



WITH ONE BLOCK TO GO, the Renk sisters, (l to r) Beth Schiel, Stephanie Rowh, Angie Schorzman and Kelly Schmidt, had smiles on their faces knowing they had one more block to walk to complete the Twin Cities 3-Day Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure.

Daughters team up to walk for a cure in Twin Cities

Former St. Francis residents, the daughters of Jerry and Colleen Renk, recently teamed up to walk in the Twin Cities 3-Day Walk for the Cure which is sponsored by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. They began the walk in Edina, Minn., and ended up in St. Paul, Minn., a walk of 60 miles.

The Renk sisters grew up in St. Francis and graduated from the St. Francis Community High School. Their parents moved but St. Francis is still home.

Today, they have moved to different parts of the mid-west. Stephanie Rowh and Angie Schorzman live in Minnesota. The other two sisters stayed in Kansas. Kelly Schmidt lives in Hays and Beth Schiel lives in Ellis.

On the 60-mile walk, they spent their time together having fun and catching up, but they were also walking for a special reason. Two years ago, Kelly was diagnosed with breast cancer and is a survivor. Their Aunt Sandi had lost the battle to breast cancer just weeks before the walk and they had several other family members who had been diagnosed with the disease and were survivors.

This is the fourth year that Stephanie and Angie participated in the Twin Cities Walk for the Cure. A year ago, Kelly was still too weak to participate but she was there with her mom, Colleen, and her aunt, Maureen, helping them hand out Cokes, water and candy bars.

The streets are lined with people cheering on the walkers, Mrs. Renk said. It is amazing and so heartwarming. The walkers are young and old, there are children and grandparents – some of the walkers still have cancer but they are walking or in wheelchairs. There are thousands of volunteers who help with the walk.

Last year, Beth was not able to travel to Minnesota but she wanted to support the cause so she and her friend, Kristi Rhoden (wife of Jeff Rhoden, former St. Francis resident), walked from Ellis to Hays on one of the days of the Walk for the Cure.

This year, the sisters trained for the walk, starting 30 weeks in advance. They encouraged each other through e-mails which also detailed the training regimen they needed to be following.

At the actual Walk for the Cure, participants walk about 20 miles a day – the walk takes them around the city, including through parks and urban areas. In the evening, they set up camp with tents. Semis come in and they are able to take showers.

The event isn't just about walking. Each of the girls were required to raise \$2,300 to participate. Kelly and Beth said they had several money makers to raise the needed funds.

At the end of the three days, the participants met at the capitol. Kelly is a survivor and was a part of the survivors' walk. The other participants formed tunnel for the survivors' walk, raising their shoes to touch each other.

It is very inspiring and very emotional, Kelly said.

The Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure is held in 14 cities throughout the United States with the money raised used to help find a cure for breast cancer. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women. Early detection and treatment are keys to breast cancer survival and mammography is the most reliable way to detect the disease. However, every woman should do a regular self exam. If you have symptoms, check with your physician immediately.

Woman honored for service as development director

Former resident, Leslie "Jones" Carlholm was recently honored for her service as the Imperial, Neb. Community Development Director since 2004. Mrs. Carlholm and her husband, Randy, will be moving to Syracuse where he has accepted a position as site location manager with Skyland Grain. He has been the feed division manager at Frenchman Valley Coop.

In an article written by Carolyn Lee, which appeared in The Imperial Republican, Mrs. Carlholm began her job in Imperial trying to figure out what the community wanted. She invited young people to discuss why they were living in Imperial, why they had returned to their hometown and how the city could get their children to also return.

"We've tried to, through strategic planning, determine what are the community's goals," she said.

The passage of LB840 and the subsequent sales tax profit for the city, she said, was the most significant thing that has happened because it provided a funding source to do other things. It took a lot of community participation, she said.

According to the *Imperial Republican* article, some of the things the bill helped provide was the new swimming pool; new Campbell and Max Addition playground equipment; the make-over of the city gymnasium; street maintenance on 5th, 9th and 12th streets, and an upgrade to digital movies at The Imperial Theatre.

Business loan programs initiated under the sales tax revenue during Carlholm's tenure included three business loans of \$220,000, one start-up loan of \$40,000 and five expanding business loans of \$467,500.

