

## Trees took a beating but could have been worse

Our trees took a beating from the ice last week, but bad as it looks, it could be a whole lot worse. Most trees are still standing. What you see on the ground is trees' defense mechanism. Trees shed branches to save the trunk. Most aren't going to die. Most are standing, ready to regenerate. There will be casualties. Some trees split down the middle like a wishbone. Some are broken, some defeated. Some lost too many branches to live come summer. Most, though, will sprout new growth and start filling in the holes left by the ice. Don't panic when you see the branches piled around your trees. Check the trunk and main growth. Wait until spring before you give up on a tree. Even after a tornado strips off all the branches,

most trees will grow back. Healthy trees that have been around for half a century or more won't give up after a single storm. Be ready to plant trees come spring. There will be plenty of demand for replacements. Between trees downed by this storm, lost to disease and missing already, the town needs plenty of trees. Trees set us apart from the pasture country of the plains. They make life in town bearable in the summer, shade us from the heat, cut the knife of the north wind in the winter. The settlers knew they needed trees when they came out there 125 years ago. Time and again, Kansans have seen the value of their trees. Things are no different today. We need trees more than ever. When something threatens them, we see the need.

— Steve Haynes

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



This time of year people of many beliefs stop to reflect. Whether you are Christian, Jewish, Muslim or hold to whatever faith it is, it is good to take time and see where you are and where you are going spiritually. I have to share a special moment I had this Christmas. Christmas Eve, our daughter, Lexi, had a part in the church service at Salem Lutheran Church. She did a great job with her lines. It doesn't matter if you are not a Lutheran, if you enjoy history and old churches, a visit to Salem is worth the trip. It is located in the country on Road 9, about eight miles northwest of St. Francis.

The church was built in 1901 by German Lutherans who had immigrated to the high plains of Kansas. While sitting in the pews and listening to the wind whip outside, it takes little imagination to join those who built the beautiful church. But my special moment came when most of the lights were turned off on Christmas Eve and the only light was from the candles we held. The congregation sang "Silent Night, Holy Night." It sounded nice, as it always had to me before, then a handful of singers performed the final stanza in German! The original carol is called "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht." It was written

by an assistant pastor, Fr. Joseph Mohr, and introduced on Christmas Eve, 1818, in the village church of Oberndorf, Austria. Mohr's friend, a musician and school teacher, Franz Gruber, arranged the music. At a Midnight Mass at the St. Nicholas Church, some 180 years ago, Fr. Mohr played a guitar and the choir sang in German. Somehow, in that old country church on that blessed night, all was calm and all was bright. Or, should I say, "Alles schlaft; einsam wacht."

## Lines from the Library

By Pat Leibbrandt

The library has the following new books: *Hundred Dollar Baby* by Robert Parker; *Dear John* by Nicholas Sparks; *Thanksgiving* by Janet Evanovich; *First Impressions* by Nora Roberts; *Santa Cruise* by Mary Higgins Clark; *The Long Night of Winchell Dear* by Robert James Waller; *Temperature Rising* by Sandra Brown; *Born In Death* by J.D. Robb; *Treasure of Khan* by Clive Cussler; *The Shape Shifter* by

Tony Hillerman; *Next* by Michael Crichton; *Capital Crimes* by Jonathan Kellerman; *Cross* by James Patterson; *H.R.H.* by Danielle Steel; *Inside My Heart* by Robin McGraw; *Thirteen Moons* by Charles Frazier; *Whispers Of Winter* by Tracie Peterson; *A Promise For Ellie* by Lauraine Snelling; *A Carol For Christmas* by Robin Lee Hatcher; *Christmas Letters* by Debbie Macomber; *The Christmas Candle* by Max Lucado; *The Con-*

