Kansas and Western Missouri
Kansas City, Mo

GOD SAYS
Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
Matthew 11:28

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News From the Past

5 years ago - 2001

Jodi Hilt, St. Francis, was the overall buckle winner at the Gage Roesener Memorial Gymkhana held in St. Francis.

K-27 from Wheeler to Goodland is expected to be opened by Oct. 19. The road has been under construction since April.

On Stage, Inc., is presenting "The Taffetas - A Journey Through the Fabulous 50s." The singing quartet is made up of Julie Wolters, Talley Morrow, Lila Whitmore and Jenny Busse.

Travis Raile and Michal Walker, both former St. Francis Indians, are playing football for Bethany College in Lindsborg.

The 4-H Family of the Year Award was presented to Steve and Susan Knodel, Andrea and Angela. Best record book winners in the junior division were Matt Whitmore and Andrea Knodel while Chase Krien and Crystal Murray won the award in the senior division.

The Steve Douthit Family

30 years ago - 1976

New grade school teachers include Betty Penix, Debbie Paustske, Julie McComb, Candy Drennan and Marilyn Illingsworth. New teachers at the junior/senior high school are Claire Kahler, James Penix, Alene Meskimen, Linda Heline, Steve Jenkins, Steve Kirkham and Russ Smith.

The livestock judging team from Cherry Creek 4-H Club took top honors at the Cheyenne County Fair. Members of the team include Sherri Hager, Randy Hager, and Todd Sherlock.

The Cheyenne County Hospital announced this week the Hospital Guild has given \$1,200 to help pay for the new drapes and liner at the hospital.

Indian football letter winners

was honored with the 2001 Cheyenne County Farm Family Award at the annual Farm Bureau meeting. Pete Jensen and Sam Miller were present at the St. Francis City Council meeting to offer the sale of the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) building to the city.

reporting for practice include Rory Cahoj, Tom Hilt, Roger Button, Leonard DeBolt, Brent Rueb, Roger Vrbas, Daryl Schultz, Kevin Wilson, Kelly Gienger, Tim Raile, Dan Stang, Steve Confer, Alan Schlepp and Bob Sperry.

According to the latest population figures from the court house, Cheyenne County has gained 95 residents this year. The present population of the county is 4,005, with the city of St. Francis having 1,728 and the city of Bird City, 640.

Mrs. Josephine Churchill will attend the Great Plains Conference on Higher Education at the University of Oklahoma. Delegates will be particularly interested in recommendations on how colleges and universities could do more for all the people of the Great Plains.

Aria Bowman opened her new beauty shop in St. Francis on Oct. 12. The shop is located in the building formerly occupied by the Harned Bakery in the east half of the building.

Casey's Comments

When we leave this life, material things don't go with us. What we accumulate here stays here.

My faith tells me about the importance of stewardship. Even though what we have is temporary, it must be treated wisely.

A good example of this are the ranchers of this area. Management of cattle is not something that is taken lightly.

Now is the time of year that the

calves are being weaned from their mothers. Cattlemen know what routines need to be followed throughout the year. But there are many variables that can change their plans.

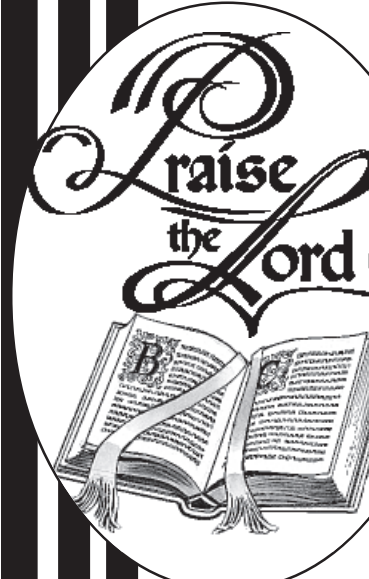
When Mother Nature exposes animals to all forms of torment, the cattlemen are there to provide what is needed. As a shepherd tends to his sheep, a rancher cares for his cattle.

Today celebrities, such as

Pamela Anderson, speak against the horrid treatment of massed produced animals. There is an ever-growing movement, especially of young people, to become vegetarians.

Luckily we still have a strong base for the beef industry here. Thanks to the stewardship of the cattlemen.

<p>Church of Christ 332-2380, Pars. 332-3424 502 W. Spencer Norman Morrow - Minister Bible Class 11 a.m. Morning Worship 10 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 625 S. River • 332-2680 Fr. Roger Meitl Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m. Weekday Mass 8 a.m. Confessions Sat. 4-4:30</p>	<p>Seventh-Day Adventist Church 332-2888 • 3rd & Adams Pastor Mike Larson Sabbath School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45</p>
<p>United Methodist 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>First Christian Church 332-2956 • 118 E. Webster Sunday School 9:20 a.m. Church Service 10:30 a.m. Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church 2nd & Scott • 332-3921 J.W. Glidewell, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Salem Lutheran Church 332-3002 Pastor Chris Farmer Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Grace Assembly of God 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>Peace Lutheran Church 202 N. College Pastor Ken Hart 332-2928 Pars. 332-2312 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>
<p>St. Francis Community Church 332-3150 204 N. Quincy Street Pastor: David Butler Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Clough Valley Church of Hope 12 m. west, 6 m. north of SF Pastor Jason Howard 332-3152 Saturdays 8 p.m. CT or 7 p.m. MT</p>	



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