

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
Leaving the nest.

young adults are drawn to larger cities with stronger economies.

It is also difficult to let go of someone you love.

Once again, life went full circle for me. In the early 1980s, I left my family home in Denver to attend Arizona State University in Tempe. I was in my early 20s and it wasn't easy to be so many miles away from my folks. The experience made me more independent and I saw things that I would have missed back home.

Travis, or "Ed" as we call him, is making a giant step forward and is on his way to adulthood. It's hard to let go but it is easy to feel great pride for our boy.

Last Sunday was a tearful day at our home. Our oldest son, Travis, loaded up his pickup truck and left for a new life in the big town of Kansas City. He will take his education from Northwest Kansas Technical College and pursue a career as an electrician. This is a good move for a young man, but it is still hard to say goodbye. Unfortunately in the small towns of Cheyenne County, opportunities for employment are limited. Certainly, those willing to work hard and wear different hats can get by. But many of our

Couple to exchange wedding vows in Hays



Kingsbury—Clausen

Danielle Clausen, daughter of Donita and Michael Clausen of South Haven, and Steve Kingsbury, son of Karla and Duane Kingsbury of Dorrance, wish to announce their engagement.

Grandparents of the bride are Hollis and John DaPron of Bird City, Judy Clausen of South Haven and Bob Clausen of Maricopa, Ariz. Great-grandparents are Eva Murray of Bird City and the late John Murray and Stella Mohler of Laurens, Iowa. The groom's grandparent is Loise Kingbury of Smith Center.

Danielle graduated from South Haven High School in 2003. She will graduate from Fort Hays State University in December with an associate degree in general education. Steve, a 2001 graduate of Wilson High School, is also a student at Fort Hays State University. He will graduate in December with a bachelor of arts degree in finance with an

emphasis in banking. The wedding will take place at 4 p.m. on Aug. 6 in Hays with a reception and dance following.

Letter To The Editor

Many thanks to everyone that helped organize the 52nd Annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show, as well as the people of Bird City and surrounding communities for all your hard work and hospitality. We had a wonderful time at the show and it could not have gone any better for us. It is obvious why your show has such a long history! And of course, we enjoyed meeting everyone that stopped by our booth to chat with us. Once again, thanks so much to all

of you for making our experience at Bird City and enjoyable one and for allowing us to share in the many festivities throughout our stay.

We hope to see you all again in the future and wish you the best of luck in upcoming years.

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Club Clip

McDonald Area Development

McDonald Area Development met on Wednesday, Aug. 3, with 10 members present.

Election of officers for the coming year was held with Tessa Davis, president; Ray Johnson, vice president; Rose Gordon, secretary; and Lois Morelock, treasurer.

It was announced that the cement picnic table is in place at the Highway Park. Members decided to renew membership in the Highway 36

organization.

A benefit dinner is being planned to raise money for the cemetery project. The McDonald Lions and McDonald Area Development will host the dinner. A tentative date of Sept. 18 was suggested. Dawn Petty and Alex Thomas will provide music for entertainment. Other committees were appointed. Mrs. Morelock announced that the 2006 dues are now due.

Cheylin Recreation Commission

The Cheylin Recreation Commission monthly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 at Cheylin High School library.

American Legion Auxiliary
The American Legion Auxiliary will have their annual brunch at 9 a.m. on Friday. They hope to start the new year with a good attendance. Prospective new members and guests are welcome.

Bowling meeting
The Cheyenne County Bowling Association meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 18 at Cheyenne Bowl. Anyone interested in bowling this fall and winter should attend.

Outreach enrollment
Students in the St. Francis area may enroll in Colby Community College Outreach classes from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16 in the St. Francis Grade School cafeteria (enter through the back door). For other enrollment sites or more information concerning fall Outreach enrollment call the college at (785) 460-4692.

Heartland Harmony to perform
Heartland Harmony will be performing at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Seventh-Day Adventist church in St. Francis. All are welcome.

Cheyenne County Commissioners
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16 in the commissioners' room at the courthouse. Note date change.

Dance Ranch enrollment
Dance Ranch Enrollment continues until Aug. 18. Check ad for details.

ABC Preschool enrollment
ABC Preschool enrollment will be Tuesday evening, Aug. 16. Check ad for additional details.

Hospital Board
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22. Note date change.

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

All athletes, including pom pon squad and cheerleaders, must have a physical form signed by a doctor and a parent prior to practice. These forms are at all the local medical offices and require a parent to fill out one page of information prior to their child getting a physical. If athletes are going out of state for a physical, they may pick up a form at the high school office.

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

Relay for Life luminaria
The public still has time to purchase a luminaria in honor of, or in memorial of a friend or relative who has been impacted by cancer.

