

# Vision committee meets to discuss future of city

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The St. Francis Vision Committee began meeting last October as an effort to get the St. Francis 125th anniversary celebration off the ground and make it a successful and positive event for the whole community. After the success of the event it was decided to continue meeting to plan and discuss where the community would be in another 25 years.

The committee met on Thursday, Aug. 8. In attendance were Tom Keller, Tim Burr, Robin Burr, Bruce Swihart, Mike Bandel, Judy Rockwood, Shawna Blanka, Justin Lohr, Jeff Paulsen, Janet Carman, Kay Shay, Carol Sloper, Lea Keller, Sherry Schultz, Eddy Schultz, Mike Raile, Grant Keller, Taylore Keller and Susan Griffin. Tony Unruh from Garden City was at the meeting representing the Western Kansas Community Foundation.

Mr. Keller began the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves and briefly explain why they were at the meeting. The overwhelming response from all the participants was that they were very interested in the community and were there to contribute ideas to help make St. Francis grow and become an even more vibrant community.

Tom then presented the results of a survey that had been done to gauge opinions of the following questions: When I think about St. Francis and Cheyenne County, the things that concern me most are: my highest aspirations of the things I celebrate about St. Francis and Cheyenne County are; my highest aspirations of the things I celebrate about St. Francis and Cheyenne County are; I see my role in St. Francis and Cheyenne County as; If our success was completely guaranteed what bold steps might we as a community take; What question, if answered,

could make the most difference to the future of St. Francis and Cheyenne County; who else needs to be involved.

The top three results of each question answered were:

Concern - planning: Lack of innovative thinking/planning for the future; population issues: aging and decreasing population; food: lack of a quality grocery store.

Aspirations - Clean attractive town, all qualities of life necessities, great place to raise kids, safe.

My role - my job: Business, professional services; facilitator of government information. Other roles: Serve community-organization projects; volunteer for children activities; leader.

Bold steps - New activity/community center; community-owned grocery store; new indoor swimming pool; increase jobs through manufacturing and agricultural opportunities.

Question - ideas: Progressive thinking, not just maintaining the status quo; who will volunteer to move the community forward; population: will we maintain critical mass of population; will we attract more young people to stay or move back.

Who else - local groups: Everyone; visionaries investing their time and capital; strong community foundation with transfer of wealth and retention in community.

With the data in hand the Vision Committee can move forward with plans for the future.

The meeting ended with Mr. Unruh asking if there was enough interest and energy to move forward to act on the findings. A number of those in attendance indicated there was interest.

Mr. Keller will be scheduling another Vision Committee meeting in the coming months. Those interested in learning more about this committee or to participate, contact him at 332-3991.



MARY KAY SALESWOMEN— Jill Johnson, sales director, shows product to Jolene Dodd, Bridgette Antholz and Teri Richards at the Spencer House Bed and Breakfast.

## St. Francis saleswomen honored

Three St. Francis women were honored on Wednesday, Aug. 7, as three of the top Mary Kay saleswomen in their unit.

Independent sales director, Jill Johnson, Great Bend, came to St. Francis in her pink Cadillac to celebrate the success of the independent beauty consultants from her sales unit - Jolene Dodd, Bridgette Antholz and

Teri Richards. Jolene was the top saleswoman, Bridgette was second and Teri followed.

They met at The Spencer House Bed and Breakfast, where they, along with many of their customers, had a fun sneak peek at multiple new Mary Kay product lines that will debut Aug. 16.

In late July, area beauty

consultants attended the annual Mary Kay seminar in Dallas, Texas. There, Jolene was crowned Queen of Sales for her unit with Bridgette and Teri also being recognized for being in the top three. Jolene and Bridgette were also recognized on stage in National Sales Director Dalene Hartshorn's Area Court of Sales in the top 20.

They attended educational training while in Dallas to be able to deliver top notch service to their clients.

### More about Mary Kay

On Sept. 13, 1963, Mary Kay Ash began her dream company for women in Dallas with the help of nine friends, three adult children and \$5,000. Today, Mary Kay Inc. has more than 3 million independent beauty consultants worldwide in 35 countries. Mary Kay built her company on the Golden Rule and the priorities of God first, family second, and career third.

The Mary Kay Foundation has awarded \$28 million to shelters and programs addressing domestic violence and nearly \$16 million to fund a cure of cancer affecting women in the United States.

## Families gather for reunion

The Carman-Shaw families held their 70th reunion July 28 at the Colby Community Building with 27 in attendance.

