



## Just what part of "NO" did they not understand

All the service academies are steeped in tradition. The newest, Air Force, seems to have developed a tradition of male cadets raping the women.

Worse, the victims are telling the world, if a woman reports such a crime, the norm is for the air force to call her a liar, or worse, and quietly force her out.

This is not about the argument over whether women belong in the armed forces. Or even about whether women belong in combat.

Women are in the service, for better or for worse. In the air force, as pilots and in a hundred other roles, they will find combat.

Forced to investigate, the air force says it has so far identified 56 cases over the last 10 years where women were raped or sexually assaulted at the academy. Investigators believe there will be more.

A squad of 17 investigators is camped at the Colorado Springs campus, digging deeper into the rape scandal. Today, at least, the air force is talking about the problem seriously.

It took a couple of brave young women to come forward and tell the nation what was happening.

They reported, and others have backed them up, that the academy did not investigate their claims. Instead, air force officials told them, essentially, that whatever happened was their fault.

One woman said her only mistake was trusting a senior cadet to give her a ride home.

Eventually, most of the victims left the academy and

the air force. They went to other colleges where rape is viewed as a crime, not a sport, today. Where rape crisis centers listen to women and try to help them.

The men — they went on to become officers, if not gentlemen.

Though it seems like the women might have more integrity, that's the way it happened. They were punished for being victims, the men were promoted.

It's shameful that one of our vaunted service academies would foster such values. Rape has never been a military option for America, anymore than we would sanction wanton killing of civilians or any other war crime.

But apparently, air force cadets are not bound to take a lady's word for it when she says "no."

The air force says it is investigating. The air force says it will clean house. The air force says it is teaching cadets that no really does mean no.

It should go beyond that. The young women who were wronged deserve an apology, and if they want it, another chance at the careers they sought.

And the men, the guys who wouldn't take no for an answer?

They should be sought out and either drummed out of the force, or invited to spend their next vacation in Leavenworth.

America, we should be ashamed that this was allowed to happen.

It's not what our military should be. — Steve Haynes

## Details concerning absence

To the editor:

By now the community is aware that Dr. Miller has been diagnosed with breast cancer. As Dr. Miller and I discuss plans for handling this situation, we felt that it would be in the community's best interest to clarify some facts, and identify our plans for dealing with the situation for the public.

These are the facts:

1. Dr. Miller's diagnosis is made at a relatively early stage. This means that the cancer is very treatable and there is a good prognosis for cure. Dr. Miller shares this information from her cancer specialist.

2. There will be some time out of the community and "down time" during treatments and as needed for recovery. We anticipate a need to be

pretty flexible with Dr. Miller's time over the next few months.

3. The hospital has already taken steps to be sure we continue to have coverage during Dr. Miller's down time. We have maintained our relationship with the organization that brought us Dr. Hamel.

4. Dr. Miller has repeatedly indicated her full intention and commitment to remain in practice in this community over the next 20 or more years.

5. Thanks to good planning by the board and great support from the community, the hospital is in a fairly good position to provide support for Dr. Miller as she needs time off.

6. Dr. Miller and I share a concern that the rumor mill may injure the clinic and hospital practice that she has been working so hard on and plans to continue to serve.

With all this said, we would respectfully request that the community continue its support for Dr. Miller by continuing to use the clinic practice. She will see patients when she can, Patrick and Nadja continue to be under her sponsorship, and a temporary physician will be available at times during her illness and recovery.

Les Lacy  
Cheyenne County Hospital  
Administrator

## Intervention Network introduced

To the editor:

I am excited to share that Feb. 21 marked the introduction of a statewide initiative for Early Intervention.

### School Menu

March 24-28

Monday: breakfast: muffin, cereal assortment, orange juice, milk; lunch: corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, green beans, hot roll, peach halves, milk

Tuesday: breakfast: pancakes, syrup, grape juice, milk; lunch: hamburger-noodle casserole, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, fruited Jello, chocolate brownie, milk

Wednesday: breakfast: breakfast casserole, buttered toast, jelly, apple juice, milk; lunch: chicken fajita, lettuce and tomato, salsa and sour cream, rice, cherry cheese cake, milk

Thursday: breakfast: coffee cake, cereal assortment, orange juice, milk; lunch: nacho, cheese and chili, bread sticks, apple or orange, peanut butter finger, milk

Friday: breakfast: Belgian waffles, strawberries, whipped topping, grape juice, milk; lunch: sausage or pepperoni pizza, peas, tossed salad, pudding, milk

tion Networks. In an effort to unify and strengthen these local community networks we have a new name, *tiny-k*.

