

Casey's Comments

When I was a boy my world was charmed and magical. My father was "a successful business man", which meant he wasn't always around. But when Dad had free time it was spent with the family. We were always going fishing, or taking day trips to the mountains or hitting an old army surplus store in Denver.

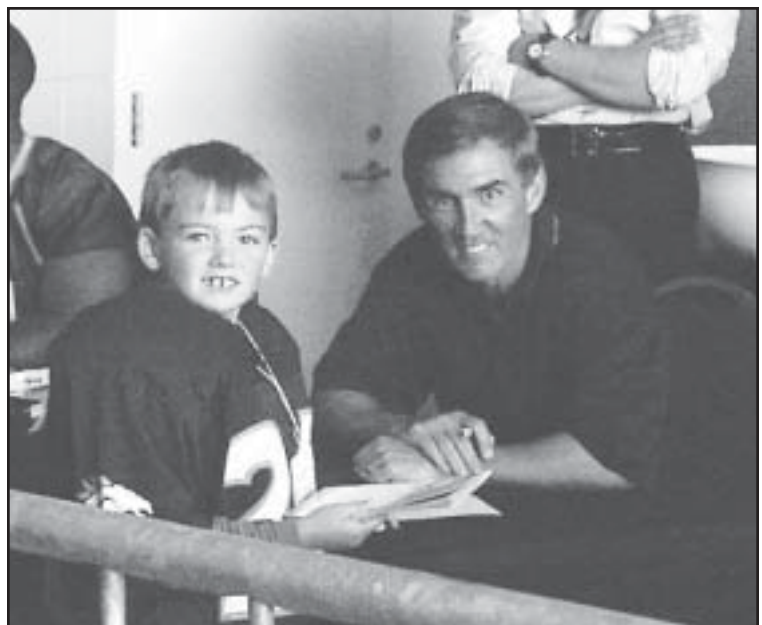
One memory has remained to stand out. My twin brother, Kelly, and I were 9 years old and one weekend morning we hopped into the family station wagon and headed to Golden with Pop.

The year was 1969 and the National Football League Baltimore Colts had come to Colorado to play an exhibition game with our Denver Broncos. Dad took us to the School of Mines where we parked and then the three of us walked to the football practice field where the Colts were going through drills.

I can imagine the wide eye looks my brother and I must have had. I remember the vivid feeling of a weakness in my knees and nervous butterflies in my stomach being as solid as if it happened today.

A mountain of a man signed an old dry cleaning receipt for me in pencil. It was Bubba Smith.

Then dad herded us to a tall player with a flat-top haircut and the number 19 on his jersey. Johnny Unitas shook my small hand and wrote his name on a piece of yellow paper.



WITH HIS IDOLS—Joey McCormick receives an autograph from Denver Broncos coach, Mike Shanahan. McCormick spent an afternoon at Mile High Stadium receiving autographs from Colorado sports stars. *Times staff photo by Casey McCormick*

To this day I have those two autographs and the memory of my father's big grin while he gently pushed my nervous brother and I forward.

Now I have a son who is 8. He loves sports and last weekend we went to Denver to see the Rockies and Royals play baseball and to visit Invesco Field for the Broncos Fan Fare appreciation promotion.

The Coors Field game was called after four innings due to a combina-

tion of rain and sleet and we must have walked 10 miles around "Mile High" Stadium. But, I was able to see my son's big, unbelieving, blue eyes as he had a ball signed by Major Leaguers and an autograph sheet penned by pro-football players and coach Mike Shanahan.

I lost my father 15 years ago on St. Patrick's Day. However, I know he was standing next to me as we gently guided my son, Joey, toward his idols.

Alumni members to reunite

By Karen Krien

In a little over a week, former St. Francis students will begin arriving for the 46th annual alumni reunion.

Set for June 21, the alumni reunion will feature a meal of baked steak and all the trimmings which will be served in the high school cafeteria. New this year will be the music of Kirk Mlinek, class of 1973, and his band "One Fret Away." They will be playing blue grass

music during dinner.

Shirley Zwegardt, alumni coordinator, reports that reservations are slow coming in.

