

## Area volunteer firemen, an asset to community

Anyone who has ever been involved in a fire, whether it be a controlled burn, a house or a grass fire, will have a great deal of admiration for the firemen who put those fires out!

When firemen are called to a fire, whether they be in bed, eating dinner or at church, they are on the run to the fire house where they wiggle into all that yellow fire-fighting gear and hang onto the truck as it tears out to the place of the fire.

That yellow gear is OK when it's cold or the fire is whipping around their knees but it's just plain hot when the temperatures are warmer, especially if the fireman is running around putting out fires.

No matter what the temperature is, we can depend on those firemen!

They are also called to pry people out of wrecks and while they are there, they might be directing traffic away from the scene.

But, what makes the Cheyenne County Firemen

so special is the fact that they are volunteers. Sure they are paid — a whole \$10 per call and for \$10 they lay their lives on the line to protect residents and their property.

People can help firemen by staying out of their way when they are on their way to a fire or at a fire. And, be sure to say "Thanks" the next time you meet one.

St. Francis' volunteer firemen are: George Harper, fire chief; Derrick Tice, Randy Dinkel; Doug Ross, Rob Schiltz, Dale Weeks, Kelly Frewen, Sam Miller, Gary Rogers, Scott Schultz, Pat Owens, Steve Jenkins, Sam Crabtree, Shane Wurm, Shannon Grover, Matt Smull and J.R. Landenberger.

And don't forget to donate when the firemen come around, house to house, selling tickets to the Fireman's Ball. This year's Ball is scheduled for May.



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## Destination sourcing a solution?

The secretary of revenue is oh so nice about it, but there's no way the Sebelius administration or the Kansas Senate are going to let go of the \$70 million a year they hope to get from "destination sourcing" of the state sales tax.

Destination sourcing is part of something called the "Streamlined Sales Tax" law, a national proposal aimed at letting states tax Internet and catalog sales, wherever they originate.

As mail-order sales grow, states see a huge hole in their tax laws. Sellers have to collect tax on merchandise going to their home state or another state where they operate, but not elsewhere.

The U.S. Constitution bars states from collecting tax on goods in "interstate commerce." When we buy from, say L.L. Bean, we're supposed to file a return with the state and pay something called a "compensating use tax."

You did that last time you bought a jacket, didn't you?

To get around this, states want Congress to approve an interstate compact, or agreement, to allow them to collect tax for each other. Part of that plan is a uniform tax code, the Streamlined Sales Tax. And this model law requires sellers to "source" sales tax by destination, that is where the merchandise goes,

not where it is shipped, as is done today.

This might not sound too tough, but Kansas alone has more than 700 potential taxing districts and about 300 actual rates. There is no computer program which will accurately source tax rates. The state has one that works by ZIP codes, but its accuracy is suspect.

If this Orwellian scheme ever goes into effect, merchants will have to "source" the whole nation, with thousands of tax zones. It may not be much of a burden to the average downtown retailer, but many small businesses ship merchandise. The amount of manual work looking up tax zones is astronomical for them.

A newspaper, with subscriptions going all over the state, or a trophy shop which ships to multiple counties, a photographer sending out wedding prints or a store that sells a lot on the Internet, all will have to comply.

Kansas Secretary of Revenue Joan Wagnon, meeting with a group of publishers last month, said her department would bend over backward to help people comply. Enforcement of the law has been "relaxed" so far, but will be tightened later this year. She said merchants can use an average of their distribution if that's the only reasonable way they can figure the tax. Even

that will be a lot of work.

Of and by itself, the sales tax change may not be that important, but it adds to the increasing regulatory burden, state and federal, that makes it harder for businesses to succeed each year.

There are new federal rules under the Patriot Act, the tax code, Occupational Health and Safety, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), health insurance, and so on, an endless stream of new and complicated regulations.

Then the state adds its own share.

Maybe it's no wonder job creation is lagging in this country. Small business creates most new jobs, but the government makes it harder to be in business every year.

The funny thing is, Kansas may never see that \$70 million a year from the "streamlined" (read complex) sales tax. Much of it will be collected under present law as the states put pressure on companies which ship without collecting taxes, but already have operations everywhere. Wal-Mart is a key example, Lands End (now owned by Sears) another.

L.L. Bean is the exception, but is forcing them to pay tax worth making Kansas even more unfriendly to business growth? Not likely.

— Steve Haynes

## Honor Roll

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**GOD SAYS**

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord:  
and the fruit of the womb is his reward.  
As arrows are in the hand of a mighty  
man: so are children of the youth.

Psalms 127:2, 3

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## News From the Past

### 10 years ago - 1994

Donna Stevens has taken over the Kansas Territorial Store at 109 Washington Street. She purchased the stock of the store from Melissa Zwegardt. The store offers a variety of items for decorating and gift giving. A grand opening is planned in April.

