

Educators feel policy leaves little teaching time

First District Congressman Jerry Moran, hardly a supporter of the No Child Left Behind law, has introduced legislation to ease the unrealistic burdens attached to what otherwise could have been a pretty good piece of legislation.

His Practicality in Education Act will utilize, what he calls, common sense ideas to make No Child Left Behind more realistic and effective. Congress is set to examine No Child and potentially reauthorize it this year.

Many educators across the land look at No Child Left Behind as an anchor around their necks. It seemingly leaves little time for teaching, thanks to overregulation. "We must not take the joy and passion out of this noble profession by requiring things that are simply not possible," he said. His Practicality in Education Act takes a closer look at No Child, by employing a common sense approach to make this federal program more realistic and manageable.

Republican Congressman Moran voted against No Child when it became law in 2001. His reason was simple: he feared it would place unnecessary restrictions on Kansas schools and increase costs to the state's taxpayers, falling through the cracks would be the absence of corresponding improvement in the quality of education the students receive.

Since its passage, he has had numerous discussions with students, teachers, administrators, state officials and Department of Educa-

tion officials to determine what measures are needed to fix some of the unintended consequences.

Dale Dennis, who has been serving as Interim Commissioner of Education, added this comment: "It is important the No Child Left Behind legislation be updated to make it more equitable and fair for all children and to reduce the paper shuffling for our teachers and administration.

The Practicality in Education Act places special emphasis on individual student progress and gives a more accurate picture of improvements and problem areas. It also allows schools identified as failing one additional year to improve before being labeled a failing school.

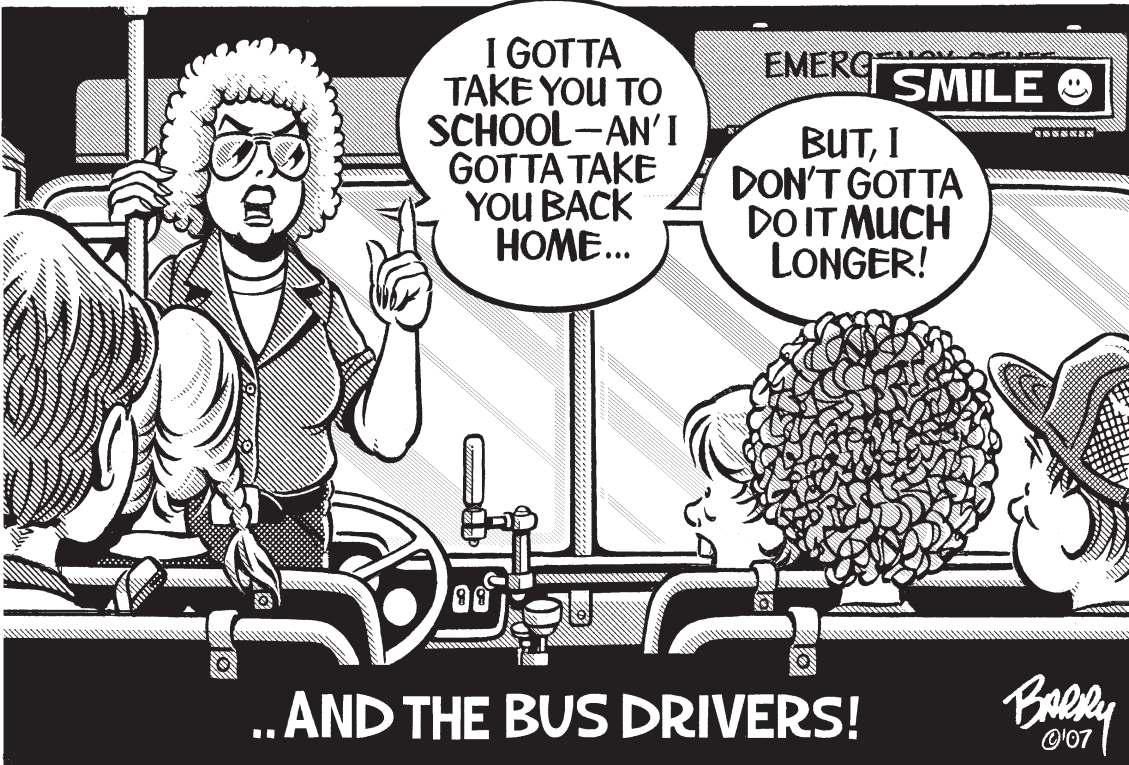
It also provides states with the flexibility to consider special education and rural teachers who teach multiple academic subjects as "highly-qualified" in all subject areas if they meet certain requirements. This is said to be particularly important in rural Kansas, where flexibility is needed in hiring school professionals who often teach several subjects and find it difficult to become certified in all areas.