Loan clients created an estimated 18 jobs and retained 10 jobs still in existence. Business coaching clients created an additional 10 new jobs.

The business coaching program for people wanting to start a business has been a big success, Mrs. Carlholm said, with Janecee Woffler teaching.

Mrs. Carlholm participated in the Shop at Home program, one of her favorites, she said, "because it was so well received by the community" since 2007.

Grants and partnerships resulted in new siding, windows, and roofing at Sunrise Apartments.

She wrote grants for Southwest Nebraska Solid Waste Agency regarding its recycling program.

The Cornerstone project, she said, another LB 840 recipient, has "huge potential," she said, but it's a 20-year program, not short term.

Mrs. Carlholm noted that the Imperial community is getting landlocked regarding commercial development. When the timing is right, the community will want to get some infrastructure in so businesses can have a location to build in.

However, Mrs. Carlholm said what she is most proud about is helping with the partnership of Chase County Schools and Mid-Plains Community College and building on the dual credit system for fifth-year students.

With emotion, Ms. Lee wrote, Carlholm said, "Some students have told me that because of that, college was within their grasp. It

opened a lot of doors."

Mrs. Carlholm won't take credit for any of those projects. "I'm just a cheerleader and facilitator."

City council member, Sue Moore thinks different, stating that Mrs. Carlholm is so knowledgeable about grants and grant-writing. We are really losing an asset to our community.

Mrs. Carlholm said she had to teach herself grant writing when she took the community development job. She said that partnering with other organizations is very important to towns like Imperial. It's really critical because if you can partner with other organizations and take a regional approach, you can be more effective.

With all the negativity on the national level, she said, which will inevitably trickle down to the local level, she sees people not wanting

other people to get benefits they themselves don't get.

That leads to a negativity of spirit and willingness to work without payment, she said.

Our success is the result of people planning, working together and making sacrifices.

"We need to look with a fresh eye to see what our real needs are and work together to try to remove obstacles to our growth," she said.

Jo Leyland, city clerk and administrator, said Mrs. Carlholm is an excellent leader and promoter of Imperial. She's made a lot of excellent contacts for us. It's remarkable what she's accomplished in her short time here. It's sad she is moving on.

Mrs. Carlholm is the daughter of Bonnie Jones, St. Francis, and the late Manson Jones.

Cancer barrel race successful again

The Turn 'N Burn For The Cure barrel race held Sept. 15-16 at the Yuma County Fairgrounds was a success again in its fifth year. Among the winners were Cheyenne County residents, Susan Jensen, Brenda Delano and Shawna Blanka.

Saturday's open 4D race had 45 contestants and 46 on Sunday. The youth races had 15 contestants each day. The open race winners on Saturday were Deb Roberts, Susan Jensen, and Brenda Delano in the 1D; Nancy Smith, Shenel Wells, and Carrie Byum in the 2D; Shenel Wells, Jill Whomble, and Lindsey Talbert in the 3D; and Billie Ray Miller, Shelly Thomas, and Shawna Blanka in the 4D.

On Sunday the 1D winners were Brenda Delano, Riata Day, and Susan Jensen; the 2D winners were Chris Basler, Danielle Lamb, and Shenel Wells; 3D were Karen Baker, Taylor Hendrix and Taylor Miller; and the 4D placers were Toni Gee, Jolene Baumgartner, and Heather Day.

The Triple Sprint race had a lot of support and the teams in the youth division received jackets, necklace sets, gift bags, fly leg wraps, and bottle covers. In the open Triple Sprint race teams received Lubrilyn joint supplement, tool kits, car washes, gift certificates from several local businesses, mirrors, reins, tack bags, sunglasses, and car visors and shammies.

The auction buyers did an awesome job again this year raising \$992.

The short round winners in the open were given handmade custom buckles. They were: in the 1D Susan Jensen, the 2D Wacey Day, the 3D Heather Day, and the 4D Billie Ray Miller. A target time saddle was given to the contestant with the two closest times on the same horse in the open races. The winner of the saddle was Kindi Kirchenschlager.

This year, \$2,900 was donated to the American Cancer Society!

