

Courthouse is raising money for American Cancer Society

No! It's not a replay of the "The Christmas Story" movie! However, the idea probably generated from it.

The courthouse crew was looking for a way to raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. So, they made and decorated a lamp (pictured). No! It doesn't light up! And, no, it's not the average lamp!

However, someone's business is going to get it unless they can give it away! (And the object is to get rid of it by giving it away as quickly as possible.)

When a business receives the lamp, the staff will have the honor of displaying it for 24 hours. But, there are two options

1) To pass the lamp on to another business that they select from the list (please make a minimum donation of \$10). Call the appraiser's office (the 'brains' behind the lamp). An employee from that office will collect the donation and deliver to the business selected. Businesses only need to participate once.

2) Now, if the staff falls in love with the lovely lamp, they may display it for more than 24 hours for a donation of only \$5 a day.

If the business happens to get the lamp on a weekend, the lamp will not cost additional money.

Look for this creative "work of art" in the different businesses when the courthouse decides to give it up. Also, don't forget a donation to go to the American Cancer Society.



RAISING MONEY— Terry Miller slips a dollar in the garter of the decorated lamp.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



THEATER SEATS are on display at the Cheyenne Theater. Natalie Knodel, Theater Committee person and member of the St. Francis City Council, and others checked out the last seat which was brought by Bill Luxford, American Seating Company. This seat is a little different than the other three already on display. People are asked to stop by the theater, try them out and tell the staff which one they like best.

Photo courtesy of Bob Bixler

Association announces new season

A big season is planned for the members of the Western Plains Art Association for the 2004-05 year.

"The annual campaign marks the 35th season to secure support for programming as the membership drives begins in the western Kansas area during July," said Althea Lebow, local contact person. "More than two-thirds of the budget comes from members through various levels of support. A relatively small amount comes from gate fees charged to non-members at the performances."

"One of the objectives of Western Plains Arts Association is to educate the public about the arts and one of the ways that is done is to provide workshop programs in the public schools. Most school boards consider this aspect of support by some level of sponsorship."

An outline of some of the programs already scheduled includes:

- Singer, pianist and songwriter, Kelley Hunt, who opens the season Sept. 12 at Oakley, Garrison Keillor fans have heard her on "A Prairie Home Companion" six times. She began piano lessons at age 10 in Emporia and learned the boogie-woogie style that has become one of her trademarks. Subjects she writes and sings about create the grasslands of the Kansas' Flint Hills.

- Frula, a Balkan folk dance group, returns Sept. 30, with a theatrical drama in Colby with her rich and colorful program of folk music and dance.

- Wichita Children's Theatre presents "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" this year for area schools and an evening show for the public.

- "The President's Own" United States Marine Band will present varied selections at the ever-popular military annual show in Colby.

- A chamber concert in Sharon Springs and a cappella quintet in Atwood add musical quality and variety to the schedule.

- "Mr. Jack Daniel's Original Silver Cornet Band," a very popular show several years ago will do "A Hometown Christmas."

- The returning "Centennial Singers" from the University of Wyoming will do a wide variety of vocal numbers displaying beautiful costumes and choreography.

- Performer Joyce Theier of the "Ride Into History" team will present "Whose Land/Our Land/My Land" for the public and an adaptation as a school performance the next day.

- Lazer Vaudeville" features juggling, blacklight, laser features, images and comedy returning by request.

- A premiere professional touring choir, "The Texas Boys Choir," is worth the price of the season ticket.

- There are also end-of-the-season shows which includes "Rowan," A Celtic program and a nostalgic back-in-time show, "Radio Days."

For season membership in the St. Francis area you may contact, Althea Lebow, 332-3377; Helene Landenbeger, 332-2528; or Lee Nichols, 332-3581.



Logan



Shane

Florida twins celebrate birthday on Feb. 14

Logan and Shane McIntosh are the twin sons of Scott and Jamie McIntosh of Olathe. They celebrated their first birthday on Feb. 14 and were 16 months old on June 14.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs.

