

## Chamber of Commerce struggles to keep going

After many years in existence, the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce is struggling.

The secretary, Gloria Bracelin has turned in her resignation. After several weeks of advertising, there has been only one response.

Through the years, there have been a variety of activities including Christmas in July, auctions that raised a great deal of money for worthy causes, spring women's luncheons, Tastes of Home, Octoberfests with real German food, monthly meetings.... the list goes on and on.

The number of activities has dwindled. Less people volunteered to help with the projects, said Carol Ross, president of the board. And there just seemed to be less enthusiasm within the community.

This year, the Chamber was responsible for the Easter Egg Hunt, helped with the car show, and Meet the Teachers. To finish off the year, the Craft Show will be held in November, the Parade of Lights and Treasure Hunt on Nov. 25, and the Christmas drawing in December. What many businesses, organizations and individuals might miss is the availability of Chamber Bucks which keep money in town.

So, the board is now at a crossroads. Do they

dissolve the Chamber? If so, what will become of the different promotions? Who will head up any promotions if there are any?

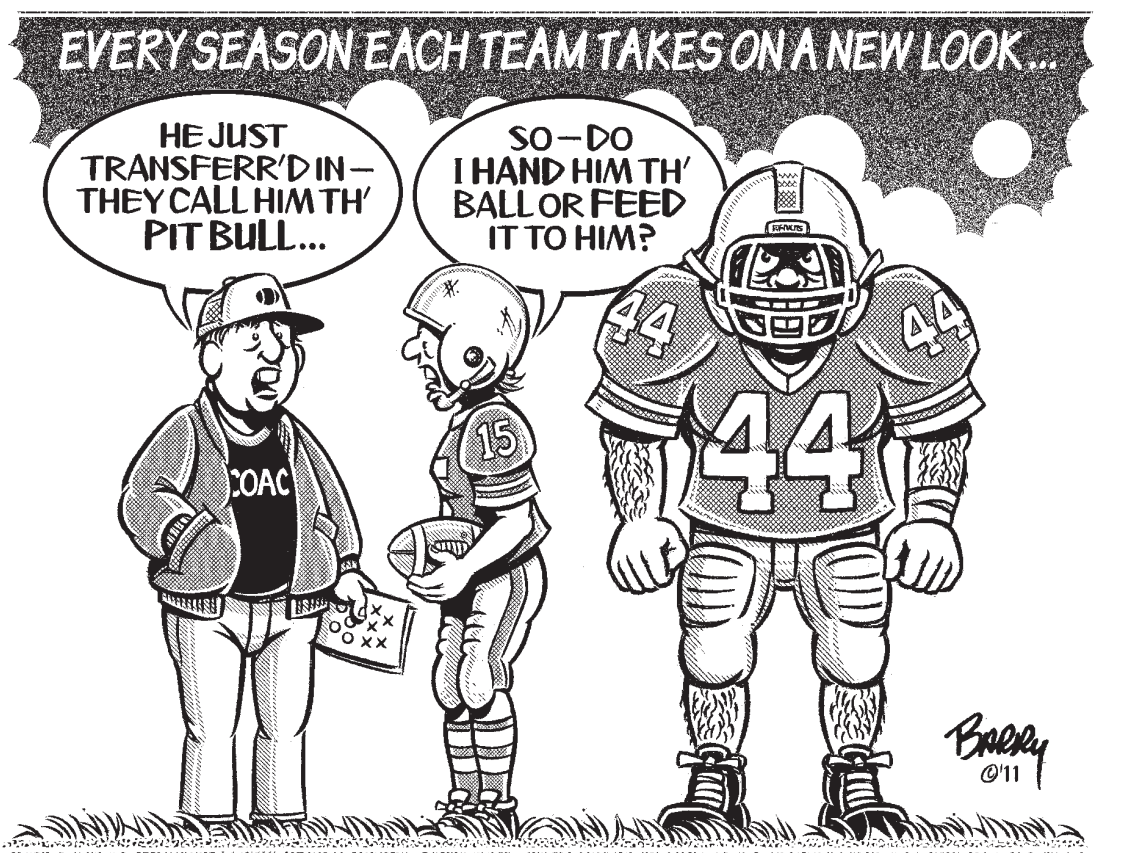
The Chamber will need to make a decision within the next few weeks. If the Chamber is to dissolve, Mrs. Bracelin will need to close out any business by the first of the year.

