

Kansans face tough choice in the fall when they vote

Though the candidates are scurrying toward the center as fast as they can, Kansans will have a real choice when they vote for governor this fall.

On the left is Kathleen Sebelius, as well financed and ready for the fray as any Democrat can be in this state. Daughter of a governor, daughter-in-law of a much-beloved congressman, she has proven herself as a candidate again and again.

Ms. Sebelius claims she's a "fiscal conservative," but she pointedly hasn't taken the no-more-taxes pledge, and she's pushed her support for social programs.

And maybe she's not all that liberal for a Democrat, but she knows she has the support of that wing of the party. Who else do they have to vote for?

So Kathy Sebelius has been moving toward the middle and talking about her strong support for public schools. She's built a strong record as state insurance commissioner, and she thinks she's earned the right to step up.

On the right, we have Tim Shallenburger, a Baxter Springs banker who is just finishing his first term as state treasurer.

Shallenburger has been a darling of the GOP's conservative wing since he was speaker of the House, but lately he's making himself out to be a moderate. But he has taken, and repeated, the no-tax pledge. And he means it.

Shallenburger says the state needs to rethink the way it finances schools, the biggest chunk of the budget, and outline a "basic" education it will fund for all students.

To start things off, he says he'll cut the budget

at the governor's office by 10 percent and make it work. He says there's still waste to cut in state government.

Both candidates have proven themselves in the minor leagues. Now they've been called up for the fall campaign.

And while they're both moving to the center so fast that a collision is likely, there really are differences. Sebelius is pro-choice on abortion, while Shallenburger is anti. Sebelius won't say she won't raise taxes, while Shallenburger vows he won't. Sebelius most likely will grow state government while Shallenburger would fight to shrink it.

Sebelius is for better government, while Shallenburger is for less government. And while Sebelius is thought to be the front-runner after waltzing unopposed through the Democratic primary, it's still a long time until November.

Kansans have a way of looking past a candidate's money. They vote how they vote, and it's hard to tell how this one will turn out.

The Topeka press crowd never thought Shallenburger had a chance against the Republican moderates in the primary. Now that he's won, they're still not sure what to make of him.

The reporters are part of the system in Topeka, and like most people there, the idea of spending cuts makes them nervous.

But if there is one thing Kansans agree on, it's the idea that they don't want to pay any more taxes. The polls make that, at least, clear.

And if people really believe that, then this might be a race. It'll be interesting. —Steve Haynes



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THAT SPECIAL BOND BETWEEN A MAN AN' HIS BEST HUNTIN' PARTNER...

News From the Past

15 years ago - 1987

New teachers at St. Francis High School are Mac Thompson, counselor and drivers education and Rob Schiltz, industrial arts instructor.

Clint Burns, Cheyenne County Road and Bridge Department, has retired and the Cheyenne County Commissioners have appointed Dave Flemming as shop foreman and mechanic.

The shingles are being placed on the roof of the new St. Francis Public Library. The St. Francis schools had 16 less students on opening day compared to opening day last year. There is a total of 437 students enrolled so far this year. This is comparable to the enrollment at the end of last year and number of students declined as the year progressed.

The Cheyenne County 4-H Live-stock Judging team placed fourth out of 83 teams at the Kansas State Fair. The team is comprised of Matt Bandel, Robin Greenhagen, Tye Faulkender and Troy Hilt. Terry Weeden is the Extension Agricultural Agent.

Ron Neitzel and Roger Neitzel placed first at the St. Francis Demolition Derby. The Neitzel car is a 1971 Chevy.

25 years ago - 1977

The county is working on upgrading the jail standards. Many of the defects as reported on a list of recommendations by the State Department

of Corrections nearly two years ago, have been corrected and others are being worked on.

Gene Kincheloe, with the help of other Boy Scouts such as Stacey Edmundson, Daniel Follett, Chad Kincheloe and Troy Gardner, refinished a table and chair for the St. Francis Library's children's room.

The St. Francis City Council and the Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners have agreed to each furnish \$3,000 for an underground sprinkler system for Sawhill Park. Local businesses helped out by sending half of their employees to the park on Thursday to help. Volunteers worked hard cleaning weeds and roots out of the ground in preparation for the installation of the sprinklers on Saturday. Grass was to be planted the following week.

Margie Walz won the Best of Show in the annual St. Francis Garden Club's Flower Show. Her floral composition depicted a harvest theme.

45 years ago - 1957

The Grand Champion Steer of the 1957 Cheyenne County Fair was shown by Gary Lamb. The steer was a Hereford and brought the top price of \$41 per hundred at the annual 4-H calf sale. It was purchased by Security State Bank. Reserve Champion Steer was an Angus shown by Everett Eggers.

There were nearly 45 beautiful floats entered in the Cheyenne County Fair parade.

