

Teenagers reminded not to drink and drive

The prom is one of the highlights for most juniors and seniors. It is also most like a fairy tale. The dresses are beautiful and each girl looks beautiful. They have probably spent many hours planning what they will wear, shopping for it, trying different hair styles, jewelry and shoes.

Guys are handsome in their tux and they, like the girls, have also spent time planning their outfits from the shoes to the hats and canes. Of course, there are boutonnieres and corsages to pick up.

The evening is elegant. The juniors have spent hours decorating. Mothers and cooks have cooked special items all afternoon. It is a splendid evening.

The Kansas Department of Transportation is reminding young motorists to keep their night special and not drink and drive. Officials urge those attending proms to keep their night special and avoid a potential nightmare by drinking and driving.

In 2004, 51 Kansans, age 15-18, died and almost 6,000 were injured in alcohol-related traffic

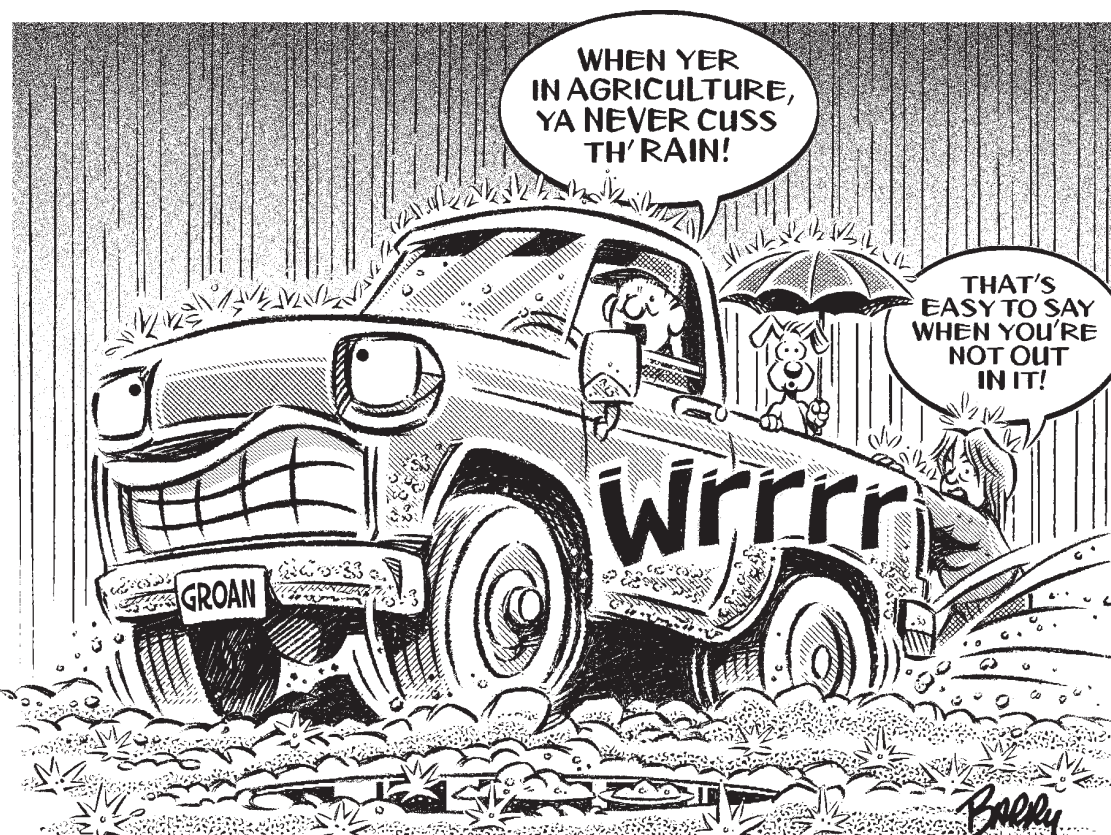
crashes. Another 2,300 teens die each year in alcohol-related crashes throughout the United States. A majority of those deaths occur in the spring when prom and graduation ceremonies occur.

Kansas passed a zero tolerance law for underage drinking and driving in 1997. The law makes it illegal for anyone under 21 to operate a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .02 or above. For individuals under 200 pounds bodyweight, just one drink leads to a count of .02.

