



Drivers need to be aware it's 'back-to-school' time

The school bell rang early Monday morning marking the first day of the school year. The weather is still warm and kids are everywhere — walking, riding bikes, skateboards and scooters — even driving cars.

This is a time when all drivers, old, young and in between, need to be on the alert for kids darting out between cars and barely looking before crossing streets. They have lots of things on their minds after a day of learning and are anxious to get home or to a friend's house so they may be depending on that driver behind the wheel to be responsible and look ahead to avoid an accident.

There are speed limits and everyone is expected to obey them. This is a place where the law officer might not be very forgiving and, if stopped, the driver could easily be issued a ticket.

There are stop signs at both the junior-senior high

school and at the grade school. This is no time to roll through, barely stopping. Those kids crossing the street in these places are counting on the driver to obey the signs.

Lastly, on Main Street, there is a cross walk. This walk is on the side of the grade school where the kindergarten and younger grades are located and, often there are younger children who will wait and wait for a car to stop so they can cross the busy street. When a driver sees children waiting to cross the street, stop and wait so they can safely get across.

After all, what's your hurry? A few minutes could save a life or keep some child from getting injured.

—Karen Krien



300 people attend Relay for Life

Letter to the Editor:

Amazing is the first word that comes to mind when I think of Relay for Life and Cheyenne County. My heart is exploding with appreciation and gratitude for the efforts put forth by the communities to make this event happen. Without all of you, it would not take place.

Relay for Life is about a county taking up the fight against cancer and we, in Cheyenne County, have done just

that. By raising over \$13,000, 16 teams participated, 38 survivors walking and well over 300 were in attendance throughout the evening, we have something to be proud of and I know it will only continue to get better. All of the money raised stays in the Heartland Division which means you are helping your friends, neighbors and loved ones

right here in Cheyenne County. Thank you doesn't seem to be enough to encompass the amount of gratitude I feel. Please know that in whatever way you participated, you are greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Kelley Milliken

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Genealogy Korner

Kepferle family

By Marilyn Holzwarth

Almost every week we learn more about our early Cheyenne County people. This week we heard from the Kepferle family.

Joseph Paul Kepferle, wife, Alice and daughter Helen Kathleen came to Cheyenne County in 1878, but after the tragic loss of their only child on May 29, 1878, they evidently returned to family in eastern Kansas where their next child George is believed to have

been born in November 1879.

They left the infant and their name in this unsettled area. A post office was applied for by Andrew V. P. Day, an attorney. The Day brothers, Andrew and Samuel were here about the same time, but these families also did not stay long. The second white child born in Cheyenne County was the son of Samuel Day, in October 1879. But the family left shortly after that because the Heaton family moved into their

house on the ranch in October 1879.

The post office Kepferle was approved in 1880, with George T. Dunn as postmaster, after the application sent in by A. V. P. Day was not approved. The Kepferle post office continued until 1883, and after that even the name Kepferle disappeared from the maps of Cheyenne County.

According to our early history, the first white people to winter here were cowboys during the winter of 1875. Shortly after that, there were a few families and men living here to add their names to the 1880 census. These were Dunn, Brenaman, Leach, Graham, Thompson, Holcomb and Bateham, three of these men had brought their families here. At his time Lucius Heaton was here alone, and returned to Iowa in October 1880 to bring his family to the beautiful area on Big Timber near Kepferle. The Heaton family moved onto the old Samuel Day ranch. At this time it is not known if there was a relationship between the Heaton and the Days. When Heaton left Iowa they sold their land to a Day family.

As far as we know now, Helen Kathleen Kepferle was the earliest burial in Cheyenne County. There were several Native American burials, but their names will never be known.

If you have questions about any early county family, please let me know. I may have the family on file.

Fun Facts

- Marriage is like taking a hot bath. After you've been in it for awhile - it isn't so hot.
- I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and think, 'Well, that's not going to happen.'
- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.
- I asked Mom if I was a gifted child - she said they certainly wouldn't have paid for me.
- Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a

substantial tax cut save you thirty cents?

