

## Even Thanksgiving caved in to change

Here we are just days away from Thanksgiving, that time of year when families get together to do what most families do on this very special day: watch football!

Time changes a lot of things and Thanksgiving didn't escape change either.

It used to be (many years ago) a time of food and chatter with untold numbers of family members gathered to carry on from the last time they were together. The stories told were always priceless, although they changed a bit. Everyone, it seemed, had a story or two to tell. The new family members took center stage. Questions were many, answers weren't. Laughter was, for most part, the order of the day. Leftovers from the dinner table sufficiently fed the crew as the afternoon wore on. Departing was, many times, a teary time.

(Notice that television wasn't mentioned?)

But that was then, this is now.

Dinner is timed so as not to interfere with the guys' need to watch football! The gals do their own thing — gossip. And if the guys weren't so

involved with who just caught a pass, or scored a touchdown, they'd know from the chatter coming from the room laced with ladies, just what the important news of the day was.

The younger members of the family — the high school and college-age crowd — usually sneak out and drive away to see friends, who are also sneaking out of their homes for the same purpose. They all hook up somewhere in town to share in the fun of the young.

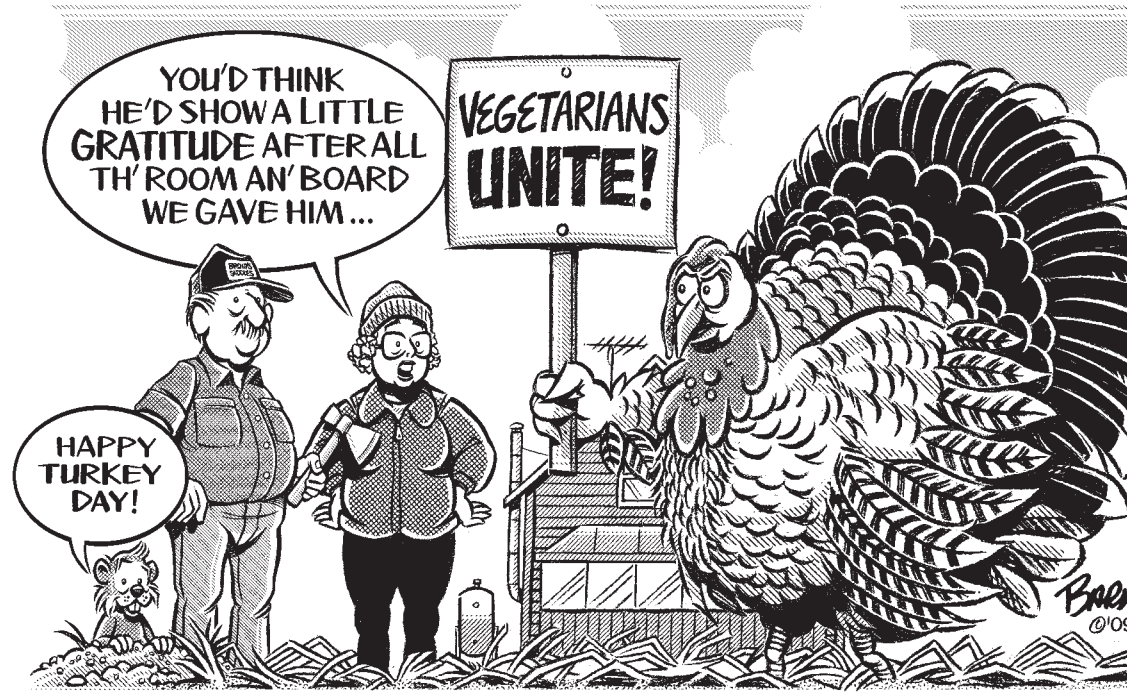
The smaller kids, armed with their own min-computers, disappear to other rooms to play games, watch movies, talk, tease. You name it.

But one tradition remains: the leftovers from the dinner table suffice for the duration.

When the brightness of the day gives way to the emerging darkness, and all the company bids farewell, mom and dad sink into their recliners, take a deep breath, look at one another and say, "What was that all about?!"

Happy Thanksgiving!

—Tom Dreiling



## News From the Past

### 15 years ago - 1994

"The Dazzling Dozen," a new high school performing group, will present a fall concert along with the junior/senior high school music department.

Former Denver policeman, Bob Theide, has joined the city law enforcement and will be moving his family to St. Francis.

The Jaycees are once again going to have a Haunted House in the old Co-op Hardware building. The Girl Scouts will be selling hot chocolate and popcorn to the people waiting in line.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the present church building.

### 35 years ago - 1974

New officers of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club include: Lisa Boll, president; Cindy Curry, vice president; Carla Shoemaker, secretary; Mike Rogers, treasurer; and Carol Petitjean, reporter.

### 40 years ago - 1969

A buffalo skull found last summer in Cheyenne County has proved to be one of near record size that is in such unusual good quality. The skull, found by Ron

Reeb on his grandfather's land, was well preserved because it had been inundated underneath 7 feet of fine loam soon after death of the specimen. The specimen was studied and identified by Dr. Edward Lewis of the Paleontology and Stratigraphy Branch, Denver Laboratory, U.S. Geological Survey, Denver. Dr. Lewis said that the age of the specimen could range from a few hundred years to a couple of thousand years. The skull was donated to the geological survey and Dr. Lewis expressed that if other skulls of comparable size are found in the county he would like to examine them.

