



Vandalism seems to be at large around St. Francis

Maybe because school is out on break. Maybe it is the nice weather. Or maybe it is just nothing going on and lots of spare time on their hands. Whatever, it is too bad that there has been so many pranks.

The sheriff's report is full of rural mailboxes being destroyed or shot (with lots of holes) and vandalism to signs and poles at the cemetery. Someone tossed a purple bike into the river.

Someone else was driving their motorcycles in conservation reserve program land. Then someone stole a Pepsi machine — yes, a big Pepsi machine.

Guess we need a nice big snow that will keep people at home and off the country roads. Sure would help the crops, grass, attitudes and hopefully, keep down the destruction.

—Karen Krien

Hangin' With Marge

Christmas 2002

By Margaret Bucholtz



I don't really know if everyone has the same kind of things happen to them that our family does or maybe they just don't tell it, but we always have some kind of excitement.

Christmas Day I got up feeling great. Some of the family was coming home for dinner and I was going to have a great day! I decided not to worry about all of the baking and cooking like I usually do so I would just use the KISS method. (Keep It Simple Stupid). Anyway, the first short cut was the pies. I bought Mrs. Smith's pumpkin pies. As I was reading the directions on the box I had to laugh. I hollered at Kurt and

told him to listen to this: "Remove the pie from the cardboard box. Do NOT remove the pie from the metal pan." Somebody had actually done this or it wouldn't have been written on the box!!!

I proceeded on with baking the rolls, fixing the ham and turkey and all the other things. Then we all sat down to eat. I was determined to have a center piece with the candles burning and I even remembered to light the candles.

When the meal was almost over I went out to get the pie. All of a sudden I heard some excitement at the table and turned around to see the

basket that the rolls were in on fire. Seems as though someone was moving some dishes around to make room for the pie and the basket got a little too close to the candles. One person at the table began blowing on the flames, the others just sat there with that "deer in the headlight look." Finally, the one person that is on the fire department, got up grabbed the burning basket and hurried outside with it.

I still have another dinner to go through but I think I will leave the candles off the table this time.

Secretary apologizes for injuries

To the editor:

I was raised on a farm south of Edson, with four mottoes: "Do unto others...", "You kill it, you clean it, you eat it", "the ground will catch you", and "lead, follow or get out of the way, and if you or toes get stepped on you must be standing still." The Army reinforced that last one daily.

I accepted the position as Chamber secretary knowing full well that there is no one on earth who can please everyone, but believing that this is a great community. I had hoped to put my energy and creativity into

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letting the world know what a terrific place this is, and making us as a community think and realize that we could be even better!

I have offended some with my efforts, I am told. I wish that I were allowed to know how and who those folks are that I have legitimately offended, as I would put forth every effort to make amends. As it is I apologize, as my only intention was ever to spur us on to greater things.

As for those I have miscommunicated with, I again apologize, I wish that when I said, "if you have any questions please call", that you would have. I said that knowing I move and speak quickly sometimes.

Again to those whom I have injured or caused damage to their business, I apologize.

Sincerely,
Paige Gardner
St. Francis

Baby benefits from blood drive

Letter to the Editor:

Born nine weeks premature, Haleigh Westadt of Colby struggled as a newborn. She received blood and a blood product, fresh frozen plasma, when she was 11 days old, and more plasma when she was 13 days old.

"Haleigh had a pulmonary hemorrhage, and her right lung was full of blood," said Pam Westadt, Haleigh's mom and wife of Troy Westadt, all of Colby. "When she received the blood and blood products, her blood sugar stabilized, her blood pressure stabilized and the bleeding in her lungs stopped. It was amazing.

"Miraculously, she took herself off of her ventilator," Pam said. "She literally pulled it out of her mouth, which she wasn't supposed to do, and she started breathing on her own. They told us she would be

in the hospital for two months, but she was there 24 days."

Because she received good health care and had blood and blood products to help her overcome obstacles, Haleigh is now 5 years old and hasn't been back to the hospital since she left on day 24 of her life.

"I am always so thankful for having Haleigh," Pam said. "Without the people who donated blood and blood products, we wouldn't have made it past that 11th day."

I would like to encourage everyone to share their miracle of life and donate blood on Jan. 9 when St. Francis will host an American Red Cross blood drive. The drive will be held at the St. Francis Grade School

gym from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

If you are in general good health, at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds, I hope you will consider taking time out of your busy schedule to donate blood. By giving a small amount of your time, you may be helping a cancer patient, a burn victim, someone needing surgery or someone like Haleigh.

For more information on donating blood, how to volunteer, or to schedule an appointment, please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE LIFE.

Candi Hetrick
Blood Drive Chair
St. Francis



News From the Past

90 years ago - 1912

Sold in St. Francis during the past five weeks have been 2,500 bushels of apples, 3,000 bushels of grapes and 23 crates of pears. Apples sold as low as 35 cents per bushel.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Willits purchased a splendid Victrola while in Kansas City and many of their friends have had the pleasure of enjoying the music with them.

