

## Hearts, wallets open during holiday seasons

The Christmas season has arrived in St. Francis. For a small community, there seems to be helping, caring people every time we turn around.

The Food Pantry, under the guidance of Reva Pownell and her helpers, prepared and delivered 55 food baskets for Thanksgiving. Had it not been for the donations of food given when kids and adults conducted drives for food items, and the generous donations of organizations, businesses and individuals, there would have been nothing to put into the baskets.

Now, for Christmas dinner. The Pantry is down to almost bare shelves since Thanksgiving but Mrs. Pownell has faith in the people of the community that there will be enough donations come in to fill 55 or more baskets.

But it doesn't stop there!

There are Angel Trees which have the ages and sizes of youngsters who need a present for Christmas. People look for the tags on the trees so they can buy the gift. Mary Nicklos, one of the winners of the \$50 scrip in the Christmas On Us instant

gifts, is purchasing a gift with some of the scrip money.

There is the Hospice Memory Angel Tree at the hospital which will raise money to help patients with cancer.

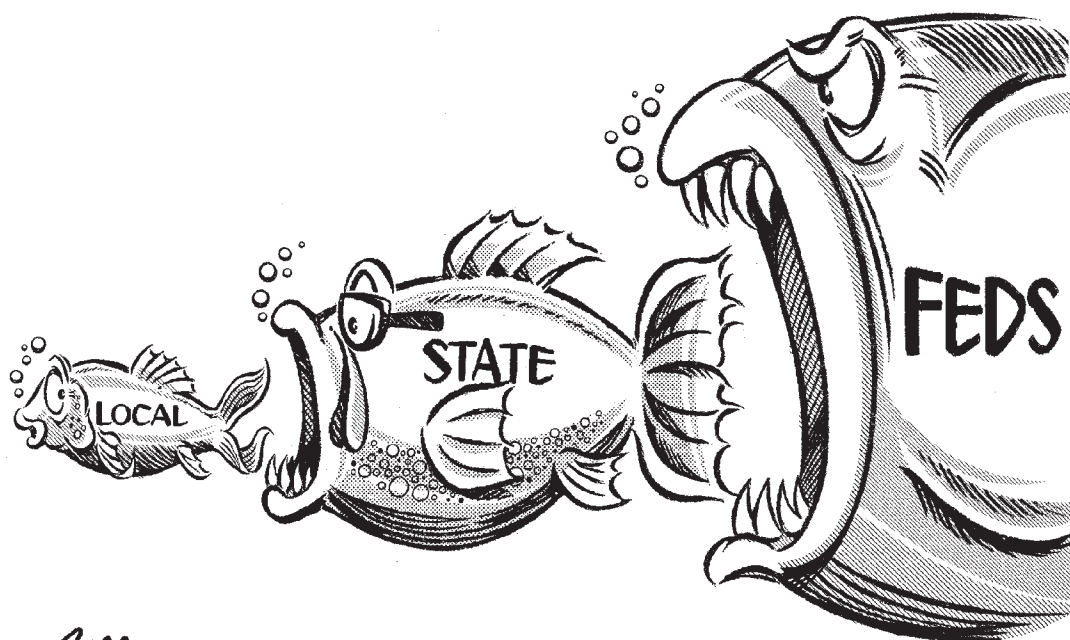
The Salvation Army Kettle has been present at several activities and will be seen again at the Music Club's Yuletide Festival on Sunday and again on Dec. 16 when the Christmas On Us and Chamber drawings will be held. Dolores Jenik, chairman for the Cheyenne County Salvation Army, reported that people have been generous with their donations which helps the county's residents.

Time given is also important. So many shut-in enjoy the groups that travel the town singing Christmas carols.

Yes, tis the season? Anyone notice that people, on the whole, are happier, they ask about their neighbors and people they meet and, even though times are tough in northwest Kansas, they find time and money to help others. Seasons Greetings!!