The Carman-Shaw reunion started in 1928. During the war and other predicaments until now stopped 15 family reunions.

Those present to enjoy the carry-in dinner and visiting were: Artie Carman descendants: Barbra (Carman) Gillstrap, Wray, Colo., and Lynn (Gillstrap) Riley, Haigler, Neb. Archie Carman descendants:

Mary Carman, Colby; Darrell Carman, Oakley; Mike, Heather (Carman) Shane and Ryan Westcott of Colby; Doc and Rochelle (Carman) Mather Clayton; Matthew Heinrich; friends of the Mather's, Larry and Lois Struckmeyer, all of Colby. Floyd Shaw descendants: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Scott and Janet Shaw, Hoxie.

Ernie Shaw descendants: Doris Jean (Shaw) Oliver, Rexford and Cody Medina, Oklahoma City. Clifford Shaw descendants:

Shannon (Robinson) Titus, Steven Powell, Lural Titus, Christian-Smith Titus; Nancy and Tiffany Robinson, and Tyler and Stanley Robinson, all of Colby.

The next reunion will be Aug. 2, 2015 at the Colby Community Building.

## You Don't Want To Miss

Sat., Aug. 31 - 5 p.m.  
at the Bird City Park

5 p.m. - Gospel Quartet -  
The Down East Boys  
7 p.m. - Pastor Todd Burpo,  
author of "Heaven Is For Real"  
8 p.m. - Becky Purpo leads in Praise & Worship  
Hamburgers & Hotdogs will be provided. Please  
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## 2nd Beginnings Sack Sale

Friday & Saturday, Aug. 16 & 17

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## Household Hazardous Waste Roundup!

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Batteries  
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Do You Have Any Unwanted Products Stored at Home!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Cheyenne County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on **Saturday, Aug. 24, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Cheyenne County Landfill.

Materials accepted include paints, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, aerosol cans, batteries and used oil. Automobile lead acid batteries will be accepted. Please have the materials in sturdy boxes for easy and quick unloading. Have your used oil in disposable containers. Farm chemicals, appliances, tires, yard waste, explosives, school lab chemicals, medical waste, radioactive waste, ammo, compressed gas cylinders (propane), asbestos, dioxins or silvex will not be accepted. Program organizers reserve the right to reject delivery of materials.

Participants are asked to leave all materials in their original containers. If the container is leaking, pack the container "as is" in another larger container and label it clearly. If another container is used, be sure it is clearly labeled. Do not mix contents of different containers. Securely package materials before transporting. Do not carry open containers of liquids with strong odors or spill potential in a closed automobile. Pack the containers so they won't tip, break or spill during travel. Waste oil should not contain gasoline, solvents, degreasers, paint or antifreeze. Keep all household hazardous waste away from children and animals.

Due to KDHE regulations these are items that can't be picked up during the City-Wide Cleanup later in the month. You do not need to call prior to bringing items to the Landfill. If you have questions, please call the Landfill at 785-332-8842, Tuesday through Saturday.

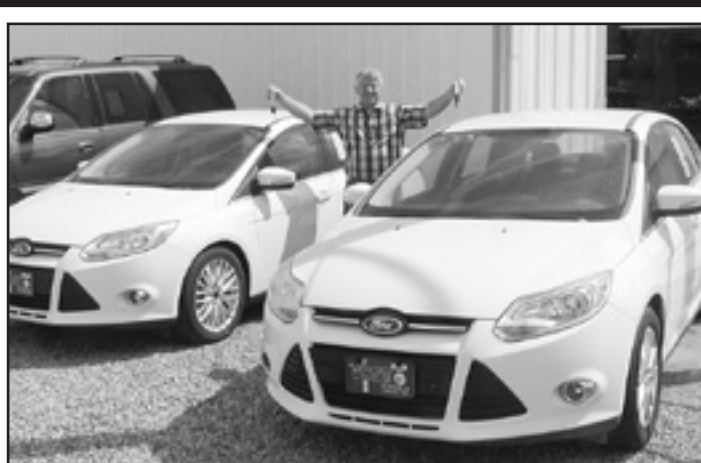
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## HEALTH FAIR

Friday, Aug. 23 — 2-5:30 p.m. MT

General Health Panel  
being offered for a discounted price of \$40  
PSA is an extra \$10

Blood draws to be held prior to the  
health fair in your community.

Please call Dundy County Hospital at 308-423-2204 if you have questions.

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