The following township trustees have been elected: Alexander, Chas. Boyington; Beaver, Eugene Hoyt; Benkelman, B.E. Johnson; Bird City, W.H. Neff; Calhoun, John Syme; Cherry Creek, Merle Smith; Cleveland Run, J.J. Ringo; Dent, Frank Sharpe; Eureka, Michael Raile; Evergreen, J.L. Lamb; Jaqua, John Chaplin; Jefferson, A.J. Johnson; Lawn Ridge, W.J. Herrington; Nutty Combe, Thomas McKee; Orlando, J.C. Leach; Porter, W.T. Case; Wano, G. S. Weidenheimer.

50 years ago - 1952

August Zwegardt has again been named to manage the St. Francis Saintry baseball team through the 1953 season.

There will be a grand opening for the newly established business in St. Francis, the Western Auto Association Store, located in the west half of what is known as the Nixon building.

In spite of cold and snow approximately 275 people registered and attended the open house and dedication of the Good Samaritan Village.

The community Christmas program will be held on Dec. 14. This service includes the high school music department, local churches and public spirited individuals.

The Reverend and Mrs. Alfred Webb and four children, Ann, Douglass, Denice and David have arrived in St. Francis and to make their home in the Christian Church parsonage. Reverend Webb will

serve the church as pastor.

Coach Warren Boring's defending high school state wrestling champions open their season against Atwood. Among those wrestling for St. Francis against Atwood will be Marlin Rueb, Billy Hill, Jerry Carmichael, Norman Zwegardt, Raymond Isernhagen, Gene Cook, Edwin Rath, Lyle Neville, Melvin Isernhagen, Bob Wieck, Merlyn Burr, Billy Cecil, Jim Wickwar and Kenny Ross.

20 years ago - 1982

The Good Samaritan Village is celebrating its 30th anniversary on Nov. 21.

Ten high school chorus members have qualified for the District Honor Choir. They include Daneen Faylor, Renee Moore, Robin Northrup, Dan Follett, Mindy Klie, Troy Rasmussen, Amy Follett, Dawn Penn, Eric Yonkey and Brenda Zwegardt.

The new St. Francis illuminated sign, located on U.S. Highway 36 near the entrance of the airport and Good Samaritan Village, has been completed with a farm scene mural painted by Pat Confer and Karen Krien.

Returning basketball letter winners include Gerald Lauer, Dwight McDuffee, Bill Kureger and Mark Forsythe on the Indian team and Tammi Confer, Marla Rogers, Angie Sherlock, Daneen Faylor and Veronica Rath.

Returning wrestling letter winners include Mike Ketter, Donald Barnhart, Brad Bullard, John Love, Denise Vandike, Martin Hilt, Darrell Vandike, Harlan Zwegardt, Lyle Whitmore, Shawn Vernon, A.J. Jones, Doug Ross, Mitchell Hilt, Kelly Hilt, Bill Lee and Monte Pixler.

10 years ago - 1992

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has announced that the Southfork Wildlife Area will be open for public hunting from Nov. 14 to Jan. 1.

Those winning county offices include: Margaret Bucholtz, Commissioner, District 2; Roger

Faulkender, Commissioner, District 3; Elaine Kehlbeck, County Clerk; Gladys Cook, County Treasurer; Ellen June Henderson, Register of Deeds; Ray Lee, Sheriff and Floyd Jensen, County Attorney.

St. Francis Community High School juniors will be presenting two one-act plays: *Who's That Knocking On My Door* and *M*A*S*H*.

The Clothes Line is announcing a going out of business sale.

By earning a first-place trophy at the Sectional Punt, Pass and Kick competition Tyler Raile has the right to compete at state during the halftime of the Kansas City Chiefs/Denver Broncos football game.

Nell King has accepted a position as ad manager at the St. Francis Herald. She is selling ads, making ads and doing the dark-room work.

Captain Hook's Fine Dining, owned and operated by Pam Hook, has opened at Wheeler.

5 years ago - 1997

Western Gun and Archery has moved next door, into the former Vets Hall on St. Francis' Main Street across from the courthouse. Brent Rueb is the owner and manager.

St. Francis football coach Tim Lambert was recently named "Coach of the Year" by the *Sherman County Star*. Indian players honored include Justin McAtee, T.J. Burr, Andy Zwegardt, Jon Zwegardt, Aaron Culwell, Kelley Faylor, Gabe Jenkins, Don Schlittenhardt and Nick Young. McAtee was named "Player of the Year."

The elementary school Christmas program had the following themes: kindergarten: "We Are Santa's Elves"; first and second grades: "Here Comes Christmas"; third and fourth grades: "The Case Of The Counterfeit Claus"; and fifth and sixth grade: "Christmas Eve Countdown On Radio Station XMAS - Christmas."



GOD SAYS
For thou hast delivered my soul
from death, mine eyes from
tears, and my feet from falling.
Psalm 116:8

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