



# Opinion

## Commission requests ban on conibear traps

The state Wildlife Commission has before it a request to ban conibear-type traps from public hunting areas.

The commission should accept this recommendation, and Secretary Mike Hayden should see that these traps are banned in Kansas, at least on public lands.

Conibear traps, often set in plastic five-gallon buckets, are designed to kill whatever sticks its head into the trap. Because your dog will do just that, a trap set for furbearers such as raccoons or coyotes can easily kill a dog.

Carson Mansfield, a deputy police chief in Salina, complained to the Wildlife Commission after his dog was killed by a trap near Kanopolis Reservoir. He and his dog Bella were out hunting rabbits on Valentine's Day when the Bella tried to get at bait set under the trap.

Conibear traps work with two strong springs, closing with up to 90 pounds of pressure on the neck of whatever animal tries to get the bait. Experts say they are almost impossible to release by hand, though there are instructions on the Internet.

One problem is that most hunters probably don't know how to deal with one of these traps. Only an experienced trapper would be able to open one quickly.

Set on public land, these traps are dangerous. They could kill someone's hunting dog, but might maim a child or even an adult who

reached into the bucket. Today, Kansas law allows trappers to use them on public or private land.

There's no suggestion that the traps be banned from private land, where presumably anyone hunting with the owner's permission would be warned that a trap had been set. Any marauding dog that strays into private land presumably gets what it deserves.

Because they kill instantly, you could argue that conibear traps are more humane than leg-hold traps often used to catch furbearers. An animal caught in one of these might live for days, or even chew its foot off to escape. But at least a dog or other domestic animal caught in one can be released alive.

On public hunting areas, however, including leases and walk-in hunting tracts, it's likely to be someone's pet or valuable hunting dog that gets caught in a kill trap. Allowing any kind of kill trap on public land is questionable. The trapper just can't know what's going to walk by and be tempted.

Sportsmen ought to be sympathetic to Chief Mansfield's plea. This kind of thing makes all hunters and trappers look bad, particularly when photos of the dead dog are spread around the country.

Let's hope the state does the right thing and moves quickly to ban these devices from public land before it's too late. — Steve Haynes

## Hangin' With Marge

Spring has arrived

By Margaret Bucholtz



Spring finally is here and, for the past few days, I have been outside cleaning up my yard. I feel so much better being tired from work instead of brain dead from just sitting around.

Last year, I bought me one of those neat cooler mugs so I could fill it with ice and water and not have to keep going in the house for a drink.

I wasn't too happy with it because every time I would flip the little lid up and tip it back to drink nothing would come out. Then as I would lower it down I would get

a mouthful.

I had forgotten about that part, because last year when I got used to it, I thought I must have to kind of suck on it to get the water out. (Even though the hole was big)

Yesterday I got the cup ready to go and the first drink I took was the same way. This time I stopped long enough to check out the situation. I looked the cup over really good. It looked normal. Then I put it to my mouth very slowly and took a drink. Wow, I almost choked on so much water coming out. Whatever was wrong with it

was fixed.

About an hour later I hurried over and grabbed the cup and once again it didn't work. I stopped and looked at it again and yes, I got it really figured out.

About an inch from the mouth piece was a little air hole. You know the kind of little air hole that allows the water to come out? Well my nose must be a little long as the tip of it would cover the air hole, thus allowing no water to flow.

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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One thing we take great pride in at the newspaper is making everything we print clear and correct. Accuracy is the key to our success.

Unfortunately, being a small town paper in the middle of nowhere, we don't get an opportunity to cover the big stories that impact our country and the world. So I'm taking a few lines to touch

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on some national events with an ever vigilant eye for detail.

Word has come from the "Big Snapple" that Bernie made-off with a lot of people's money. Richie Cunningham is suspected as being part of the large Fonzie scheme.

Also out of New Amsterdam, a juicy story about a rod, a bat and a needle.

Al Gore and environmentalists are worried about global warming. However, it has fishermen thrilled.

In a related story, last St. Paddy's day saw many folks going green.