First offenders have their driving privileges suspended, then restricted for a more prolonged period. There can also be fines. Penalties are more severe for repeat offenders or for those with a count exceeding .08. Rates for auto insurance can double or even triple after an underage conviction.

So, on Saturday, make plans to have an alcohol-free evening. Know what you are doing, where you are going and, most of all, have a great, fun evening!!

—Karen Krien



News From the Past

15 years ago - 1991

As of March 1, Randy Weis is the new owner of the Leibbrandt Oil bulk fuel operation. He has been running Weis Oil Company on main street and will continue to do so.

The Sainy Indian basketball team recorded two Substate victories last week and challenged the Victoria Knights in the championship game. They ended up with the second place trophy instead of a trip to State. Members of the team were Reid Raile, Mike Zwegardt, D.J. Fry, Matt Smull, Jason Johnson, Ryan Northrup, Dallas O'Brien, Jason Yost, Jeremy Busby, David Morrow, Jason Schliep and Jason Gardner. Kent Kechter is the coach.

Lisa Raile and Justin Gardner were named Mason Essay Winners.

Bankwest replaced the time/temperature sign last week. Many have commented how nice it is to have the sign once again.

The St. Francis School District was the recipient of the State of Kansas Scholars award for 1990-91. Students named Kansas Scholars were Justin Gardner, Jeremy

Busby, Jason Yost, Patty Pittman, Lisa Raile and Tobi Davis. Ward Cassidy is the principal.

25 years ago - 1981

The Cheyenne County Carnival Committee accepted delivery of three rides for the home-owned carnival to open at the fair this August. An octopus, a tubs-of-fun and a Ferris wheel arrived last week.

The keys of the St. Francis Montgomery Wards Catalog Store were handed over to Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Henderson by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Forsythe. The Forsythe ran the store from October 1973 until now.

Kris Bartlett and Steve Daniels earned a 1 rating for their improvised duet acting at the State High School Speech Festival.

30 years ago - 1976

As an outgrowth of recreational planning by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce during the past year, Mike Day, Kelly Frewen and Tom Keller have volunteered as co-chairman of a Recreational Committee to set up a program in the community. Plans of the committee include a new baseball diamond located in the northeast corner of the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds.

Project Talk regional blue winners at County 4-H Day include

Tobe Eggers of Happy Larks 4-H Club and Marla Rogers of Lawn Ridge 4-H Club. Regional blue winners qualify to compete in Regional 4-H Days.

Laura Lee Keller of St. Francis is one of four Kansas 4-H'ers to be named as delegates to the National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C.

The County Commissioners appointed the following to serve on the Cheyenne County Council for the Aging: Raedell Poling, president; Marguerite Magley, Mabel Merklin, Mamie Jackson and John Magley Jr. A proposed Senior Citizen Service for Cheyenne County is on the agenda.

Returning letter women tracksters include: Kay Zwegardt, Theresa Raile, Jessie Burnham, Joya Weems, Sue Little, Eva Weems, Pat Sherlock, Kattie Button and Peggy Peter. Mary Motley is a coach.

60 years ago - 1946

New owners of the St. Francis Home & Auto Supply, the local Firestone Store are Earnest Bressler of Bird City and Willard Wilson, having purchased the business from A.J. Neuhaus, who opened this fine big store in St. Francis some eight months ago.

Hangin' With Marge

By Margaret Bucholtz



When Kurt and I moved to the farm some 20 years ago, I was so excited. It was like the country girl got back to her corner of the world.

One building on the farm was a steel granary however we didn't use it as we didn't have any type of auger to get the grain out. This seemed really sad to see this building go to waste. Then it happened — we had one of those horrible wind storms and it blew the top right off, but it left the sides.

As I was out there picking up the top roof this light bulb went off in my head and all of a sudden I had a plan.

What better place could you possibly have to put a swimming pool? Now as you know I was used to the baby pools and now I could go up a size. Yes siree, I could get me one of those six foot pools that had a plastic liner.

I got busy and I swept it out, washed it out and made a dash to the store to get my purchase. I came home and unfolded it and started the water. There was even enough

room left over that I could put a lawnchair and a little table in there to enjoy the sun that was shining down from the top.

What a perfect thing, no wind, a door that closed so no one could see you, nothing could be better. The first day I went out and it wasn't too long until I really couldn't breathe very well because it had actually turned into a sauna, but I was still happy.