Additionally, this legislation includes special considerations for English-limited speaking and special education students.

Rep. Moran is as passionate about "fixing" the No Child Act, as advocates are that the act is doing as intended.

We side in with Congressman Moran on this one. —Tom Dreiling

SCHOOL CAN'T END TOO SOON FOR THE KIDS...



..AND THE BUS DRIVERS!

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News From the Past

15 years ago - 1992 May

Mason Essay award winners are Joe Leibbrandt and Charlene Fossett.

An estimated 340 people turned out for the opening of the Cheyenne Theater.

The Scouts held their Pinewood Derby with Derek Fromholtz, Kelly Zweygardt and Kale Zimelman being derby winners.

"All said and done" is the motto for the 37 seniors who will graduate from St. Francis Community High School of May 17. Karah Dankenbring is class president and Jason Gardner, class vice president.

W.R Equipment Company in Goodland has opened a new site in St. Francis and it will be called Cheyenne County Implement Company.

Jason Gardner and Rodney Ritchey have each been awarded one of the highest honors given to a DeMolay and an advisor, the Degree of Chavelier and the Cross of Honor, respectively.

Chad Wolfe sets two new Northwest Kansas League track records. He set the records in the 440-yard dash and 880-yard run.

Drivers license renewal can now be obtained at the Cheyenne County Treasurer's office.

The Jaycee began work last week on their project to develop a picnic and parking area at Keller Pond.

30 years ago 1977 May

The St. Francis eighth grade girls completed two years of volleyball and basketball with a 19-1 record. They were undefeated as seventh graders. Players include Melissa Cooper, Debbie Aschnewitz, Rhonda Hill, Sheri Northrup,

Linda Love, Dawn Stang, Jerri Northrup, Shirley Persinger, Julie Burnham, Lisa Kramer, Chris Dessinger and Jana Dessinger.

The theme for the 1977 junior/senior prom is "Space Odyssey." At the Buffalo Bill District Spring Camporee Gene Kincheloe and Tim Aschnewitz were among those selected to be initiated into the Order of the Arrow.

Vivien Horwege retired this month after 34 years of teaching in Cheyenne County. She began teaching in the 1932-33 school term near South Fork.

George "Bud" Davis has been appointed Soil Conservation Agent for Cheyenne County. He replaces Roy Pywell, who transferred to Manhattan.

Superintendent Carl Sperry has retired after 35 years of service in the field of education. He began his teaching career in a rural school in 1934 and came in St. Francis in 1948 as a teacher of Industrial Arts and American History.

60 years ago - 1947

Grocery sales show an 8-pound mess bag of oranges sell for 55 cents, while 10-pounds of grapefruit are 39 cents; fresh tomatoes are 30 cents a pound, new potatoes, 7 cents a pound and new Bermuda's sweet onions are 10 cents a pound.

With many young men back from the war last summer, playing baseball was very popular. This year an eight-town league has been formed with teams from Bird City, St. Francis, Arnel, Idalia, Kirk, Joes, Cope and the River Pirates from the community north of St. Francis.

