

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

It's getting to the time of the year when people are a bit down. After busting our tails during the work week and the weekends are spent digging out from the latest storm, we're ready for a break!

So this Sunday we'll enjoy one of the biggest shows of the year. That's right. It's time for Super Bowl 41!

Local stores are stocked up with all the goodies we will need. Whether you watch the game at home or with a group of fans, it's sure to be a party.

The two teams, Chicago and Indianapolis, bring a freshness to the event. Chicago was last in the Super Bowl 21 years ago. As for the Colts, the team was still in Baltimore with Johnny Unitas at quarterback.

Will Payton Manning finally win

the "big one" or will Brian Urlacher and the "Monsters of the Midway" prevail. Who knows? That's the drama that makes for an exciting spectacle.

And for those who don't love football, there are the commercials. At \$2.6 million for a 30-second spot, you know they will be entertaining.

Janet Jackson has not been invited back to perform since her "wardrobe malfunction" a couple of years ago. However Prince will be in Miami for this year's half-time show. Billy Joel is slated to sing the national anthem.

So on Sunday forget about the weather outside and what will be waiting for you Monday morning. Get lost in the moment that comes only once a year. Have a great Super Bowl!

Specialist to speak at Peace Lutheran

Peace Lutheran Church is sponsoring Pastor Dennis McKeever who will be presenting evidence for the Christian faith at 10:30 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4. The presentation is titled "FaithSearch."

Pastor McKeever says the presentation includes eye-opening discoveries that demonstrate the historical validity and value of Christianity that is relevant to people all over the globe.

"Wherever I go, not just in the western world, people are amazed to hear the compelling details about the accuracy and integrity of the Christian scriptures," he said.

Confidence in the discoveries presented in FaithSearch has compelled the pastor to travel the world to articulate what many describe as "astounding" evidence.

"My desire is that when people understand the intellectual integrity of the Christian faith, they will freely embrace the historic person of Jesus Christ. It is He who offers to transform their lives — just as He did mine!"

Pastor McKeever will detail the forgiveness and new life that he has found in Jesus. The presentation also includes answers to some of the most important questions in life: Why am I here? Can I believe the Bible? Is Jesus really God? Are all religions the same? and How can I experience God?

A long-time resident of Taiwan and Russia, Pastor McKeever is now director of International Ministry at Faith Studies International in Minneapolis. He recently returned from, a tour of southern India.

Accident claims life of St. Francis young man

By Karen Krien

Kevin Brown, age 22, died in an accident early Sunday morning. The accident happened in Idalia.

His sister April said Kevin and his friends had gone to a dance in Idalia. Before going home, he went to jump into the back of the pickup but, to the best of their knowledge, he slipped and fell. April said her brother had always been a little clumsy. His friend jumped out to see if he was all right and Kevin responded that, yes, he was fine — let's go home.

About the time the group reached the county line, they noticed that Kevin was extremely pale. He continued to laugh and joke until they were almost to St. Francis. His friends took him to the hospital where he was pronounced dead at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

An autopsy was done in Hays and the report said his ribs had severed the liver when he had fallen and he had bled to death.

Kevin, the son of Mark and Barb Brown, St. Francis, graduated with the class of 2003. Following graduation, he attended Northwest Kansas Technical College where he

studied to be an electrician, graduating in 2005.

He was working for the St. Francis Equity at the time of his death. For at least seven years prior to going to the Equity, he worked for Yonkey farms.

"Kevin was a great kid — always happy and smiling — nice to have around and was excellent help," Gary Yonkey said.

Kevin liked to hunt and fish and especially liked demolition derbies. He fixed up his cars from start to finish and then competed. He started wrestling when he was in the first grade and competed until he graduated from high school. This year, he had begun refereeing matches.

His greatest love was farming and his goal was to eventually own a farm.

He leaves to mourn his parents, sister April and her husband Ryan Brown of Stockton; and many more relatives and friends. A complete obituary will be printed in next week's Herald.

Funeral services have been set for 2:30 p.m. on Friday at the First Baptist Church in St. Francis.

Funeral notice

Funeral services for Hazel "Lucille" Long are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Bird City United Methodist Church.

Funeral notice

Funeral services for Kevin Brown are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Friday at the First Baptist Church in St. Francis.

Funeral notice

Funeral services for Hilda Mlinek are to be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Peace Lutheran Church.

