



## Residents are reminded to vote in the election

The Democrats are off and running. They ushered in their convention in Denver Monday with an Obama-Biden ticket. Obama, as in Sen. Barack, and Biden, as in Sen. Joe. The ticket is being hailed as tough and ready to mow down the opposition.

Well, that's what the Democrats say. Next Monday, in St. Paul, Minn., the Republicans will open their convention with a McCain-Romney ticket. McCain as in Sen. John and Romney as in former Massachusetts governor. We might be a little ahead of ourselves, but it's fun getting in on the guessing game, too. The ticket will be hailed as tough and ready to mow down the opposition.

Well, that's what the Republicans will say. A year or so ago, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton was expected to be the Democratic Party's presidential nominee. That didn't happen.

A year or so ago, former New York City Mayor Rudy Guiliani was expected to be the Republican presidential nominee. That didn't happen.

Instead, both Clinton and Guiliani will have roles at their respective conventions as keynote speakers.

In this case, what a difference a year made. As soon as the conventions exit Denver and St.

Paul, the gloves come off and the fight begins. Hold tight, it'll be breath-taking. And when the final bell rings and the fight is called a draw, then that's when we, the voters, step in.

If you are not registered to vote, we would strongly suggest you do so. And if you are, make sure you show up at the polls on Nov. 4.

Each presidential election year they tell us, "this will be the most important election this country has ever held."

So, now in 2008, "this will be the most important election this country has ever held." Of course we disagree. One is no more important than another. We have been through many, many, many presidential elections over the years and each one, in its own way, was important.

We will do our duty and vote. Then, regardless of which candidate ends up in the White House, we will stand behind that man as our president and as our commander-in-chief. And it would be awfully nice if the crazies on the 24/7 cable news channels would feel the same way. And quit stirring the pot after the fire's out.

Go, Barack!  
Go, John!  
Go vote!

— Tom Dreiling

## Hangin' With Marge

New Fence

By Margaret Bucholtz



The new thing around our house is a picket fence. The other thing that happens a lot around our house is when Kurt makes a mistake, the first words out of his mouth, "This isn't going in the paper." I usually try not to do it, but decided this time was different. After all if nobody tells him I can keep him busy enough that he doesn't have time to read the paper.

Most of you know that we have had an electric fence around our house to keep the dogs out of my flowers. Not only did it not look nice, but no one ever came to see

us. I was sure it was the fence and not the fact that people didn't want to come out to the country.

When we started digging the holes it was some hard ground. I asked Kurt if there could be any water lines or anything under there. He assured me there was nothing.

After the nice rains we started the project again. This time it was a lot easier digging.

After the first four holes, we hit another problem. This time it not only stopped the digger, but it was frozen in place.

Kurt finally got it pulled out and I looked down and said, "I think that is pipe."

Once again he said, "No, it is just a tree root."

He started in again and the same thing happened. This time when he pulled out the digger I reached in and pulled out a chunk of white PVC pipe.

It was at that time he remember he had laid an electrical line a couple of years ago for our light. It only took about an hour to repair the line and we were back to digging again.

When he was done for the day I said, "Maybe we should have called 1-800-dig-safe. For some reason he didn't find the humor.

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



So when does a sporting event become something more than a sporting event?

Last weekend Lezlie and I took our two youngest kids, Lexi and Joe, to Denver for a yearly pilgrimage. For 28 years people have been playing softball to raise money for Easter Seals of Colorado. For about

the last 10 my twin brother has been able to arrange a game between his Masonic lodge and another.

As we have fun playing softball with teams made up of young kids to older gentlemen, funds are raised for an important cause. All of our children have had an opportunity to participate over the years. It's great to see them give of their time to help others.

Another example of sports meaning more than just a game is the recent Olympics. People from around the world were able to see a side of China that normally isn't out there. And for 17 days folks could forget about politics and international problems and enjoy seeing the greatest athletes on this planet compete against each other.

Where else can you see an American running next to a Cuban? Or young people from both North and South Korea coming together in a way other than staring at each other from across the Demilitarized Zone? And how about a Lithuanian and Russian hugging after their event?

Soon the area schools will have volleyball and football teams playing other schools. Whether their team wins or losses, the athletes will have learned more about team work and giving rather than getting.

Yes, sometimes it is more than just a game.

## Reader enjoys her paper

To the editor, Enclosed is money for a year's subscription to your paper. I enjoy reading this and keeping up on what your fine community is doing.

A special greeting to friends, Elaine and John Kite, Dorothy Orth, Margaret Holzwarth, whom I learned to know during the time I spent with the late Don and Lucille Hall. They loved your town.

Lois Hrabec Kensington

**GOD SAYS**

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

*Romans 14:10-12*

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## News From the Past

### 5 years ago - 2003

Sam Miller has been selected as the 2003 fair parade marshal and will be seen riding the St. Francis fire truck through the parade on Saturday. He has spent many hours helping with electrical problems at the Cheyenne County Fair.