Maybe the organization needs a new name. Maybe, since the Cheyenne County Development Corporation is losing its director, maybe the two could be combined.

Maybe there will just be individuals or businesses who have led in certain promotions before that will continue. But, where will the funding come from? Who will serve as the treasurer? Will there be more chiefs than Indians?

There are many pressing matters such as keeping the schools going, the hospital open and getting the Village up to full capacity. But, isn't the town, it's businesses and people right up there in importance?

Anyone with ideas for solving the problem should contact Mrs. Ross, write letters to the editor or form a group to study the matter. There isn't much time so act now. — Karen Krien



## Casey's Comments



By Casey McCormick  
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**By Casey McCormick**  
Somedays I get that "life's not very fair to me" attitude. Here I am surrounded by worldly comforts and safety, but still I think I have it rough.

Imagine what it must have been like on Sept. 8, 2009 during the Battle of Ganjal in Afghanistan. That was the morning when U.S. and Afghan troops entered a village, expecting a routine meeting with peaceful locals.

Instead the soldiers were trapped in an ambush with Taliban forces attacking on three sides. The Marines in charge of the group ra-

dioed for air support that never came. Pinned down they fought for their lives, waiting for help to arrive.

However, aid did not come from the air but from two other Marines who disobeyed orders to give the trapped men a chance to escape. Staff Sgt. Juan J. Rodriguez-Chavez took the wheel of an armored vehicle as Corporal Dakota Meyer manned the machine gun turret. The two drove towards the hell that was ahead of them. Into harms way they advanced, bringing back 13 friendly wounded and allowing another 23 Marines and

soldiers to evacuate. The fifth and final trip in was to collect the bodies of three Marines and a Navy corpsman who had fallen in the battle.

For their heroic act, Rodriguez-Chavez was awarded the Navy Cross while Meyer was presented the Medal of Honor from his Commander and Chief.

Isn't it funny how we can think we have it bad when our military carries such a heavy load?

## President orders attack on Libya

To the editor,  
President Obama joined the United Nations and ordered our military to attack Libya without the consent of Congress. Maybe President Obama got the consent from his 36 czars. They aren't accountable to Congress or the American people either.

This non-war cost our country millions of dollars and no one knows who is going to take over Libya. As far as we know Kadafi is still there.

Egypt has been taken over by the Muslim Brotherhood party, a

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group of Islamic terrorists. They have no love for America or our allies!

President Obama told Israel that they should go back to the 1967 boundaries and negotiate with the Hamas terrorists. These people are dedicated to Israel's destruction. It becomes like our president's policy is to bow to our enemies and insult our allies.

President Obama called a joint session of congress to promote his

job plan to America. His job plan has a 450 billion dollar price tag on it. He threw in a few tidbits for the republicans - temporary tax cuts, passing the free trade agreement which has been on his desk ignored since 2009, and working to close some tax loopholes.

It turned out to be another political speech. He mentioned 17 times, you have to pass this bill! It's all or nothing with President Obama. No compromise and more spending. He still wants to raise taxes on the rich.

Can America afford four more years?

Marilyn Frisbie McDonald

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Francis; St. Francis Grade School, St. Francis.

**GOD SAYS**  
Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.  
Romans 12:9, 10

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## News From the Past

### 50 years ago - 1961

Seven members of the Class of 1911 held their 50th reunion at the high school alumni banquet on Saturday. They are Sabie Moore Roberts, Ruth Lockwood, Josephine Jaqua Churchill, Hazel Reinhold Smull, Belle Kellum Fredrickson, Hollis Harrison Smull and Sadie Moore Baker. These seven ladies all started and finished high school together. It is quite remarkable that all seven were able to be present for their Golden Reunion.

The Pleasant Hill 4-H livestock judging team composed of Neal O'Brien, Dean O'Brien and Thad Douthit Jr. of St. Francis was the top team in the seven-county district judging contest held in Atwood last week.

Sheri Wolters and Kathleen Haberbosch returned Sunday after spending the past week in Wichita, participating in the Lions Club State Band.

