



## Bill passed restricting teen drivers in Kansas

It's far from certain that the Kansas Legislature will do anything to help end the carnage among teenage drivers in this state, but it should.

The Senate has passed one version of a bill restricting teen drivers and the House may pass another. There's no guarantee, however, that even if a bill passes it will do much good.

For one thing, the Legislature isn't prepared to deal with the fact that kids can get a learner's permit at 14 and a restricted license at 15, allowing them to drive to work and school.

Those permits, along with farm permits issued to underage drivers, are widely abused today. Rural families supposedly need to have kids drive at 14 or 15 because otherwise it would be a "hardship" on the families.

When you see two teens in a wreck while headed to the same high school in separate cars, however, or three vehicles from one farm home headed to the same school, you have to ask where the hardship is.

Those kids could be safe on a school bus rather than driving to town and back — and around town after school.

There are some good ideas in the House version of the bill, or were at last reading. Teens between 16 and 17 would be able to drive, but with more restrictions than today. They'd get a license which would not allow them to drive between midnight and 5 a.m. or with more than three other teens in the car.

A rather silly provision would bar young drivers from using a cell phone or text messaging device while driving. Apparently, at 17, they'll be able to handle those.

The truth is, no one should be driving and using a hand-held phone. Certainly, no one should be texting while driving. Both should be illegal — for anyone. So should watching a television or video device, other than a navigation aid.

Yet the House apparently feels teens will buy into this "do as a say, not as I do," approach. It's just not enforceable.

Any change which would keep 14- and 15-year-olds off our highways and rural roads — and safe from the dangers of driving while inexperienced — should be welcome. We hope the Legislature passes a bill, but we'd really like to see it deal with the real issues.

One thing kids need to know is that if they mess up and have a wreck or a couple of tickets while on a restricted license, and especially if they're in violation of age restrictions, then there won't be a regular license waiting when they are 17.

Without some teeth, this bill won't mean much. It'll take tough enforcement to make it work.

That said, we urge the Legislature to get together on this issue and pass a bill we all can live with. Traffic accidents are the leading killer of young adults, after all.

Let's keep some of our teenagers alive. — Steve Haynes



## News From the Past

### 65 years ago - 1943

The junior class at the high school is presenting the play "Let Us Be Glamorous." The cast includes Janice Roshong, Bobbie Cleland, Dulcie Danielson, Bonnie Jean Waters, Corrine Raile, Alice Whisnant, Laura Lee Dungan, Roy Kruger, Robert Morrell, Vern Shoemaker, Bernice Handwerk and Ilene Felzien.

Marjorie Thomas, a journalism student at the high school, has received word that she has won second place in the state-wide article writing contest sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas, open to all high school students in the state.

Harry Hunt has decided to make St. Francis his home and will engage in the painting business.

Upon a call from interested parties in St. Francis, H.R. Miller, head of the economic research planning department of the state planning board, made a trip to St. Francis to inspect the land which is available for an airport at St. Francis.

Mrs. Edith Shrader has opened up a new cream buying station at the back of the Harrison building.

The Burr Machine Shop was completely destroyed by fire. The shop equipment was housed in the building just north of the Equity Service Station and the building was owned by the Equity.

Plans are being made for consumer registration in Cheyenne County for War Ration Book 2.

In the midst of an enthusiastic and patriotic gathering of an estimated 3,000 people, C.H. Cormack, drew aside the curtain unveiling the Cheyenne County Service Roster, containing the names of every Cheyenne County boy who is now serving in any branch of the American Armed Forces.

A 20-year-old youth from St. Francis walked away with the Phillip W. Pillsbury Trophy and the \$10 award in the second annual blue ribbon Wheat Quality Show at Farm and Home Week, held at Kansas State University. W.H. Smull Jr., probably the youngest grower of prize wheat in the nation and father of a 7-month-old son placed first out of nine contestants with his prize sample of Tenmarq wheat.

Donald Rogers has purchased the Wheeler Garage, building and equipment and is getting things in shape to open up for business.

### 50 years ago - 1958

Cheyenne County now has 6,654 acres of land under irrigation as the acreage nearly doubled during the past year.

A new business is opening in St. Francis within the next few days with a grand opening scheduled in about two weeks. The establishment will be located in the building between the Palace Market and J.C. Penney on Main Street. The new member of the St. Francis business family will be known as Goodell Garden and Floral Shop. Mrs. Velma Goodell will be the operator.

St. Francis has three undefeated wrestlers going into the Regional tournament. They are Gordon Orth at 165 pounds, Royce Hamala at 175 pounds and Ken Krien at heavyweight.

Faye Vandike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vandike, will be one of the student nurses to receive her cap in the annual cap-

ping services of Lincoln General Hospital School of Nursing.

