



Banner is signed at the Relay for Life held at Sawhill Park in August.

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Banner signed by residents is now in Washington, D.C.

Many area residents signed the large banner at the Cheyenne County Relay for Life held in St. Francis in August. Those who were advocates in the fight against cancer were encouraged to sign the banner located in Sawhill Park during the Relay. The banner with all the signatures was to be taken to Washington D.C. to be displayed at the Celebration of the Hill 2006 with about 5,000 other banners from other communities. Deb Lindsten, relay chairman, encouraged everybody to sign the banner, adding that the banner signatures were a testament to the spirit, courage and strength of the millions of Americans touched by cancer. She said those signing might want to write a message of support. The banners were to make up the Wall of Hope monument on the National Mall. This wall was the focal point of Celebration on the Hill 2006. At the Celebration on the Hill, there were 10,000 cancer advo-

ates from every Congressional district in the country. The largest-ever monument to cancer covering three city blocks included an emotional, candle-lit ceremony of hope. These are just a few of the many highlights of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's Celebration on the Hill 2006 - an empowering, moving, monumental grassroots advocacy event held Sept. 20, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The state of Kansas was represented by 32 "Celebration Ambassadors," who are cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and family members. Ambassadors from across the country and all walks of life met face to face with the lawmakers in Washington to communicate the message that lawmakers must commit to the fight against cancer. "Cancer is the most feared disease in America. We want our members of Congress to know that this fear is felt in every corner of Kansas," said Renee

Kelley, spokesperson for the Society. "In 2006, an estimated 1,399,790 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer and an estimated 564,830 will die from the disease. In 2006, an estimated 13,210 Kansans will be diagnosed with cancer and an estimated 5,330 Kansans will die from the disease. Cancer funding must be made a national priority." One of the main objectives at Celebration was to urge elected officials to sign the Congressional Cancer Promise - a commitment to taking specific legislative steps to increase the government's investment in cancer research, prevention and early detection, survivorship, and access to care. More than 300 lawmakers, including all of Kansas' six congressional members, signed on and voiced their support for this short term plan to put the nation's fight against cancer back on track. In the short time since Celebration on the Hill, progress has already been made. The National Institutes of Health reauthorization bill was on the House floor for a vote a week after Celebration. The House passed H.R. 6164, the "National Institutes of Health Reform Act of 2006" by roll call vote with 414 yeas and only two nays. In addition to strengthening coordination and transparency within National Institutes of Health, this bill sets authorization levels for National Institutes increases at a minimum of 5 percent for the next three years (in line with the Congressional Cancer Promise). In addition, the Energy and Commerce Committee passed the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2006 (H.R. 5472). This legislation will allow the program to reach more uninsured and other medically underserved women, by authorizing an increase in fund to the \$250 million level, so at least an additional 130,000 women can be served. The roll call vote of 45 yeas and 0 nays was a very strong signal from the committee of its support for this program and the need for increased funding to help ensure more women have access to these vital cancer screening tests.

Historical society program held information on barns

The program for the Cheyenne County Historical Society which met Tuesday, Oct. 10, was presented by Stan and Janet Carman. They had been to a "Barnalogue" in Beloit. Mr. Carman presented many ideas on the importance of saving an old barn as buildings are becoming a thing of the past. Some of the ideas were:

- Turn your barn into a home.
- Make a meeting place out of an old barn for the community to hold meetings, dances and other activities.
- Turn it into a hunting lodge.

The group enjoyed the program and many had ideas to add to the discussion. Milton Lampe gave a report from the committee on the repairs needed for Ye Olde County Church. Tin has been purchased to cover the ceiling in the entrance and Mr. Lampe had made new railing for the steeple. It is ready to put up as soon as help can be secured. Volunteers are needed to help scrape the old paint and repaint the outside. David Rossbach, member, read the form that has been made to take to both schools in the county for a scholarship to be given to a senior this spring. There will be an essay required in the topic "Why it is important to learn about the county's history."

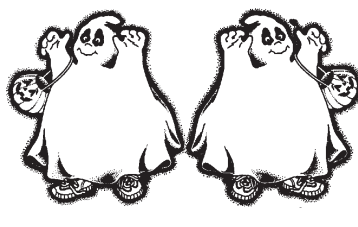
Mr. Lampe suggested that a sign be made to allow tourists to know that the voice of the Jolly Green Giant, Lyn Dresslar, was born in St. Francis. This was tabled until the next meeting. The High Plain Historical Association will be holding their annual meeting in Oakley on Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Colonial Steak House. Kirk Shapland from Dighton will be portraying Buffalo Bill. A Dutch lunch will begin at 1:30 with a meeting and election of officers. The program will follow. The next meeting for the Historical Society will be held at 5 p.m. on Nov. 14. This will be the meeting where all members will vote for the new officers. Those planning on running for office will be president: Stan Carman; vice president: Louanne

Isernhagen; secretary: Dee Dorsch; treasurer: Clarence Iloff; trustee: Milton Lampe and Dave and Lucille Rossbach. The museum will be open all day for anyone who wishes to vote early. Write-in votes will be accepted as long as that person knows they are being written in. After the voting, members will have a brain-storming session for ideas for programs and tours. Please come and vote and bring your ideas. All members are to bring finger foods. **Next meeting** The December meeting will not be held at the museum, but be at the Salem Lutheran Church for the song fest. The music will be provided by The Once Again Sound Band and the St. Francis Singers led by Mrs. Isernhagen.

Organization to hold contest for their logo

The Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization is looking for a logo with a contest in the nine counties it serves, including Decatur. "We want something that reflects recycling in northwest Kansas," said Lynette Koon, the organization's coordinator, "and preferably with the name of our group on the logo somewhere." The contest is open to all residents in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, and Wallace counties. Entry deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 15, America Recycles Day. The winner, to be announced in December, gets \$100. The logo will be used on the organization's vehicles, letterhead, equipment and signs, Ms. Koon said. "We want an icon describing who we are and we want to be able to use that on everything associated with the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization," Ms. Koon said, adding that the group is looking at the nine counties working together to provide recycling opportunities. "We are seeking a logo that would be specific to us," she said,

"similar to the way the 'Three R's' are used in the national recycling logo." Ms. Koon said there are few rules. The logo needs to be "something that can be reproduced or scanned," she said, adding that it can be on an 8-inch-by-10-inch sheet of paper or something close to those dimensions. The best way to send entries is by mail to Box 43, Colby, Kan. 67701, Ms. Koon said. For questions, call her at 460-6598 or e-mail koonsters@st-tel.net. Board members include Marilyn Horn and Jack Benton in Decatur County; Roger Jensen and Joy Anderegg, Cheyenne; Jean Roberts and Charles Peckham, Rawlins; Bob Schwarz and Keith Kennedy in Sheridan; Laura Davis and Bev Eicher in Thomas; Linda Engel in Logan and Mahlon Tuttle in Gove.



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Cara Hunt

Grade: Sophomore

Parents: Carl & Gina Hunt

Student of the Month

Cara, Sophomore at St. Francis Community High school, is the October Student of the Month. She is involved in FFA, FCA, Superintendent's Honor Roll, Band and Vocal, Advanced Music, Volleyball, Wrestling Cheerleader. Cara is also involved in Community Service through the school, Christian Church Choir, Job's Daughters, Sr. Dance Troop. After St. Francis Community High School, Cara plans on attending KU or the University of Nebraska in Lincoln to pursue a degree in medicine. Ten years from now Cara plans to be married and have a steady job. Cara's favorite quote is: "In the end, we will not remember the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." —Martin Luther King, Jr.

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