



## Second amendment means just what it says

Where do we go, now that the Supreme Court has decided the Second Amendment means exactly what it says?

Neither gun control advocates or advocates of gun rights are likely to climb down from the barricades, but their arguments are largely emotional. Let's start with the amendment itself:

*A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.*

Simple enough. But much argument has been made about what it means. Until this year, the High Court has never really ruled on it.

In striking down a harsh gun-control law in the District of Columbia, the court apparently said it means people can keep guns in their home. That doesn't mean they can carry them around, and the District does not have a "concealed carry" law.

The law banned possession of anything but unloaded hunting arms, and the court said the Constitution calls for more than that. It said, if on a 5-4 vote, that people could keep handguns at home to defend themselves.

In a city as lawless and downright dangerous as parts of Washington, that will change a lot of people's thinking.

Gun advocates are celebrating, but the gun-control crowd is outraged. It will try to overcome the decision any way it can, even if that means waiting until a Democrat president appoints more liberal justices.

Is there any basis in fact for advocating gun control to reduce crime?

It doesn't seem to have worked in Washington, where the streets are hardly safe despite having had, until last month, one of the nation's strictest gun laws.

One problem with gun control is that it keeps guns away from law-abiding citizens — but not from criminals.

Citizens who fear arrest can't keep a gun at home. Many will break the law, but if they ever had to use their weapon, they'd face prosecution.

Criminals, what do they care? Legal guns are seldom used to commit a crime. Criminals steal guns, import them illegally, get them any way they can. They commit crimes. One more doesn't make any difference to them.

It makes more sense to have stiff penalties for any crime committed with a gun. Leave people who want to defend their homes alone.

As the court said, that's what the Founding Fathers intended, and their advice is as sound today as it was 230 years ago.

The meaning of those few words the framers put down hasn't changed, and neither has the need, at least perceived by many, to defend one's home.

Those affected by crime and lawlessness should have their rights enforced, and the court has seen to that. For now, at least.

— Steve Haynes



## News From the Past

### 100 years ago - 1908

Having purchased the St. Francis Feed Mill of A.H. Baker, I, C.L. Morse, will continue to do business at the old place. Flour and feed always on hand. Will trade flour for corn or barley.

Notice to the public: I have purchased the store building at Wheeler and intend to open a general store therein at once. I have a line of Hamilton brown shoes and my groceries are as good as you have ever bought in any store. Homer Follitt.

C.M. Kincaid purchased the W.B. Sheeder barn this week and moved it onto his property in the southeast part of town.

There is a good-sized force of men at work on the Fourth of July pavilion which is being erected on the green just east of the Campbell office building.

At a meeting of the trustees of the M.E. Church last Friday afternoon, it was decided to build a substantial addition to the parsonage, and the work will commence at once.

Leslie Sharp is building a new residence in the southwest part of town.

Reports from every section of the county indicate that the prospect for corn is the best ever, and as the acreage is much larger than any former year,

we probably won't feel the short wheat crop so much after all.

### 50 years ago 1958

Cheyenne County 4-H Club members and their sponsors who attended Rock Springs Ranch State 4-H Camp include Ronnie Brunswig, Lyle Walters, Don Atkinson, Kyle Harvey, Danny Schlittenhardt, Mike Young, Donald Wright, Terry Voorhies, Marvin Peter, Sue Partch, Alana Wamhoff, Vickie Mueller, Pat Kinen, Nancy Kent, Mrs. August Neitzel, Mrs. Maynard Wright, Mrs. Don Love, Sue Neitzel, Don Love and Kathleen Walz.

Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Northrup of St. Francis will observe their golden wedding anniversary on July 20.

St. Francis vocational agriculture teacher Don Hall attended a week long workshop on machinery adjustment maintenance and operation at Kansas State College in Manhattan. Emphasis was placed on the combine and forage harvester.

The following boys will represent the St. Francis American Legion junior baseball team in the tournament in Norton: Larry Smull, William Zwegardt, Marvin Smull, Dale Rath, Duane Reynolds, William Isernhagen, Eldon Zimbelman, Willard Schleppe, Marvin Zwegardt and Ronnie Porter.