Baxter Black will be the featured entertainment Thursday night in front of the grandstands. He is the best-selling cowboy poet in the known universe.

Bird City hosted one of the largest Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Shows over the weekend as 50 years of tradition was on display.

### 10 years ago - 1993

Lee Parker is the new Honored Queen for Bethel 52 Job's Daughters. Keidra Riedel is the Junior Princess and Stephane Hunt is the Senior Princess.

Members of the Class of 1933 who attended the high school reunion included Harry Roelfs, Frances Wilson Anderson, Margaret Indorf Shay, Mildred Weeden Gorlinsky, and Mabel Hendricks Harkins.

Within the last week, Mildred Burnham, who lives on South Benton Street, has found three rattlesnakes in her yard. According to Scott Ahlvers, county ag agent, rattlesnakes are cold-blooded and are most likely looking for some shade and a cooler place to hide.

This year's Junior Miss court includes Megan Burns, Ashley Feikert, Shanda Henderson, Christie Holzwarth, Katie Keller, Lee Parker, Robin Petersen, Jessica Raile, Kammie Sanchez and Heather Sowers.

### 25 years ago - 1983

The city council voted unanimously to accept responsibility for the roadside park, taking the burden off the state.

Evelyn Creach, the Bird City editor, is celebrating her 10th year in the position. She began working at the newspaper when she was 65 years old and 10 years later is still not thinking of retirement.

Roger Faulkender was elected president of the school board at the meeting held on July 5.

The Flight for Life helicopter landed in St. Francis last week to give rides to nurses from the hospital. The chopper is one of the services offered to St. Francis residents in need of immediate rescue help.

Angie Zimelman placed second overall in the Oberlin Junior Golf Tournament for the girls 12-and-under. The Rodeo Queen luncheon has been set for early August. Contestants for Rodeo Queen are Jae-Dene Ewing and Sharon Finley. Contestants for Junior Princess are Stacy Anderson, Tammy Cress, Tonya Henderson, Amanda Hilt, Jauna Krien, Kris Ketter, Kari Milliken, Angel Purdy and Terri Sharp.

### 35 years ago - 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartley and Mrs. Letha Lockard greeted the big crowd at the opening of Jack's Daylight Donut in St. Francis Tuesday. The beautiful new store is located in the old post office building and was completely remodeled by the building owner, Mrs. Esther Boardman.

The house of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Blume was moved into town from its former location on their farm northeast of St. Francis last week.

Grand champions in the Best

Groomed Boy Contest and the 4-H Style Revue were Kelly Morris and Tamara Zook.

The Grand Champion parade float in the commercial division belonged to the St. Francis Equity. The main theme of the float was patriotism.

Some of those earning championships at the fair were Carol Curry, Grand Champion, 4-H Beef; Dennis Weeden, Grand Champion Market Hog; Todd Sherlock, Grand Champion Market Lamb; South Fork 4-H, Champion 4-H Booth and Farmerettes Unit, Championship Booth.

There are seven new teachers in the St. Francis schools. Kent Kechter, Mrs. Sharron Girty, Michael Slatery, William Delano and William Reno will join the junior/senior high school staff and Miss Kathleen House and Mrs. Carol Peterson will join the elementary school faculty.

### 90 years ago - 1918

Mrs. A. Paul, who recently purchased the Fallis building, two doors west of The Herald Office, has moved her goods into the new location and opened up the doors for business. Mrs. Paul has been a milliner in a large establishment in Chicago for 20 years, and knows the business from A to Z.

The St. Francis elementary school will open Sept. 2 with the following corp of teachers: Miss Hurst, first grade; Miss Kellum, second and third grade; Miss Lawless, fourth and fifth grade; Miss Denison, sixth and seventh grade, Mrs. Bertram, eighth grade and Miss Lockwood, instructor of music.

<p><b>Church of Christ</b> 332-2380, Pars. 332-3424 502 W. Spencer Norman Morrow - Minister Bible Class 11 a.m. Morning Worship 10 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church</b> 625 S. River • 332-2680 Fr. Roger Meitl Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m. Weekday Mass 8 a.m. Confessions Sat. 4-4:30</p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 2nd &amp; Scott • 332-3921 J.W. Glidewell, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>United Methodist</b> Church Office 332-2292, Church 332-2254, 512 S. Scott Pastor Morita Truman Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Salem Lutheran Church</b> 332-3002 Pastor Chris Farmer No Sunday School until Sept. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>St. Francis Community Church</b> 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 &amp; Communion - Every 2nd Sunday Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church</b> 332-2888 • 3rd &amp; Adams Pastor Mike Larson Sabbath School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45</p>	<p><b>Solid Rock Baptist Church</b> 412 S. Denison Welcomes You! Pastor Allen Coon Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Prayer Meeting, Wed 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Peace Lutheran Church, AFLC</b> 202 N. College Pastor Ken Hart 332-2928 Pars. 332-2312 Prayer Time 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:30 a.m.</p>

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