

Plan to ban 'earmarks' will not stop spending

to ban "earmarks," that peculiar congressional nized lobbying groups put direct pressure on perk which allows members to set aside millions for pet projects, maintains the ban will do no good.

It's just window dressing, the "experts" ar- year. gue; just eliminating earmarks won't keep Congress from spending our money.

much-abused earmarks would be a start to reforming Congress and cutting down on federal spending. It will take more, much more, to get Washington under control.

"It's a symbol," said one former Congressman turned lobbyist. But symbols are important. If people are tired of ever-growing government spending, they need to see some progress.

The truth is, earmarks are only a small part of the picture. Lack of discipline is the biggest problem: Members of Congress gain by spending money and offend pressure groups when they cut budgets. There's no force that pushes them to cut spending, except of course the voters.

But voter behavior is contradictory. We say we want less spending and smaller government, but in the same breath demand that our own "pet" programs be spared the ax. And every program is someone's pet.

Every program has a pressure group that protects it – farm groups for farm subsidies, senior citizen groups for Social Security, busi-

A wire-service story on the Republican plan ness groups for tax breaks, and so on. Orga-Congress. Dispersed voter movements like the "tea party" are effective only when they actually affect winning and losing, as they did this

But by the next election, the tea party may have faded or weakened. The lobbyists will And while that may be true, a ban on the still be in Washington, still be dispensing campaign money, still be influencing votes.

> Citizens who want lower spending, a balanced budget and cuts to major programs first need to realize that it will take some courage for members to vote against the pressure group. Fear of losing office is the only thing that will create it.

> And voters will have to agree to cuts in some sacred cows, first among them Social Security. No one is talking about benefit cuts, understand, but trimming planned increases and raising the retirement age.

Even that will take a fight.

So why not try it?

Every program has someone to fight for it, someone who benefits. The government can be changed, but not without a fight. Not without cost. And not without agreement that we need to bring fiscal sanity to Washington.

A balanced-budget amendment would be a good start. So would a plan to save Social Security from bankruptcy. So, in fact, would be an end to earmarks. It might be symbolic, but symbols can be powerful.

- Steve Haynes

Casey's Comments

scmccormick@nwkansas.com blame for Thanksgiving getting forgotten. Is it the retail giants that replace Halloween candy with Christmas items? Or is it the shoppers whose zeal to get a head-start that have fueled this situation?

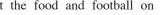
It's not like the Grinch can be somewhere along the way this most special of holidays has lost some of its importance. But not with us.

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years has been getting the clan one without oysters. together in Kansas City. However

we'll stay close to home this week I don't know who exactly is to and visit Grandma and Grandpa Bucholtz instead.

The gathering may not be as folksy as the Norman Rockwell painting of the Thanksgiving feast, but nothing will be lacking. Margaret will provide the turkey, ham loaf, mashed taters and held accountable for this theft, but gravy, Doug and Marla will bring pies and sweet potatoes and we will bring the cherry cheesecake and dressing. The stuffing is my Our tradition the last couple of specialty as two types are made, But the food and football on





the TV are only additional "dressings." For the real part will be having our loved ones together to count our blessings.

Hope your Thanksgiving isn't lost between the other holidays!

- **Casey's Bread Stuffing** 2 cups finely chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley (or 1/4 cup dried parsley)
 - 1 cup butter
- 2 teaspoons sage or poultry seasoning 1/2 teaspoon of salt



News From the Past

1959. He began working for

Madeline Riddell in January of

Last week, Jerry Renk of

the St. Francis State Bank and

change of the bank's name to

Bankwest St. Francis. In honor

of the occasion, an open house

old Equity Hardware building.

30 years ago - 1980

Personnel new to the St.

was held.

ender and Troy Porter.

5 years ago - 2005

Cody Raile was named Kansas State Fair.

Winners at the Punt, Pass and Kick competition were Marlee Rath in the 8-9-year-old girls division; Cade Bracelin in the 8-9 1960, buying into the business Janicke in the 10-11 year old it in 1972. John began helping Brendan Alsup. boys division, Lexee Reichert Don six years ago. in the 12-13 year old girls division and Martin Hnizdil in the 12-13 year old boys division.

20 years ago - 1990

Leticia Alter has announced the opening of La Boutique, a clothing and gift shop located at 607 S. Benton on Oct. 8. The shop will carry the latest fashions in ladies and teens clothing.

After 58 years of farming, Joe Neilan has decided to put his drill to rest and turn the farming over to someone else. Francis school's classrooms are Ridge Circuit and Rev. Paul Joe moved from South Dakota Janet Garretson, second grade; J. Veilguth at the Methodist to Cheyenne County in 1927.

Cheyenne County Young library aide; Sally Hickert, Dr. J.H.A. Peck suffered a

erson of St. Francis. John Knodel has leased

Returning volleyball letter Herdsman of the Show in the Kramer Furniture and Kramer winners include Megan Kinen, Open Gelbvieh Show at the Chapel from Don Kramer. Don Julie Burnham, Jeri Northrup, graduated from Dallas Institute Lisa Kramer, Lora Van Vleet of Funeral Service in December and Ronee Rath.

