

Local law enforcement officers deserve respect

Last week, the county sheriff officers and city police officers from both cities participated in a standoff south of Bird City. Because there were a lot of guns and ammunition on the property where the person on the run lived, the state highway patrol was called in. They advised a special team which also included a helicopter to come to the site.

Since this incident, there has been talk that all of this outside help was unnecessary — it would cost the county big bucks. A man from an eastern Kansas television called The Herald and could hardly believe that there was anything in north-west Kansas that could call for so many law officers. Well, duh!

Back to the county's law officers. Most of them are young men who have had little experience with this type of incident. How would these people with all of the negative comments have felt if one or more of those officers would have been killed?

Then it would have been the negative talk — "should have called in the big boys to handle a situation like this!" (negative to the end)

Cheyenne County has an extremely good police force. Yes, some may be younger and may lack some experience but they are learning, they are conscience, they are interested in enforcing the law for the safety of the citizens and they are kind. Last winter during some very cold weather with slick roads, they delivered the senior center meals to people who were not able to get out. They show up at accidents, on ambulance calls, probably get cats out of trees and even help with chases out on the country roads. They are doing their job.

Instead of putting the officers or sheriff down, maybe tell them how much you appreciate what they are doing. If you can't bring yourself to say that, then try saying something positive.

—Karen Krien

Hangin' With Marge

Pacifier

By Margaret Bucholtz



When I had my oldest son, I couldn't wait until the time I could be with him alone. I had some problems so I was in the hospital a week and then between both grandmothers it was almost a month before I got that opportunity. Now I really thought it was because I was sick, but since I have "grown up" some I think maybe it might have been that they didn't think I was capable.

Every morning I would bathe him and then I would get all of his clothes out and try them on to see which ones fit. It was so much fun and he didn't get fussy or anything, but he also didn't sleep much. I decided I needed to get something for him to sleep with. Remembering how much I wanted to try a pacifier when I was little (OK, so maybe I do have problems) I went to town and got him a very unique one. It was red, yellow and gray. The red part was the flat thing that keeps the pacifier stopped at the mouth, the gray was an elephant head and on the end of that was a yellow ring. I will admit that in a little baby's mouth it looked like a little much, but this way I knew I could always find it.

Isterilized it and got ready for the nap. It worked!! As long as he was sucking on that he was sleeping.

One day I was very tired and thought I would like a nap so I got the pacifier and rocked him to sleep. However as soon as I would walk from the crib to the bed it would fall out of his mouth and he would start to bawl. After about 10 trips I got the brainstorm to run a hankie through the yellow ring and around his head and tie it so it wouldn't fall out. Wow it worked, but when I woke from my nap and got to thinking about this I knew not to do it again.

Poor little kid it's a wonder he survived until his mother grew up.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



Last weekend my family and I went to Denver to play in a tournament. It was the 25th Annual Easter Seals Colorado Softball Marathon.

We haven't played in all 25. My twin brother, Kelly, began putting teams together back in the good-

old-days when Benjamin Moore Paints still had an operating plant that could field a team. When they stopped making paint, most of the employees were let go. However, Kelly still works for the company in Denver.

Now he builds his team through

his Masonic lodge and each year we play a "grudge" match with another group of Colorado Masons. It is a fun way to get together for a terrific cause.

Since I moved to Kansas it has become a family tradition for as many of our kids who can make the trip to come with us. All of our boys play baseball in summer leagues and even Lexi is an adept softballer.

What is most rewarding is the little kids who come out to play. Every child has an opportunity to get an "at-bat". As soon as contact is made, the youngsters make a mad dash somewhere, usually not on the right base path. Fielders somehow bobble the ball or let it dribble through their legs as the small base runners make it to home plate.

It is good to see these healthy kids doing what they can, for a child with a disability that cannot. And in a small way our team helps work for a cure for them and support families who have a disabled member.

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GOD SAYS

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God: and knoweth God.