The Co-Op's giant new 225,000 bushel elevator in St. Francis will receive a coat of gleaming white weather-proof paint. Over 157 feet high, the elevator is higher

than the average 15-story building. With the new coat of paint, the elevator will be seen from miles away.

90 years ago - 1917

The Christian people this week purchased fine new circular pews for the church, which will add wonderfully to the comfort and beauty of the building.

Over 1,000 people were present for the dedication of the new M.E. Church which took place May 13. The magnificent church cost over \$25,000. The board of the church has C.R. Henry as president, T.W. Benjamin as secretary and L.J. Willits as treasurer. The beginning of the congregation was a class of six members under the leadership of Rev. J.W. Presby in 1886. The first church was built in the autumn of 1888. Today the church has a membership of 270.

Dr. E.C. Eckelman, the dentist, has just installed a splendid new fountain cuspidor, with all the attachments, in his office in the Campbell building, which he recently purchased.

Members of the graduating class of 1917 include Theda Crosby, Esther Mitchell, Alice Hawley, Lillie Gillespie, Deroy Danielson and John Harkins.

The eighth grade pupils with their teacher, Miss Thomas, took a hike Thursday morning and ate their breakfast in the Johnson Grove north of town.



Casey's Comments

I'm Coming Back!

By Casey McCormick



I can't wait to get home! The last time I saw Cheyenne County was on Good Friday, April 6, as I was being loaded onto a jet (plane).

After two weeks in a hospital and about a month in rehabilitation, I'm finally coming back.

I've had plenty of time to think about what I've missed most. Luckily, Lezlie has been a frequent

weekend visitor and Joey and Lexi have been out twice. But, there has been more time a part than together.

After family came friends and neighbors. I can't number them, since some are with Lezlie, my mother and with me, but the number of "get well" cards I received is outstanding.

It has meant so much to hear from

folks back home. I don't know how to thank everyone personally. Each card makes me laugh or cry, heaven knows, I needed to do both.

So if I meet you on the street and forget to say, "thanks for the card," please know that I'm forever grateful for your thoughtfulness and prayers.

Hangin' With Marge

By Margaret Bucholtz



Winter's Over — Yard Work Starts

I met a lady on the street the other day that told me she couldn't wait until I started working in the

yard. That way she knows what crazy things I might be doing.

I have been working out there and the first thing that has me baffled is the fact that somewhere I missed spring. It just seemed to go from winter into summer.

One day my brother stopped by and I was out in the shop painting an old screen door. He watched me for a few minutes and then he said, "I can't figure out what you are doing as I know that no where around here is that door going to fit."

I told him I would show him, so I picked up the door and started to carry it out. Like a good brother he just followed. When I got to the garage I walked over to the west side and I laid it against the building.

I turned to look at him and there he stood with this "dumb" look on his face. I said "what do you think". He just stood there with a look of shock. Kurt walked by about then and I said "Hey Kurt, what do you think?" Kurt just kept on walking and said, "looks good."

My poor brother was standing there in disbelief. I asked him if he thought his wife would like one as I might have another door around there. He just shook his head as he mumbled, "I don't think so."

Now the door is hung and I can't wait until he comes back again to see it. Not that he has to like it, but I think he might change his mind. Again maybe not!

Websites

In today's world, almost everyone has a computer and it can be a road to a wealth of information. To help people who might be wondering what is going on in St. Francis, the following is a list of web site addresses:

- City of St. Francis - www.stfranciskansas.com.
- Cheyenne County - www.cheyennecounty.org.
- Cheyenne County Hospital - www.cheyennecountyhospital.com.
- St. Francis Schools, www.usd297.org.
- St. Francis Chamber, www.cheyennecountychamber.com.
- The Saint Francis Herald, www.nwkansas.com.
- Grace Flying Service, www.graceflyingservice.com.



GOD SAYS
Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
John 10: 7, 9

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