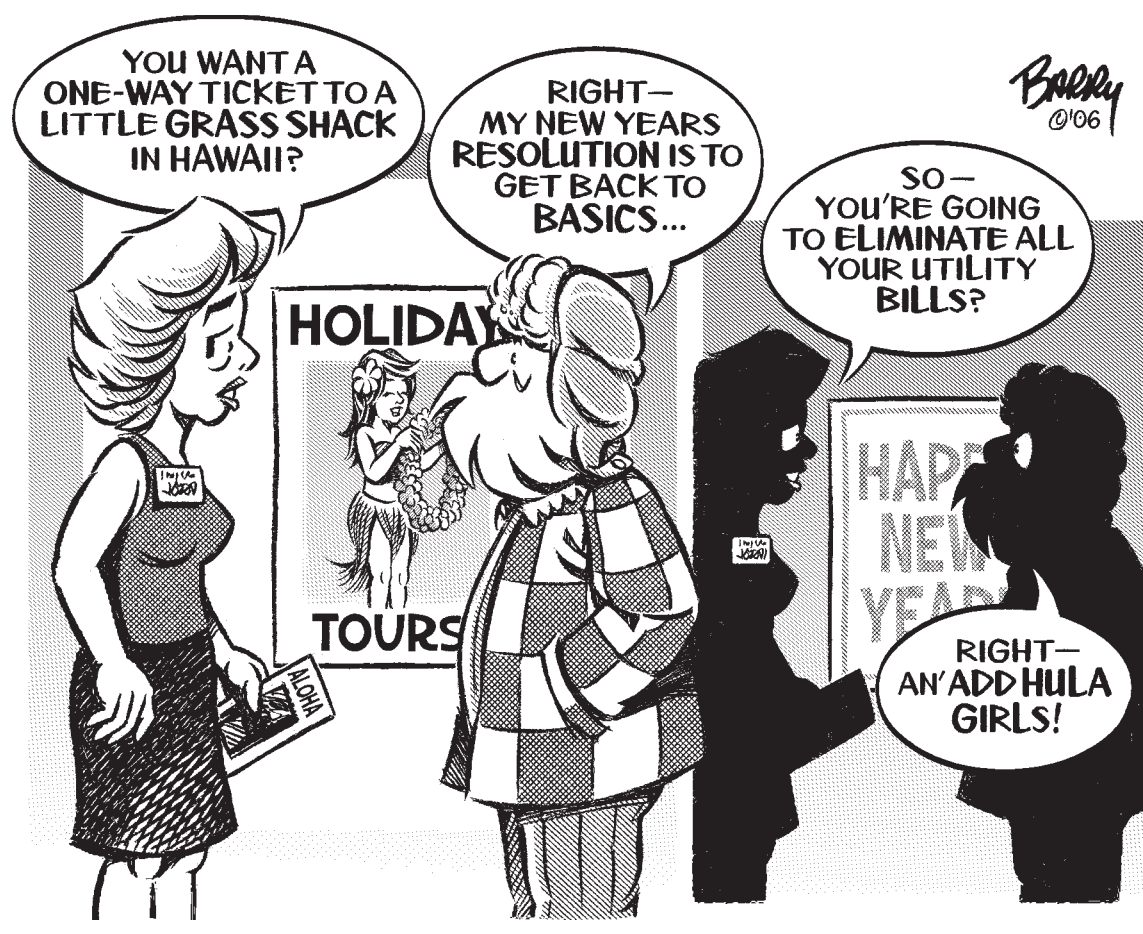
*fidant Woman* by Joyce Meyer; *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom; *Smitten* by Janet Evanovich; *At Risk* by Patricia Cornwell; *Perish Twice* by Robert Parker; *Shrink Rap* by Robert Parker; *Decorating For Christmas*; *101 Stocking Stuffers*; *Personal Finance For Dummies* by Eric Tyson.

The library has the following new books in the children's department: *Fine Feathered Friends* by Tish Rabe; *Hurray For Today* by Bonnie Worth; *I Can Name 50 Trees Today!* by Bonnie Worth; *Is A Camel A Mammal* by Tish Rabe; *If I Ran The Rain Forest* by Bonnie Worth; *A Great Day For Pup* by Bonnie Worth; *A Whale Of A Tale!* by Bonnie Worth; *Clam-I-Am* by Tish Rabe; *Inside Your Outside* by Tish Rabe; *On Say Can You Say Di-No-Saur?* by Bonnie Worth; *The Magic School Bus Get Crabby* By Kristin Earhart; *Miss Spider's New Car* by Catherine Lukas; *Race To The Tower Of Power* by Catherine Lukas; *Secret Agents* by Wendy Wax; *Pirate Treasure* by Justin Spelvin; *When Sheep Sleep* by Laura Numeroff; *A Particular Cow* by Mem Fox.