—Karen Krien

### The BUDGET CUT FOOD CHAIN...



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## News From the Past

### 75 years ago - 1929

W.S. Diller is the new Post Commander of the American Legion in St. Francis. E.E. Wellman is Vice Commander with additional officers including Ray Slyhoff, Hugh Mitchell, Lawrence Sturm, G.H. Finley, Tom Roach, John Schneider and A.C. Hancock.

### 45 years ago - 1959

The St. Francis Post of the American Legion will observe its 40th anniversary on Veterans Day.

Glenn Zwegardt was installed as the new president of the Plum Creek 4-H Club. Susan Hancock is the secretary, Mary Nicodemus is treasurer and Phyllis Keller is reporter.

The St. Francis Main Street has a new look this week as the Citizens State Bank is having a modern, electronic time and temperature clock installed at the front of the bank.

A fire at the rear of the Caldwell Appliance Store early Friday morning caused extensive damage. The rooms to the rear of the store were practically a total loss. The stock and merchandise was badly damaged by smoke.

The St. Francis Junior High Music Department will present a musical program "American History in Song and Dance." Solos will be offered by Vickie Raile and Stephen Sherlock. James Doggett, Elmer Schorzman, Elaine Beringer, Carol Crouse, Larry Carroll and Steven Nolan will present a special number "Yankee Doodle." The grade school chorus will present several numbers.

### 35 years ago - 1969

The Rangerettes, an area girls

riding club, have the following officers: Patty Connett, Sherri Cook, Vicki Calnon, Joanne Maring and Cindy Gorthy. The group has been performing in area parades lately.

The high school band attended the State Fair in Hutchinson on Monday. They performed in a parade down the Hutchinson main street.

### 20 years ago - 1984

Two fire trucks and 12 men responded to a Friday night fire at the LaFiesta Restaurant. The south dining room was gutted along with the north dining room receiving smoke and water damage. The restaurant is located across the street from the high school.

"Dust on the Sunflowers" production will take place at the Cheyenne Theater on Nov. 8-10. The play was written by Catherine Gienger.

Homecoming candidates include Andy Beikman, Mark Hilt, Martin Hilt, Ed Owens, Darrell Vandike, Brenda Zwegardt, Gina Applegate, Crystal Bracelin, Paula Kramer and Roxanne Lebow.

New owners of the Wagon Wheel Restaurant include Barbara Dankenbring and Terry Zwegardt. They purchased the business from Steve and Audrey Danielski, who ran the business as the Bay Cafe for many years.

Roxanne Lebow and Mike Bandel each received the Kansas 4-H Key Award at the Cheyenne County 4-H Awards Banquet. The "I Dare You" award was presented to Tammy Douthit and John Love. Susan Hilt and Jason Douthit had the best senior record book and Aimee Cress and Matt Bandel the best junior record books.

### 5 years ago - 1999

Much of the discussion time at the St. Francis Board of Education

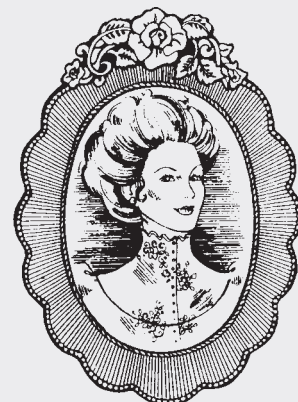
meeting involved adding golf to the school athletic program.

Several St. Francis athletes received league honors following the fall sports season. Named to the top teams were Michelle Young, Tyler Raile, Jon Zwegardt, Mike Dorsch, Mike Wolters, Ryan Culwell, Brad Culwell, Reid Frohlich, Brett Petersen and Tyler Lampe.

Glenn Zwegardt, a former St. Francis resident, now a professor of sculpture at Alfred University, will travel to China next month to build and install an original sculpture.

