

Voters make decisions; should they choose all?

It seems that in every election, the voter generally has a number of decisions to make. The object is to study the questions and the issues for which the candidates up for election have made a stand on. Following an election, many of the voters breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that is over.

In this general election, the people voted down the hospital bond issue for \$3 million. This was the peoples' decision and that is the way of our nation.

Now, the term of one of the hospital board members has expired and the commissioners had to make the decision of who would fill the vacant position.

The commissioners held a special meeting, taking the task of making the appointment very seriously. They interviewed each of the four people who had shown an interest in filling the seat. Each of the candidates could probably do an excellent job and the decision was extremely difficult. The final decision of the commissioners was to name Robert Van Allen to the board.

Since the hospital board members are called upon to make some very important decisions that could have

an impact on the hospital and clinics, as well as the residents, maybe it is time to think about putting the position up for election. There are several surrounding communities which elect hospital board members.

There are several ways of looking at the way the hospital board members are selected.

One might say that an appointment is made by only three commissioners who might be looking for a candidate that would possible think like they do. On the other hand, these three commissioners were elected by the people.

If the hospital board selection is left up to the people in an election, there would probably not be the interviews that the commissioners held but anyone running for an office should publicly state how they stand on the issues. There is also the possibility that the election could turn into a "popularity" contest.

It's a hard call to make but electing hospital board members is food for thought and, if enough people would like to see it changed, it could be an additional box to mark on the election ballot. —Karen Krien

Wayne's World



Crazy speculators get the money

It's been a long time since this nation has been so divided. Anyone who doesn't live in a cave has heard about Ruthford B. Hayes, and the Florida recount, in 1876. In fact these guys, in that outpost village of Washington D.C., could not agree to abolish spittoons, from the House of Representatives.

Just look at the results of the last election. The map of the United States tells who voted for whom. It also shows, who is making all the money, and it

wasn't, the little house on the prairie, either.

These left coast, (east and west), hedge fund baby's...economy, are getting all the money. But when those crazy speculators, in derivatives, miss a margin call or two at the CBOT, (they trade off of the Chicago commodity exchange), it's the hicks in the sticks (heartland) that take all the losses.

Well this General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) has worked pretty good for them, and it has been

happy days are here, for the Donald Duck, (imports from China), economy, too. But it's the Charley Brown economy for mid America, where all the irrational productivity of the US economy comes from. The say low farm prices are as good as a tax cut for the people. Bet they would trade \$6.86 oil for \$1.00 wheat, too!!

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Writer talks of 'God, the devil and U'

To the Editor:

A kid shot a basketball, hit wrong goal (the opposing team got the points). Likewise a football runner ran wrong way; scored touchdown for the other team.

Dialing the wrong number frustrates the intentions! (Simple oversight.)

Compared to the Big Election, "Whether goeth thy soul?" The devil votes to keep U a hell-bound sinner. God votes to redeem U by faith in substitute death, burial and resurrection of His only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus

Letter to the Editor

Christ!
Will U break the tie? Admit U cannot save thyself. Believe Christ did it all for thee (everyone). Commit thy life to Christ.

Only 8 people got on the ark Noah built. Of the 32,000 soldiers Joshua had, God rejected 29,000 accepting only 300.

Many will say to me...Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?

and in they name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then I profess unto them, I never know you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.— Matthew 7:22-23
...choose you this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.— Joshua 24:15