If you have not been contacted by one of the Relay team members to purchase one, please call Sherry Schultz at (785) 332-2860.

Vet rep in St. Francis
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, at 9:30 a.m. central time on Thursday, Aug. 18, 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.

Economic Development Program Training
Economic Development Program Training given by Kansas Department of Commerce from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 17 at the American Legion in Bird City. Notify Cheyenne County Development Corporation at (785) 332-3508 by Aug. 8. Free. Light meal provided.

Grant Funding Speaker's Forum
There will be a Grant Funding Speaker's Forum from 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 31 at the Colby Community Building, 285 East Fifth, Colby. Call the Cheyenne County Development Corporation office at (785) 332-3508 concerning fees and other information.

Grant Writing Workshops
Grant Writing Workshops will be held Sept. 7 to Sept. 9; Oct. 17 to Oct. 19 and Nov. 15 to Nov. 17. The meeting place is 350 South Range, Suite 13 in Colby. Call the Cheyenne County Development Corporation office at (785) 332-3508 concerning fees and other information.

Golf tournament
Junior golf participants are wel-

come to attend a fun golf tournament on Saturday, Aug. 20. Junior golfers will partner with one of their parents for the nine-hole tourney.

Register is at 8 a.m. with tee-off set for 9 a.m. Lunch will be served after the tournament.

For more information, call (785) 332-3401.

Alcoholic Anonymous/Al-Anon
Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-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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Field Day to be held Aug. 25

"Putting it all together" is the theme of a Crop Systems Management Field Day scheduled for 9 a.m. central daylight time and concluding at 3 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 25. The morning session will be held at the Spencer Schlepp farm, 12 miles west and 1/2 mile south of St. Francis (one-half mile south of Highway 36 on Road 2). Lunch and the afternoon session will be held in St. Francis. The field day and lunch are being sponsored by the Cheyenne County Conservation District.

Farmers who have or would like to make the switch to no-till or strip-till, either totally or in rotation with minimum tillage, should find the presentations to be of value. There are processes taking place below the soil surface that are not visible to the producer. Management decisions are often made with little knowledge of their effect on these processes. Two soil pits will offer a unique view into the underground world in which crop roots must grow, develop, and access water and nutrients.

Topics to be covered include soil quality impact on erosion and infiltration, soil development, root development, nutrient uptake, and guidelines for designing crop rotations. A "rainfall simulator" will be used to demonstrate the effects of different management systems on runoff and infil-

tration. Two open pits will allow participants to see the effects of management systems on soil development, root growth, and water and nutrient availability.

Presenters for the day will include soil, irrigation and agronomy specialists from the Natural Resources Conservation Service from both Kansas and Colorado, as well as from the Agricultural Research Ser-

vice in Brookings, S. D., a soil fertility specialist from Ward Laboratories, Inc. from Kearney, Neb., and a farmer from Anton, Colo., with more than 15 years of no-till experience.

For more information, contact the Cheyenne County Conservation District at 785-332-2341 extension 3 or stop by the office on West Highway 36 in St. Francis.

Century II News

Let's create an experience for guests to your farm or ranch with an agritourism operation!

What we may take for granted could be an experience of a lifetime for others. At lunch today the discussion took place of exactly that: what we take for granted is what we should promote to bring people to our county to live. The lifestyle!

Our "country lifestyle" is hurried, yet at our own pace, not others. There is a sense of togetherness; other people care about you. You know this because they take the time to send a card to say - "thank you" for the cookies, or "thinking of you" when your heart gets broken. Everyone is family; even if your immediate family does not live close by, the friends you make become your family. There are opportunities that oth-

ers do not have. Can kids in the city walk to the swimming pool by themselves, play in the park without adult supervision, or get every opportunity to play competitive sports?

If we begin to offer agritourism experiences to our friends in the city, they may just become our neighbors and family. Will you be the first to open your gates?

For more information on agritourism, contact Cathy Domsch at the Bird City Century II Development Foundation office at (785) 734-2556.



Happy 40th Anniversary
Jim & Ruth Milliken
Aug. 14, 2005

Love, Kelley, Kari, Dustin, Molly, JW & Tanya

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 1 hour, 46 minutes

August 11, 12 & 13 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

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BIRD CITY

TUESDAY Nadja Button, PA-C 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	WEDNESDAY Patrick Delano, PA-C 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
THURSDAY Mary Beth Miller, MD 2-5 p.m.	FRIDAY Nadja Button, PA-C 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Please note Tuesday and Wednesday change beginning August 2, 2005.

Thank you for your support

Enjoy the Fair!



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