Book Review

John Wayne's America
By Garry Wills

Thirty-three years after his death, John Wayne is still America's favorite movie star. He was less an actor than a symbol, the most popular pop icon of the 20th century, and one of the most important political figures in America. People shaped their lives or adopted political stands to conform to him as a template of authentic Americanism.

Wayne became the lens through which people saw their own and their country's history. In this brilliant, groundbreaking study of the relationship between politics and popular culture, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Garry Wills, focuses on the manufacture of "John Wayne" from the raw materials of Marion Morrison, the person born in Iowa who became a myth, his own reality swallowed up in his meaning as master directors such as John Ford crafted films that made him the personification of America's frontier myth.

Unlike other actors and actresses with whom we associate political views, Wayne embodied a politics of large meanings – a politics of gender (masculine), ideology (patriotism), character (self-reliance), and personal responsibility. It was a politics of implicit dogmas that often transcended his own views and behavior. Although Wayne avoided serving in the military during World War II, he became, through his screen roles, the model of the American soldier. Likewise,

although Wayne's popular image is that of a staunch anti-Communist, in reality he avoided taking a stand in the bitter ideological war that raged in Hollywood until after the issue had been decided.

Wayne acquired his larger political meaning gradually, as he moved from one film role to the next: from the young, individualist cowboy hero (the Ringo Kid in *Stagecoach*) to the middle-aged authority figure weighed down with responsibility (Sergeant Stryker in *Sands of Iwo Jima*) to the cool, determined patriot in the midst of Cold War dangers (represented by Davy Crockett in *The Alamo*) to the elderly lone survivor of a past heroic time (Rooster Cogburn in *True Grit*).

Wayne himself because aware of his larger political meaning only through a progressive act of self-identification, in much other same way that his fans came to associate their ideals with his screen personae.

The book shows how Wayne and the Hollywood image factories distorted or ignored important facts of Wayne's life to create his myth. For the first time, Wayne, through his screen characters, spoke to the needs of his audience at crucial periods in American history and how in response Americans invested their emotions in that embodiment of their deepest myths.

Photo Policy

The *Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* wants to emphasize photos of people doing things in the community. If you know of an event or new happening that we should attend, please call 332-3162.

Please be sure to allow a couple of days' notice so we can be there.

Space in the paper is limited and so is the time of our staff, so we may not be able to get to every event. Because space is so limited, we cannot run team or group photos, any pictures of people lined up or of people passing checks, certificates and the like. (We will always try to make room for a story about any of these events, however.)

We do run wedding and engagement pictures and "mug" shots with stories and obituaries, when they are provided to us. Please remember that we need a clear, sharp picture. Dark or fuzzy prints will not work.

We cannot return photos unless you submit a self-addressed, stamped envelope with clear instructions for return. Other photos submitted may be picked up at our office within two weeks. After that, they will be disposed of.

Laser prints of photos which have run in *The Herald* or *Times* are available, first come, first served. Special-order laser prints of photos will be available at \$3 each.

Bird City Senior Estates
Open House
Saturday, Oct. 6
1- 4 p.m.
Duplexes on Demmick St.,
Cookies, coffee or tea will be served

Help Wanted
The Cub's Den in Idalia, CO is now accepting applications for a full-time Director position. Applicants must hold current Director qualifications for the Director, as per the State of Colorado Rules & Regulations. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Please inquire at (970)354-7587 for further details.

Good Bye Summer ... Hello Fall!!!
... and it's "that" time again!
CITY-WIDE CLEANUP
St. Francis Citizens
Call the Power Plant 332-3031 between 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Do not leave cleanup requests on the answering machine, they will not be picked up, talk to the dispatcher. Requests can be called in Monday thru Friday. DEADLINE OCTOBER 12th.
Calls received after the deadline will have to wait until next fall. Your cooperation and patience will be appreciated.

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L to R: Cheri, RN; Theresa, RN; Misti, RN, Director of Nursing; Lisa, RN; Penny, RN

Our friendly, certified chemotherapy nurses and pharmacists work closely with the Callahan Cancer Center in North Platte, and visiting oncologists, Dr. Maria DeVilla and Dr. Ahmed Awais. Our beautiful new Oncology Services suite offers plenty of comfortable space for infusions, and will soon offer an area dedicated solely to chemotherapy treatments.

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