



People will need to get used to K-161 detour

The Kansas Department of Transportation is planning to close the highway from Bird City to Benkelman to replace a bridge. Not only will be closed all spring and summer, but it will predicted to be closed until October. That is a long time for a road closing just to replace a bridge.

The Department of Transportation is not putting in a shoo fly or making any arrangements for a short detour — just go west to St. Francis and north to Haigler or on to Atwood and then north. What will the ambulance driver do if there is run from Bird City to Benkelman? That is probably just one of the problems which might arise in the closing of the highway but, evidently, the Department of Transportation isn't much interested in what might be best for the people.

Granted, the road isn't traveled too heavily. A 2002 study found the traffic count total per day to be 458 and of that number, 88 were trucks.

The bridge definitely needs to be replaced but anyone driving that road would say, "is that all the work they are doing to that road while it is closed for that period of time?"

The road is extremely narrow and there are many hills. Right before reaching the bridge

which is to be replaced, there are a series of curves and right after the bridge, there is a steep hill and more curves. It is a dangerous road — one where there have been several deaths and a number of wrecks. It is also hard to pass a slow-moving vehicle because of the hills.

And, yes, it would cost money. There are apparently different funds for bridges and different funds for roads and the Department of Transportation probably thought the people of the county should be lucky to get the bridge which is probably right, especially when one bridge, which isn't that big, is costing almost \$800,000.

Unfortunately, the plan of action for the detour is set in place. There is a chance that the contractor won't make it to work at the bridge by the 19th and, if he doesn't, hopefully the state workers will not go ahead and close K-161 anyway. And, hopefully, the contractors will get the work done in less than six months.

Whatever, the next six months of travel to Benkelman looks a little grim, especially if a traveler is routed a good 30 miles out of their way.

— Karen Krien



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News From the Past

20 years ago - 1984

Owners of a new business called Twice as Nice are Pat Confer, Wanda Gienger, Mayetta McCall and Karen Krien. The business is located 1/2 block off Main on Scott Street.

Approximately \$11,000 was raised at the annual banquet for Ducks Unlimited held at the Vets Club. Roger Lauer was the chairman of the event.

Larry Gabel was named principal of the St. Francis Elementary School at the regular meeting of the St. Francis School Board.

The Hilltop Market and Motel is currently being remodeled in order to bring new items to the community. Dean Terry reports that fountain drinks will soon be available. Dean and Donna Terry have operated the store since 1981.

Seniors on the high honor roll include Dan Follett, Troy Gardner, Rodney Hilt, Melinda Klie, William Krueger, Monte Pixler, Troy Rasmussen and Wesley Sherman.

Nebraska E.T.V. network will air a one-act comedy, "Dubs - Your or Mine," by Kate Gienger of St. Francis on April 26. A short interview of Kate will precede the show.

40 years ago - 1964

Featured soloists at the Easter Cantata at the United Methodist Church were Twila Kramer, Ruth Heaton, Bonnie Cram and Merle Mills.

Roger Wieck has been selected by the American Legion as the delegate from St. Francis

to attend Boys State of Kansas. The alternate is Steve Nolan.

Joyce Douthit won second place in the Housing and Home Furnishing Division in the first of what is hoped to be an annual Kansas Wesleyan University Home Economics Fair in Salina.

45 years ago - 1959

Judy Gienger, junior of St. Francis Community High School, was recently informed that she is the St. Francis delegate to the 17th annual Sunflower Girls State.

John Hancock was named president of the newly formed St. Francis Community Council.

The Pittsburgh Paint Shop owned by Cliff Keeler and L.E. Carpenter, will hold their formal Grand Opening April 13 and 14.

The secondary road and bridge project south and west of St. Francis has been completed and approved by the state.

A St. Francis athlete, Ed Rath, senior at Colorado State University, placed fourth in the 177 pound weight class of the NCAA wrestling championships at Iowa City, Iowa.

The senior class of St. Francis Community High School will present the play "The Remarkable Incident at Carson's Corners" on April 16.