"Each year, the reservations are a little slow and people don't seem to really get serious about coming until after the Memorial Day holiday," she said. "Well, Memorial Day has come and gone and there are still less than 200 registered."

The deadline for getting reservations in is June 16. This will

give time for the food to be ordered and other arrangements made. Reservations may be called in to Ms. Zwegardt at 785-332-2286 or sent to her at Box 317, St. Francis, KS 67756. Those wanting their tickets mailed back to them should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with their remittance. Otherwise, tickets can be picked up at the high school the afternoon of the alumni.

Most of the honor class chairmen along with other class members have been organizing and planning special get-togethers. Classes honored this year and the head of the class parties include: 1933, Margaret Shay; 1938, Ruth Moore; 1943, Bessie Burr; 1948, Gertie Zwegardt, Gertie Loyd and Donna Zwegardt; 1953, Ella Mae Keller and Gary Neilan; 1958, Carol Lampe; 1963, Royce Gienger; 1968, Kaye Bauman; 1973, Pat Crabtree and Steve Orth; 1978, Traci Neitzel; 1983, Tammi Sherlock; and 1993, Shara Johnson.

Members of those classes wanting more information should contact the class organizer. Ms. Zwegardt can also answer many of the questions.

Association conference scheduled in Colby

The Alzheimer's Association of the Great Plains is excited to help sponsor a free caregiver conference "for the caregiver." This conference will provide information on Alzheimer's disease, legal issues of importance to caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. It will include sessions on faith, coping and Alzheimer's and resources for family and professional caregivers.

The conference will be held Friday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Colby Library, 375

West 4th, Colby.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive degenerative and fatal disease of the brain Alzheimer's disease effects over 64,000 Kansans. Please join the association for a day of important information to help be a better caregiver. Lunch and Respite will be provided. There is no charge to attend. For more information or to register contact, Alzheimer's Association of the Great Plains, Marsha Hills, at (316) 267-7333 or toll free 800-487-2585.

Controlled pest culture stops virus spread

Treating areas where mosquito larvae exist

As West Nile Virus spreads across the United States, the concern in controlling the mosquito population is increasing. Mosquito control and protection is the best defense against West Nile Virus. It is difficult to kill adult mosquitoes and the use of pesticides can have harmful environmental effects if not used correctly.

Kansas State Public Veterinarian Dr. Gail Hansen says there are a variety of effective tools for mosquito control.

"It is best that mosquito populations are managed in an environmentally conscious way which also fits in with a larger pest management effort," he said. "Controlling mosquito breeding areas and killing immature mosquitoes

allow the use of biological methods without jeopardizing non-pests and beneficial organisms."

By decreasing the number of breeding grounds, the number of mosquitoes will consequently decrease.

Female mosquitoes that carry West Nile Virus lay their eggs in standing, stagnant water. The larvae usually hatch within 48 hours and live in the water for the life stages between egg and adult mosquito. By eliminating unnecessary areas of standing water and treating larger bodies of water, mosquito breeding grounds will greatly decrease, helping to control the population of adult mosquitoes.

For more information about West Nile Virus and preventing infection go to "http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/westnilevirus"



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Bulletin Board

Home Circle Club

Home Circle Club will meet at the Blue Bird Cafe at 12:30 p.m. June 19 for dinner and for the June meeting. Be sure to bring an "old" treasure for roll call.

Hostess is Meta Dankenbring.

Junior Miss

The Cheyenne County Junior Miss program will be held on Saturday, June 28, not Saturday, June 21, as printed on the school calendar.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 6:30 a.m. in the basement of the clinic across from the hospital.

Ochsner, Brunswig, Rath reunion

The Ochsner, Brunswig, Rath reunion will be held on Saturday, June 14 from 1 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday, June 15 at noon at the St. Francis Senior Citizen Center. There will be a hamburger fry on Saturday at 7 p.m. and a potluck dinner Sunday noon.

Other Saturday activities include

visiting; touring family homesteads, Hope Valley Cemetery and Devil's Gap; a golf tournament, swimming, bowling, Stearman Fly-In, Quilt Show in Wray and a worship service. Bring pictures, books and other historical items.