Pete Skinner of Tallahassee, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Gil Backenstoss of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Warren McIntosh of Panama City Beach, Fla., former residents of McDonald.

County Health Talk

Volunteers needed when disasters occur

County Health Talk by Susan Roelfs

With the attacks on our country in 2001, as well as the continued threats against the United States, it has become necessary for the nation to prepare for a bioterrorism attack. County Health Departments are continually in preparation mode and the County Health Department has been updating the Bioterrorism Response and Preparedness Plan. This plan outlines the roles and responsibilities of the department when a bioterrorism or disaster event occurs.

One of the aspects of this plan is the preparation for a mass vaccination or prophylactic dispersal clinic if deemed necessary. For each resident to be successfully taken care of within the short time frame the state has set forth there needs to be local volunteers to assist with paperwork and other duties. The Cheyenne County Health Department is looking for volunteers to help if an attack or disaster occurs. If there is a call for a mass vaccination/prophylaxis clinic, the county department is asking you to help out. This need could

occur for a variety of biological agents or another disaster situation. The department is making plans to provide training for all volunteers. Those with a medical background are also asked to volunteer to help.

The chance of an attack in our county is slim; however, the possibility of an infectious disease outbreak is possible. We must be prepared. Please call the health department if you would be willing to help with educating the public or other aspects of staffing a clinic. When people come into a vaccination clinic, there will be medical questionnaires to fill out, education to be provided and other various duties. There are many different areas to cover, so be sure to express where you will be willing to help. A list of volunteers willing to help will be kept at the health department office.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Cheyenne County Health Department at (9785) 332-22381, or stop by the office located at 709 S. Benton Street in St. Francis on Tuesday and Thursday and the Bird City Clinic on Monday.

St. Francis resident seriously burned Sunday

Michael Hanson, 20-year-old St. Francis resident, was seriously burned on Sunday while welding on a demolition derby car. Besides burns to the outside of his body, the inside of his throat was also burned.

He was taken to the Cheyenne County Hospital and then flown out to the Greeley Hospital Burn Center in Greeley, Colo.

On Tuesday, the family reported that he was doing very well, is in a

good mood and had a sense of humor, noting that he asked if the nurses could put a milkshake in the IV.

He hasn't been allowed too many visitors outside of his mother, Jackie Evatt, St. Francis. However, he would enjoy hearing from friends and relatives at the North Colorado Medical Center, 1801 16th Street, Greeley, CO 80631 or calling him at 1-866-806-6262.

Obituaries

Elmer P. Peter

Nov. 18, 1914 - July 10, 2004

Elmer P. Peter, 89 years old, Goodland, Kan., died at Lantern Park Manor in Colby, July 10, 2004.

Elmer was born Nov. 18, 1914, to John and Emma (Hornbacher) Peter in Sutton, Neb. The family moved to Goodland where Elmer attended school.

Elmer married Vera Charles on April 30, 1938, in Gove. He was a truck driver for many years in the Goodland area retiring in 1981. He was a Wal-Mart greeter from 1998, to 2001, and enjoyed playing cards, watching the squirrels in his yard and watching baseball on television.

He was preceded in death by his wife Vera in 1997, and son Terry.

Survivors include four daughters and six sons, Phyllis (Harvey) Zweygardt of St. Francis, Erma (Clarence) Atkins, Mishawaka, Ind., Larry (Mary) Peters, San Diego, Calif., Karen Winter, Elkhart, Ind., Ken (Marcia) Peters, Johnson City, Tenn., Roger (Delma) Peters, Elkhart, Vickie (Don) Engel, Oakley, Rod (Rita) Peters, Colby, Ricky (Cindy) Peters, Wylie, Texas, and Randy (Becky) Peters of Wichita; 34 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Arthur of Pittsburg, and two sisters, Seatta Vandonge and Irene Daise of Goodland.

Elmer confessed Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior in his later years.

The funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. mountain time on Wednesday, July 14 with burial following in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Sherman County Home-Owned Carnival in care of the Bateman Funeral Home P., O., Box 278, Goodland, KS 67735.

March 21, 1943 - July 20, 2004

Eloyce Ann (Yonkey) Pettijohn was born March 21, 1943, to Clarence and Lila (Goodale) Yonkey in St. Francis, Kan. She was the third of four children. Eloyce died on July 20, 2004, at the home place after battling cancer, she was 61.

Eloyce grew into adulthood on the family home place southwest of Wheeler. Eloyce went to school at Wheeler her whole eight years of grade school. She then went to

St. Francis Community High School and graduated in the class of 1961. In the fall of 1961, Eloyce started college at Fort Hays State to graduate with a degree in elementary education.

Upon finishing college she would teach school in Cheyenne, Wyo.; Goodland, Hood River, Ore., and Portland, Ore. During the summer breaks from teaching, Eloyce was able to travel and see most of the 50 states and Canadian Provinces.

It was while teaching in Portland that she met Eric Osterholme. They were married in the spring of 1971. To this union was born a daughter, Kimberly Ann.

This marriage would end in divorce. She would stay in Portland for Kimberly to finish high school and start college.

In the spring of 1994, Eloyce moved back to St. Francis to live. At that time she started Lady in Red and Tasteful Treasures. This business specialized in homemade cookies, sweets and seasonal Christmas candy. Making cookies, tending to the flowers and yard, along with spending time with her family members, friends, and dogs was great pride for Eloyce.

In the spring of 1995, Eloyce married Rick Pettijohn. Eloyce met Rick while taking dance lessons in Burlington, Colo. They would make their home at the farm where they shared interest in gardening Rick's vegetables and Eloyce's flowers.

In September, 1996, Kimberly married Andrew Psaltis in Colorado Springs and to this union was born Gabriella Ann in September, 2002, at which Eloyce proudly earned the title of Grandma and

Nana. Sharing pictures and spending time with Kimberly, Andrew, and Gabriella was an extreme pride of Eloyce.

Eloyce was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis and a member of the Master Gardening Club.

Eloyce is preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Lila; a brother, Royce; sister-in-law, Claudia, and father-in-law, Darrel Pettijohn.

She is survived by her husband, Rick, of the home; daughter Kimberly (Andrew) Psaltis of Littleton, Colo.; stepsons, Darrel (Tammy) of St. Francis and Kirk of Afghanistan; brothers, Merlyn (Ruth Anne) of St. Francis and Gary (Miriam) of Wheeler; brothers-in-law, Greg (Alice) of Stafford and Frank of Kentucky; sister-in-law, Darolyn (Clint) of Stafford; granddaughters, Gabriella of Littleton, Lakyn and Layne of St. Francis and Shayna of Swink, Colo.; mother-in-law, Clara Pettijohn of Stafford; an aunt, Helen Yonkey of Lincoln, Neb., and several nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. She is also survived by her special dog companions, Teacup, Molly and Jazz.

Services were held at the Yonkey Farm outside of St. Francis on Wednesday, July 14, with Pastor David Rossbach and Pastor Chris Farmer officiating. Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery in St. Francis.

Pallbearers were Kevin Brown, Tadd Neitzel, Roger Pownell, Jim Rarack, Gaylord Krien and Darrell Zweygardt.

Memorials may go to the Eloyce Pettijohn Memorial and mailed to Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Years Ago

30 years ago - 1974

Keith Hukle of Dalhart, Texas, arrived Monday to begin work as Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department for Bird City.

Kris Sweazy and Virginia Bolyard attended the Kansas American Legion Auxiliary Sunflower Girls State in June.

Among the Cheyenne County 4-H'ers attending camp at Rock Springs were Kim Krien, Lonnie Coon, Greg Waters, Burton Pinalto, Kirby Krien, Steven Loop, Walter Eggers, Ann Waters, Lori Coon, Melissa Sweazy and Jeannie Loop (junior counselor).



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