Death notice

Funeral services for Florence Daniels were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Haigler United Methodist Church.

95th birthday reception

A reception is being held at 3 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the Good Samaritan Village to help Irene Kehlbeck celebrate her 95th birthday.

Memorial service

Memorial services for Otto Lillich are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Feb. 10 at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Bird City.

American Legion Auxiliary
The American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Friday, Feb. 2. A special program and an important business meeting is planned.

Fishing contest

A two-person team fishing contest is planned for Sunday, Feb. 11, sponsored by the Cheyenne County Wildlife. Sign up at Bumper to Bumper in St. Francis, or with Tim Stimbert, St. Francis or Hal Sager, Bird City.

Equity annual meeting

The annual meeting of the St. Francis Equity will be held with the meal beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, at the St. Francis High School. Check ad for additional details.

FaithSearch

Pastor Dennis McKeever will present compelling evidence for the Christian faith in St. Francis on Feb. 4. His revealing presentation, "FaithSearch," will be held at Peace Lutheran Church from 10:30 to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. The event is sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church Evangelism Commission.

Marriage and Family Conference

Learn the three secrets to a long-lasting and satisfying marriage at the Marriage and Family Conference. The conference will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the St. Francis Community High School auditorium with Pastor Glenn Meredith speaking.

Little Kids

Wrestling Tournament

There will be a Little Kids Wrestling Tournament at the high school gym in St. Francis on Saturday.

Wrestling begins at 9 a.m. and there is no admission charge. Age divisions include 6 and under; 8 and under; 10 and under; and 12 and under. Over 150 wrestlers are entered from the surrounding area.

There is a concession stand with breakfast and lunch available. Note, classified ad on classified page.

County Health Talk

January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month

By Susan Roelfs
County Health Nurse

Glaucoma is the second most common cause of blindness in the U.S., affecting nearly 3 million Americans. Glaucoma represents a family of eye diseases commonly associated with optic nerve damage and visual field changes (a narrowing of the eyes' usual scope of vision). Because the disease often progresses silently, with no warning or symptoms, it is estimated that up to one-half of the approximately 3 million Americans with the disease don't even know they have it.

Glaucoma occurs when high fluid pressure in the eye presses against the optic nerve, causing damage. The damage to optic nerve fibers can cause blind spots to develop. These blind spots usually go undetected until the optic nerve is significantly damaged. If the optic nerve is destroyed, blindness results.

While anyone can get glaucoma, certain groups of people are at higher risk for the disease. These include African Americans and Hispanics, and people with diabetes, which are nearly twice as likely to develop glaucoma as adults without diabetes.

Glaucoma screening can lead to

early detection and treatment, which can prevent, slow, or stop vision loss from the disease. Medicare covers annual glaucoma screening for people at high risk for the disease.

Medical advances have made it easier to diagnose and treat glaucoma before even moderate vision loss occurs.

Because glaucoma progresses with little or no warning signs or symptoms, and vision loss from glaucoma is irreversible, it is very important that people at high risk for the disease receive annual screening, and that those who have it are treated and monitored routinely.

Facts

- Beethoven was totally deaf when he composed his Ninth Symphony.
- Venezuela's Angel Falls is a mile high.



Paul Roesener

Birthday honored on the 17th

The family of Paul H. Roesener is requesting a card shower to help Paul celebrate his 90th birthday on Feb. 17. Wishes can be sent to him at 3450 Road Q, McDonald, KS 67745.



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Rental Housing is needed during the construction of the dairy February - September 2007. Rent is paid for by the dairy contractor, Wilhite Dairy.

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If you have any questions contact Shawna Blanka.

Physician & Professional Service Directory

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 1: Dr. Warren - Surgeon
- Feb. 6: Dr. Rubinowitz - Oncology
- Feb. 7: Dr. Frankum - Surgeon
- Feb. 8: Dr. Warren - Surgeon
- Feb. 20: Mammo
- Feb. 21: Dr. Frankum - Surgeon
- Feb. 21: Dr. Reeves - Podiatrist
- Feb. 26: Dr. Uyemura - Ophthalmology
- Feb. 28: Dr. Uyemura - Ophthalmology

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Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous

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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.



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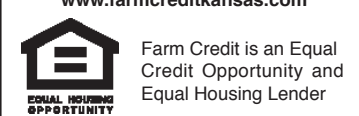
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