

Private alumni parties drop numbers at dinner

Several years ago, the same thing happened as it did at this year's St. Francis Community High School alumni celebration. A class or classes decided they didn't want to attend the banquet dinner held Saturday evening and made arrangements to hold their own meal.

Maybe they didn't want to bother with the other people, maybe they didn't want to wait in line or maybe they thought \$10 a plate for the meal was too much — whatever the reason,

they didn't go. Consequently, the Alumni Association suffered.

Most people coming from the cities will realize that \$10 is not a lot to pay for a meal but what most people don't realize is that this \$10 not only pays for the meal, but opens the doors so many people can see and visit with others they have not seen for years and also pays for the 2,000 copies of the alumni letters and the stamps and envelopes to mail them. Shirley Zweygardt

has coordinated the event for years and the only pay she receives is a "thanks" from alumni who are truly grateful for the opportunity to come back home.

There is ample time for classes to get together during the weekend. And, if they absolutely do not want to eat with the other graduates and spouses of SFCHS, then at least donate to the Alumni Association who is basically responsible for making the gathering possible.

—Karen Krien

Northern Kansas needs to bring traffic through state

The main goal of the U.S. 36 Highway Association is to get an expressway west from St. Joseph, not just to draw off some of the traffic which burdens I-80 and I-70, but to bring economic development to a poor and under served part of Kansas.

That will require some doing, since the state has no plans to widen the road any time soon. Highway people usually want to put the roads where the traffic is today, not where someone wants it.

But the "build-it-and-they-will-come" approach is just what we in northern Kansas need. Our Road of Dreams might just bring back some of the traffic the state took away from us when it built the Interstate system 40 years ago.

If you look along U.S. 36, you'll find mostly motels built half a century ago, not the flashy new franchise outfits they have along I-70. There are few truck stops, fewer still fast food franchises and other highway-oriented businesses.

I-70 is choking in services, while

we have few. Why? Traffic count, that's why. The traffic down on I-70 is four to 10 times more than traffic on U.S. 36, because people just gravitate to those double lines on the map.

Most people will take a freeway wherever they are going, even if it is out of their way. They figure it'll be faster and easier than the two-lane, even though that's often not true.

The freeway towns get the lion's share of new investment. They get the McDonald's and the Holiday Inn Express, but also the jobs that go with them.

In the pre-Interstate era, traffic was more spread out. All the east-west roads in Kansas had their share. That changed when I-70 went in. Just compare the traffic — and the roadside businesses — today.

The U.S. 36 group wants to do something about that. It has declared it's main goal and purpose to be to get the road widened west from St. Joseph. The hope is to see four lanes to Belleville in the next

20 year, and beyond that as it's possible.

There may not be a freeway through Oberlin or St. Francis in our lifetime, but as I-70 and particularly, I-80 through Nebraska, fill up with big trucks, the overflow will have to go somewhere.

We don't really want all the traffic here anyway. A freeway brings not just money, but crime and other problems.

We just want enough traffic to spur some development and let the people along U.S. 36 get a share of the pie.

The state has committed to the first few miles of expressway to Wathena, but beyond there, nothing but two-lane. It will take some persuading to change things and get U.S. 36 into the state's highway plans. That's what the association intends to do in the next decade, though, with the support of people across northern Kansas.

To join in, just join the U.S. 36 Association. It's a small investment to make in our future.

—Steve Haynes

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- \$33.60 per gallon
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- Pepto Bismol 4 oz \$3.85
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So, the next time you're at the pump, be glad your car doesn't run on water, Scope, Whiteout, PEPTO BISMOL or NYQUIL!!!!

Just a little humor to help ease the pain of your next trip to the pump.....!



GOD SAYS
Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
Psalms 149:3

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News from the Past

5 years ago - 1998
The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce has taken on the project of repairing the park benches.

Nick Young of St. Francis brought home the gold from the 2A State Track Meet. He placed first in the pole vault with a leap of 14-0.

Erin Day, the 1998 Kansas Junior Miss and the Cheyenne County Junior Miss, will participate in the 41st America's Junior Miss program in Mobile, Ala., from June 15 to 29.

Two St. Francis teachers, Sandy Smull and Kent Kechter, have been recognized for having taught 25 years.

The Stearman Fly-In had a record number of 115 aircraft arrive for the event including 12 hot air balloons and 16 Stearman biplanes. Grace Flying Service hosts the event.

