

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

Just when I start to think that our young people are beyond hope they do something to redeem themselves.

Summer is the peak season for the movie industry. Whether it is the latest installment of a Star War's episode or a remake of "War of the Worlds," kids line up to catch what's showing.

Last week saw the opening of a new movie, based on a previous film. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" was redone and hyped to the maximum.

Funny thing is the latest Harry

Potterbook also debuted the same day. And guess what? The book out grossed the movie in revenue. Over seven million copies sold in 24 hours.

Now Harry Potter may not be the most significant read young people dive into, but at least they are reading.

Sure I'm biased. It's hard not to be when your degree is in English. But it gives me a boost to know some kids will take the initiative to get a book and read it rather than sit dumbly in front of a motion picture screen.

Good job youngsters!

Student attends leadership camp

Jacob Jensen of Bird City is among 22 Kansas high school students who joined youth from Colorado, Oklahoma, and Wyoming at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, on Monday and will remain through July 22 in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

During their week-long stay, the students will create a mock cooperative, attend sessions featuring legislative simulations, and visit the Craig generation plant and Trapper Mine.

The high school students attending this trip were selected through a competition by their local electric cooperatives. Most of the students

wrote an essay or a paper, or were interviewed by a panel of judges to be selected. The electric cooperatives sponsor the student winners on this all-expense-paid opportunity.

"These student leaders are outstanding representatives of their local electric cooperatives," said Shana Holsteen, Kansas Electric Cooperatives Director of Communications. "This camp is a great opportunity for the youth to develop their leadership skills and to see what they can do to make a difference in their local communities."

This annual leadership camp is coordinated by Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

Ranch rodeo plans made for the adults

By Karen Krien

The competition may be tough but it will be fun to participate and watch!! That's the adult version of the Ranch Rodeo on Friday night of the fair.

"We still need some teams," said Shawna Blanka, one of the coordinators for the event.

The Ranch Rodeo was held several years ago and, with most people knowing the team members, it was exciting to watch. This event has

been started again in an effort to raise money for the Grandstand Fund.

The Friday Ranch Rodeo will basically be a "horse fun night" but no cattle will be involved. There will be two divisions: 16 years of age and older; and 7 to 15 years old.

The older teams will be made up of three participants and each team must include at least one female. The younger teams will include two individuals and there are no rules on gender.

"We need teams to sign up as soon as possible so we can make plans before the fair begins," said Megan Douthit, fair board member.

The older division will be participating the Hangman Race; Ribbon/Flag Race; and the Trailer Race.

Younger kids will have the Ribbon Race; an altered (easier) Hangman Race; and the Golf Cart Race which will find a blindfolded driver being guided through the course by his teammate.

"Many people don't realize that the grandstand is not paid for," Douthit said.

The fairboard makes a yearly payment of \$9,200 on the stands and they will not be paid for until 2010.

To sign up a team or for more information, contact Douthit at 785-332-2942; Shawna Blanka, 785-332-2875 or Cheryl Williams, 785-332-2948.

Recuperating

Donna Vanderput is recovering from pneumonia and heart problems at the home of her daughter, Amber Konrade. Send cards to Donna in care of Amber Konrade, 11709 E. Kentucky Ave, Aurora, CO 80012.

Wanted for Thresher Show

Wanted: Family cook books and cook books that have been used and enjoyed, to be displayed in Egger's 8 Museum during the Antique Engine and Thresher show in Bird City July 28 through July 31.

If possible bring them to the building Wednesday, July 27.

Junior golf

There will be no junior golf at Riverside Recreation until further notice.

Relay For Life T-shirts

Relay for Life survivor T-shirts need to be ordered. Anyone planning to walk in the survivor's walk and wants a T-shirt needs to turn their shirt size into Kathy Weber at 785-332-3386 as soon as possible.

By Karen Krien

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Bulletin Board

Alzheimer's Support Group

There will be no Alzheimer's Support Group meeting in July.

Fair book corrections

There are two corrections which need to be made.

On Page 54 of the fair book, Open Class Miscellaneous Floriculture, the entries will be accepted from 8 to 9 a.m. on Wednesday — not Friday.

On Page 1, under the Schedule, the Public Fashion Revue will be held at 8 p.m. at the Cheyenne Theater in St. Francis. The Fashion Revue has been moved several times: first from the high auditorium, then to the grade school gym but because of remodeling and floor refinishing, caused the third move. The Extension office staff and coordinators for the Fashion Revue are pleased with the final move as there is new, comfortable seating and the building is air conditioned.

Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with J, K, and L should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay

their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, at 9:30 a.m. central time on Thursday, will be at the county clerk's office in St. Francis to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. 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.