Frank Sowers Benkelman

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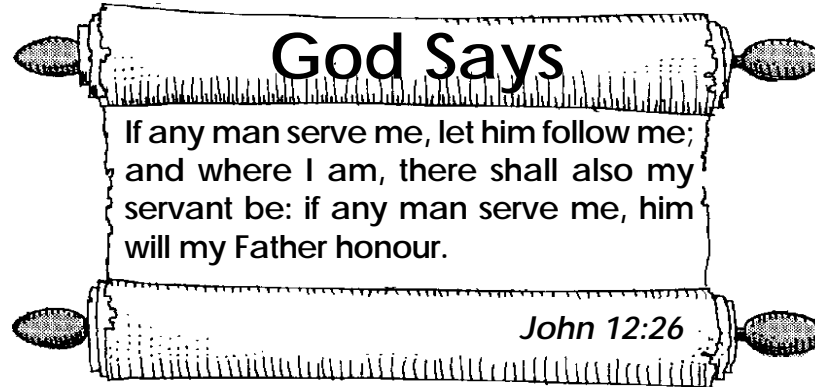
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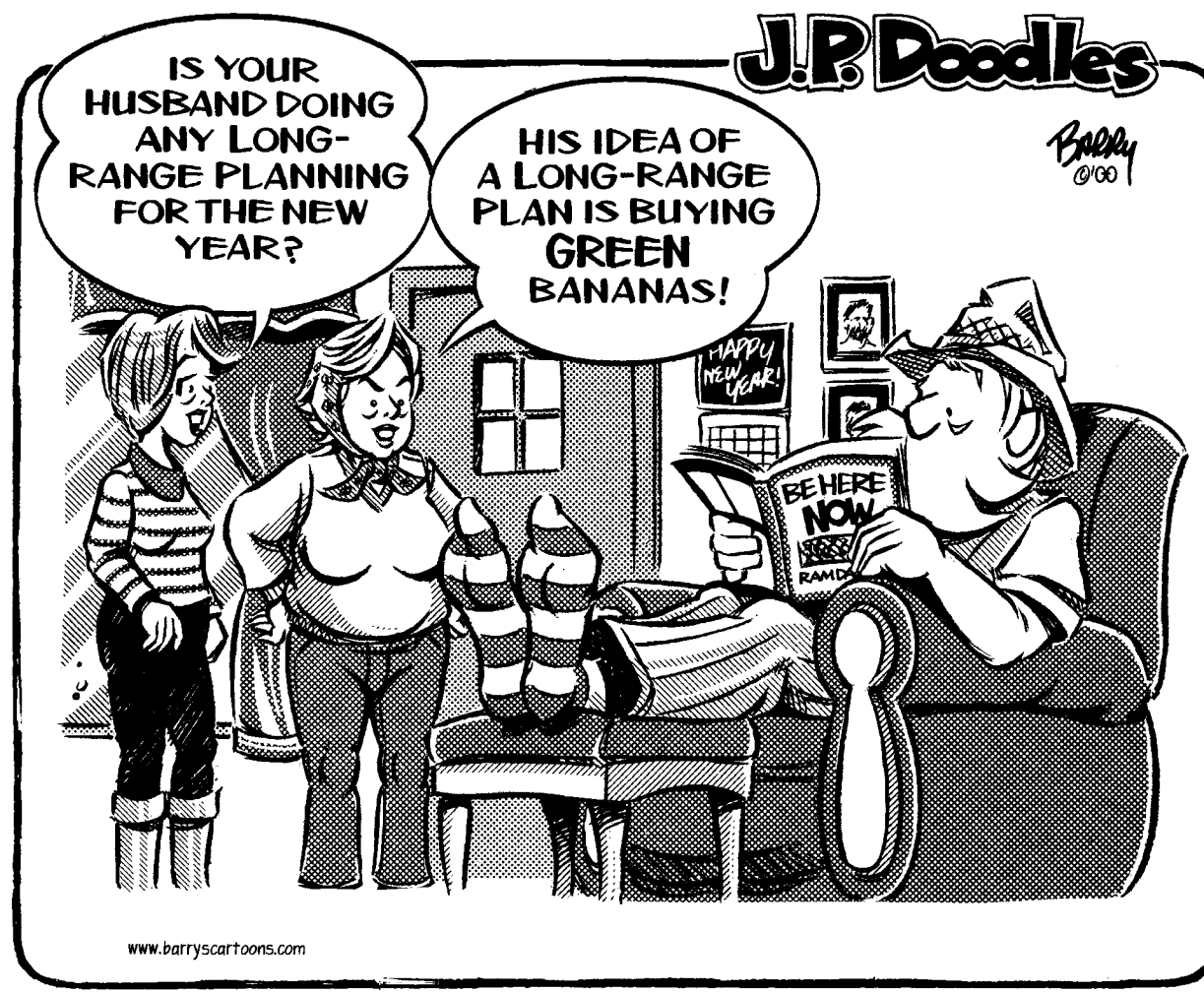
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God Says

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

John 12:26



IS YOUR HUSBAND DOING ANY LONG-RANGE PLANNING FOR THE NEW YEAR?

HIS IDEA OF A LONG-RANGE PLAN IS BUYING GREEN BANANAS!

J.P. Doodles

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News From the Past

5 years ago - 1996

State Line Health Network and the Cheyenne County Hospital have announced that Omer Abdullah M.D. will be making a return visit to St. Francis in January. Those that met Dr. Abdullah when he visited in November were very impressed and he comes highly recommended.