• In the 60s people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

• You read about all these terrorists, most of them came here legally, but they hang around on these expired visas, some for as long as 10-15 years. Now, compare that to Blockbuster; you are two days late with a video and these people are all over you. Let's put Blockbuster in charge of immigration!

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GOD SAYS
Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.
 Proverbs 27:1

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News From the Past

15 years ago - 1987

After 10 years of residing in a rented building the senior citizens have officially purchased the Senior Citizen Center located on the corner of Washington and River streets. The building was purchased from the St. Francis Equity. The funds to purchase the structure were raised through pledges according to Ethel Whitten of St. Francis. Mrs. Whitten, along with Rachel Keller and Letha Lockard have been volunteers to serve meals over the past 10 years.

Kenneth Bracelin and Keith Bracelin won the championship flight at the Riverside Redezvous golf tournament.

Former community leaders Joe and Gladys Neilan and Fausta Nicodemus were honored by the Plum Creek 4-H Club following the club annual tour.

Chamber of Commerce president Richard Grace presented St. Francis State Bank and Trust president, Jerry Renk and vice president, Hugh Doyle with the traveling trophy for

the grand prize float in the Cheyenne County Fair Parade.

35 years ago - 1967

Miss Candy Childers of Bird City was named Miss Northwest Kansas at the beauty pageant in Goodland Tuesday night.

Dr. John Pinkerton reports this week that nearly all of his equipment is here and that he hopes to have his office for the practice of optometry open in a few days. He will be located in the former Roelfs Electric building on Main Street.

Seventy-one high school grid candidates reported for football practice.

Enrollment in the St. Francis school has dropped slightly this year but the principals anticipate additional students to enroll within the next week. In the elementary grades, kindergarten through sixth, there are 342 enrolled. The high school to date has 238 enrolled while the junior high enrollment stands at 137.

Area residents who wish to learn to fly will have an exceptional opportunity this fall in St. Francis. Mountview Aircraft Corporation will conduct a

full scale flight school in St. Francis starting in September.

Dottie and Linda Schneider are the new managers of the US 36 Cafe in St. Francis.

40 years ago - 1962

Superintendent Carl Sperry of the St. Francis Community High School says he expects an enrollment of approximately 210 in the high school when it opens Aug. 30. This is an increase over last year. The faculty besides Mr. Sperry includes Don Hall, Nancy Garner, Bud Burnham, Roger Lewis, Ray Huffman, Will Derby, Joann Waldmann, John Wendberg, Anna Steller, John Neyer, Peter Christensen, Calvin Canniff, Larry Cross, Ronald Holman with Carol Lockard as secretary and Bill and Violet Crammer as custodians.



Chamber Chatter

Current day characters make a town

By Paige Gardner Chamber secretary

The last and final rural culture element is (drum roll, please) people...well some might call these folks "characters." I have been so lucky to meet people like Tobe Zwegardt, and the "girls" from the historical society, and through Veterans of Foreign War the likes of Howard Poulignot, Henry Shirmer, Sam Miller, Pete Jensen and the list goes on and on.

These are our current day characters, and I hear stories about past characters and other historically significant

people, we need to document this terrific stuff!

Do we or have we had inventors, (there is a genius running around town now...) artists, key business people, (I think they are all key) philanthropists, legislators, famous athletes, or ASTRONAUTS? Are we promoting these people or should I say are we promoting them well enough?

Do we recognize positive sales clerks, tellers, wait staff, successful business people, or volunteers?

How can we do a better job of this?

What do young families need or want in town... have we ever asked?

Have we ever polled recent college graduates to see what might entice them back?

Do we know what jobs our high school and college grads are going into? How many doctors, researchers, engineers or other cool professions has our school system produced?

Just more to think about and converse on... Thank you for your time?

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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| <p>Wesleyan Church Hwy 36 • 734-2727 Pastor Scott Baker Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p> | <p>Peace Lutheran Church 202 N. College 332-2928 Pars. 332-2308 Pastor David Rossbach Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.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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