With the opening of the 1957-58 school term, enrollment figures show the high school has a decrease while the grade school has an increase. Total enrollment at the high school is 187 while the grade school is at 355 this year. The increase in the number of children enrolled in the kindergarten forced the resumption of two classes

per day. Harold Leibbrandt has taken over the management of the Standard Service Station located on US-36 on the east side of St. Francis. He leased the facilities formerly operated by Jack Lampe.

50 years ago - 1952

At the close of the first day of school at the St. Francis Grade School the total enrollment had reached 333. The board of education has approved the following two measures. (1) completion of the playground fencing project as soon as material is available and (2) installation of an outside drinking fountain.

Marie Semler, of the Merry Makers 4-H Club, had the Grand Champion Steer at the Cheyenne County Fair. She also had the Reserve Grand Champion Steer. She did not sell the Grand Champion Steer but received \$51 per hundred pound for the Reserve Grand Champion. It was purchased by Rieb Motor Company.

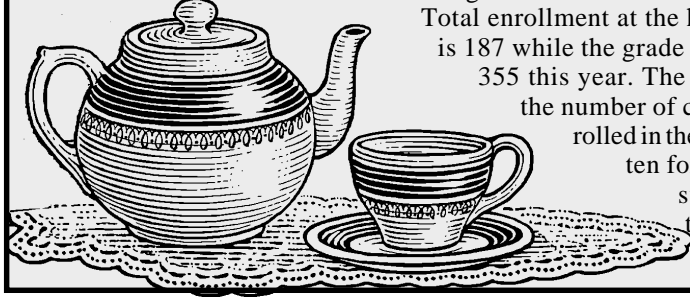
Warren Cook is the new manager of the local Firestone Store.

Rev. Wilmer R. Leeds, pastor of the First Christian Church has announced that he has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Christian Church in Mitchellville, Iowa.

Mr. Bill Deardoff assumed management of the Little Red School House Service Station on U.S. Highway 36 this week. Mr. and Mrs. Deardoff and their small daughter have moved to St. Francis.

60 years ago - 1942

New Legion Auxiliary officers elected for the coming year include Mildred Kehmeier, president; Alice Roach, vice president; Gladys Clark, second vice president; Matila Cooper, secretary; and Irene Scoby, treasurer.



Reader questions local candidate

Letter to the editor:

Jesus is watching

The children's son "Red, and yellow, Black and white, all are precious in God's sight..." came to mind while reading that Connie Morris (St. Francis) is running for a position on the state school board.

Recently, she invoked her knowledge that God didn't like thieves stealing the rights of citizens. (Sept. 6, Associated Press release, *The Salina Journal*, "Hispanics want Morris off the ballot.") Especially, her concern is that U.S. citizens are paying for the children of "aliens" to be schooled in this country after they entered into this country illegally.

Since Connie is a student of the Old Testament, I'm certain she was referring to the eighth commandment "You shall not steal." Stealing makes God

frown.

As a local church theologian, it is my recommendation that Connie now turn her attention to the New Testament. Jesus speaks clearly about compassion in the story about the good samaritan. Obviously, the samaritan was from a foreign country. It does make you wonder if the samaritan entered into Israel without a legal passport. Yet, he took "foreign money" out of his own pocket to minister to the needs of his neighbor who was a reverse "alien" to him.

Sometimes, I wonder when God looks down from wherever God lives does God see the borders established between countries? Is it possible that Mexicans and US citizens eat a similar protein, and breathe the same air?

Is it possible that legal borders between countries are established by "political Caesar's" and not by God?

What, in the name of God, are "aliens" anyway? Perhaps, aliens are those who do not have a "German/Russia" background. Some adults in St. Francis remember the days when children at the St. Francis schools were punished for speaking "low german." My, my!

The danger in the position taken by Connie Morris is that Jesus is watching. Where Jesus' will is done is where Jesus goes to church. Where Jesus' will is not done, Jesus doesn't go to church there anymore!

Lighten up, Connie, and practice the faith you believe. If you will personally pay out of your own pocket—like the Good Samaritan—for one or more "aliens" to go to school, you'll set a good example for the rest of us. If you do, I know that God will smile. And maybe Jesus will go to church with you next Sunday.

Connie, don't go to church alone. Take Jesus with you!

William E. Salmon
Salina

Editor's note: Pastor Bill Salmons was a pastor at the St. Francis United Methodist Church for several years, leaving in 1997.

Letters to the Editor

Resident expresses concern on recent article

Letter to the editor:

This is concerning the article in the Herald on Sept. 5, 2002, "Charges made against Judge."

Is it fair to anyone in this city or county to appear before a judge who has charges against her? I know, innocent until proven guilty, but if there is even a hint of wrongdoing I feel the judge should be suspended or if a person had any decency or respect for the law they would step down or at the very least, take a leave of absence.

I can remember a judge in the past that there was a question about and he did the right thing. He resigned!

Citizens should think about this next time they have to go to court. Will they be treated fairly?

Jenny Wright
David L. Wright
St. Francis

GOD SAYS

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

"God Bless the World"



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