

Opinion

Kids not old enough to drive even in this state

It shouldn't happen, but ... Underage drivers. Over a four-year stretch, 33 drivers age 15 died in car crashes. Not passengers, pedestrians or innocent bystanders, but drivers. Kids hardly old enough to see over the steering wheel. Kids not old enough to drive, even in this state, except to and from school or on a farm errand. The statistics don't break it down, but chances are the majority of them were driving illegally, either without a license or in violation of their restrictions. It happens mostly because parents allow it. It's convenient for them if they don't have to haul their kids to town. They think their kids are safe drivers. They think it's silly to follow the law. Until they see their 15-year-old on a slab. It's not pretty, what an accident like that does to a family, a school or a community. We've made life a lot safer for our kids, but it could be safer yet. Why let 15-year-olds drive at all? Kansas is one of the few states left that hand out restricted licenses to kids 14 and 15. Many are cutting

back on privileges for kids 16 and 17, making them earn the right to a full license. Not Kansas. Why not? Don't we care about our kids? Then there is the case of the 16-year-old hit by a train Saturday down by Solomon. He was trying to put a coin on the track when the speeding freight clipped him. Luckily, the boy was struck a glancing blow by the steps of the engine and lived. Many who get on the tracks are not so lucky. Out here, people tend to be careless about railroad crossings. It's a foolish thing to do. Being hit by a train, even one going 20 mph on a weed-covered branch line, almost always kills. Along the Union Pacific line from Solomon to Oakley, and in Nebraska just north of us, even freight trains are clipping along at 50-60 mph. They can't stop in less than a mile. Get in the way, and you could be the next statistic. As the railroads say, "Stop, Look, Listen and Live." Just one mistake at a railroad crossing is too many. You won't get a second chance. And don't be putting coins in front of a moving train. — Steve Haynes

Hangin' With Marge

Pride goes before a fall

By Margaret Bucholtz



How many times has your mother quoted that Bible verse to you? I remember my grandmother quoting that when she would see someone that thought they could do no wrong. A lighter version of the verse, "Pride goes before a fall," was when my uncle told me what he did one time. He had won a national award in his insurance company as the top salesman and was to go to a banquet to accept it. He and his wife flew to Washington and were greeted quite well

from his fellow salesman. That evening they were to go to a big banquet where he would get his award. When they got there they were seated at the head table that was up on the stage along with all the other big shots. The table was set with a linen table cloth and napkins. There were lots of different silverware to use and several pieces of glassware which were kind of overwhelming to him. Finally the meal was served and he was really nervous about which fork to use with what, after all he was just a farm boy that had moved to the city.

He felt a dribble on his lip so he reached for his napkin and was blotting his face when his wife lightly kicked him from under the table. When he looked at her, she motions with her eyes at his face. Wondering what in the world she was doing and thinking he must have food on his face he rubbed a little harder. Another nudge from under the table and he glanced down. His face was pretty red when he noticed that he was wiping his mouth with the end of his tie.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



I picked up a flyer from Swedish Medical Center last weekend. It states, "Patients here are ill and as such, need an environment that is quiet, peaceful and healing." Two of our neighbors from Cheyenne County are in the Critical Care Unit there in Denver. Jason Barnhart injured his head in a 4-wheeler accident and Dave Robertson suffered brain trauma when he fell from his roof. It is never easy when tragedy strikes. But luckily there is a place like Swedish for patients and their

families. I feel I can say this from experience. Several years ago, I became ill and my personal physician was at a loss to determine what was wrong. As I got weaker and weaker, he continued to perform tests. In a way it was reassuring to know all of the diseases I didn't have. But each breath seemed to be a labor and I couldn't do anything but wait for news. It was the morning of the Columbine shooting. As I was watching the news I got a call from my doctor who told me to go straight to Swedish and check in. They rushed me to a room at the same time some of the victims from the high school were arriving to the emergency room. I remember it being a pretty exciting and crazy place to be. A lot was going on but I just felt tired and weak. The nurses stuck tubes in me, drew more blood and additional tests were run. Finally they per-

formed a video-assisted thoroscopic procedure. In layman's terms, a tube was shoved up my nose so they could take a look at my lungs and scrape a sample. From that they realized that I had contracted an airborne virus called boop (bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia). It was sort of a one-in-a-million deal. I was put on steroids and oxygen and, with time, I gained back my breathing and strength. Months later I was shown an X-ray of my lungs from when I was admitted to Swedish. The image was similar to a heavy, London fog. I'll never forget the tears in the nurses eyes and my doctor telling me thanks for hanging in and believing in him. My hopes are that Jason and Dave both have a positive outcome as well. I know they are in great hands.



