

One year brings big changes in our country

Monday we celebrated Labor Day to honor the working people of our great country and the flags were flying to honor them.

Friday will be the eighth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, and the flags will fly again, but this time to remember those who died in those attacks and the brave people on United Flight 93 who stopped the fourth plane from reaching the American capital at the cost of their lives.

The past year has been an tumultuous one for our country, and signs indicate more tough times are ahead.

A year ago at this time Candidate Barack Obama was beginning his final run to the election and Candidate John McCain was beginning his attempt to win the presidential race.

The economy was beginning a tail spin with the failure of the housing markets, and soon spread to Wall Street and across the economy.

President George Bush pushed through Congress a housing and banking bailout to try to stem the tide of red ink before leaving office. Most of the money did not even reach the Main Street markets until much later.

Obama won the election in November, and

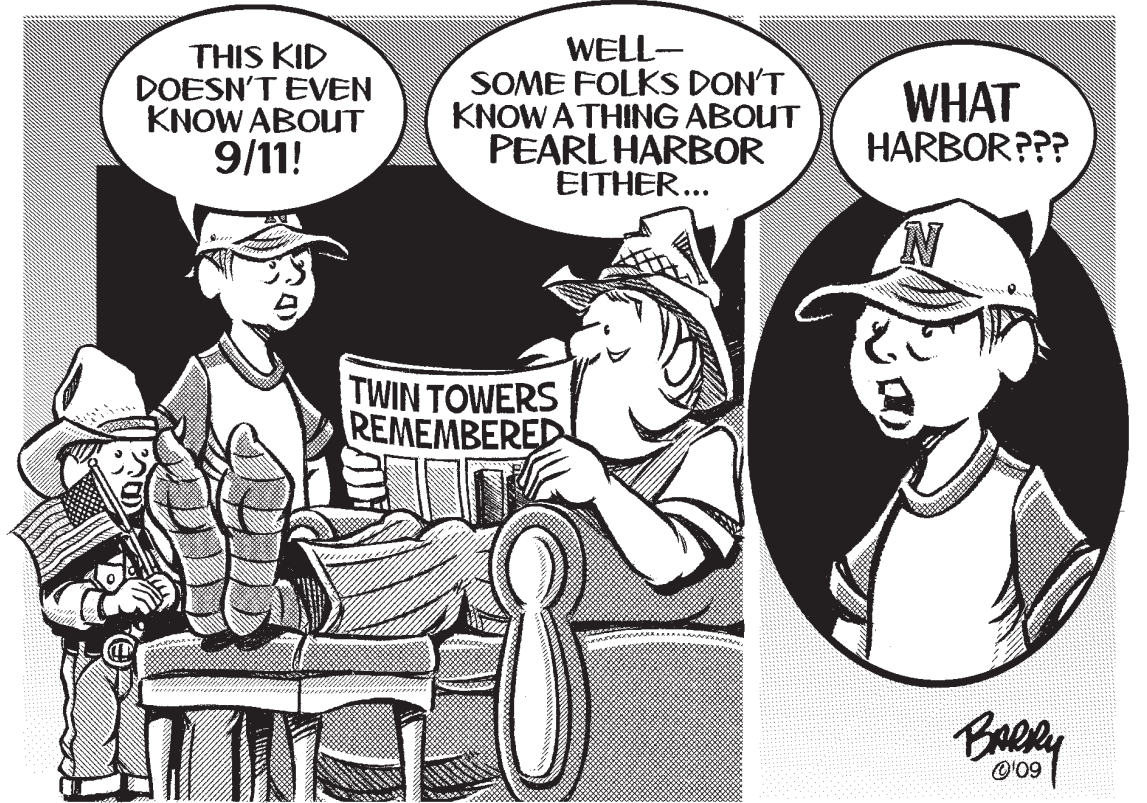
in January he gave a stirring inaugural speech asking people to look ahead. The economy was continuing to fall, and Obama asked Congress for a huge stimulus spending package to help turn things around. The projects to be approved needed to be "shovel ready" to get the money moving as quickly as possible.

The administration said it would take time to spend the money, but wanted it committed before the end of the year.

There are signs in the local economy of some improvement, but economists feel there may be more tough times ahead and it may be a slow recovery especially for employment numbers. State unemployment remains below the national level.

A year has passed and sharp economic changes have caused some upheaval in many of the northwest Kansas businesses, but people continue to look for opportunities to expand and be ready for a brighter tomorrow.

Friday it will be good to remember the terrible events of the day and the more than 2,900 who died, and we ought to rededicate our efforts to improving our community and working to help our country. — Tom Betz



News From the Past

90 years ago - 1919

A new 10-horse gas engine is being installed in the Central Granaries Company elevator.

The 1,000 harvest hands that came from a distance to help take care of the wheat crop are now mostly gone to other parts, but quite a number are staying to help with the threshing.

When the new John I. Deal building is finished another general merchandise store will occupy part of the new building. It will be conducted by the Deal family and Gus Rieb. Mr. Rieb is now in the Nixon store but is to get his release as soon as his present contract with them expires. In addition to the general stock, they will continue to handle hardware and furniture.

Last week Ray Starr sold his house to N.A. Ketchum. He will begin building another house right away on the lot west of the one he sold.

The new schoolhouse has been handicapped every since it was started because of the inability to get brick layers and it will be some months before it is ready for occupancy. The school board has done all in their power to push the work and have offered unheard of prices for brick layers but have been unable to get enough.