I John 4:7

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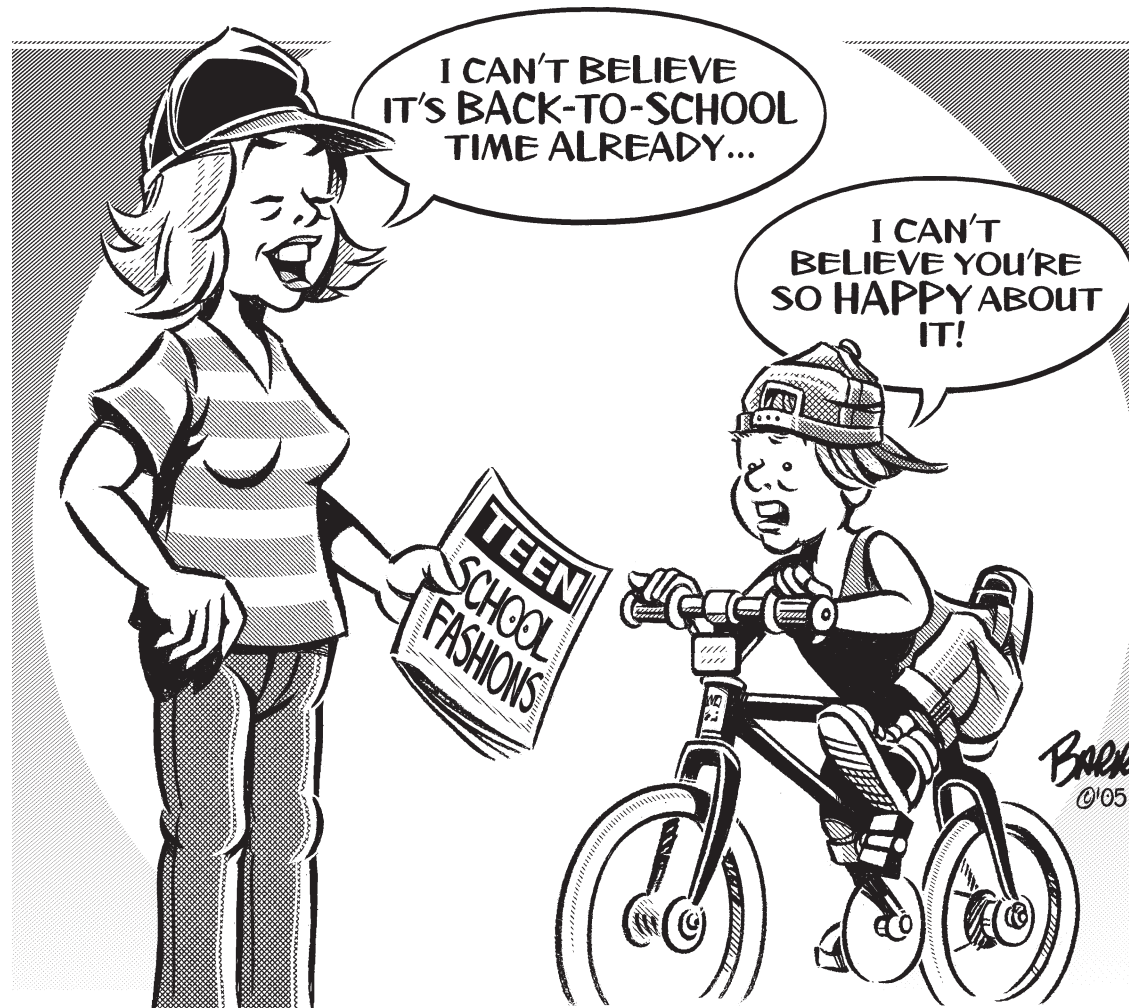


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SCHOOL OPENS TO MIXED REVIEWS

News From the Past

75 years ago - 1930

There will be a new proprietor at the filling station formerly operated by R. L. Wyatt. The ownership will pass into the hands of Gus Felzien and Ed Firkins. The station was built something less than four years ago and has been operated by Mr. Wyatt, who also has a truck service.

Dr. T.J. Walz, M.D. and Dr. F. N. Haberbosch, dentist, have just installed an X-ray as a part of their office equipment.

St. Francis is growing and as new residences are built and others connected up with the city water it was a tax on the present equipment so another well was put down.

50 years ago - 1955

Eleven St. Francis Boy Scouts are spending the week at Camp Tahosa near Ward, Colo. Attending are Ronnie Ewing, Darrel Schrader, Dallas Henderson, Billie Osborn, Dana Schauer, David Hankins, Harry Haned and Kenneth Horwege.

20 years ago - 1985

Sandy Smull and Melvin Dunn are the two newly elected board members of the St. Francis Recreation Committee. Others on the board are Noble Dorsch, Wilma Hendricks, Cliff Raile and Kay Shay, director.

Troop 120 received the top honor at Camp Hanson in Kirwin last week. Attending from the troop were Tom Chapman, Jason Johnson, Danny Blair, Tom Zimmerman, Kevin Lampe, David Penn and Scott Wright.

Teacher shares his thoughts

Letter to the Editor

To the editor,

In the recent letter by Mr. Rick Reeser, some statements were made about evolution that I think need clarification. Even Creationists now admit that there are no credible human footprints found with dinosaur prints. The Second Law of Thermodynamics does not state that evolution is impossible. If you read it in the narrowest way, which is what many anti-evolutionists do, all life is impossible. The Second Law allows complex systems as long as there is a constant input of energy. The sun supplies constant energy for most natural systems on earth. Scientists will readily admit that dating objects, fossils or rocks is not exact. That is why all dates are given with an error range. Unfortunately, these

ranges are often dropped in the popular press. A scientist may make a mistake but because science is transparent, other scientists identify and correct the mistake.

Charles Darwin died a very long time ago. Many people act as if no discoveries have been made since Darwin. Pick up any scientific journal that deals with biology or the earth sciences and you will quickly discover that research in evolution is ongoing with thousands of new discoveries supporting evolution made each year. The idea that thousands of discoveries that will overturn evolution are being made then are "lost" is scientifically absurd.

Mr. Reeser attacked the integrity of the other members of the Science

Standards Committee suggesting a "liberal" conspiracy to pack the committee. The reason the majority of the committee disagreed with Mr. Reeser is fairly simple. The vast majority of scientists in the U.S. and the world fully support evolution as a practical model for explaining natural events. All grandstanding aside, scientists use what works and evolutionary theory is very successful. If people are honest they will admit that this is not a battle over science but over philosophy. We are fighting over the science standards not philosophy standards.

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Pastor Tony Christians
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
332-2888 • 3rd & Adams
Pastor Jim Martin
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
No Sunday School
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Peace Lutheran Church
202 N. College
332-2928 Pars. 332-2308
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship following

United Methodist Church
Church Office 332-2292,
Church 332-2254,
512 S. Scott
Pastor Morita Truman
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.

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332-3150 • 204 N. Quincy Street
Pastor: Richard Garcia
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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