

Small town Kansas could be a difference

Sen. John McCain's plans to have town hall meetings with Sen. Barack Obama has some merit. SOME merit. We phrase it that way because we wonder what kind of towns they are talking about.

Shortly after Sen. McCain issued an invite to Sen. Obama to travel together and stage 10 town hall meetings between now and August's Democratic Party's convention in Denver, guess what TOWN was the first to offer its facilities: NEW YORK CITY, courtesy Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. ABC-TV jumped in to be the network to carry the town hall meeting live.

Town and New York City don't quite go together.

We would hope Senators McCain and Obama, if they can agree on arrangements, would bring their town hall meetings to towns in rural America. Norton would be a good place to stage one of those.

Our dictionary defines town as "larger than a village but smaller than a city." That pretty much describes us, and it certainly doesn't describe the likes of New York City.

It would be interesting to learn how they will choose the audiences for these town hall meetings — if they materialize. And if they hit a snag on stage, who will be the referee?

The experts tell us that town hall meetings will definitely favor Sen. McCain. Maybe so. Perhaps they can alternate between town hall style and rally style, which would, of course, favor Sen. Obama.

Whatever they choose, I hope they choose Small Town, America. We are also voters, and if the general election will be as tight as early predictions indicate, it just might be a small town Kansas that makes the difference.

OK, so our chances are none. But it doesn't hurt to toss our hat in the ring.

— Tom Dreiling

Hangin' With Marge

By Tim Russert

By Margaret Bucholtz



margeb@cityofstfrancis.net I watch very little TV, but Meet the Press and the Today Show are the two that I do watch.

Every Sunday morning Kurt and I would sit down with our coffee and watch Tim Russert on Meet the Press.

There was just something about that man that I admired. He asked the tough questions about the politics. It didn't matter what party

they belonged to he just wanted to know what they believed in. It seemed he wanted to let even the poor and uninformed know what was going on.

There were several things I saw in him that I liked. First he was a family man and his eyes would light up when he talked about his son, Luke and his father, Tim. The second thing was when he asked the tough questions he didn't back

down, yet he didn't force his ideas on anyone.

With those two things said, the very first and upmost thing about this man was his integrity! Something that we don't find in a lot of people anymore. It is one of the most important qualities to process, yet few really have it.

The country has lost a great person!

Casey's Comment

By Casey McCormick



scmcormick@nwkansans.com I love a good mystery!

A few weeks ago I was in Denver looking at some old family photos with my mother. Several were of my dad and uncle in the 1940s. They were both in the Navy during W.W. II.

One of the pictures was of an aircraft carrier. When I had some spare time I went to a computer and decided to see what I could find out about the ship.

She was photographed moored, but still under construction. The super structure was not complete but it did have the ship's number

on it: 12.

There are not a lot of U.S. Navy "flat tops," and I soon found out that I was looking at a picture of the U.S.S. Hornet.

The Navy, over the years, had eight ships with that name, and there were actually two air craft carrier "Hornets."

The first was built in 1940 and was famous for taking Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle and his group of B-25 raiders. Not long after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, the American military leaders began to plan an air attack on the islands of Japan.

The U.S.S. Hornet (CV-8) took Doolittle's party within 650 miles of Japan before the planes took off. The attack was successful and many of the airmen returned to the United States, despite having to ditch their planes on the mainland of Asia.

She saw action at the Battle of Midway and the Solomon Island campaign during the war.