## Open Season

### Toading

By Cynthia Haynes



OK. OK. I admit it. I took it. That toad in your yard, it was me. I took it.

I've been toading my garden since early June, and I'm up to five now.

Steve and I go for a walk almost every evening, and when one of us spots a toad hopping his merry way down the street, across the grass or over a sidewalk, I toad- nap it.

And, of course, Steve is an accessory to the crime. He helps me corral them.

Those little hoppers are hard to catch. They jump, change direction and make us look like fools running around in the dark on somebody's lawn trying to trap them without injury.

Once captured, they always

seem kind of surprised that nothing is trying to take a bite out of them. They're said to be really bad tasting — I wouldn't know myself — but nothing seems to want to eat them. So, in frustration, I think, they sometimes pee on you.

This is why I try to keep my eyes on the trees and shrubs, rather than the sidewalks and lawns, for the first half of our walks. Who wants to spend most of an hour carrying a squirming, peeing toad? Not me. Not Steve, for sure.

When I arrive home, I put the toads in my garden. They don't stay there, but that's where I keep "seeding" them.

So far, one has taken over the area by the garbage can, one is hopping around the auxiliary garden on the south side of the house, one is living in the sunflowers and Steve's native grass (weeds, if you ask me) beside the garage, one is in the iris bed and one is in an undisclosed location. In other words, I have no idea where it went.

Steve is really very indulgent about my love for creepy crawlies. He's lived through turtles, salamanders, garter snakes, lizards and toads besides the usual dogs, cats, rabbit and spiders. (What! You never kept spiders? What a strange family you had.)

I'm not sure where I got my

proclivity for unusual pets, but I passed it on to my children. My son kept lizards when he was in high school and my youngest daughter had a pet spider. She once spent her lunch hour, while in graduate school, rescuing frogs from the college fountain. When the tadpoles turned into frogs, it seems, they had no way to get out of the fountain and would drown without a little help from a friendly student.

Personally, I've been known to grab a garter snake while touring a high-end tourist resort's prospective golf course and carrying it around the rest of the day with the developer throwing me odd glances and my husband pretending it was the most normal thing in the world.

When we came to Kansas to look at the papers, I yelled for our hosts to stop the car then got out to rescue a box turtle, which was venturing into the path of an oncoming truck. Again my husband smiled and the newspaper owners, who had raised four kids, sold us the company.

But, I don't want to be greedy. You can have your toad back. All you have to do is check under the zucchini in the auxiliary garden on the south side of my house — oh and help yourself to some squash, too, please.

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**GOD SAYS**  
He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth.  
Psalms 104:14

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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You know it's the "dog days" of summer.

The wheat is cut, leaving the shiny gold stubble fields and seed in the grainery. The next few weeks will bring the 55th Thresher Show and this year's version of the county fair. And the temperatures are right where they should be, in the 90s.

Speaking of "dog days," the other day Leslie and I sitting on the back porch and watching our three canines. I told her that with the variety we have, it's just like watching the dog shows on TV.

Maybe I should describe our pets so you know why she laughed.

Starting from the bottom and working up, we have a Scottie named Ferguson Eliajason McIn-

tyre. He sounds like royalty but don't let the name fool you. As a pup his tail was broken when a kennel door accidentally closed on it. A local breeder gave us a heck-of-a-deal since he was considered damaged goods. His talent is barking at the neighbor's cats, squirrels and falling leaves. I think his thick Scottish head might have taken a hit too.

Next we have our princess, Freckles the Dalmatian. She's a bit of a mystery since Lez found her abandoned in the country over 8 years ago. The side of her face is sort of slanted, due to a little deformation, and her nipples don't line up right. She doesn't like strangers, or the other dogs for that matter, but she seems to like us.

The last one is the chocolate Lab named Cain. Our son, Trevor, brought him home about a year ago when he was a few week's old. We are hopeful that he won't grow much more. He bounds around like a puppy but looks like a small horse. We had to get some balm from the local vet to put on his ears. The flies have been chewing them up good, but he didn't seem to mind. He's good at being a big dummy.

I guess they'll never win best in class, obedience or smarts, but we love them like family.

Hope you and your's are surviving the heat!

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