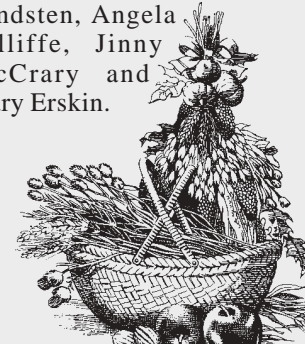
Penny Cassidy of St. Francis received the honor of fourth runner up in the 1994 Kansas Junior Miss Scholarship Program held in Belleville. Penny won the presence and composition category and the medical profession essay competition.

Northwest Kansas League coaches have named the basketball players to receive league honors and Lady Indian Jenny Cassidy was named to the first team and Kayla Raile received honorable mention. For the Indian squad Andy Poling was named to the first team.

A sign has been placed on the garage belonging to Roger McQuigg on South River Street. This garage was once a home and the birthplace of Astronaut Ron Evans. The sign states he was born at his location on Nov. 10, 1933 and that he was the Command Module Pilot on Apollo 17.

### 15 years ago - 1989 March (1)

Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students who competed in the Regional Mathematics Contest include Chrissy Schield, Josh Harrelson, Brian Davis, Jeremiah Harrelson, Kristen Lindsten, Angela Jolliffe, Jinny McCrary and Kary Erskin.



## Hangin' With Marge

Styles

By Margaret Bucholtz



One thing about living a long time is you get to see the styles of clothing come and go. They usually make a circle about every 20 years.

Back when I was in grade school girls started wearing jeans with blouses to school. Since I was always on the pudgy side my mother didn't think I should wear jeans with a blouse tucked in. On cold days she would send me to school with a dress on, but I had to wear the jeans under the dress. One day I decided I wanted to look like the other girls so I went into the bathroom and shoved my dress down inside my jeans. Now I am sure you can all get a mental picture of that!

Here came my older brother and pulled me aside and told me, "get back in that bathroom and take that dress out of your jeans" it was embarrassing him. He always looked after me.

Then in high school came the pedal pushers. Now days they are called cropped pants. The difference is that the pedal pushers were tight around the calf of your leg. I wanted a pair of them so bad. I finally talked my mother into letting me get a pair. In order to get a pair that would fit around the calf of my leg they were about three sizes too big at the waist.

Another problem I have always had! I would have to wear a belt to hold them up and with all that extra material gathered around my waist it wasn't a pretty sight.

When I reached the mid 20's we had the sack dress. It was perfect! I am not sure what they are called today maybe the "casual dress," but I

loved them. No binding anywhere, not like the moo-moo, these were a little more fit but nice to wear. I had about three of them and felt so dressed up. That is until a sister-in-law informed me that the sack dress was nice until the 300-pound mama wore them. That kind of cut me down so I got rid of them.

Then it was time for the bell bottoms. I see the little thin girls in them now and I think "how cute." However bell bottoms aren't good for those of us that have our own "bell bottom."

I am still waiting however for them to come out with the bell bottom tops. I think I could get one of them and it might not look like a bell bottom top, but I'll bet it would fit me to a "T."

*Worship Warms the Heart*

<p><b>Wesleyan Church</b> Hwy 36 • 734-2727 Pastor Scott Baker Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Church of Christ</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Grace Assembly of God</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Salem Lutheran Church</b> 332-3002 Pastor Chris Farmer Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Peace Lutheran Church</b> 202 N. College 332-2928 Pars. 332-2308 Pastor David Rossbach Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>First Christian Church</b> 332-2956 • 118 E. Webster Sunday School 9:20 a.m. Church Service 10:30 a.m. Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church</b> 332-2888 • 3rd &amp; Adams Pastor Jim Martin Sabbath School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45</p>	<p><b>St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church</b> 625 S. River • 332-2680 Fr. Beryl Gibson Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m. Weekday Mass 8 a.m. Confessions Sat. 4-4:30</p>	<p><b>Living Water Fellowship Ministry</b> Pastors: Terry &amp; Tiffany Glasco Downtown Bird City 785-734-2363 Sunday: Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Word 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Last Sunday evening of Month: Healing Service 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>United Methodist Church Office</b> 332-2292, Church 332-2254, 512 S. Scott Pastor Marvin Zimbelman Pastor Jack Abendschan Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 2nd &amp; 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.</p>	<p><b>Clough Valley Baptist Church</b> 12 m. west, 6 m. north of SF 332-2506 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. CT Worship 10:00 a.m. CT</p>	<p><b>St. Francis Community Church</b> 332-3150 • 216 W. Washington Pastor: Richard Garcia Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>
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