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## News From the Past

100 years ago - 1906

Next Tuesday will be the big sale of Bird City town lots under tax lien foreclosure.

H.J. Helm's Moving Pictures will give an entertainment at the school house on Saturday evening.

The movement of broom corn is now in full swing and nearly every day brings a crowd of farmers to town with full wagons.

The hottest race on the county ticket was between Drs. Waterman and Lamb for corner, with Dr. Lamb winning by the slender margin of one vote. There will be a basket supper at the Green Ridge school on Saturday. The teacher of the school, Miss Boynton and her pupils are working hard to have a good program.

75 years ago - 1931

A change in the working force at the Manson Electric Shop occurred this week. John Horren, a long time employee, is moving with his family to Bird City where they own and operate the cleaning plant, which Mrs. Horren has been taking care, but the ride back and forth, was very inconvenient. John Price, who had worked for Manson sometime ago will be filling the job left by Horren.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Angell sold their beauty shop and expect to retire from that work for at least a while. The new purchaser is Mrs. Allen Burke.

"Freshies," a musical comedy presented by the high school boys glee club was given Tuesday evening.

A deal was made the later part of last week whereby Thompson & Jeffers became the owners of the property on the

corner of Washington Avenue and Adams Street, known in times past as the Commercial Hotel but for sometime has been occupied by Mrs. Pearl Quigley with a cafeteria. Because of the new ownership it is expected that some new up-to-date buildings will be going up on this property.

45 years ago - 1961

The opera "Down in the Valley" is being presented under the sponsorship of the St. Francis Music Club. The leading male character is played by Pastor Don Rice while Ruth Heaton has the leading female part. Rev. Roger Withee, Dick Getty, John Kite and Neal Hagenstein also have leading parts. A featured attraction of the opera is a double accompaniment being done by Mrs. Joan Wellman and Mrs. Betty Getty.

At the recent Cub Scout Pack meeting, Jim Frewen was presented his Cub master pin and John Kite was presented his assistant Cub master pin. The following boys received the Wolf badge and one arrow point: Doug Leibbrandt, Kevin Alsup, Steven Burr, Bruce Jensen, Gail Lee, Glenard Harper, Kelly Frewen, Terry Walter and Mike Watkins. Others receiving Wolf badges plus a gold arrow or additional arrows were Terry Touslee, Richard Grace, Darrell Henderson and Greg Kite.

Five St. Francis football players were honored by league coaches including Fred Isernhagen, Thad Douthit, J.C. Hixson, Ron Horwege and Tony Schauer.

30 years ago - 1976

At the St. Francis City Council meeting it was decided to build a low cost storage building for the city utility vehicles. Members were advised that the cable TV program was progressing.

Roger Vrbas, Carla Shoemaker, Chelly Bartlett, Eric Alsup, Dan

Winston and Phillip Kinen were photographed in a practice session for the junior class play entitled "The Perfect Idiot."

Pupils at the ABC Preschool had a reenactment of the first Thanksgiving. Pupils included David Hankins, Gary Kaufman, Mindy Kite, Chris Nolan, Tye Faulkender, Shawn Rogers, Johnny Howland, Shannon Stevens, Mike Boyson, Jason Watts, Greg Hilt, Jennifer Johnson and Aimee Cress.

25 years ago - 1981

The new ramp and railing at the entrance of the Cheyenne County Hospital was completed last week. The ramp and railing are required by federal law to make the building accessible to handicapped individuals.

Work on the track at the high school began last week. Dirt was being moved to improve the drainage. They were preparing the area for the asphalt surfacing for track and field events. The \$52,000 project should be mostly completed in a week.

The St. Francis Music Club is featuring Bird City homes in their Parade of Homes this year. The tour includes the country homes of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gilliland, Mr. and Mrs. John Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Radean Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Busse



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He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.  
Proverbs 13:20

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Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Church 332-2254,  
512 S. Scott  
Pastor Morita Truman  
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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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332-3002  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
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Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.  
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

**First Christian Church**  
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster  
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**  
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Pastor Mike Larson  
Sabbath School 9:30  
Morning Worship 10:45

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

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