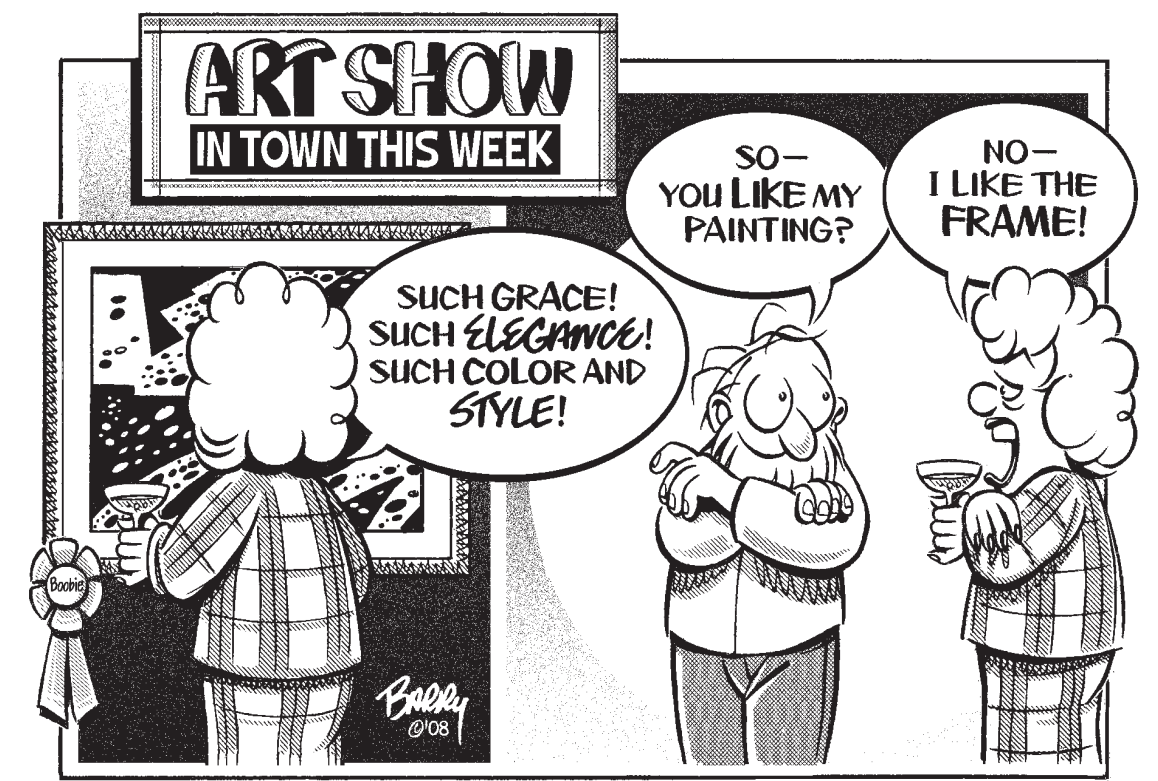
The U.S.S. Hornet (CV-8) was later sunk by the Japanese during the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands (1942.)

The second carrier, U.S.S. Hornet, (CV-12.) was launched on Aug. 30, 1943. After seeing action in W.W. II, she also was active in the Vietnam War.

Later, the ship picked up the Apollo 11 crew, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldren and Michael Collins, when they returned from the moon in 1969.

Today she lays proudly in Alameda, Calif. as a museum.

I'm sure that when my family member took the picture he had no idea what lay instore for aircraft #12.



News From the Past

100 years ago - 1908

Phillip Miller has purchased the interests of J.F. Tapp and C.A. Puderbaugh in the St. Francis dipping company.

Serving to show what the sugar factory will do to the price of land in the county, O.E. Talley refused \$40 per acre for his quarter section lying 5 miles down the river.

The Burlington construction train and crew has been at work all week rebuilding the two bridges east of town.

The band boys received their new uniforms last week.

C.L. Morse has purchased the St. Francis Feed Mill from A.H. Baker.

F.S. Merwin, the new manager of the Fowler Lumber yard arrived from Goodland with his family last Saturday.

90 years ago - 1919

Willits Small went to Goodland to help unload a carload of Buicks, two of which he brought home.

W.O. Fallis was elected to take the place of W.S. Booth on the school board at the election held at the school house on Monday.

The Cheyenne County High School will present "The Girl With the Green Eyes" on May 14. J. Hazel White is the stage manager and coach and Prof. L.D. Dowling the business manager and musical director. Cast members include

Mattie Kail, Marie Crosby, Fred Jones, Spray Reinhold, William Johnson, Perle Deal, Marion Weidenheimer. Mae Hawley, Lottie

Wolfe, Ella Buchanan, Modesta Ramsey, Howard Bear, Wanda Eddy, Stella Buchanan, Merle Deal, Louis Finley, Ira Mitchell, Valera Billington, Frank Cook, Esther Johnson, Harry Neitzel and Annabelle Reinhold.