Clarisse Roberson is one of two state-award winners in 4-H meat utilization. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roberson and a member of Cheyenne County Lawn Ridge 4-H Club. Patty Busse of Bird City is one of two award winners in 4-H citizenship projects. Patty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Busse and a member of the Cheyenne County Happy Lark 4-H Club.

Seniors playing their last football game for the Indians include Dan Worley, Dennis

Krien, Dick Keller, Stan Orth, Randy Cook, Dan Harkins, Scott Schultz, Stan Schield, Steve Douthit, Craig Hill, Greg Wolters, Terry Touselec, Tim Kite and Jeff Cahoj.

### 45 years ago - 1964

On Nov. 30 at the high school auditorium, Roger Zweygardt, who has recently returned from two years of serving in the Peace Corp in Dakar, Africa, will show pictures and relate his experiences to the public.

A special Halloween pageant was presented at the half time of the Colby/St. Francis football game by the St. Francis high school band assisted by the Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 124.

Seniors playing their final football game include Larry Carroll, Lyle Cook, Dwen DeGood, Eddie Dankenbring, Royce Schield, Gary Neitzel, Steve Sherlock, Kenny Caywood, Jim Worley, Roger Wieck and Cliff Raile.

Karen DeGood is the 1964 winner of the State 4-H Leadership award. A member of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club, Karen is 19 and a sophomore at Kansas State University, majoring in elementary education.

## Reader wonders what's happening

Dear Editor, It is difficult for me to understand what is happening in America.

Just before the election, President Obama said, "We are five days away from fundamentally changing America." But what did that mean?

He appointed 36 Czars that are taking over every aspect of our government. They are not checked out and are not accountable to Congress, just to the president and his cronies.

In my opinion, these people are Marxists and communists that don't love America and come from radical backgrounds. My mom always told me, "You can judge a person by the people they hang out with." These are the people writing the bills such as the stimulus, cap and trade, and the health care take over.

Companies that were blessed with billions of dollars from the stimulus plan are now paying the

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price. The pay czar, Kenneth R. Feinberg, went in and reduced their salaries 90 percent.—more government control. If the government starts controlling what Americans make, saddling the middle class with higher taxes, more regulations, and continue printing money; this country will go bankrupt as our dollar becomes worthless.

Is it their plan to wreck this great country for a socialist take over? I once read that our country would be taken over without firing a shot. Could this be coming true?

Now the president wants to pass a bill, "Network Neutrality" to stop any media reporting that opposes what is happening to Americans through government actions. And when American people form tea parties and protests, they are called angry mobs, terrorists, racial, red necks, etc. Those are the people

who elected him and now he won't listen to those same people.

I don't care if you are democrat, republican, or independent, it's time to stand up and let your voice be heard. Write, email, or call your state representatives that are suppose to be working for YOU.

Wake up America! Non-voters, don't you realize how important your vote is? You do make a difference. If you don't like what's going on in Washington, vote them out! Maybe then Congress will get the message that Americans have fought to make this nation great and will not sit down now.

The late John F. Kennedy stated it so eloquently, "Ask not what your country can do for you, But what YOU can do for your country."

Marilyn Frisbie  
Concerned Citizen  
Bird City, Kan.

## Support for operation appreciated

Letter to the Editor:

The generosity and support of the community during the National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child was enormous. As a result, 232 boxes are being processed and are on their way to Mexico through our

Relay Center!

As the shoe boxes were received this year, the joy on many faces evidenced that it is truly more blessed to give than to receive!

As you go through this year, buying new shoes for your family, why not store those shoe boxes for

use in Operation Christmas Child next year? Remember, again next fall, Operation Christmas Child will become a part of the Christmas season in the lives of many residents in Cheyenne County. Let's strive to increase the amount of boxes sent from the St. Francis Relay Center, located at First Baptist Church, 420 South Scott, next year!

As we enter this Christmas season, may the foremost thought in your mind be the true reason we celebrate Christmas — the birth of Jesus Christ.

JaNelle Glidewell  
St. Francis Operation Christmas Child Relay Center Coordinator

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**GOD SAYS**

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. **Luke 2:4-5**

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## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



For me, the Thanksgiving Holiday is a good time to reflect and take note of all the things around that I should be grateful for.

What got me thinking about this a little earlier than usual was a shoe-box that was stored in our basement. It looked familiar, but it wasn't until I opened the lid that a flood of memories came back.

The box, which is more like a boot-box, was filled to the brim with get well cards. They were dated April of 2007 and mailed to a Denver hospital.

Many I had forgotten reading at

the time. Not because they weren't important, but I was not very well when they arrived.

Several were from my Aunt Sissy who has since left us. Others were from other family that couldn't be at my side. But the vast majority were from friends and neighbors in Bird City and St. Francis.

Each was wonderful to see again and knowing that such a large group was pulling for me certainly had to have helped me get back home.

One in particular has stuck with me every since. About the same time I fell ill a tornado cut a path

east and north of Bird City. The town was undamaged, however several farms and homes were devastated.

But one family, who lost their home and many of their possessions to the twister, still took time to send me a card. Amazingly, after having their world turned upside down they still were thinking of others.

So this Turkey Day I will be with many of my loved ones and I will thank God for them and all of you. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Praise the Lord**

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