Tom "Carnival" Cruise made a sofa leap of faith to Sciencetology.

The English attacked the tabloids with a new weapon: Brit spears.

The automakers couldn't help with transportation, so President Bahama had to bail out of Air Force One with them. He was okay since he had his new dog along, an air Dale.

Hum, maybe we ought to stick to the local stuff we know something about.

**GOD SAYS**  
**And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**  
**Matthew 24:4, 5**

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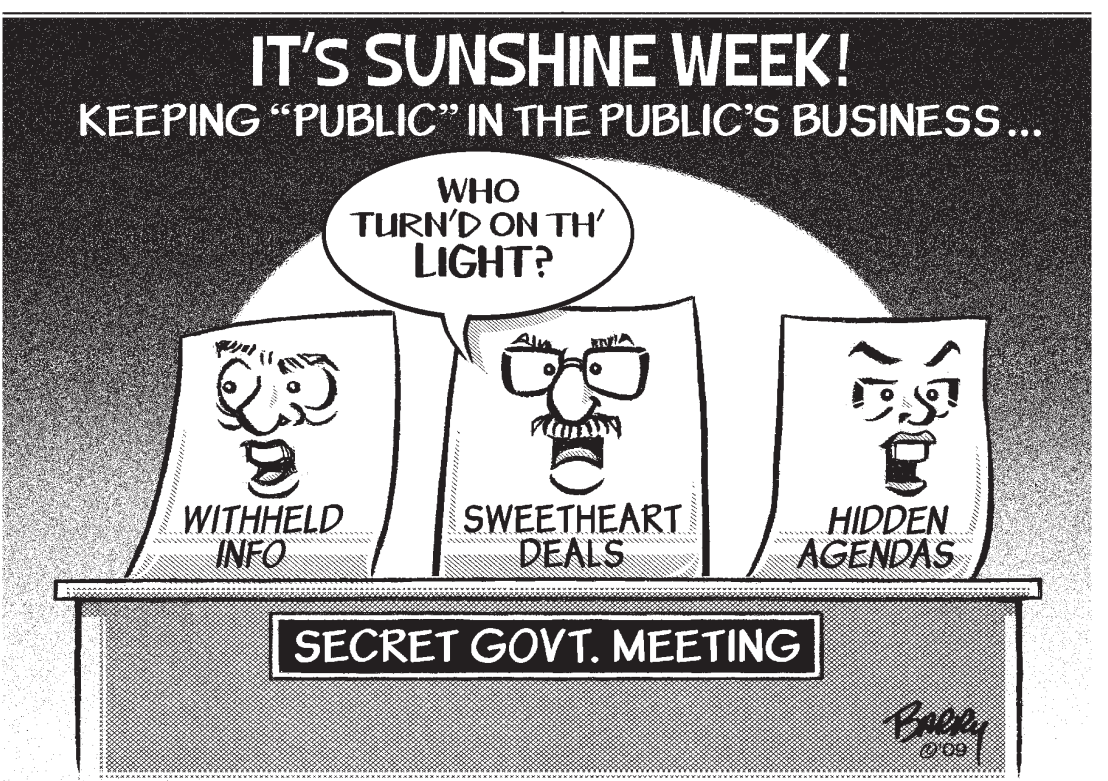
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## News From the Past

### 15 years ago - 1994

The Cheyenne Theater is celebrating its 100th movie weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 4, 5 and 6. Since its opening in May 1992, there have been 100 movies enjoyed by 9,060 young children through junior high age; 6,545 high school and senior citizens and 10,975 adults. In all, a grand total of 26,800 people attended the movies at the Cheyenne Theater.

On Friday, March 4, a grand opening is being held at the Dusty Farmer and the new Tumbleweed Lounge. Eight years ago the grand opening of the Dusty Farmer Restaurant was postponed due to a blizzard.

Penny Cassidy, a senior at St. Francis Community High School, will be representing Cheyenne County as its 1994 Junior Miss. The state finals will be held in Belleville the week of March 14.

St. Francis and Bird City now each have a new ambulance. Both are 1994 Ford Modtects.

