

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

It seems like we live in a world of those who get it and those who don't. Here's an example.

Last weekend the 10th Annual Midwest Coyote Calling Event was held in St. Francis. It drew a large crowd of hunters from several states. From Friday to Sunday afternoon the two-man teams went into the country and called in coyotes. There were 210 dogs killed.

One of the major sponsors for the contest was Sportman's Warehouse out of Midvale, Utah. The company participated despite requests by the American Humane Society of the United States not to.

From Washington, D.C., the Humane Society "asked the group to stop promoting the killing of animals for

fun and money."

Sportman's Warehouse response was "that it believed coyote killing contests are important to keep wildlife in balance."

Ask any rancher about coyotes preying on their animals. They are a predator that is at the top of the food chain. The only animal above them around here is man.

I do think the Humane Society does a great job in cities where stray dogs and cats need a home. But the huge lobbying power of groups like them and PETA can do a lot more damage than good to the rural landscape.

As for the coyote population going down by 210, 752 more dogs were spotted roaming the countryside. Maybe someone in Washington can tell me how many more were not seen?

Bulletin Board

Death Notice

Long time resident of Bird City Freda Beckius Bolyard died Jan. 9. Funeral arrangements pending. For information call 785-734-2762.

Cheylin Booster Club

There will be a Booster Club Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library.

Cheylin Recreation Commission

The Cheylin Recreation Commission monthly meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Cheylin High School library.

Home Circle Club

Weather permitting, the Home Circle Club members will have their Christmas gift exchange and regular meeting at 2 p.m. on Jan. 18 at Lebow Manor. Meta Dankenbring will be the hostess.

Blood Drive

People interested in donating blood can donate at the Bird City Community blood drive Wednesday, Jan. 17 at the American Legion from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule your appointment to donate blood during National Volunteer Blood Donor Month.

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Friday, Jan. 12 weather permitting. Meta Dankenbring and Doris Amsberry will serve as hostesses.

Card shower

A card shower is being held to help Edwin Meyer celebrate his 95th birthday on Jan. 15. Send best wishes to him at 820 S. Denison St., Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Kansas Day

Kansas Day activities will take place in Bird City on Monday, Jan. 29, with registration at 10 a.m. and the potluck dinner scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Story in this issue.

Spaghetti dinner

The annual Cheyenne County Kansas for Life spaghetti dinner will be from 11:30 to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21, at Peace Lutheran Church. Everyone in the community is welcome. Classified ad on page 10.

Association to Benefit Cheyenne County

The Association to Benefit Cheyenne County meets every third

Thursday of the month at the Diamond R.

Conference set

United States Department of Agriculture Energy Conference on renewable energy and energy efficiency has been set for Jan. 30-31 in Manhattan. Go to www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks or call 332-3508 for more information.

Veterans' Affairs Representative

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month at the County Clerk's office in the courthouse to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. Her next visit will be on Thursday, Jan. 18.

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

Bicycles still being collected

The Lions Club is still collecting bicycles to take to the Norton Correctional facility to be repair. The bicycles made be taken to the Saint Francis Herald office for later pickup. Please bring to front door of Herald.

Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

Sainty Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous

Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-6542 for more information.

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.

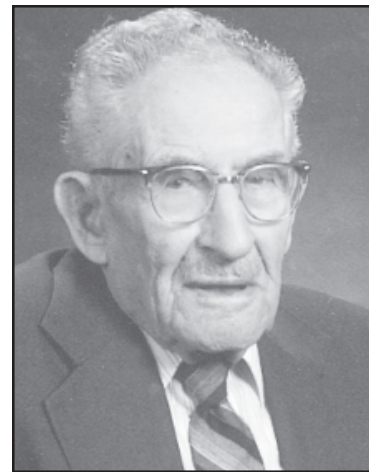


SENIORS celebrating January birthdays at the Bird City Senior Center on Monday were: Ed Meyer, Maude Elliott, Galina Lorenz, and Gene Young.

Times Staff photo by Melinda Basnett

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Meyer

Public hearing held for sewer plan

By Melinda Basnett

The Bird City Council members met on Monday with a public hearing. The hearing was to inform residents of the waste water treatment facility plans that have been put forth in the past few months.

Chris Miller of Miller and Associates was on hand to give a brief outline of the progress of the project so far and answer any questions that anyone may have. The projected cost of the project is \$866,175. The city has applied for a Community Block Development Grant of \$400,000 which they expect to hear whether they have received this week. The remaining funds (\$466,000) will come from a State Revolving Fund loan at a low interest rate (less than 3 percent).

"What happens on overrun costs?" asked resident Hal Sager. Mr. Miller explained that the revolving fund will cover unexpected costs.

"Does that include demolition of the old plant?" asked city superintendent Sam Beeson.

Mr. Miller explained that those costs had already been included in the plan.

Other questions included: "Who would be notified first on the grant?" and "When the expected completion date was estimated?"

Since the city is the one who filed the grant application, they will be notified first if they receive it, and the expected completion of the non-discharge lagoon system is set for Dec. 2007.

Obituary

Sharon Applegate
Feb. 28, 1948 - Dec. 19, 2006

Sharon Kay Applegate was born Feb. 28, 1938, in Neosho, Mo. She died Dec. 19, 2006, in Stockton, Mo.

Her first five years of life were spent in St. Francis, Kan. She and her twin brother, Bobby, kept things interesting. According to her mother, what one couldn't get into and out of again, the other one did.

She moved with her parents and brother to a dairy outside of Mulvane, where she started school. When she was 11-years old, she moved with her family to Bird City. She graduated from Bird City High School in 1968.

On July 22, 1972, she was united in marriage to James B. Wallace of Colby. They were blessed with a son, James F. Wallace. Her husband died July 22, 1984.

On Dec. 18, 1995, she was united in marriage to Kenneth Applegate. They resided in Eureka and on a farm near Urbana, Mo. He died Feb. 7, 2003. She then moved to Humansville, Mo., and then later to Stockton.

On July 10, 2006, Sharon suffered a massive stroke. Until her death, she

bravely battled the residual effects of that stroke.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Vera Smith; her brother, Bobby; her grandparents, and an uncle, Charles Rogers.

She will be greatly missed by her son, James; and her sister, Linda, both of Bird City; aunts and uncles, Emma Rogers of Colby, William and Elaine Rogers of Montbello, Colo., Paul Rogers of Colby and Don and Joan Rogers of Midvale, Ohio; many cousins; and a host of friends, including her neighbors at Parkview Apartments.

Correction

Correction: In last week's Cheyenne County Hospital Board article, it stated that Amelia Henderson, outpatient clinic coordinator, did epidural injections. Kim Zweygardt, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, corrected the writer, saying that Ms. Henderson schedules the epidural injections and Mrs. Zweygardt gives the injections.

— WANTED —

Community pictures, especially of Santa Day and the recent snow storm for the website.

www.birdcity.com is live!

Take a look and feel free to submit any corrections and constructive suggestions for change to centuryii@bcks.net



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The family of Kenneth Peck would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, food, flowers and memorials. Thank you to Father Hal Lyceff for supporting our family and for the nice service. Thank you to the VFW color guard for their participating at the cemetery. Your acts of kindness are very appreciated and won't be forgotten.



Vi Peck
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Kenneth Peck Jr. (Patty) & family
Becky (Rick) Baney & family

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