

## Walkers need to watch for vehicles and snakes

Fall is only a week away but people are getting those last walks and runs along the country roads in while they can. The early mornings and evenings have been mild — great for exercising.

However, there have been some mornings where the fog hangs heavy and it makes seeing any distance difficult. Last week, the fog was dense along the old Wheeler road when an elderly gentleman drove out to do chores. He came up over a hill and there were two walkers with three dogs. No, he didn't hit them but said it like to gave him a heart attack!

If you must walk, wait until the fog lifts before setting out on the country roads.

When the days are a little warmer, the evening makes good walking weather but some people fail to wear light-colored clothing or have reflective strips on their shoes or jackets. Walking down city streets seems safe enough and with enough light. But, in-between street lights, walkers cannot be seen after it gets dark.

People should get as much exercise as they can but it won't do them much good if a vehicle hits them.

It won't be long before it will be almost too cold to walk but, until then, take precautions and wear clothing which is easily seen.

One more precaution. There appears to be more rattlesnakes than in year's past. They often come out when it is a little cooler and lay on the roads or just off the roads in the ditches. One woman said she was walking the road to the cemetery east of town. It was early evening when she came upon a fat rattler which, when she went one way, it blocked her way; and when she went the other way, so did the rattler. She called her husband who came out and the county was soon rid of one more rattlesnake.

It won't be long until the snakes will hibernate for the winter but, for now, keep your eyes open and listen for the sounds of rattles.

— Karen Krien

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



Have you ever known that you were in the wrong place at the wrong time?

It can happen when visiting a big city. You make a wrong turn and end up where you shouldn't be. It can be a scary mistake.

What brings me to this thought is, last weekend, during the Cheyenne County Historical Society's Kidder Massacre tour, I was driving the same route the ill-fated party took.

Traveling at a good speed along country roads with Kent Chapman and Gary Cooper, we talked about what it must have been like.

Imagine 10, 7th Cavalry soldiers and their Indian scout as they were caught in the open plains by hostile Cheyenne and Sioux warriors. To say they were out numbered is like saying Bin Laden is a fanatic. We're talking hundreds of Indians to a handful of horsemen on the run.

Lieutenant Lyman Kidder was the oldest member of the soldiers. He was 25-years-old.

When General Custer and his troops found the scene, almost two weeks later, they came upon one horse that was shot and abandoned. Then another horse where pony

tracks appeared.

What a sense of panic and hopelessness the soldiers and scout must have felt, riding at a full clip with a sea of Indians pouring down on them.

How long did they survive through torture and mutilation? We will never know. Luckily history has preserved the moment so scholars and history buffs can continue to make discoveries on this event and other local legends.

## This is the Place

By Carol Redding, Cheyenne County Development Corporation Coordinator

Lots going on, as usual —

At least two people from Cheyenne County attended a small wind energy workshop last week. Small wind is for small applications, such as schools, an institution, irrigation pump(s), a single residence, or a business. Also at the workshop was a person from Texas with his shop-built hydrogen production unit.

This also has similar practical applications.

The youth of the county are organizing to build a skateboard park. This is another sport that helps keep kids focused on goal-setting and also promotes health and wellness with outdoor activity.

Let me now if you'd like more info on this plan.

I (and about 70,000 others!) attended the 30th annual Scotch-Irish gathering in Estes Park. What a

great event! Gorgeous plaids, impressive British Isles dogs, real jousting, fantastic youth dancers — that and much more in the parade and on the fairgrounds.

But what really impressed me was that there was no trash on the ground downtown nor at the fairgrounds. Very neat and tidy — lots of pride.

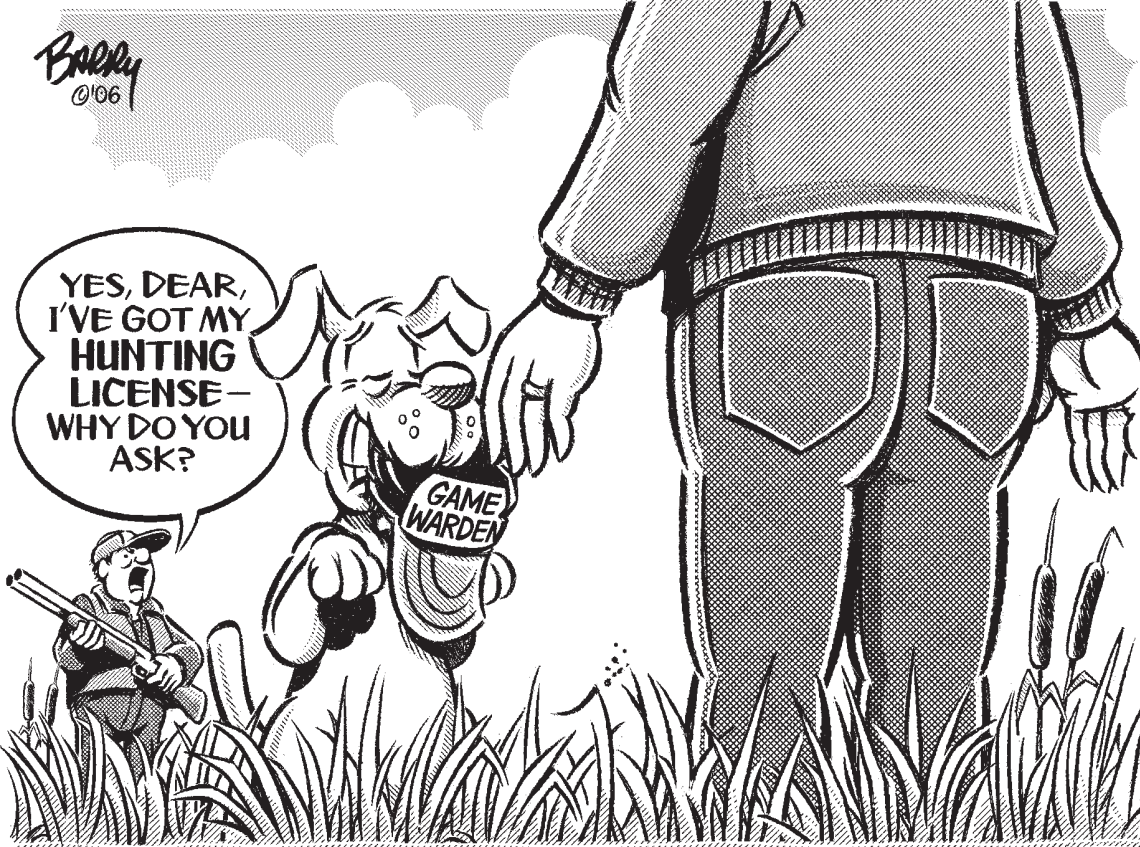
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## News From the Past

