

## Casey's Comments

*By Casey McCormick*

Last weekend my family and I went to Denver to play in a tournament. It was the 25th Annual Easter Seals Colorado Softball Marathon. We haven't played in all 25. My twin brother, Kelly, began putting teams together back in the good-old-days when Benjamin Moore Paints still had an operating plant that could field a team. When they stopped making paint, most of the employees were let go. However, Kelly still works for the company in Denver. Now he builds his team through his Masonic lodge and each year we play a "grudge" match with another group of Colorado Masons. It is a fun way to get together for a terrific cause.

Since I moved to Kansas it has become a family tradition for as many of our kids who can make the trip to come with us. All of our boys play baseball in summer leagues and even Lexi is an adept softballer.

What is most rewarding is the little kids who come out to play. Every child has an opportunity to get an "at-bat". As soon as contact is made, the youngsters make a mad dash somewhere, usually not on the right base path. Fielders somehow bobble the ball or let it dribble through their legs as the small base runners make it to home plate.

It is good to see these healthy kids doing what they can, for a child with a disability who cannot. And in a small way our teams help work for a cure for them and support families who have a disabled member.

## Family helps couple celebrate anniversary

From Friday to Sunday all of Hank and Mac Olson's children and families camped in the Olson yard to help their parents celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. Mac said they call it "Tent City" as they all bring tents and pitch them in the Olson yard.

Family present were Dave and Marty Olson of Oberlin; Jeannie and Dave Furrish of Kearney, Neb.; Randy and Peggy Olson of Arling-

ton, Texas; Gerard, Heather and Ethen Olson of Kansas City, Rebecca Olson of Salina; Kent Olson of Sterling and sons, Joe and Jordan of WaKeeney; Rich Olson of Hays; Adam Olson of Garden City; Greg and Sandy Olson of Oberlin and Mitchell of Colby and Erica of Atwood.

Other visitors were Rita Officer, Rita Hawkins and Leonard Vyzourek.

## Outdoors with Chuck

When I was a young lad, (long time ago), I would hunt with my grandpa, for partridge and prairie chickens. Grandpa was a fine shot, several times champion of Ontario Canada, where I was born.

On his homestead in Manitoba, he supplemented the family income by market hunting. I have family photos showing a spring wagon loaded to the top with prairie chickens, which he sold east at 5 cents the bird.

They were packed in lard, in barrels, and sent by train to Chicago and New York. Shells at that time cost about 12 cents a box, and a REALLY good shotgun cost 50 bucks. Now shot shells are \$7-\$8 a box, a mediocre shotgun is \$500-\$700. What happened??? From "Hunters" Chuck Kribs.

PS Grandpa went broke on the farm, and moved to Ontario, where he became a watchmaker, and a fine one too.



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## Crop Systems Management Field Day

"Putting It All Together"

Thursday, Aug. 25 ~ 9 a.m.-3 p.m. CT

Spencer Schlepp farm

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Topics Include:

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Also included will be soil pits and rainfall simulator  
Noon meal will be provided

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### Heartland Child Care

For information concerning preschool registration at Heartland Child Care see ad in Bird City Times or call Amber at (785) 734-2509.

### Bowling meeting

The Cheyenne County Bowling Association meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Cheyenne Bowl. Anyone interested in bowling this fall and winter should attend.

### Dance Ranch enrollment

Dance Ranch Enrollment continues until today (Thursday).

### Hospital Board

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

### 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 luminary

The public still has time to purchase a lumina 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.

### Crop Systems Management Field Day

Putting it all together

"Putting it all together" is the theme of a Crop Systems Management Field Day scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25. The morning session will be held at the Spencer Schlepp farm, 12 miles west and 3/4 mile south of St. Francis (three-fourths mile south of Hwy 36 on Road 2). There will be two open soil pits and a rainfall simulator as well as various crop, nutrient and soil specialists from Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and South Dakota. Emphasis will be on the effect management practices have on soil health, sustainable cropping systems, and ultimately profitability. The field day and lunch are being sponsored by the Cheyenne County Conservation District. Call 785-332-2341 ext. 3 for more information.

### Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, at 9:30 a.m. central time today (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.

### 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 welcome to attend a fun golf tournament on Saturday, Aug. 20. Junior golfers will partner with parents or grandparents 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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## McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Thursday lunch guests of Ray and Marlene Johnson were Tara and Korinne Kright of Grand Island, and Carey Magnani, Dalton and Danae. Tara, Korinne and Danae were overnight guests.

Philip Biles of Albuquerque N. M., was a Saturday overnight guest of his aunt and uncle, Ray and Marlene Johnson.

Ray and Marlene Johnson were among the many friends who helped Tom and Ann Bethell celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on Sunday in Colby. On Sunday evening the Johnsons helped George Vandegriffe celebrate his birthday. Owen and Phyllis Wingfield attended the wedding of Aaron Powell in Holyoke, Colo., last Saturday. On Tuesday Owen and Phyllis

Wingfield drove to Manhattan where their daughter-in-law, Dina Wingfield, had back surgery. They returned home on Friday.

Kent, George and Jim Banister spent Sunday with their mother, Amelia Banister.

Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka spent the weekend in Breckenridge, Colo., where Kasey attended a Fontenelle Seed meeting. Gracie and Tyler were guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka while their parents were gone.

Ray and Marlene Johnson attended the funeral of Audrey Dixon in Atwood on Monday morning.

Brad and Zach Loker of Parks, Neb., were Wednesday visitors of Tunney and Leila Loker. Lila Howard and Tunney Loker

attended the funeral of Minnie Busse on Saturday.

Visitors of Tunney and Leila Loker were Gary Loker, Penny Loker, Lila Howard and J.B. Loker.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Tuesday visitors of Laddie Kacirek and Ed Morton in the

Rawlins County Hospital.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Sunday visitors of Rod, Lisa and Josh Johnson. Susie Sabatka assisted her mother to bring her dad, Laddie Kacirek home from the Rawlins County Hospital on Monday afternoon.

## South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Ashley Warhman was a weekend guest of Tom and Kelly Dewey. They all attended the barbecue at Hollimans Saturday evening.

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m.

2 hours

## August 19, 20 & 21 Wedding Crashers

Starring: Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Christopher Walken, Rachel McAdams, Isla Fisher

Comedy  
Rated: R for sexual content/nudity and language.

## Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

No one under 17 yrs. will be admitted without a pass from their parent. Admission: \$4

## Pre-School Registration at Heartland Child Care

Classes being Mon., Sept. 12

Call Amber for more information

or to register 785-734-2509

or stop at 116 E. Bressler

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## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

The Cheyenne County Hospital will be having their 5th Annual

"Swing Fore Your Health" Golf Tournament on

Saturday, Sept. 10

Registration beginning at 8 a.m. - Tee-off at 9 a.m.

The tournament will be \$60 per person and in the format of a 3-person scramble with prizes awarded for the top winners of each flight. There will be a free-will donation lunch open to the public served at the Riverside Dining room at noon. We will be serving a sandwich buffet and everyone is welcome!

If you are interested in sponsoring we again have three levels of sponsorship available  
1. BRONZE SPONSOR: \$50  
2. SILVER SPONSOR: \$100  
3. GOLD SPONSOR: \$350 which includes a team entry in the tournament.

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of an electro-cautery unit for surgery. For more information or to sign up a team, please contact Kary, Sara, Susanne or Karla at the hospital.



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