That evening Kurt's sister called from Washington state and asked if she could come out for a couple of days. Her job was a very stressful one as she was the liaison between President Clinton and the State of Washington for the Small Business Administration. Quickly I told her it would be just fine if she came but to be sure and bring a camera and her bathing suit. She informed me that she really didn't like to get into a bathing suit at the swimming pool but I told her it didn't matter as we had one.

When she flew in I couldn't wait to show her my pool. I told her that the farm economy was so much bet-

ter now than it ever had been and I wanted her to take a picture of me in the swimming pool to show to the president.

The next morning we both got dressed and I took her over to the granary. When I opened the door her eyes got a little big, but she was a good sport about it.

That evening the kids all came out to eat and the boys got out an old motorcycle that was in the garage. They tied a rope around the handlebars and hooked it onto the back of the pickup. Actually they were trying to pull it to start it, but it didn't start. When she looked out the window and saw what was going on I just told her, "Oh there is another picture for the president. We are in hopes that with one more crop we can afford to get a motor so they can drive it."

She did take the pictures, but for some reason I doubt that they ever got to the president.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



It's spring time and I see farmers, merchants, business people and almost everyone walking around with a cautious optimism.

With some nourishing snow and rain, the winter wheat is looking as good as I've seen it since I

relocated to northwest Kansas four years ago. A country drive is a feast to the eyes as wheat fields have become rich, bushy carpets of forest green.

Maybe we are coming out of a long drought. But the agriculture community we live in is not "out of the woods."

Our in-office weather reporter, "Stormy," warns that a spring frost could be disastrous. The information I've been given is if the temperature drops below 28 or 29 degrees for several hours, major damage will take another crop.

But there is still hope. Looking at The Weather Channel and Accuweather, the forecast should

remain in the 30s and 40s for the next week at least.

Another thing, last night I got home from a meeting and caught Late Night With David Letterman. His gimmick was to keep the audience entertained by cranking a hand-driven siren. At the same time Paul Shaffer would operate a smaller siren. This made the crowd of New Yorkers howl with laughter.

Heck, we got a big one in the middle of town that goes off three times a day. Those big town folks don't know what they're missing.

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GOD SAYS

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Psalms 121:1-3

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Reader concerned about comments made by neighbor at a meeting

Letter to the Editor:

The person involved in trying to stir up trouble lives out of the city limits as do the ones he is trying to cause trouble for. He knew what it was like when he moved here. We have lived here 31 years and never had any trouble. His mother has never been a trouble maker. Maybe he had better stop to realize the trouble

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he is causing for everyone. You know instead of trying to stir up trouble all the time, maybe you should be thanking God for what you have. You know there are always a lot of people worse off than you.

Charlene Meyers
St. Francis

Editor's note: The above letter concerns the article about the April 14 county commissioners meeting where Bill Dungan was present.

Church of Christ
332-2380, Pars. 332-3424
502 W. Spencer
Norman Morrow - Minister
Bible Class 11 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

United Methodist
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.

Salem Lutheran Church
332-3002
Pastor Chris Farmer
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
625 S. River • 332-2680
Fr. Roger Meitl
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

First Christian Church
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster
Pastor Tony Christians
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. night 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.

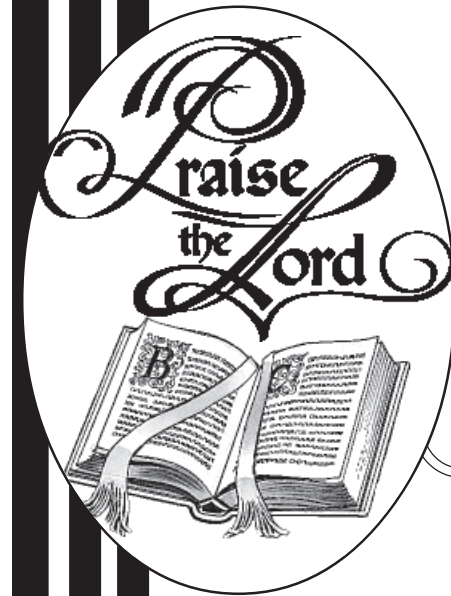
St. Francis Community Church
332-3150
204 N. Quincy Street
Pastor: David Butler
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
332-2888 • 3rd & Adams
Pastor Jim Martin
Sabbath School 9:30
Morning Worship 10:45

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.,
Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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

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12 m. west, 6 m. north of SF
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