Compassionate Friends

Cheyenne County Compassionate Friends meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Peace Lutheran Church.

Cheyenne County Relay For Life

Teams are wanted for the American Cancer Society's sixth annual Cheyenne County Relay For Life which will take place Aug. 20 and 21 at Sawhill Park.

If you are either interested in having a team, or being on a team, contact Cindy Burr at (785) 734-2443

or Deb Lindsten at (785) 332-2022.

Alcoholic Anonymous /AI-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and AI-Anon open meeting, held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-3590.

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.

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Property clean-up discussed at meeting

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something to get some of the targeted areas cleaned up.

Commissioner Brubaker concluded that she really had no wish to get into city limit business.

St. Francis City Council members present besides Mr. Jensen were Carla Lampe, Rodney Bracelin, Natalie Knodel and Dale Weeks.

Fair board

Fair board president Dick Bursch reported back to the commissioners on the amount of extra money the fair board would need by fair time. Because of the additional cost of insurance at the fairgrounds, the board estimated that they needed \$3,500 before the fair started. Hopefully, there would be enough money made from the grandstand events to cover any other costs.

After looking at different funds, the commissioners agreed to take \$1,000 out of the Parks and Recreation Fund and the other \$2,500 out of the General Fund.

It was noted that the fair board has been getting a \$16,000 appropriation for years. The commissioners were going to have a budget work session following the meeting and agreed that maybe they could look at raising the amount.

President Bursch said that they might have been OK if the insurance hadn't gone up and there had been a gradual upkeep of the buildings instead of letting them get in bad shape before starting repairs. The latest repair has been replacing the tin on some of the buildings and the problem of rotting wood that the crew ran into under the old roof.

"Tin for the roofs and other remodeling has taken a toll on the budget," he said.

Recycling grant

St. Francis City Councilman Jensen talked about a grant the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization is applying for. This grant money will be used to purchase four recycling bins for the Bird City recycling trailer. The board wrote and signed a letter of

support for the grant and signed the application form.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, had two bids for a mower. The low bid of \$11,645 was from Yost Farm Supply. Van Allen Implement's bid was for \$12,383. The low bid was taken.

He presented road crossing permits for Rosewood Resources. The company is wanting to bore under county roads. The permits were signed.

Supervisor Flemming said he had talked to Bill Bider, Kansas Department of Health and Environment chief, regarding the landfill testing and chromium results. Mr. Bider suggested that all five landfill wells be tested instead of the two that were previously tested. However, after discussion, the commissioners agreed to wait until next spring when the annual sampling takes place.

Musk thistle, a noxious weed, was discussed and the supervisor noted that there was an increase of the plants growing in the county.

He said the Park Road would have

chip seal applied on Aug. 8 and 9. The commissioners and supervisor visited land owned by Brett Poling. He has several gravel pits he is willing to give to the county if the county crew will excavate it. No decisions were made.

In other business

In other business:
• Mary Morrow, county register of deeds, said three more old books (over 100 years old) in the office needed rebinding. The cost for the three would be over \$500 but she planned to use money from the Technology Fund. The Technology Fund is accumulated when she charges \$2 per copied page she makes for customers.

• The public hearing concerning the conflict of interest with the fire truck bids was held with no one contesting. See related article.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be at 8 a.m. on July 29 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Interesting Facts

- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, Horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.
- Los Angeles's full name is "El Pueblo de Neustra Senora la Reina de los angeles de Porciuncula" and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: "L.A."
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- In most advertisements, including newspapers, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
- Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
- The only real person to be a Pez head was Betsy Ross.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Warren Sager, LaCrosse; Peg Thompson, Wheatridge, Colo.; Robert Jones, Bella Vista, Ark.; Don Atkinson, Sewickley, Pa.; Keith Sanders, Bird City; Richard Haven, Bird City; Mary Elley, Fort Collins, Colo.; Dan and Kathy Swint, Morrison, Colo.; Kay Davis, Broomfield, Colo.;

Quotes

If I could reach up and hold a star for every time you've made me smile, the entire evening sky would be in the palm of my hand.

Life is a process of becoming, a combination of states we have to go through. Where people fail is they wish to elect a state and remain in it. This is a kind of death.

If my heart can become pure and simple, like that of a child, I think there probably can be no greater happiness than this.

To measure you by your smallest deed is to reckon the ocean by the frailty of its foam. To judge you by your failures is to cast blame upon the seasons for their inconsistencies.

Better indeed is knowledge than mechanical practice. Better than knowledge is meditation. But better still is surrender of attachment to results, because there follows immediate peace.

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