

Opinion

Shopping your home town keeps the town on the map

The Christmas season is upon us and St. Francis businesses are depending on each and everyone to support them as much as possible — not only during the holidays but throughout the year.

It is true that no one business carries the stock of that big store in Goodland but each one carries different items and many are priced the same or maybe even better than the discount stores. And, if it is a dollar or two higher, take into account that it takes gas and time to go out of town.

This year, many of the St. Francis businesses are making an extra effort to accommodate all shoppers by staying open Sunday afternoons. The grocery store will be open to let people stock up on their holiday supplies for baking and big family dinners as well as a chance to do their weekly shopping. Clothing stores, gift stores, hardware, furniture and variety stores will have their doors open and staff to help customers fill their Christmas gift lists.

It is a busy time of the year for everyone and if Dad can keep the kids for an hour or two, Mom can do a lot of shopping or vice versa.

Before going out of town, take time to check out what the St. Francis businesses have to offer — give them a chance before leaving the city limits. After all, supporting these businesses helps pay for schools, streets, lights, hospital — the list goes on and on. And, every business which is forced to quit because of low sales is an empty store and too many empty stores could force a thriving community into a ghost town. Ghost towns don't have schools or hospitals because no one needs them.

What most business people are asking is to just give them a chance — stop in and look — you might be surprised at what you will find. And, after the purchase is made, the majority of the businesses offer to beautifully wrap the gift — you won't find that service in the big store in Goodland! — *Karen Krien*

Karen's Korner

Oh, the joys of Thanksgiving

By
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Thanksgiving Day is over and it was great. Part of the kids were home and in-laws also joined us. I love having everyone together however, I must be getting older, a little busier and maybe not as organized as I used to be.

I envy these people who plan their menu weeks in advance and have most of their groceries bought and put away. These people have the turkey thawed when and how it is supposed to be, and pies and rolls baked and in the freezer. Their salads and dressing are made the day before and some of the people actually have their house cleaned and the table set complete with a centerpiece.

Unfortunately, not me!! All I knew that was the menu was turkey — that is, if it thawed in time. The house was a mess, no groceries had been bought until the day before (except for that turkey) and people were going to start

arriving on Wednesday.

Work at the Herald kept me a little longer than I had expected and there was a commissioners meeting that lasted a lot longer than I had expected. I made a trip to the grocery store, hoping that I had everything that I would need including cranberries, plenty of white and sweet potatoes and milk. I had planned to make a couple of pumpkin pies but, not being a great pie maker, was going to buy pie shells — there were none of the shells I like so, my plans changed — guess it would be cherry cheese cake.

After getting the groceries put away, I started a quick once-through on the house. Hubby ran the vacuum and I changed beds and cleaned the bathrooms. The furniture never did get dusted but, by then, who cared!

The next morning, I was up early and

thank goodness for my daughter's help as she started grinding cranberries and apples. That was when I discovered I didn't have all the ingredients to make that salad so switched to carrot jello salad. We started with two packages of jello but it didn't hardly cover the pile of carrots we had grated so, we added another and then another — we had lots of carrot jello salad — at that point, I knew that at least we would have turkey and salad!

The cheese cake should have sat a couple more hours but, it looked good.

The dressing went together okay and piles of potatoes had been peeled but, I had forgotten that I had bought frozen rolls and they were still in the freezer. Well, dinner would just be a little late. About 2 o'clock, we all sat down to a wrinkled table cloth which was covered with food and the centerpiece was the big dish of carrot jello, but we were thankful to be together (and I was just thankful that there was food on the table!).

They tell about my Grandma Touselee whose house was always the gathering place for family dinners. After she had prepared food all day, she would tell the mothers of her grandchildren to fix the kids' plates and everyone get up to the table. Then she would go to the barn to milk her cow.

On Thursday, I thought about her — walking out of the hot kitchen and a house filled with noise into the cool, crisp air and down to the barn where the only noise heard was her cow munching on her hay. (This was only a fleeting thought as I do not want a cow to milk!)

Next year, we are going to sidestep all this fuss and we are going to Captain Hook's Fine Dining for Thanksgiving dinner. And, we will not have to eat turkey for the next two weeks.

One thing for sure, we are not having turkey for Christmas dinner and it is going to be simple — maybe soup and sandwiches!