A new 16 unit motel, the US 36 Motel, is now open for business in St. Francis. The completely new motel features air conditioned rooms, hot water heat, television, carpeting and spacious rooms. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, also hope to open the US 36 Cafe in the very near future.

A big "quitting business" sale is now in progress at Neil's Furniture in St. Francis. Mr. Neil Williams, owner and Mr. Sterling Shull, manager, announced that their building had been sold and that they had been given notice to vacate the building, so they are holding the big sale to sell their entire stock of furniture and appliances. The building has been purchased by Willard Peter. Mr. Peter plans to open a

### 25 years ago - 1986

St. Francis won the senior division of the Northwest District FFA livestock judging contest at Fort Hays State University. FFA senior placers included Jeff Weeden, Matt Bandel and T.J. Douthit.

Letters of resignation read at the school board meeting included one from Verone Chapman, vocal and instrumental music, grades 5-12, and one from Debbie Wilks, fourth grade.

A kick-off celebration for the Haigler Centennial was held near the gazebo at the new Haigler Park. The program opened with the Haigler school band.

Students receiving honors at the High School Art Exhibition and Conference at Fort Hays State University included Jason Douthit, Kris Ketter, Russell Sherman, LeAnn Stasser, Jacque Hefner and Mandy Hilt.

The ABC Preschool program is uncertain due to the diminishing funds of the Minnie Neitzel estate. Concerned parents are becoming involved in the search for funding. The preschool teacher is Shirley Swihart and the average enrollment for this year was 55.

Twenty-seven seniors received diplomas at graduation. Anita Meyer gave the senior talk; Emma Brunswig and Cynthia Orth sang "That's What Friends Are For" and Jeff Northrup gave the senior farewell. Junior honor guards were Susan Hilt, Lisa Jolliffe, Bob Lee, Kelley Lewis, Leslie O'Brien and Kathy Ross.

The St. Francis Recreation Commission signed a 7-year lease agreement for the Willard Furniture Building. The building had been purchased by the St. Francis Development Commission and then leased to the rec commission as the rec commission cannot go into debt.

Scott Carmichael will be re-assigned from seventh through 12th grade principal and athletic director to kindergarten through 12th grade principal.

Larry Gabel, grade school principal and junior/senior high school wrestling coach is leaving St. Francis. He will be going to Colby where he will be the high school assistant principal and the activities director. The grade school staff will be hosting a farewell reception in honor of his 32 years of service to the community.

Baxter Black will be the special entertainment on Friday night at the Cheyenne County Fair. He also entertained at the fair two years ago.

Bird City had up to 6 inches of rain on Sunday July 9. The thresher show grounds had one big pond that, some say, was almost 10-feet deep. Kids got out their canoes and were enjoying the water. One person had a jet ski cruising over the water.

Two St. Francis businesses have received the Kansas Business Appreciation Awards. B&R Bierocks, owned and operated by Becky Roberson, was an merit award winner in the Manufacturing category and the Good Samaritan Village was a merit award winner in the Service category.

**Church of Christ**  
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.

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
625 S. River • 332-2680  
Fr. Roger Meitl  
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 8:00 a.m.  
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

**First Baptist Church**  
2nd & 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.

**Salem Lutheran Church**  
332-3002  
Pastor Chris Farmer  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Communion 3rd Sunday

**St. Francis Community Church**  
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 & Communion -  
Every 2nd Sunday  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**United Methodist**  
Church Office 332-2292,  
Church 332-2254,  
512 S. Scott  
Pastor Warren Cico  
Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Solid Rock Baptist Church**  
412 S. Denison  
Welcomes You!  
Pastor Allen Coon  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30  
Prayer Meeting, Wed  
7:30 p.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
785-890-5718 • 3rd & Adams  
Pastor Jerry Nowack  
Sabbath School 9:30  
Morning Worship 10:45

**First Christian Church**  
Pastor Jeff Landers  
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster  
Bible Fellowship 9:15 a.m.  
Church Service 10:15 a.m.

**Peace Lutheran Church, AFLC**  
202 N. College  
Pastor Randy Nelson  
Church 332-2928  
Parsonage 332-2312  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Communion 1st Sunday

**Laise the Lord**

**St. Francis Equity**

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