Sharissa Stevens, St. Francis, was crown Miss Kansas Job's Daughter at the Grand Session held at Topeka in June.

New colorful tubes and squares have been used to construct new playground equipment behind the courthouse.

Four St. Francis Cadette Girl Scouts, Heidi Rohweder, Samantha Lampe, Lori Gohl and Stephane Hunt, were among 94 other scouts and sponsored who traveled to California by Amtrak.

15 years ago - 1988
Four Cheyenne County 4-H'ers traveled to Colby on June 7 where they walked away undefeated at the 4-H Quiz Bowl. The team consisted of Leigh Ann Faulkender, Robbie O'Brien, Dallas Rogers and Suzette

Greenhagen. They competed against 10 teams in the western Kansas area.

A Centennial Melodrama "Shame of Cheyenne" will be presented by the Music Club members Friday in the high school auditorium.

The Centennial Booster Caravan traveled to surrounding towns promoting the St. Francis Centennial. One of the places they went in Ralph Crawford's old Ford delivery was the McDonald Centennial Parade. Those that went to McDonald besides Mr. Crawford were Marsha Magley, Bonnie Stebbins and Betty Lampe.

Seventy girls will participate in the Junior Miss Pageant to be held June 25. Girls include Colleen Brown, Dawnmarie Coleman, Adele Cram, Monika Kamla, Kari Milliken, Jennifer Ratzlaff and Camie Wilkens.

Over 3,600 people were served at the free barbecue that was sponsored by the St. Francis State Bank and Trust Co.

60 years ago - 1943
Seventy-five boys and girls from the rural schools received diplomas Thursday night including Manette Rueb, Melvin Pettit, Relda Wickwar, Dolly Waters, Ellen June Manteuffel, Roy Amack, Donald Dally, Eula Mears, Robert Zweygardt, Corrine Sass, Milton E. Lampe, Lois Linnell, Leota Lambert, Marie Weeden, Doralee White, Phyllis Kinen, Ralph Duell, Esther Wilson, Mabel Schultz, Gene Buffington, Violet Trembly, Gilbert Stasser, Arthur Sorg, Gordon Randall, Mary Loop, Ruth Walz, Roma Rae Raile, Martha Zweygardt, Deloris Bier, Joyce Cooper, Leeman Cress, Audrey

Shoemaker, Phyllis Lee Rogers, Neal Applegate, Thelma Pettit, Thomas Bartholoma, Lila Crawl, Velma Pettit, Wilma Keller, Barbara Wieck, Clyde Gleason, Phyllis Amack, Willard Keller, Wesley Anderson, Raymond David, Lindy Warren, Johnnie Walz, Darlene Raile, Marvin Burns, Alice Landenberger, Donna Jean Rogers, Wayne Goodell, Delmer Moore, Shirley Nelson, Claude Gleason, Martin L. Cecil, Kendell Cook, Efferd Douglass, Bonnie Perry, Lester Donohue, Vinton Lee Pettit, Louis Gipe, Nadine Kidder, Macalene Barnhart, Sam Kamla, Merlin Lampe, Vance Little, Stanley Little, Dale Queen, Harold Palmer, Edna Walz, Mary Francis Voorhies, Raymond Zweygardt, Willard Zweygardt, Glenn Randall.

75 years ago - 1928
Two students from Cheyenne County received degrees and diplomas from Kansas State University at Lawrence. Carol James Whisnant of St. Francis received a master of science in education and J. Leonard Dixon of Bird City received a M.D. and a bachelor of science in medicine.

Chris Zimbelman purchased a new Chevrolet Sedan from the Hancock and Smith Agency. Reverend Zeilinger is driving one of the Chevrolet coaches from the same agency.

The DeLuxe Orchestra has returned home after playing for six to eight dances in the middle of the state.

Worship Warms the Heart

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

Church of Christ
332-2380, Pars. 332-3424
502 W. Spencer
Norman Morrow - Minister
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

Grace Assembly of God
332-2925, Pars. 332-2899
208 E. 2nd
Rev. Rob Meyer
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30
Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.

Salem Lutheran Church
332-3002
Pastor Chris Farmer
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
No Sunday School during the summer

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

Living Water Fellowship Ministry
Pastors:
Terry & Tiffany Glasco
Box 310; Bird City
785-734-2363
Sunday:
Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship & Word 10 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Last Friday of Month:
Healing Service 7:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church
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.
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332-2506
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. CT
Worship 10:00 a.m. CT

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