Monday morning three more fine young men left for military service: Dow Mitchell, Orvie Kail and Henry Rogers.

Misses Tessie Lawless and Bessie Kellum took their pupils out for a picnic Tuesday afternoon.

Twelve students received their diploma with the class of 1918. Graduates are Gladys Williams, Marion Weidenheimer, Mae Reinhold, Ruth Fredrickson, Spray Reinhold, Vera Holliman, Wanda Eddy, Alberta Tapp, Edwin Deal, William Crabtree, William Johnson and Howard Bear.

30 years ago - 1978 Roger Lewis, long-time teacher and coach in St. Francis, was recently given special recognition by the University of Kansas for his service to the education of youth.

Wolfe Auto Parts in St. Francis announced this week the addition of a head and engine service department. This department will be managed by Gordon Ross.

Reverend Darrell E. Hecht, the new pastor of the St. Francis United Methodist Church, with his wife, Barbara and their family arrived Thursday.

Randy Cook played the Riverside golf course Sunday like he

owned it, winning the championship flight of the Spring Open tournament with a record five under par, 100.

About \$3,000 in modifications to the senior citizen center have to be made in order to accommodate wheelchairs. The changes are required by the federal government.

Edwin "Smiley" Raile, president of the St. Francis Equity board of directors, announced this week that the board has named Maynard Ortegren of Holdrege as general manager, replacing Charles Claar.

Nine members of the class of 1928 attended a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neilan. Mrs. Neilan was a member of the class.

5 years ago - 2003 The Lawn Ridge 4-H club members presented the emergency medical technicians with stuffed animals to be given to children who are transported in the ambulance.

The Cheyenne County Fair Board decided to add a new open class division to the fair, an open cow/calf class.

Donna Stevens of Stevens Kansas Territorial has added a new line of service to her customers. She recently purchased the equipment and materials for T-shirt transfers from Karla Zwegardt, owner of Town and Country Clothing.

Cancer survivor wins quilt

Letter to the Editor:

I won the Cancer Quilt!! I am so excited about that. The love and healing I feel from it is overwhelming. I am so fortunate.

Yes, I will be a "breast cancer survivor" for 2 years on July 18.

I would like to thank everyone who:

"touched it," "stitched it,"

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"thought about it," "made a square for it," "had someone who inspired them on it," "loved someone who died from cancer," "assisted someone fighting the battle against cancer," and "every moment that someone cared for that quilt..."

It is evident to me it is filled with love and memories.

The relay was so wonderful! Join me in the fight against breast cancer!

Jolie Jamison
St. Francis

Lines From the Library

By Pat Leibbrandt

The following new books have arrived at the library: *Phantom Prey* by John Sandford; *Cassidy* by Lori Wick; *The Whole Truth* by David Baldacci; *Twenty Wishes* by Debbie Macomber; *Santa Fe Dead* by Stuart Woods; *Sunday's At Tiffany's* by James Patterson; *The Third Circle* by Amanda Quick; *Sunrise* by Karen Kingsbury; *Secrets* by Jude Deveraux; *The Genius* by Jesse Kellerman; *The Outlaw Sheriff* by Hal Dunning; *Gunman* by Lauran Paine; *Ride The Wild Trail* by Max Brand; *Starr Of The Southwest* by Cherry Wilson; *The Trail of Whiteden Skulls* by Tom Blackburn; *Majesty's Rancho* by Zane Grey; *Cormac - A Tale Of A Dog Gone Missing* by Sonny Brewer.

We have the following new books in the children's department: *Dancing Dinosaurs Go To School* by Sally Lucas; *I'm Sorry* by Justin Chanda; *Green*

Puppy Goes To The Dentist by J.C. Schwanda; *Vote for Spongebob* by Erica Pass; *Atlantis Squarepants* by Erica Pass; *Uh - Oh!* by Schuyler R. Hooks; *Ponies On Ice* by Ruth Benjamin; *The Best Teacher In Second Grade* by Katharine Kenah; *Snowball Soup* by Mercer Mayer; *The Best Seat In Second Grade* by Katharine Kenah; *Can You See What I See?* by Sally Lucas.

GOD SAYS
If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.
John 12:26

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