Lucille Rossbach, St. Francis, a teacher at Idalia High School, was one of only six teachers nationwide to receive the prestigious Foxfire Exemplary Classroom award. She and her students were presented the award because of their inspiring work in the classroom which results of the publication of their own book, "Gusts of Dust" after interview a number of people in the community.

Cheyenne County representative Bonnie Burr was honored for 25 years of service to the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas as a member of the county board.



## Hangin' With Marge

Family Time on Vacations

By Margaret Bucholtz



When my kids were little we decided to take them on a vacation to Yellowstone National Park. We had just bought us a used pull travel trailer and I just knew it was going to be fun.

With all six of us in a car we headed out for the great adventure. The first few hours weren't bad at all. The trailer was pulling great, the kids had fallen back asleep and I couldn't think of anything nicer than having some time off work and taking my children to see all the bears and geysers in Yellowstone.

After the kids woke up I spent about 15 minutes telling them all about the bears and things I could remember about my trip to Yellowstone when I was a child. Looking back at it now, I can tell you that those 15 minutes were probably the best time of the whole trip.

The whining started! They were too crowded in the back seat. Someone was using up to much

space. I am sure it was a little crowded, because knowing me, there was probably at least two large grocery sacks full of junk food under their feet to keep them happy. I always had that thought process that if you were eating you weren't fighting. About an hour of listening to them we stopped the car and put the food in the camper.

The next day the fighting became a little worse and I threaten them with "The next time we go on a trip we won't take you." By about the fourth day I told them "If you don't quit your fighting I am going to leave you with your grandparents the next time we take a trip."

The biggest fight was when we were up in the barren land of Wyoming. A pickup passed us and much to our surprise as soon as it got around us the passenger in the pickup threw a dog out the window. Of course it hit our windshield, bounced off and we came to a sliding stop. The dog jumped

up and started running after the pickup and we were all just shocked, not only because it was still alive, but because it wanted to go back to the horrible person that threw it out the window.

This brought a whole new game to fight about in our car. My daughter, who loves animals, started crying about someone that could be that cruel and why couldn't we pick it up and take it with us. Her two brothers told her that was not a good idea, because that is how we got her. For the next hour she bawled because someone had thrown her out the window and it didn't matter how many times I told her it wasn't true, her brothers told her it was.

Needless to say by the end of the trip, it was the kids begging me to leave them with their grandparents if we ever went on another vacation and me wondering what I ever did that made my children fight all the time.

## Reader wants limited terms

Letter to the Editor:

I strongly disagree with Mr. Werner encouraging School board members, whose terms are up, to file again. He referred to stability. If we were discussing vehicles and that term was used it would refer to controllability. Hmmm. People elected to policy making positions should serve only limited terms, or the same errors are made over and over. I commend Tim Raile for having served his district well, for stepping aside. Isn't this the same board that either encouraged or let the administrators contact home schoolers and asked them to lie and pretend they were enrolling, in a dishonest attempt to get more state aid.

It is interesting that after listing several rather expensive projects related to the sports program that they go into executive session to talk about reducing staff for the school year. Isn't this the board of education? Would you guess it from where the money flows to?

## Letter to the Editor

It would be well if there was a cap on the amount of money that could accumulate in the capital improvement fund, and the mill levy could be adjusted down, as I understand that it can be, and then frugal policies could prevail. Think back to how close we came to having the second gym and that being considered when they were looking for money in the budget to cover raising heat bills.

Is there a possibility of conflict of interest when a board member's spouse is an employee of the school. Oh, by the way, before you get to frugal, could enough funds be diverted to the music and arts to have some welding done to the seat that is broken loose from the floor along the south aisle in the auditorium?

Russell Moore  
St. Francis

**GOD SAYS**

**Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.**

**Leviticus 19:11**

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Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**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.

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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202 N. College  
332-2928 Pars. 332-2308  
Pastor David Rossbach  
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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
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Morning Worship 10:45

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Fr. Beryl Gibson  
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Weekday Mass 8 a.m.  
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

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Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
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