### 5 years ago - 2001

Rob Lawson, St. Francis city superintendent, has resigned and will be moving to Norton where he will assume the position of city administrator and manager.

Homecoming King and Queen candidates are Lacy Morris, Becky Leinen, Samantha Lampe, Lacie McArthur, Meaghan Jamison, Dustin Dunn, Ty Long, Carl Keller, Ryan Culwell and Darren Workman.

Cheyenne County has a new physician assistant, Nadja Vawryk Button. She takes the place of Julie Schock, who resigned to teach in North Dakota. Mrs. Button has been a paramedic for 20 years plus having worked in administration and having a master's degree in instruction education, having taught at the college level.

Elmer Kellner has been selected as the new field representative for the U.S. 36 Highway Association.

The works of 31 St. Francis school students have been published in the "Write Sixteen 2001" book created by the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center.

St. Francis schools are down 32 students compared to last year's official enrollment.

### 10 years ago - 1996

Football coach Tim Lambert has reported that there are over 50 players out this year. The Indians defeated Oberlin 14-7 in the rain in the team's first outing.

Two teams tied for first place in the three-man scramble golf tournament held at Riverside. Members of the two teams were Willey, Cassidy and Grace in team one and Lauer, Lauer and Sager in team two.

The old building east of Yost Ford-Mercury has 'bit the dust.' Harold Winston, who with his brother, Joe and father, Daniel, had constructed the building in 1947 or 48. It was estimated to have cost around \$12,000 and was named the Wheatland Ballroom. The building was to be used for dances and roller skating. There was a restaurant in the front of the building, which served hamburgers cooked on a big grill and cold soft drinks.

St. Francis Community High School Homecoming candidates include Teresa Dankenbring, Tori Halpin, Nikki Krien, Kristen Lindsten, Megan Smith, Scott Jenkins, Jim Keller, Christian Rainbolt, Ryan Schultz and R.W. Stuart. Ashlynn Lambert and Alex Draper will be crown bearers.

### 25 years ago - 1981

Fair winners include: Mike Bandel, Grand Champion Market Lamb; Kim Schultz, Grand Champion Market Steer; Lee Walter, Grand Champion Market Hog; Shawna Stevens, Grand Champion Mare, Cheryl Carman, Grand Champion Gelding.

New teachers for the coming year include

Elaine Casbeler, Lisa Holzwarth, Cindy Wiley, Lynn Wiley, Tim Schaefer, Mary Schwartz, Peggy Davis and Kammi Sue Eckhoff.

The statue of St. Francis of Assisi was recently installed at the St. Francis Catholic Church as both a tribute to Father Mark Linenberger, recently retired parish priest and in observance of the 800th anniversary of St. Francis.

Returning volleyball letter winners are Megan Kinen and Ronee Rath; returning football letter winners are Billy Morris, Rodney Hilt, Ben Smull, Mitchell Hilt, Todd Krien, Steve Daniels, Brendan Alsup, Bill Krueger, Bryan Pixler and Charles Hartman.

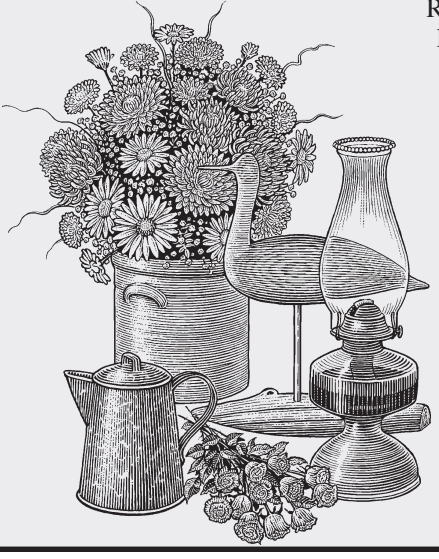
Kaye O'Brien claimed the Best of Show award at the flower show with her design "It Never Rains in Southern California."

The St. Francis Jaycees provided the manpower and the St. Francis PRIDE Committee the money for the erections of signs at the east and west city limits on Highway 36. The signs point the way to the main business district of the city.

### 75 years ago - 1931

The township board has decided they are going to retrench a little and thereby cut the tax money collected. They are going to cut the wages of the men they employ and are going to do just as little road work as possible, for a time at least.

Another aeroplane is to find a home for a time at the local airport. The plane was lately purchased in Denver by Howard Shier and driven to St. Francis by Robert Uplinger. This makes two plane for the local airport and as time goes on the number will increase. Flying seems to be quite popular with the generation of young people.



**GOD SAYS**

**Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me.**

*Isaiah 46:9*

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Pastor Ken Hart  
332-2928 Pars. 332-2312  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
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