

# Treasurers to file campaign reports

On July 30, treasurers for candidates running for state and county office will file their pre-primary election campaign reports. In addition, on Aug. 2, a report of last minute contributions will also be filed by any state or local candidate who receives any contributions in the amount of \$300 or more.

These reports are a matter of public record. County candidate reports are available for review in the County Clerk / County Election Office in which the candidate is on the ballot.

Candidates for state office file

their reports only with the Secretary of State. These reports contain the names of most contributors and the amounts of their contributions as well as information as to how campaign funds are spent.

Terry Miller, county clerk and county election officer will have local candidate receipts and expenditures reports available for review during regular business hours. State candidate reports can be viewed on the commission's website at [www.kansas.gov/ethics](http://www.kansas.gov/ethics).

# Old iris clumps should be divided

If they're happy where they live, bearded irises multiply.

Unless gardeners divide the resulting clumps every three to five years, though, most varieties start losing vigor and flowering ability.

"Late July through early August is the ideal time — not only to divide but also to plant or move irises," said Ward Upham, Kansas State Research and Extension horticulturist.

For dividing, he recommends these steps.

- Soak dry soil a day or two before. Then dig up the entire clump. The revealed part will be a tangled mass of thick rhizomes (tough underground stems) and smaller feeder roots.

- Begin knocking off soil and twisting, breaking or cutting the root mass into smaller pieces. A knife or spade can help.

- Continue until you have planting-size divisions. The minimum is one rhizome with attached roots and a fan of leaves. (It probably won't bloom next year.) The

better division is Y-shaped: two "minimums" with smallish rhizomes attached to a larger one.

- Discard broken roots. Get rid of old or dried-out rhizomes and those with borer damage or soft rot.

- Cut leaves back by two thirds.

- Prepare the planting site: weed. As needed, incorporate fertilizer and/or organic material six to eight inches deep.

- Dig a hole as deep as the division's longest root. Either mound up soil to hold the rhizome in the hole's middle, or hand-hold the rhizome at ground level while you replace the fill dirt. Water halfway through and after refilling the hole. The rhizome's top surface should end up dusted with soil or exposed to the sun.

The usual planting arrangement is a triangle of three divisions, with their leaf fans facing out, 10 to 12 inches apart.

"If they're facing the other way 'round, you'll be dividing again really soon," Upham said.



**LIONS CALENDARS** — Dorothy Kellner, right, gets the names of birthday and anniversaries from Donna Zwegardt to publish on the Lion's Club callendar for next year.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

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Hopefully everyone is staying busy and enjoying all the summer activities.

Many calls are coming into the office for information about the area. Places to stay, where to eat and things to do. There have also been inquiries for other types of business. All business is important no matter how large or small, store front or home based, so if you have flyers or business cards, please call 785-332-3508, and I will be glad to pick them up.

CCDC is proud to support and display business information through the Office.

The Cheyenne County Development Corporation is sponsoring a FREE Succession Planning Workshop on Monday, August 20, 2012, at the CCDC office at 107 Washington St. in St. Francis from 5:00-6:00 p.m. If you are thinking of selling your business or planning to retire within the next 5 years, this workshop is for you! Advanced registration is

required by registering online at <http://ksbdc.ecenterdirect.com> or by calling Megan Horinek at 785-734-2592.

For the 2013 Official Kansas Travel Guide, the purchasing of listings will be done through a portal hosted by Madden Media. If you would like to learn a bit more about how to place your order for your listings to appear in the printed Travel Guide please contact Madden (<mailto:kslistings@maddenmedia.com>kslistings@

By Helen Dobbs



maddenmedia.com) for instructions. Display ad materials are due August 22, 2012.

If you are the person in charge of an event in Cheyenne County, please contact the CCDC Office, to insure that your event will be included on websites and in print publications as we receive requests.

Thank you for your help in promoting Cheyenne County.

## Book Reviews

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library

### Breathless

By Dean Koontz

In the stillness of a golden September afternoon, deep in the wilderness of the Rockies, a solitary craftsman, Grady Adams, and his magnificent Irish wolfhound, Merlin, step from shadow into light...and into an encounter with enchantment. That night, through the trees, under the moon, a pair of singular animals will watch Grady's isolated home, waiting to make their approach.

A few miles away Camillia Rivers, a local veterinarian, begins to unravel the threads of a

puzzle that will bring to her door all the forces of a government in peril.