Three Cheyenne County farm families received a Balanced Farming and Family Living Award at a recent dinner. Those receiving the awards were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Smull and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Harvey.

### 45 years ago - 1973

Sunday, Feb. 14, will be one of the most significant days in the history of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church of St. Francis. On that day, during the morning worship hour, the new structure will be dedicated.

Mrs. Ed Keller received recognition for her 16th year of service at the 4-H banquet held on Feb. 7.

Wrestlers qualifying to attend the Regional tournament in Hoxie include Jim Lampe, Lyle Cook, Bob Andrist, Bob Moberly, Lewis Evins, Lee Bandel, Roger Lauer, Larry Carroll and Tommy Keller.

Three Cheyenne County families received Bankers' Awards for Conservation at the Cheyenne County Soil Conservation District meeting. Receiving awards were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Faylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Klie and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Harvey.

The St. Francis FFA Poultry Team placed fourth at Stockton. The three judges who placed were Rudolph Douthit, Gary Lillich and Leroy Peter.

The Saint Francis Herald published its first four-color ad ever this month. The ad was pre-printed in another shop and then localized in the Herald plant and inserted as two pages in the Herald. The advertisement was for Daniels Implement and Massey-Ferguson.

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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What a difference a year makes!

I have a new birthday these days. My twin brother and I share the date on which we were born. But now I have another day to celebrate.

It was a year ago when Lezlie and I knew something wasn't quite right. What we first thought was the stomach flu turned out to be pancreatitis.

That began a journey which took me from the capable staff at the Cheyenne County Hos-

pital to Sky Ridge Hospital in Colorado.

From there I found myself at Parker Valley Hope for about a month.

Eventually I was back in Kansas and facing a different lifestyle. The life that I had lived had a lot to do with alcohol. If I had a bad day, I drank. If I had a good day, I drank. With my outlook, everyday was a reason to celebrate, or to hide, with a bottle.

When I got sick, the doctors made it clear to me that if I con-

tinued to drink, then I would soon die.

Believe it or not, it still wasn't an easy decision to make. However, here I am a year later living a much better life than before.

So my new birthday is on April 1, no fooling! God willing they will continue to arrive and I will be able to spend many years with Lezlie, our children and families and all of our friends who read these words.

## Lines from the Library

The library has the following new books: Sizzle And Burn by Jayne Ann Krentz; Honor Thyself by Danelle Steel; Fast Track by Fern Michael; Carrot Cake Murder by Joanne Fluke; 7th Heaven by James Patterson; Stranger In Para-

dise by Robert Parker; Strangers In Death by J.D. Robb.

The following new books have arrived in the children's department: Maximum Ride: Saving The World by James Patterson; A Maximum Ride: The Final Warning by James Patterson; Busy Piggies by John Schindel; Busy Kitties by John Schindel; Busy Doggies by John Schindel; Busy Monkeys by John Schindel; Manners Are Important by Todd Snow; P. Bear's New Year's Party by Paul Lewis; You Are Beautiful by Todd Snow; Caring And Sharing by Samantha Brooke; Oopsy

Does It by Samantha Brooke; Snow Fun by Sonia Sanders; Christmas Cheer by Sonia Sanders; Martin Bridge: Out Of Orbit by Jessica Scott Kerrin; Martin Bridge Sound The Alarm by Jessica Scott Kerrin; Camping Out by P.J. Denton; Sleepover Squad by P.J. Denton; The Trouble With Brothers by P.J. Denton.

Playaway Recorded Books are something new that is available at the Library. All you have to do is plug a set of earphones, external speakers or a car adapter into the universal headphone jack and you are ready to listen to the book.

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: Marlin Rueb, St. Francis; George Baxter, Wheatridge, Colo.; Cynthia Bancroft, Plano, Texas; Marvin Orth, St. Francis; Vada Burkhalter, Bird City; Rodney Radcliffe, St. Francis; Norvin Northrup, St. Francis; Floyd Larkin, St. Francis; Stan Faulkender, Ellis; Tina Elliott, St. Francis; Margaret Alsup, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Shawn Alsup, Sterling, Colo.; Janet Carman, St. Francis; Ana Enfield, Grand Island, Neb.



**GOD SAYS**

Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith. Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewithin. A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

Proverbs 14:16-18

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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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332-2956 • 118 E. Webster  
Bible Fellowship 9:20 a.m.  
Church Service 10:30 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
2nd & Scott • 332-3921  
J.W. Glidewell, Pastor  
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Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.,  
Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
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332-3150  
204 N. Quincy Street  
www.sfccfamily.com  
Pastor: David Butler  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Potluck & Communion -  
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