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Watch out for goblins this Halloween night

Halloween can be a dangerous time as small children, excited about going door to door collecting candy, may dart out in front of a vehicle. Often they are also wearing masks which blocks their vision.

This year, St. Francis children may be in more jeopardy as the Atwood vs. St. Francis football game will be held in St. Francis. There will be lots of traffic as the evening begins with a soup supper which will be followed by the final District play of the season.

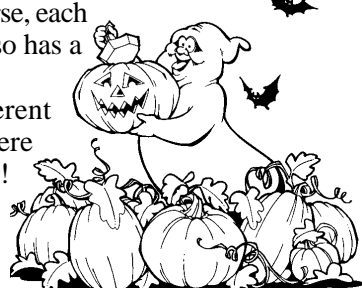
Children may also be disappointed to find many residents not at home but attending the game. In order to make it a safe Halloween, parents should plan to have their children trick-or-treat early in the evening and

definitely stop before the game ends.

Children and adults will also have the opportunity to dress up and show their costumes at the Spooktacular Parade on Saturday starting at noon in front of the courthouse. And, of course, each year, the school also has a Spook Parade.

It may be a different kind of year but there is always next year!

—Karen Krien



Reader concerned about race

Letter to the editor:

I have been reading a lot of material that deals with the choices we who are Kansans will be making in a few days. I refer to the votes that we will be casting for a governor, secretary of state, a state attorney general, and the list goes on. Because of our love for our state and our recognition of our state's serious condition, these choices need to be well thought out. And when we finalize these choices, we need to pray for them and support them. It does me good to remember that at one time, even the Lord spoke through a donkey!

Perhaps the most concerning race is

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that of governor. The governor will have more to do with the general direction of the state than any one person. I have met Mr. Shallenburger and am impressed with the way he seems to listen. It seems that he is very sincere in his desires. The question that must be answered is whether or not he will have the insight and the ability to work with people that will be needed to guide legislators and to motivate them to make difficult decisions. I have not met Ms. Sebelius but I have read some good

things about her. The *Wichita Eagle* recommended Mr. Shallenburger as the one "who was the most forthright about his budget plans and who seems best able to work with the Legislature to make difficult budget cuts and avoid tax increases." One might find other endorsements that would be as positive for Ms. Sebelius.

What I ask you and your readers to consider goes beyond just the issue of economy and taxes. Please consider some of the great moral issues that the candidates are representing. One candidate represents the philosophy, still upheld by the Supreme Court, that a person has the right to abort an unborn child for almost any reason. Dr. Tiller, the noted abortionist, has donated over \$30,000 to this candidate. Can you imagine the outrage that would occur today if someone would accept money from a party representing the confederate philosophy that would allow us to still own slaves? Yet, in the 1850s, the Supreme Court ruled that a black slave was not a citizen but just property. The existing law of the land then supported such an immoral philosophy. Could any candidate represent our views if he or she accepts money from such sources?

I went to the website of Ms. Sebelius and her party and was offended to read of the support she has for the LGBT Caucus. I found out that she supports the efforts of the lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender people. When we have to support such people under the law, allowing them to be our teachers and leaders of our churches, we will have gone too far? Those aren't the values of most Kansans I know.

Please study the issues and the candidates. But also, please consider the moral character of these people. While we may not know for sure what their character is, and I certainly do not, we can be assured it is related to the people whom they allow to support them. Then, after studying the issues and the candidates, get out and vote your conscience!

Elmer Kellner
St. Francis

Norman Morrow
St. Francis

Candidate changes disillusion of politics

Letter to the editor:

We are sure. We are one of the thousands of Kansans who are completely disillusioned with our state government and politics in general. Or should we say, was disillusioned.

Kathleen Sebelius has changed all of that for us. We must admit, we didn't give much thought to who the Kansas Insurance Commissioner was or even what she did but the strength Kathleen Sebelius showed in turning down a big out-of-state corporation to steal Blue

Cross was an eye opener.

And just look at the rest of her record! While the rest of the government bureaucrats in Topeka have been raising taxes and spending lavishly, Mrs. Sebelius held the line and even cut spending in the insurance department.

Putting people first, that's what she says she will do. Well, it's about time. Thank goodness there is still something good going on in Kansas politics.

Lee and Doris Amsberry
Bird City

Kathleen consistently 'standing up' or not?

Letter to the Editor:

A recent American Press article by John Hanna stated gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Sebelius' blocking of the sale of Blue Cross-Blue Shield to

an out-of-state buyer "shows she has the courage to stand up to powerful special interest groups." Many would agree on this point.

But, if she is going to be consistent, should she not have the courage to stand up to George Tiller (one of America's foremost abortion providers), rather than accepting thousands of dollars of campaign contribution dollars from him? It appears her "Swiss Cheese" integrity has a big hole when it comes to consistency!

Elmer Kellner
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A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight. When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

Proverbs 11:1, 2

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Voter endorses governor candidate

Letter to the editor:

I checked my mail the other day. Included was a letter from the National Rifle Association (NRA). This is an organization dedicated to firearms training, safety, education, law enforcement programs and preservation of constitutional rights, especially, though not exclusively, those rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The National Rifle Association has endorsed Tim Shallenburger for Kansas Governor.

There was another letter. It was from Kansans For Life. This organization is the Kansas affiliate of National Right

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to Life, an organization that promotes life issues from conception to the grave. It is probably best known as a group that opposes abortion. The letter told, among other things, of the amount of money the abortion industry has pumped into the campaigns of Ms. Sebelius over the last few years. Needless to say, Kansas For Life has endorsed Tim Shallenburger.

A day or two later, I was in the teacher workroom to run off some papers. There was some reading material

on the table. It as from the National Education Association (NEA). The literature made it apparent that the National Education Association is certainly promoting Ms. Sebelius. The National Education Association is certainly NOT going to endorse a social and fiscal conservative.

I've just presented three good reasons to vote for Tim Shallenburger for Kansas Governor on Nov. 5.

Bruce A. Swihart
St. Francis

All should have opportunity to go to school

Letter to the editor:

I have been thinking about the mean spiritedness of Kansas Board of Education candidate Connie Morris's stand that children of illegal immigrants should not be allowed to attend public schools because, she says, it is a waste of taxpayer's

money. Why should children suffer for the actions of their parents? Also, the Supreme Court has stated that these children have a right to attend public school and the only way to challenge this decision is with a lawsuit. Where will the money come from for this lawsuit?

School Board funds?

If so, all Kansas school children will suffer. This is why I am casting my vote for write-in candidate Sonny Rundell on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Colleen Shannon
St. Francis

Hangin' Out With Marge

Dissecting the alarm clock

By Margaret Bucholtz

Have you ever wondered what kind of person would have invented the alarm clock? Who would have wanted such a rude interruption to a perfectly good night of rest.

Alarm clocks have been around for hundreds of years. In fact the first type of alarm was actually a candle. The candle was used as an alarm by placing a nail into the wax, whenever the candle wax melted down to the nail, then the nail would fall into a tin pan and make a noise.

The first alarm clock, with a bell, was invented by Levi Hutchins of Con-

cord, N. H., in 1787, but the alarm could only ring at 4 a.m. Then in 1876 Seth Thomas received a patent to the "tin can" type of alarm clock.

Of course now we have this alarm button called "snooze," and probably some people (like my husband) think we have come a long way. Personally, I don't understand why you set an alarm to wake you up an hour before

you really want to get up and then fumble around in the dark finding the little button to push every 10 minutes for the next hour.

I don't know about you, but I just get up and make the coffee and let someone else grope for the snooze button.



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