*Tiny-k* Early Intervention Services are mandated programs that promote development among infants and toddlers with special needs. The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center (NKESC) has long been a provider of these early intervention services. As a *tiny-k* network, the center will continue to provide quality early intervention services, free of charge, to children in this area. These services include speech, developmental, vision, and hearing screenings to all

children, as well as physical/occupational therapy and/or developmental training for children who qualify. With the name change we hope to better publicize our services and encourage parents with young children to contact us. For more information call (785) 672-3125 extension 115.

Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer



**GOD SAYS**

These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Proverbs 6:16-19

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## Servicemen's Addresses

Troops and reserve troops called to action in preparation of war and defending our homeland. *The Herald* and *Times* would like to print the addresses of servicemen and women so people can send letters of encouragement to them.

The staffs are asking that anyone knowing of a local serviceman or servicewoman that may have connections in the communities to please call, write or e-mail the names and addresses.

Call 785-332-3162, or write to Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or Box 220, Bird City, KS 67731; or e-mail the names and addresses to sfherald@nwkans.com or bctimes@nwkans.com.

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## Wrestlers head to Great Bend

Twenty-four wrestlers from St. Francis competed at the District IV North sub-district tournament in Colby on March 15, and 17 of those will be attending the District Tournament in Great Bend this weekend.

The top four medal winners in each age/weight bracket at Great Bend on Saturday will earn the right to compete at the Kansas State Folkstyle Championships, which will be held in Topeka on March 29 and 30.

Those wrestling at Colby and their placings are as follows:

Eight and under: 43 pounds, Lane Hoffman, fourth; 52 pounds, Casey Keller, participated; 67 pounds, Dillion Straub, participated; 88

pounds, Zach Gienger, fourth  
10 and under: 67 pounds, Cody Sherlock, first; 85 pounds, Darris Keller, third; 85 pounds, Alex Long, fifth; 90 pounds, Trevor Reed, participated; 90 pounds, Grady Brunk, fourth; 95 pounds, David Stephens, second; 110 pounds, Adam Guthmiller, fourth; 130 pounds, Robbie Herman, third  
12 and under: 105 pounds, Garrett Zwegardt, third; 110 pounds, Justin Smull, fifth; 125 pounds, Jordan Gienger, second; 130 pounds, Matt

Brown, second; 130 pounds, Darren Laffond, fifth; 140 pounds, David Guthmiller, fifth; 165 pounds, Gabe Smull, first; 235 pounds, Brennon Wilger, first  
16 and under: 120 pounds, Dylan Loyd, first.

**Stratton Tournament**  
Two young Indian wrestlers competed in the Stratton Pee-Wee Wrestling Tournament held in Stratton, Colo. on March 15.

In the six-and-under division, 39 pounds, Jarod Schafer earned a third place medal.

Logan Lampe participated in the eight-and-under division, at 48 pounds.

## News From the Past

**60 years ago - 1943**  
R.M. Roberts, pioneer St. Francis barber, has been in business in St. Francis for 39 years. He opened in the building now known as the Bon Ton Cafe.  
The junior class at the St.

Francis Community High School is presenting the play "Let Us Be Glamorous."  
Four boys, Gordon Eugene Fishel, Vernon Dale Clark, Leonard Fay Blue and Dale Eugene Sheldon, will be reporting for duty in the armed forces.

There is a proposal on the part of Cheyenne County farmers and landowners to organize a Soil Conservation District in the county. This would provide help in solving local soil erosion and flood control problems.

*Worship Warms the Heart*

**Peace Lutheran Church**  
202 N. College  
332-2928 Pars. 332-2308  
Pastor David Rossbach  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

**First Christian Church**  
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster  
Pastor Richard Garcia  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Church Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
332-2888 • 3rd & Adams  
Pastor Arlin Cochran  
Sabbath School 9:30  
Morning Worship 10:45

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
625 S. River • 332-2680  
Fr. Beryl Gibson  
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.  
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

**United Methodist Church Office** 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.

**First Baptist Church**  
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.

**Clough Valley Baptist Church**  
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

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