

County drug dog — legitimate or a hoax?



The drug dog has been around for a couple of months and there have been various remarks made — many of them negative — making fun of the dog and the sheriff department's officers. However, on New Year's Eve, the dog made a "hit" on a car west of St. Francis and over \$2,000 in drugs were confiscated.

Law officers patrol I-70 heavily so part of the drug traffic is expected to start coming down U.S. 36 which passes through St. Francis. The county law officers had the opportunity to get the drug dog at a good price and then the dog and the undersheriff attended training to be certified. Every day, the drug dog is worked with, so when there is the opportunity to seek out drugs in a vehicle, building or wherever, he will be ready which he evidently was on New Year's Eve.

No, it wasn't \$200,000 or more in confiscated drugs which would have possibly brought in revenue to the sheriff's office but, more important, it stopped drugs from coming to Bird City. The stop may have saved a life or kept someone from using them.

The dog still hasn't been paid for but donations are coming in. The sheriff reported that they have even received donations from people who used to live in the county and want to help keep drug usage down in their old hometowns.

It will be impossible to stop the usage of drugs but, if a drug dog slows down the distribution of drugs and if it stops even one of our young people from becoming a user, it's worth every penny. It is time for people to stop snickering and pull together to support the efforts of the law officers, both city and county, and support the drug dog.

— Karen Krien



Hangin' With Marge

Gifts that keep on giving

By Margaret Bucholtz



We have all heard of the gifts that keep on giving. I happen to own such a gift, but not like you probably think.

Several years ago, when my parents were getting to the age that you didn't know what to buy for them, my daughter came up with a gift that they enjoyed. It is one of those clocks that have birds on it and every hour a different bird calls out its own call.

At the time I didn't think much about it as I am not exactly a bird lover, but as I began to spend more

and more time with them I grew quite fond of it and really looked forward to the next bird call.

After my parents passed away the bird clock was something that I chose to take home and I hung it up in my kitchen.

One day last summer I had a visitor, you know the kind that you really like but nothing ever tricks him as he is always on top of everything. We were standing in the kitchen when the five o'clock bird started. It was a duck sound, and before I knew what was happening this man

is running outside, standing in the yard, spinning around in circles, staring at the sky looking for the flock of ducks.

All I could manage between laughter was one word "clock." It finally dawned on him and he came back in.

That clock gave me the perfect meaning of a gift that can keep on giving. Can you imagine the poor guy still doesn't like to talk about it, wonder why?

Karen's Korner

By Karen Krien



Advertisement are not always what state

Advertisements that zap away the lime, pulls out the dings in vehicles, allows the painter to paint without getting paint on woodwork, and pots with lids that have holes to pour water off spaghetti are fascinating not only to me but has Billy watching them too. For over a year, we have watched the pancakes being flipped with ease and when done, they slip off onto a platter and are served with strawberries and blueberries. Looked wonderfully delicious — almost good enough to buy.

Billy, whose culinary skills include opening a can of Chunky soup and slicing the cheese to go on the crackers, thought he could even handle that little pancake flipper and have "perfect" cakes every time. He happened to mention that he would like to have one of these gadgets to our granddaughters and, lo and behold, guess what was in one of his Christmas packages. He was elated. Wanted to try it out the next morning which would have been okay but this little skillet can only handle one cake at a time and we had around eight people. Oh well, we had all day so we could eat a little slower — maybe in shifts.

This pancake maker comes with the cutest little container that holds the pancake batter and, with the press of the button, the batter comes out. It was something else that would need to be washed after breakfast and a spoon works pretty well but surprisingly, it really worked.

The pan was hot. It had a non-sticking surface so I didn't put any cooking spray on it. The little container made a perfectly round pancake and I dropped the top lid down. In just a little bit, I peeked at the cooking pancake — it was bubbling

and appeared to be dry on the top — just right for flipping. WRONG!

A quick flip of the wrist and I had pancake all over the side of the refrigerator. I left what was left of the pancake to finish cooking on the other side while I attempted to sop up the batter on the refrigerator. I then tried to slide it off onto the plate — wouldn't slide — had to pry it off.

The next time, I sprayed the pan well and turned down the heat on the stove. Surely I cooked it too fast. (What they don't show on television is the half-inch gap between the first pan and the lid.) Well, the batter hit the refrigerator again!

The third time is a charm?? With lower heat and thinner batter along with the spray, this cake made it to the table and looked okay (later I tried one and it had cooked so long that it was tough as a boot). Anyway, our family ate them and were probably glad for some eggs to go with the pancakes.

The next day, Billy wanted to try it. I carefully explained just how the pancake was supposed to look before he flipped it and we both thought we had it down pat — NOPE! Billy is left handed and he flipped batter all over the stove.

We finally sat down to pancakes that looked more like crepes and really didn't taste too good.

However, we haven't given up! There is a heart-shaped form that we can make pancakes for Valentine's Day. We've been looking at it and maybe there won't be as much chance of having batter everywhere with a form to keep it in.

The thought behind the gift is the most important and Jessie and Jamie had remembered for months that Grandpa wanted that pancake skillet.

So, what is a little batter down the side of the fridge — it can be cleaned up!

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Tackling skateboarding

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

One thing that St. Francis is known for is being a great place for children. We enjoy an excellent school system with many excellent sports activities, art, music, drama, as well as organizations to help our children grow up with a variety of experiences. We pride ourselves on our parks, the summer recreation program, the swimming pool and movie theatre with many community members volunteering their time and money to make sure these programs remain viable for our children and community to enjoy. Our home-owned carnival is known far and wide and is the envy of surrounding towns with its reasonable cost and family orientation. For kids that swim, there is swim team in

Reader enjoys paper

To the editor:

Enclosed is a check to renew my subscription. I really enjoy keeping up with things from my hometown. I look forward to reading another year of your paper.

Thanks again.

Jeff Dankenbring, Denver, Colo.

summer. For those what want to ride horses there are gymkhana and 4-H programs for them to excel in. For most interests, there is a way to satisfy it.

But a new phenomena has affected St. Francis as it has many other surrounding towns! Skateboarding! Rollerblading! But because many businesses and public entities do not want the "Boarders and Booters" on their property, good places to skate and practice this different type of athletics are posted with signs and recently, the police have been confiscating skateboards. When we first began to buy boards and skates for our children, we kept seeing bumper stickers that said, "Skateboarding is not a crime!" and we didn't "get it." Now we do.

As business owners, we can understand the concern for injury or liability, but we have a question for the community. "If the kids aren't allowed to skate in all the places that provide fun skating, where are they supposed to skate!"

Some of the athleticism of this activity may not make sense to you and me, but the X-games testify to its popularity as well as talk of including it in the next Olympics. The proliferation of skateboards in St. Francis after Christmas tell us that it isn't going to quietly go away, so what is the answer?

We are currently circulating two lists. One is to assess the number of kids that would skate there, if we had a park. The other is if you'd be willing to donate time, money or just put your name and support behind getting a skate park built. Once we assess these things, we'd like to go to the city council and problem solve with them on getting a skate park built. It will take many people to support it and get it built in this current economy, but we believe it is possible. If you have questions or comments, please let us know at 33202487 or 2522. If you want to sign the lists, you can do so at The Artist Corner. Thank you!

Kim and Kary Zwegardt St. Francis

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For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

Romans 1:16

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