Returning football letter winners include Kelly Cook, Terry O'Leary, Daryl Loyd, year old boys division, Walker in 1962 and totally purchasing Eddie Brunk, Max Dirks and

75 years ago

By a vote of 229 to 8 bonds for an addition to the grade Trust Company, announced the school building carried at the election last Tuesday. The building and the equipment is not to exceed \$42,000 in cost.

Methodist pastors will be For weeks, the Cheyenne returning to Cheyenne County County Jaycees have been lay- following the Northwest Kaning plans and preparing the sas Conference which was held Haunted House to beheld in the in Wichita. Rev. W.E. Callahan will be back at the St. Francis M.E. Church, Rev. H.R. Husted at the Neville-Jaqua-Lawn Sharon Olofson, elementary Church in Bird City.

Woman of the Year, Patty Pitt- fifth grade; Dotty Lewis, Title gun shot wound through his

charged when the car lurched

as he got out to continue shoot-

ing at a large rattlesnake in the

A new business in the form

of a small confectionery store

has been opened in St. Francis

by Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Koontz

by the Wyatt Oil Company of-

——Honor Roll—

New and renewed Herald sub- Colo.; Lavon Schlittenhardt, St. scriptions: Randy Dinkel, St. Francis; Brian Brent, Fort Collins, Colo.; Paul Morrison, Aurora, Colo.; Gerald Bier, St. Francis; Thelma Raile, St. Francis; Dan Knorr, Olathe; Doug Sloper, Thornton, Colo.; Majestic Service, St. Francis; Delbert Barnhart, St. Francis; Troy Hilt, St. Francis; Glenn Isernhagen, St. Francis; Leigh Legere, Overland Park, Dan Winston, Ellsworth; Eric Fiala, St. Francis:

Dennis Kessler, Westminster, Colo.; Roland Seno, Highlands, Ranch, Colo.; S. Bliss, Goodland; Gordon Smith, Greeley, Colo.; Greg Lauer, Parker, Colo.; Mike Mitchell, Wilber, Neb.; Jim Reynolds, St. Francis; Ervin Peters, Bird City; Dale Rose, Overland Park; Dwight Brewer, St. Francis; Leon Merklin, St. Francis; Darrel Weber, Weeki Wachee, Fla.; Carol Larson, St. Francis; Esther Semler, St. Francis; Rebecca Magnotta, Lakewood, Colo.; Kelly McCormick, Arvada, Colo.; Michael McCormick, Lakewood, Colo.; Robert McCormick, Westminster, Colo.;

Jean Brenner, Colorado Springs,

Francis; Dallas Staples, St. Francis; Shirley Amack, Bird City; Allene England, Englewood, Colo; Dennis and Sonja Weeden, St. Francis; Jody Gienger, Salina; Donald Reichert, Boulder, Colo.; Marla Rice, Loma, Colo.; G.L. Pershall;,Yukon, Okla.; Gladys Cullum, St. Francis; Olathe Juhl, Goodland; Fleda Raile, St. Francis; Penny Raile, Los Angeles, Calif.; Scott Schultz, St. Francis; Jennifer Fey, Flowery Branch, Ga.; Josh Schultz, Littleton, Colo.; Jessica Schultz, Maricopa, Ariz.; Janice Elfers, Goodland; Ted

Busse, St. Francis;

1/4 teaspoon black pepper 2 packages of dried bread cubes (one seasoned)

2 cans of chicken broth

2 cans of oysters (optional) In a saucepan cook celery, onion and parsley in butter till tender but

not brown; remove from heat and stir in sage, salt and pepper. Place bread cubes in a large mixing bowl and add vegetable mixture. After mixing ingredients, gently mix in oysters if using. Pour into a lightly greased roasting pan and cover with chicken broth (for moist dressing add more, dry dressing use less.) Cover with foil or lid and bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes.

Romans 8:28

cal tap routine, placing in the teacher. top 10.

honored the 1966 Fort Hays Tiger football team during the homecoming football game half time activities. Attending from St. Francis was team member Tom Stevens. Unable to attend were two other team members

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Norman Morrow - Minister

Bible Class 11 a.m.

Morning Worship 10 a.m.

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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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785-890-5718 · 3rd & Adams

Pastor Jerry Nowack

Sabbath School 9:30

Morning Worship 10:45

man, of St. Francis traveled to I aide; Fred Slack, high school upper left leg about 10 o'clock Belleville last week where she social science, Brenda Jo Ko- Monday morning. The gun, was a participant in the state ster, English and journalism; an automatic pistol was discontest. Patty did very well and Nancee Lahman, elemenwith her talent number, a comi- tary school special education

The St Francis Equity won road. Fort Hays State University the grand championship in the Cheyenne County Fair parade Saturday. The float was a replica of the Equity service station as it looked in 1913. The theme of Atwood. They are located in the building formerly occupied of the parade was "The Way We Were.'

The 1980 Cheyenne County from St. Francis Roger Faulk- Rodeo Queen was Darci Rob-

St. Francis of Assisi

Pastor Chris Farmer

Solid Rock

412 S. Denison

Welcomes You!

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30

Prayer Meeting, Wed

7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church

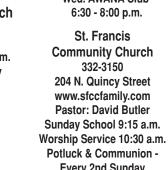
Pastor Jeff Landers

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Bible Fellowship 9:15 a.m.

Church Service 10:15 a.m.

fice on the main street. First Baptist Church 2nd & Scott • 332-3921 J.W. Glidewell, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.



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