Mr. Robert Cram of St. Francis has been elected District Governor of Rotary International.

The St. Francis high school mile relay team set a new school record, replacing one that has stood for 15 years. Ron Daggett, Larry Burnham, Ray Garrison and John Bandel composed the team that ran the mile in 3:35.8

50 years ago - 1954

A number of farmers of Cheyenne County met at the courthouse Wednesday evening for the purpose of organizing a Farmers Union Organization. Clifford Harkins was named president, Danny Rueb, vice president, Elmer Schlepp, secretary/treasurer and M.M. Erickson and E.L. Seymour were named to the board of directors.

The penalty of any 1954 crop excess wheat for a farm will amount to 45 percent of May 1 parity which would be approximately \$1.11 per bushel.

The St. Francis Community High School medley relay team composed of Jack Bash, Merlyn Burr, Elton Weeden and Doug Brenner placed first at the Garden City relays.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Douthit, farmer-ranchers living southwest of St. Francis, were presented the Balanced Farming and Family Living Award for the northwest Kansas area by the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce.

The Cheyenne Diner, located beside U.S. 36 highway and formerly known as the Trolley Inn will reopen under the new management of Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittenburg.

The annual Rural School track meet was held at the fairgrounds with all of the school in the county participating. This included approximately 250 children.

Hangin' With Marge

Family Games

By Margaret Bucholtz



As long as I can remember I came from a family that loves to play games. This was passed on to my children and now on to the grandchildren.

Each holiday was spent honoring the event of that holiday with a family get-together. After the meal we all looked forward to playing games. Many times it was the same old game that was one of our favorites, but usually there was a new game thrown in during the day.

This year I decided that I wasn't

going to have the Easter dinner. With the families growing up, I thought maybe the kids would rather stay home and start their own family traditions.

However my daughter invited us to come to her house. She said, "that she and the children were talking about it and they have come up with some new entertainment for the day."

Several years ago when Kurt and I were working on the combine we had a couple of our grandchildren with us. Kurt could not find the key

to the combine. He was looking everywhere, running around from one place to another. Our grandson was sitting there watching this and after about 10 minutes he looked over at me and without changing expressions he said, "Grandma, I think Grandpa could hide his own Easter eggs."

With that said, guess what the new game will be? They are going to let Grandpa hide the eggs and then watch him search for them!

Extension Notes

How to tell the difference

By Tye Faulkender



Distinguishing between ants and termites can be difficult. Jeff Whitworth, Kansas State University Research and Extension entomologist, gives these suggestions on determining the identity of the common household pests.

"First, if you have mud tubes filled with cream-colored, maggot-

like insects you probably have termites," Whitworth said.

However, most confusion exists between termite reproductives and ants, which may also swarm as a reproductive tactic. With the help of a magnifying glass, homeowners can look for two characteristics to distinguish between ants and ter-

mites:

1) Ants have elbowed antennae. This means if you look at the antennae projecting from the head and they have a decided angle (elbowed), they are not termites. Termite antennae extend forward from the head with no natural angle (not elbowed).

2) Ants have a constriction between the thorax and abdomen (narrow waist). Termites are more cigar-shaped with no constricted or narrowed region. Ants are not usually found in proximity to termites.

If you have any questions or need additional information on termite or ant control, please call your local county agricultural Extension agent, Tye Faulkender, 785-332-3171.

-Letter to the Editor-

P.S. Why not "abort" the U.S. Supreme Court of "legalized abortion and sodomy"?? Good riddance????

Writer concerned with Judicial Tyranny

Letter to the Editor:

Quite commonly that which looks like a duck, acts like a duck and quacks like a duck turns out to be a duck! Now, considering that the U.S. Supreme Court has banished God from most areas of public education, prohibited school prayer, Bible readings, creation science instruction, Ten Commandments displays, Nativity scene displays and graduation prayers; it appears to the writer that they have exhibited the attributes of "anti-God, pagan atheists."

The duck analogy would appear to apply to the court's majority members, quite notably!

Terry Rueb
St. Francis

GOD SAYS
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

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