Clinic open house date changed

The date of the Cheyenne County Clinic open house in St. Francis has been changed to June 26. Look for more information in future issues of the newspapers.

Vet rep in St. Francis

Due to the recent budget cuts Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, is forced to cut her itinerant schedule in half. Until further notice she will only be traveling to St. Francis on the third Thursday of each month.

She will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. central time at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Thursday, June 19. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Check the name label

Have you checked the name label on your paper? This label also shows the expiration date of your subscrip-

tion. Note that if your subscription runs completely out it will take two weeks after you resubscribe before it will once again be delivered to your mail box. In order to not have a break in your service, renew by the expiration date.

Alcoholic Anonymous/Al-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2168 or 332-2078.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Hospice Service

Hospice Services Inc., has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning, and other related topics. Hospice Service, Inc. is available to provide programs for groups and organizations. For more information, please 800-315-5122.

Cheylin Honor Roll

The following students were listed on the Honor Roll for the fourth nine week session of the 2002-03 school year.

Seventh Grade

Vanessa Antholz, Kaedra Dixon, Colleen Shrader, Sue Ann Gerhardt and Sarina Burmester.

Eighth Grade

Josh Johnson, Aubrey Kehlbeck, Nathan Ketzner and Jessica Marshall.

Freshmen

Jacob Jensen, Josh Moyer and Kori Underwood.

Sophomores

Rebecca Mason.

Juniors

Cristi Antholz, Kylie Dixon, Hayley Young and Brittany Kehlbeck.

Seniors

Andrew Smith, Stephanie Snyder, Matt Wilson, Hollie Louderbaugh, Amanda Poore and Annie Hengen.

Honorable Mention

The following students received honorable mention for the last session.

Seventh Grade

Jessica Davis, Lincoln Pochop, Taylor Leibbrandt, Christopher Basnett, Amber Mason, Sam Hengen and Weston Ribeau.

Eighth Grade

Samantha Beeson, Terry Jensen, Lucius White, Zaiba Ahmed and Emily Holub.

Freshmen

Afton Krien and Hannah Louderbaugh.

Sophomores

Justin Antholz, Tiffany Antholz and Ailysa Carpenter.

Juniors

Amanda Banister, Stephanie Hubbard, Sara Moore, Angela Brogan, Shellie Felzien, Chase Krien and Megan Sramek.

Seniors

John Simmonds, Jill Zumbahlen, Joy Zumbahlen, Jennifer Weinstein, Samantha Jensen, Kelly Garner and Michael Sager.

News from the Past

20 years ago - 1983

At the State Convention of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America held June 2 in Manhattan, Cheylin ranked in the Ten Plus Chapters for having 10 or more members than last year. Attending the convention were Rod Rohn, Cheylin FFA Advisor, Roland and Kaye Query, Sheila Query, Tobe Eggers and Steve McIntosh.

Angela Leach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leach, was crowned the 1984 Cheyenne County Junior Miss on Saturday. Darla Knapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Knapp, won first runner-up honors. Leach won the categories of Creative and Performing Arts and Poise and Appearance. Knapp won the Spirit of Junior Miss, Youth Fitness and Scholastic Achievement.

Michael G. Weaver, son of Hank and Marcia Weaver of Bird City was among the graduates of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

Reverend and Mrs. C.G. Miller celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 6.

Fr. Greg Beyer, O.F.M. Cap., admission director of Thomas More Prep - Marian High School, Hays, will become pastor of St. Joseph Church, Bird City and St. Francis Church, St. Francis on July 1. Fr. Beyer succeeds Fr. James Moster O.F.M. Cap., who has been named pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Atwood, and St. John Church, Beardsley, as well as religious superior of the four Capuchins working in Cheyenne and Rawlins counties.

For the Record

Correction

The June 5 issues of the Bird City Times and St. Francis Herald ran a story titled "Local artist recognized for Cheyenne County artwork" about Janetta Evins. Inadvertently the name of her son's wife was misprinted and should have read Audrey Evins.

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