Floyd Jensen has announced his resignation as county attorney on Jan. 31. Mr. Jensen was appointed by Gov. Mike Hayden to fill the unexpired term of Scott Condray in May, 1989.

Ty Jay Carmichael is the winner of the First Baby of the Year Contest in Cheyenne County. He is the son of Wade and Tammi Carmichael of Bird City. He was born Jan. 6. Ty had a sister Teryn Denae, 3 years old.

A pre-play dinner is being planned on Feb. 18 before the performance of *The Music Man*.

Jane Brubaker was elected as the new chairman of the Cheyenne County Commissioners.

The trial of Dr. Stanley Naramore is scheduled to begin on Jan. 16 in the Cheyenne County District Court. Approximately 175 summons have been sent to prospective jurors.

50 years ago - 1950

New safety zone markers have been installed at two intersections one block each way from the city grade school.

Coach Warren Boring's wrestlers showed they were going to be a tough team to beat in the Northwest Kansas League when they downed Oberlin 40-8 on the Oberlin mat.

The long awaited new combination ambulance and hearse arrived for the Riddell Mortuary this week and was put in service Saturday.

The ambulance is a custom built Pontiac and is equipped with the latest accessories for ambulance and funeral work. It is metallic gray instead of the usual black.

At the conclusion of the two-day Maytag Cooking School at the Vets Hall, more than 1,500 persons had registered.

Major Bender, of the Kansas Military Distric, was present at the meeting of Company C 353 Reg. of the Reserve Unit in St. Francis on Wednesday. He stated that he was very pleased with the attendance at all meetings.

The city grade school will present a Christmas operetta Dec. 21 entitled "Surprise Christmas."

60 years ago - 1941

The second call of the National Selective Service Act calls two men from Cheyenne County to report for duty, William Barry of St. Francis and Cecil Nelson from Bird City.

The children of the county are again being offered immunization against diphtheria and small pox at the expense of the county.

A pleasant and successful New Year's Open House is reported from the Methodist Parsonage. Rev. and Mrs. Hanlta entertained about 70 people.

Vera Roshong is the new Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge.

The St. Francis Business and Professional Women paid homage to the pioneer women of the county with their annual Pioneers Banquet.

Dr. Peck brought some extra fine bass and other fish from the lakes on his farm to town last Thursday and furnished a fish fry for some of his friends at the Oversake Cafe.

The Neville Booster 4-H club had a special meeting to complete the club books so the club could receive a charter.

Showing at the St. Francis Theater

is Bing Crosby in "Rhythm on the River."

90 years ago - 1911

J.E. Uplinger has a force of busy men putting up ice this week. The ice is reported from 10 to 13 inches thick and of good quality.

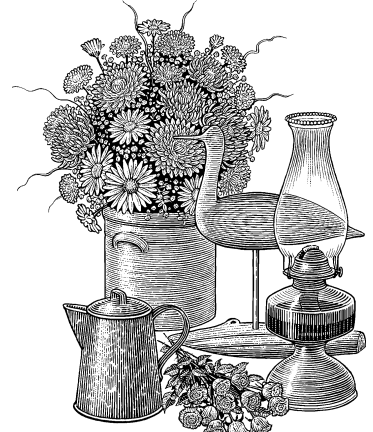
Albert Whisnant and Edward Sturm returned to their studies at Hays while Charlie and Albert Benkelman returned to Lawrence and their studies at the University.

The Ringler-Donovan Concert Company failed to reach here Monday evening on account of the snow blockade on the Imperial branch.

Our schools opened Monday morning with full attendance in all departments. During the vacation the school board installed several new stoves to guarantee against sudden cold spells and otherwise fitted the building for more effective work. Prof. E.P. Curtis returned from Ranson prepared, refreshed and ready to enter upon the school work.

W.H. Smith of Evergreen takes over as commissioner from the first district replacing W.F. Slagle. Geo. Indorf is the new chairman for the ensuing year.

The laying of the corner stone of the Lawn Ridge M.E. Church will be conducted by the District Superintendent, Dr. Loomis on Jan. 17.



KEEP GOD IN YOUR HEART

<p>Wesleyan Church Hwy 36 • 734-2727 Pastor Perry Elkins Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of Christ 332-2380, Pars. 332-3424 502 W. Spencer Norman Morrow - Minister Bible Class 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 8 p.m.</p>	<p>United Methodist Church Office 332-2292, Church 332-2254, Pars. 332-3170 512 S. Scott Pastor Dennis Livingston Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>
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