



## New keg registration law may save young lives

From the spring to the fall, when the weather is decent, there are rumors and signs of parties in pastures, around ponds and at sand pits — generally off the beaten track where no one but those hearing about the party will find it. These parties can be dangerous. Often they have bonfires but, most frightening, are alcoholic beverages including kegs which are available to kids below the drinking age. There is a lot of beer in a keg and it doesn't take much for young people to lose control.

Kansas legislators have been working toward the goal of signing the Beer and Cereal Malt Beverage Keg Registration Act. This act was recently signed and became effective July 1 and will certainly discourage people from illegally providing kegs to underage individuals.

The new law requires all containers which have four or more gallons of beer or cereal malt beverage to have a state-issued tag affixed to them which corresponds to a Keg Registration Form listing the person who pur-

chased the keg and the person's drivers license.

When the law officer finds a keg at an underage drinking party, he will be able to trace the keg back to the person who bought it.

Since beer kegs are often the source of alcohol at parties, the person who purchased the keg will be held accountable if the minor drinking alcohol at the keg party is involved in a car wreck which results in a death or injury.

Liquor dealers also need to be aware that if they have possession of an untagged keg, they could have the kegs confiscated by a law officer. The minimum fine for these offenses is \$200 and they could be put in jail for six months.

Cheyenne County has had deaths and injuries of its youth as a result of drinking alcoholic beverages. With the new keg resolution, it may stop someone from purchasing a keg for an underage party, and, in turn, it might save the life of a kid. —Karen Krien

## Readers respond to school issue

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to "Schooling immigrant children a touchy issue for gubernatorial contenders" which was originally printed in The Dodge City Globe on September 3, 2002. In this article, Connie Morris, a candidate for the Kansas State Board of Education, expressed the opinion that children of illegal immigrants should not be educated in our state unless their parents can provide the proper paperwork. Many of the following points were touched on but I feel they may need a little more attention.

Ms. Morris needs to rethink her stand on this important issue. Our Constitution states that all men (and, presumably, women and children) are created equal. I hope we, as a society, are not so conceited as to infer the only people that this credo applies to are American citizens. In our country, a basic right of all children is an education. To deny that, based on citizenship, encourages racism and widens the "status" gap. This is not an "anti-

immigrant" issue. Turning it into one victimizes the smallest, most helpless members of a particular group. Although picking off the weak and defenseless is a good technique for lions hunting in the wild, it may not be particularly appropriate for a possible member of the state board of education. Immigrants are not going to leave (or stop coming) if we ban their children from our schools. Most illegal immigrants come to the US for employment opportunities and not the education we provide their children. Many illegal immigrants have taxes withheld from their paychecks. Many are working their tails off in jobs that most people would not take for the wages they are paid. They pay rent, but groceries, etc., in short, they return their wages to the local economy.

The Supreme Court has already ruled on this. In the 1982 Plyler vs. Doe decision, the US Supreme Court ruled that it is unconstitutional to deny children access to public education because of their citizenship status. In the words of Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, "(Denying a child an education) imposes a lifetime hardship on a discrete class of children not accountable for their disabling status. The stigma of illiteracy will mark them for the rest of their lives. By denying these children a basic education, we... foreclose any realistic possibility that they will contribute in even the smallest way to the progress of our nation." There is no bridge to cross regarding this ruling. The best thing we can provide ANY child is an education.

Hooray for Kathleen Sebelius and Superintendent Milt Pippenger!! Recommended reading: [http://www.idra.org/Newslett/1996/May/Albert.htm#Immigrant\\_Education\\_Policy](http://www.idra.org/Newslett/1996/May/Albert.htm#Immigrant_Education_Policy)

Sincerely,  
Racheal Hemp  
Iowa  
Kary Jo Meyer  
St. Francis

## Everyone makes mistakes

To the editor:

This is in response to the concerned resident on "Charges made against judge."

First of all, the charges against the judge have nothing to do with her ability or performance as a judge. Her actions were personal, and most likely made in haste. Most people would react the same way if the circumstances were the same for them.