Veteran likes program

-Letter to the Editor-

On Nov. 11 at the Saint Francis Grade School gymnasium, students from the fifth and sixth grades, under the splendid leadership of Jean Ann Confer with the outstanding help from Bruce Swihart, Julie Wolters, Becky McAtee and Lynette Nolan presented an outstanding Veterans Day program

— *Letter to the Editor* —
titled Celebrate America. Like last year's program, a tremendous amount of time and effort went into the program the results was outstanding.

The young people that had speaking parts had everything under control. When all the students sang the patriotic songs they put their heart, soul into the words and lyrics. The results fantastic.

Before the final song, it was requested that all veterans in attendance stand and be recognized during the singing "God Bless the U.S.A." I noticed during the singing, they all stood tall, straight and proud. I hope this tradition lives on forever.

I was very disappointed in the coverage by *The Saint Francis Herald*. The folding of the flag and the explanation was great but didn't we more or less overlook the effort of the young people. Thank you for the space.

David O. Merklin
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GOD SAYS

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Leviticus 19:11



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News From the Past

75 years ago - 1927

Mrs. Maggie Ramsey took over the duties of the office of the county treasurer on Monday. Mrs. Irene Sturm Scoby, the retiring treasurer has been in the office for a number of years.

A force of workers are on the job this morning making an installation of a new turn table for the Burlington Railroad. This turn table will be much larger and better constructed than the old one. It will also be strong enough to turn larger engines. With the coming of a good crop here they expect larger engines and with this in view the new improvement is being made.

50 years ago - 1952

A County Land Judging School, the first one ever held in Cheyenne County will take place in St. Francis Oct. 30. They will meet at the court-

house first and later will move out to the country to study the different soil types.

A new 1953 Dodge is on display at Ed Lampe Implement. Mr. Lampe also stated that he would have several new '53 Dodge trucks on hand. New 1953 Chryslers are being shown at Rieb Motor Company this week.

Two Cheyenne County youth will be participating in the 50th anniversary of Fort Hays State College. Twila Underwood, Bird City, is in the special pageant choir as well as in the historical pageant to commemorate the 50 years and Billie Joan Upton is a member of special pageant choir. There are over 200 students participating in the pageant.

Area moisture condition for 1953 wheat crop is poorest since '40. The first 6 inches of top soil is reported to be 94 percent dry; next 6 inches to

be 15 percent wet according to the weekly Agricultural Crop Report.

40 years ago - 1962

St. Francis Community High School recently held all-school elections for the student council. Results show J.C. Hixson, president; Rudy Douthit, vice president and Kathy Harkins, secretary/treasurer.

Bonnie Thompson has announced the opening of her new Bonnie's Mirror of Charm beauty salon in St. Francis.

Special honors went to three St. Francis artists who had paintings chosen for exhibit at Kansas State University. Mrs. E.R. Cram, Mrs. R.E. Moberly and Mrs. Calvert Evins each had one painting selected from a district exhibit held recently in Colby.

Hangin' With Marge

The joys of raising kids

By
Margaret
Bucholtz



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Children are great and grandchildren are your gifts for having gone through the trials and errors of raising your own. When you read that "kids don't come with instructions" I have to agree.

I hope that as you read this you will remember an experience that you had when you were raising yours.

One evening when I was preparing the evening meal one of my children came to me and said, "Will you not spank me for chewing Skoal if I tell you where my brothers have hid theirs?" I must admit I was a little shocked but I said, "No I won't spank you, but will

you please go get it and bring it to me."

As I set the table for the meal I just laid the Skoal can between their plates and then called everyone to the table. The oldest one (age 10) looked at it and said, "What is this?" I told them that I had been out by the apricot tree and knocked over a stick and there was this can. He said, "Well if you make me chew it I will get sick." I said nothing.

Throughout the meal little comments were made but I waited until we were done. Then I looked at all three of them and said, "I want each one of you to go to your room and I want you to think about what you have done.

Think about what God would want you to do." The one that had told immediately said, "He wouldn't want us to chew that." The oldest one agreed and they all three went out the door.

I threw the can away and thought what a good job I had done handling the problem. Minutes later as I was doing dishes the youngest one came running through the door and said, "Mom, I think I just heard from God and he wants me to chew that stuff."

It was back to the drawing board for this mom.

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