This summer highway work is being done on Highway 27 south of Wheeler. Next year roadwork is to begin on the stretch of U.S. 36 between Wheeler and St. Francis.

### 30 years ago - 1979

The St. Francis girls basketball team won the Northwest

Kansas League championship, for the first time ever. Members of the team include Jana Leydig, Sheri Nothrup, Laura Van Vleet, Jerri Collins, Lisa Kramer, Julie Burnham, Jeri Northrup, Natalie Kramer, Jenni Burnham, Janice Weber, Jo Wickwar and Megan Kinen. Steve Kirkham is the coach.

Dan McMullen, St. Francis, will join a group of legends in Nebraska football when he is inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame for a playing and coaching career spanning half a century. Mr. McMullen and his wife, who are now deceased, moved to St. Francis about a year ago because they had visited his sister, Mildred Ingamells, a number of times and liked the town.

Mrs. Rachel Huffman of St. Francis has a most attractive display of oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings in the Artist of the Month corner of the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan.

Four St. Francis journalism students will be competing in the state finals for high school newspapers. Those going to Lawrence are James Baldwin, Tammy Schleppe, Kevin Wilson and Rick Walz. Jacque Rogers is the instructor.

### 40 years ago - 1969

Another important information and discussion meeting concerning a proposed large-scale commercial feedlot for the area will be held March 11.

A fashion show, which promises to be a smash hit, is being sponsored by the St. Francis Parent Teacher Association. It will bring spring to the Rue de la Paix (St. Francis Grade School gym). Approximately 40 models will be wearing clothing from Hers, Jo-Lene Shoppe, Rieb Skogmo and the

Style Shoppe. Fredericks and Stuarts will add the jewels. Mrs. Gary Kinen will be the shows commentator.

Six girls from Cadette Troop 85 received First Class Rank, the highest award given in Cadette Scouting. They are Ruth Canniff, Cynthia Frewen, Celine Jones, Kathy Kramer, Janet Lippert and Peggy Richard.

Louie W. Ross, distribution employee at St. Francis, retired after 22 years with Kansas-Nebraska. Louie and his wife, Della, have one daughter, Carol.

### 60 years ago - 1949

Activities in connection with the proposed addition to the grade school facilities in St. Francis got underway in concrete form following a meeting Tuesday night of 50 patrons and interested citizens. The job of circulating petitions was readily accepted and solicitations began first thing the next morning.

To preserve for eons of time the record of names of those from Cheyenne County who served their country in the armed forces during World War II, a replica in miniature of the roster of these men and women which stood on the west grounds of the courthouse lawn has been placed in the foyer of the court house itself.

The city is calling a special election to issue \$35,000 in bonds for needed electric and water system additions. One of the proposals include extending street lights to the Park Hill addition.

Larry Walz, son on Dr. T. J. Walz, will be presented in concert on March 21, in Times Hall in New York City. His concert will be one of a new talent series in which he will debut as a concert pianist.



**Church of Christ**  
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 502 W. Spencer  
 Norman Morrow - Minister  
 Bible Class 11 a.m.  
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 Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

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 Weekday Mass 8 a.m.  
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**United Methodist Church**  
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 512 S. Scott  
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 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Salem Lutheran Church**  
 332-3002  
 Pastor Chris Farmer  
 Sunday School 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**St. Francis Community Church**  
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 204 N. Quincy Street  
 www.sfccfamily.com  
 Pastor: David Butler  
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
 Potluck & Communion - Every 2nd Sunday  
 Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Solid Rock Baptist Church**  
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 Pastor Allen Coon  
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 Worship 10:30  
 Prayer Meeting, Wed 7:30 p.m.

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 Pastor Jerry Nowack  
 Sabbath School 9:30  
 Morning Worship 10:45

**First Christian Church**  
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 Bible Fellowship 9:20 a.m.  
 Church Service 10:30 a.m.

**Peace Lutheran Church, AFLC**  
 202 N. College  
 Pastor Ken Hart  
 332-2928 Pars. 332-2312  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship 10:30 a.m.  
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