And as for the question of being treated fairly in her court. I can say for a fact she will treat people fairly.

We had a traffic matter go to her court, and she had every opportunity to abuse her position against us, because of our involvement in the whole situation. But she did not. She was fair, and did her job exactly how she should have.

Everyone makes mistakes. Most people don't keep making them.

Christy M. Miller  
St. Francis

## Check-off the cheat-off-crowd

If the cheat-off-crowd think \$1 check-off is doing them good, why don't they put in \$20 for more profit. QUIT RUSTLING FROM EVERYBODY ELSE. How many agents do they have hunting, persecuting and damaging those WHO WANT TO DO THEIR OWN PROMOTING! Churches have same goal - Heaven not hell! Disagree on how! Therefore the 1st amendment Bill of Rights:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or

prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press...IV: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated...V:...nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law...VIII: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Protect ownership! And prohibit excessive fines, cruel and unusual punishment... Where doth the constitution grant the cheat-off-crowd their monopoly?

Let him that stole, steal no more...Eph. 4:28  
Frank Sowers, Benkelman

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: Norma Berry, St. Francis; Larry Kramer, St. Francis; Kim Faylor, St. Francis; L. Smull, Salina; Lewis Rueb, Kingman; Frosty Mug, McDonald; John Bartlett, St. Francis; Kerby Krien, Bird City; Marjorie Kennedy, Loveland, Colo.; Nancy Seitz, Ellsworth; Julie Bernard, Russel; Dale Neitzel, St. Francis; Levina Randall, Wheeler; Nel Holmes, St. Francis; Ronald Zwegardt, St. Francis; Richard Bannister, St. Francis; Debbie Grace, St. Francis; Clyde Smith, St. Francis; John Knodel, St. Francis; Mallory Knodel, Des Moines, IA; Linda Yonkey, St. Francis.

**GOD SAYS**  
And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.  
Romans 8:28

# The Saint Francis Herald

(USPS 475-960)

A Century of Service to Cheyenne County

P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, Kan. 67756

Nor'West Newspapers

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
(785) 332-3162 Fax - (785) 332-3001  
E-mail - [sfherald@nwkansas.com](mailto:sfherald@nwkansas.com)

### STAFF

Karen Krien.....Editor/Publisher  
Betty Winston ..... Sports Editor  
Jennifer Boyles ..... Advertising Manager  
Sandy Barnhart.....Production  
Lezlie Hilt.....Office Manager  
Margaret Bucholtz.....Office/Production

Subscriptions: One year \$28 (tax included) in Cheyenne and adjacent counties; \$32 (tax included) elsewhere in Kansas; \$35 elsewhere in the U.S. Foreign subscriptions, \$23 extra per year (except APO/FPO). POSTMASTER: Send change of address to Box 1050, St. Francis, Kan. 67756



## News From the Past

### 5 years ago - 1997

The veterans have offered the Vets Hall, located on Main Street, to the city of St. Francis. The matter was decided by the veterans after the organization had struggled to meet expenses with dwindling resources.

At the annual Center Day Celebration the following officers were reelected: Everett Eggers, president; Gerald Wright, vice president; Phyllis Wright, secretary; Marsha Magley, treasurer. The board of trustees is made up of Everett Eggers, Ruby Tracy and Delbert Powell.

The Livestock Judging team from Cheyenne County placed second at the Kansas State Fair.

Team members include Jessica Dunn, Megan Douthit, Nikki Krien and Dustin Wiley. Due to the fact that the first place team has declined the invitation, the Cheyenne County team qualifies to travel to Louisville, Ky., later in the year. Lyn Wiley is the adviser.

There will be a change in the St. Francis Community High School Homecoming ceremony. Instead of the usual crowning of the king and queen at the football game, the ceremonies have been moved to the afternoon pep assembly. However the queen will be officially crown at the half-time ceremonies at the football game. Candidates for king and queen include Bruce Barnhart, T.J. Burr, Kelley Faylor, Justin McAtee, Nick

Young, Erin Day, Kaycee Frewen, Trista Krieh, Beth Renk and LeAnn Schielke.