At a nearby farm, long-estranged identical twins come together to begin a descent into darkness...In Las Vegas, a specialist in chaos theory probes the boundaries of the unknowable...On a Seattle golf course, two men make matter-of-fact arrangements for murder...along a highway by the seas, a vagrant scarred by the past begins a trek toward his destiny.

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### The Guardian

By Dee Henderson

Tense action, detailed investigations and romance are the trademarks of Dee Henderson's exciting O'Malley series that appeals to both men and women. This gripping thriller is no exception as contemporary characters wrestle with universal issues of faith in God's plan.

A federal judge has been murdered. There is only one witness...and someone wants her dead. U.S. Marshall Marcus

O'Malley thought he knew the risks of the assignment going in...until he fell in love. Now he not only has a case to solve and an assassin to stop...he has a lady to convince that he's the right man for her. And to do that, he's going to have to walk back into his own past and wrestle with the complex matter of prayer. Why are some prayers answered and others not, no matter how hard we pray?

Marshall O'Malley must learn to trust God if he's going to solve this case...and win the heart of the woman he loves.

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### Sailing To Capri

By Elizabeth Adler

When English tycoon Sir Robert Waldo Hardwick dies mysteriously in a car accident, he leaves behind a note naming six people he suspects might have wanted him dead. Dairy Keane and P.I. Harry Montana team up to take the suspects - and also six "red herrings" - on a fabulous Mediterranean cruise, all expenses paid by the late Sir Robert. As they call at Monte Carlo, Saint-Tropez, and Sorrento, the mystery deepens. And the unexpected twists are just the beginning.

Finally, they arrive at the beautiful Villa Belkiss on Capri, where Sir Robert's will is to be read...and the killer unmasked. With the beauty of the Yorkshire countryside, the Mediterranean resorts, and the magnificent cruise ship, plus the intense attraction between loner Montana and wary Dairy, passions flare and the beauty of the Villa Belkiss enchants.

## The Gardener

By Kay Melia



This business of searing heat and lack of fruit-set on tomato plants is beginning to get on my nerves! The very thought of many more days of triple-digit temperatures makes you wonder if we're going to have any semblance of a tomato crop at all this summer. Most of us have lots of blooms, the plants show good growth and good color, and the blooms just fall off. You know the routine. As of July 20, there have been 20 days of 100 degree heat on my garden.

So, I decided to try to get to the bottom of what we can expect from our tomato crop for the rest of the summer by going straight to the top to consult with those who know more than I do about such problems. Noted Whitehouse gardener Michelle Obama was out of town, so I made contact with a couple of other folks who might be able to offer some semblance of hope for the crop.

One of my contacts was Shirley Buller, longtime Master Gardener, former greenhouse operator, and current columnist whose "Hoe and Tell" garden column appears in at least 15 southwest and northern Oklahoma weekly newspapers. Shirley gardens big time just outside of Montezuma, south of Dodge City. Her column covers just about every facet of gardening from flowers and vegetables to

fruit trees, shrubbery, and lawns. Last summer, Southwest Kansas experienced more than 30 days of triple digit temperatures, and tomatoes suffered greatly. Shirley told me that her plants never recovered, despite careful summer attention, and she eventually pulled up the plants at the end of September. She said there had been other summers of intense heat when the tomatoes survived and produced well when temperatures finally cooled in late summer. Shirley added that she was going to try to be patient in hopes of a decent harvest when things cooled down a bit.

I also had an email visit with a young extension horticulturist from Salina, Jason Graves, who writes a widely read weekly garden column in the Thursday edition of the *Salina Journal's* "Home and Garden" page. Jason told me that once the temperatures "settle down," the blossoms will begin to set fruit again and should grow to harvestable size before the first frost. He said he had experimented the last couple of years by giving his indeterminate plants a light pruning during the hot part of the season. The idea was to encourage new growth on the plant that would encourage fruit-set rather

than plant growth. Jason added that even without pruning, he was confident that most plants would return to production once temperatures return to a proper range.

I find myself somewhat encouraged, and will continue to carefully tend to my tomato patch, heat or cold. Surely, Al Gore notwithstanding, cooler air and maybe even a few sprinkles of rain will favor us soon. As Shirley Buller

told me, gardeners are made of tough stuff, and even if we end up on the losing end, you know we will put out another crop next spring, as if nothing was amiss.

To all tomato growers, patience is the key word. Thing WILL get better in the backyard.

## Deadlines !! Deadlines

We know how all of us hate deadlines — But in order for us to do our best and try to keep you happy, please note below The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times deadlines.

Articles and Ad are due Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's paper

The Saint Francis Herald  
Bird City Times



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Idalia, CO 80735  
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