75 years ago - 1934

Bud Erdley opened up a new market for cream, poultry and eggs in the St. Francis Hatchery room. The place has been thoroughly re-

arranged, renovated, remodeled and re-decorated and is in first class condition for the new line of business.

With a bid of \$65,657, the Peterson Construction Company of Salina came under the wire as the lowest bidder on the construction of the new wing and the remodeling of the old part of the high school building. The plans call for a new wing on the north side similar to the one built a few years ago on the south side although there is a different arrangement on the inside.

40 years ago - 1969

Winners of the Style Revue include Joanne Maring, champion, and Pam Haack, reserve champion. The Best Groomed Boy champion was Fred Brubaker while Ricky Morris was the reserve champion.

At the recent school board meeting, Kenneth Roberson was elected president and Dr. E.R. Cram was named vice-president.

Five local beauties are contending for the title of Miss Cheyenne County. Vying for the title are Janice Miller, Yvonne Faylor, Connie Carpenter, Suzanne Anderson and Beverly Jo Cook. Connie Carpenter earned the title when the pageant was held.

Marilyn Eklund has announced that two new beauty operators will be working with her at the Beauty Boutique, Miss Kaye Schield and Mrs. Deloris Bursch

will begin working three days a week after Sept. 1.

Principal Richard Ahlvers reports that preliminary figures on the first day of school show the high school enrollment at 269, up 32 from a year ago.

25 years ago - 1984

Gertie Harris of Bird City was named the 1984 Thresher Queen at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show in Bird City.

Terry Weeden has been hired as the new Assistant County Extension Agricultural Agent for Cheyenne County. He will replace Ron Eggleston, who resigned effective June 30.

Crystal Bracelin was named State Sweetheart at the Annual Conclave of the State Chapter of Kansas Order of DeMolay held in Wichita. Bracelin was the candidate from the Northwest Chapter.

Bill Krueger of St. Francis was a member of the West team at the Kanas Shrine Bowl held in Manhattan. Krueger played on both the defensive and offensive squads but received most of his playing time on defense. The West team won the game by a score of 24-19.

Video Kingdom, a new store located on Washington Street, will feature video movies, video recorders, video cameras, satellite systems, stereo equipment, and other items in the electronic field.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

A couple weeks ago flags hung at half-staff as the country remembered a public servant: Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy. At the same time another casket lay, also covered in red, white and blue.

Captain Matthew C. Freeman was much younger than the senator, only 29. But he packed a lot of service into those years.

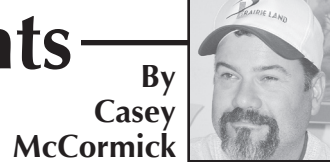
He came from a long line of naval personnel. His grandfather was Rear Admiral DeWitt L. Freeman USN (Ret.) and father, Commander Gary H. Freeman USN (Ret.) Cpt. Freeman

followed his father to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

After graduation he became a Marine aviator, first flying Harriers and then C-130s.

But the fight was not in the air, but on the ground in Afghanistan.

As part of Operation Enduring Freedom, Capt. Freeman was leading his group of Marines in Kapisa province when they were pinned down by enemy fire last month. During a fire-fight the only high ground was on top of a mud-bricked building. He led his men into the house, securing it from the enemy, and moved on to the roof. There he killed an



individual with a rocket propelled grenade launcher, before falling to enemy fire himself.

Funeral services were first held in his hometown of Richmond Hill, Ga. Two weeks ago, on Wednesday, Aug. 26, another memorial was held at the Naval Academy. Cpt. Freeman's wife of three weeks, Teresa, his parents and two sisters were given his Purple Heart, Bronze Star and a flag that flew over his base in Afghanistan on Aug. 7, the day another public servant gave his all.

Visitor enjoys his stay in St. Francis

Letter to the Editor:

Having grown up in north Missouri and made the trip to Colorado on U.S. 36 many times, I had long been interested in exploring St. Francis a bit, and maybe playing a round of golf at your inviting little course by the Republican River.

This past July, I did just that, and St. Francis did not disappoint! I had seen on the internet that there was free camping (with showers!) in your roadside park behind the new fire station, and I couldn't imagine that Riverside Recreation golf course would be too busy, especially on a weekday. Being fully retired now, this seemed like the time to come.

Letter to the Editor

I camped for two nights in a little teardrop trailer in mid-July, and I had a great time. I was able to play nine holes of golf at Riverside, and had the course almost to myself. (Where else but western Kansas could you do green fees on the honor system these days, and have it work? You've gotta love it!) Your little roadside park was tidy, peaceful and quiet (except for the crop duster planes, which didn't bother me a bit...my son flies in Navy jets!) And the free showers were a great bonus.

The local police cruiser made a sweep through the campground a few times, which added to the sense of security, and Casey McCormick of your newspaper came by my camp spot, introduced himself,

and helped me feel welcome in your town.

I left St. Francis a morning earlier than I had intended, partly due to the men's tournament underway at the golf course, but I headed back to Colorado on Highway 27 north through the Arikaree breaks, and that was an interesting drive.

Just wanted to express my sincere thanks to the city of St. Francis for keeping such a nice park and campground available to the traveling public, and for the warm hospitality shown to me while I was there. I will definitely spend a little time in your fair city again some day.

Thanks again
Ron Corbett
Fruita, Colo.

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GOD SAYS

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord:
and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty
man: so are children of the youth.

Psalms 127:3, 4

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