The Cheyenne County Commissioners agreed to purchase two blood pressure monitors as it was reported that the monitors used by the Bird City Emergency Medical Technicians were not working properly.

### 10 years ago - 1992

Joe Leibbrandt and Dustin Wiley of St. Francis and Brock Ketzner and Noel Ketzner of Bird City will be competing in the Kansas Junior Livestock Show in Wichita.

The Cheyenne County State Bank, in an effort to promote the Jaws of Life, made a donation of \$500.

## Hangin' Out With Marge

By Margaret Bucholtz



### Cell Phones

Oh the wonders of the new world of technology! I always thought I liked new things and changes. Especially when I got my first computer, it was fun, interesting and I spent a lot of time on it.

Then we decided to get the cell phone. I wasn't too happy as I have always felt that a phone was an intrusion in life, but it did have its up side when I needed to be on the highway with my ailing father.

Then the rules started!!! Like "why didn't you have your phone on, I tried to call you." I liked the excuse of "I am afraid I will run the battery down." I just always thought that was more pleasant than saying, "It was my hour to NOT be interrupted."

For the life of me I am always

amazed to see the people standing on the street corner, with purple hair, talking on the phone. Who are they calling their parole officer? Then drive down the road and see all of the people with the "cell" in one hand and the other one on the steering wheel.

Can they really talk and drive? I figure that has to be a boring conversation or they would get lost.

One day I was in a Sam's Club in Denver and after shopping for an hour, I decided to go to the rest room. I parked my cart at the door and went in. I got in the stall and all of the sudden I heard this strange noise. My mind started wandering and my first thought was "Oh no, it's Candid Camera," then my second brain wave was "Did I carry some merchandise into the room unknowingly." About that time

I heard the lady in the next stall say, "Hi, you'll never guess what I am doing at the moment." I was shocked; really, do you need to have one on all the time!

My next experience was one day in a grocery store. I saw this lady heading toward me on the other end of the aisle. Her mouth was moving and I had to smile — after all who hasn't talked to themselves at some point. As she got closer I saw the head set phone and as she passed you could tell she was in a wonderful conversation.

I have to admire anyone that can do two things at once. I can't remember what I went to the store for, let alone talk to someone at the same time.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

<b>Wesleyan Church</b> Hwy 36 • 734-2727 Pastor Scott Baker Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.	<b>Peace Lutheran Church</b> 202 N. College 332-2928 Pars. 332-2308 Pastor David Rossbach Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	<b>United Methodist Church Office</b> 332-2292, Church 332-2254, Pars. 332-3170 512 S. Scott Pastor Nel Holmes Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.
<b>Church of Christ</b> 332-2380, Pars. 332-3424 502 W. Spencer Norman Morrow - Minister Bible Class 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.	<b>First Christian Church</b> 332-2956 • 118 E. Webster Pastor Joe Briseno Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Church Service 10:30 a.m. Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.	<b>First Baptist Church</b> 2nd & Scott • 332-3921 J.W. Glidewell, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wednesday prayer service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
<b>Grace Assembly of God</b> 332-2925, Pars. 332-2899 208 E. 2nd Rev. Rob Meyer Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.	<b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church</b> 332-2888 • 3rd & Adams Pastor Arlin Cochran Sabbath School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45	<b>Clough Valley Baptist Church</b> Pastor Al Davis D. Min. 12 m. west, 6 m. north of SF 332-2506 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. CT Worship 10:00 a.m. CT
<b>St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church</b> 625 S. River • 332-2680 Fr. Beryl Gibson Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m. Weekday Mass 8 a.m. Confessions Sat. 4-4:30	<b>Salem Lutheran Church</b> 332-3002 Pastor Chris Farmer Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.	<b>St. Francis Equity</b>

UNLIMITED ACCESS INTERNET  
[nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com)  
P.O. Box 1050 • St. Francis  
785-332-3162  
[sfherald@nwkansas.com](mailto:sfherald@nwkansas.com)

**First National Bank**  
Member FDIC