CHEAPER MEDICAL ON THE HORIZON?

News From the Past

20 years ago - 1986

Bertha Bose Stunkel was crowned Thresher Queen at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show in Bird City.

Winds ripped the north section of the grandstand roof during a storm that hit the county Friday night.

Fair results include: Nick Ketzner, Grand Champion Lamb; Jared Douthit, Grand Champion Steer; Kris Ketter, Grand Champion Gelding; Tammy Cress, Grand Champion Mare and Mike Bandel, Grand Champion Market Pig.

Front Range Bean Company, Wray, is presently building two 10,000 bins 9 miles south of Wheeler. They are expected to be completed in time for the 1986 pinto bean harvest.

Sunday evening members of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club set flagpoles at the fairgrounds. The flags are in honor of Thad and Hazel Douthit for their many years of support and service to the county.

30 years ago - 1976

For the past 22 years, Carma Leta Sherlock has been the Cheyenne County Register of Deeds. As she retires it should be noted that she has the record for "holding an elected office longer than any other woman in the state of Kansas."

45 years ago - 1961

There will be a band rehearsal for the eighth grade students and the high school students at the high school Friday night. It is for members of the band who will march in the Cheyenne County Fair Parade.

Stanley Primus has been chosen as the new manager of the REA in Bird City.

Maxine Isernhagen, a 1961 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, has been chosen as Cheyenne County Dairy Princess.

Miss Becky Douthit was the proud 4-H'er who calf was chosen Grand Champion at the 1961 Cheyenne County Fair.

50 years ago - 1956

The St. Francis FFA Farm Mechanics team placed in the top 10 at the State contest and received a

Gold Emblem rating. Ken Willt and Howard Mitchell represented St. Francis. There were 99 teams in the competition.

A new swimming pool may be in the offering for St. Francis. An ordinance published in the St. Francis Herald sets in motion the legal machinery needed for residents voting on the proposition of issuing bonds for the construction.

Since funds for a full-time caretaker for the cemetery will not be available until next year, the St. Francis Lions Club will again sponsor a series of work nights.

Maynard Skinner, high school wrestling coach, has accepted a Fullbright Exchange Teaching Grant in Burma next year.

Twenty-five to 30 cars are scheduled to take part in the Grand Opening race of the 1956 season of the Cheyenne County Stock Car Association.

Dr. Frank N. Haberbosch of St. Francis was elected president of the Kansas State Dental Association.

City Council meeting enjoyed

Dear Editor,

Living in the country I have not had a reason to attend a City Council meeting for many years. However this past week I did attend one and was so glad I did.

The council needs to be commended for their way they handle their meetings. Each of the members arrived on time, with a smile on their face.

Letters to the Editor

As the meeting came to order they continued the genuine attitude and respect for each other, as well as each problem that came before them.

It was remarkable to see the way they worked together with positive attitudes for their town.

It did not matter if it was a member of the board, city clerk, city engineer or sheriff — the team work was displayed by all.

You have a great council!
Margaret Bucholtz
St. Francis

Writer questions young people

To the editor:

Southwest Radio Ministries reports that 70 percent of young people today graduating from college believe the Bible is a myth and God is something in a fairy tale.

This writer wonders how these "quasi-educated graduates" would explain the fact that Bible prophecy has been 100 percent accurate 100 percent of the time, to date.

I suspect that these "quasi-educated whippersnappers" have never studied Bible prophecy.

Terry Rueb
St. Francis

GOD SAYS
This is my command:
Love each other.
John 15:17

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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
No Sunday School
Morning Worship 10:30 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. 332-2312
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship following
Pastor Ken Hart

Clough Valley Church of Hope
12 m. west, 6 m. north of SF
Pastor Jason Howard
332-3152
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