

By Casey McCormick

When I experienced my recent hospital stay, I noticed something about the branch of the building I was in: Intensive Care. The nurses were caring, friendly and they worked their tails off. But it seemed they had a barrier, or a wall, that separated them emotionally from their work. I soon learned why. Two doors down from me was an old friend. Dick Boswell of Bird City was also a patient there. Neither one of us was well enough to visit, but through his wife and daughter, Gwen and Stephanie, my family and I knew he was there. Let me tell you a little about Dick. He grew up in Bird City and played on the 1954 football team that went

unscored on and undefeated to a state championship. After high school he joined the Marine Corps and served bravely in Vietnam. I met Dick when I moved to Bird City five years ago. At first he looked like a big walrus with a questionable disposition. But then a smile would grow and Dick would laugh. One of my fondest memories will be of him at the Thresher Show. Dick would wear his Marine dress uniform and the kids would gather around to ask him questions. General Douglas MacArthur once said, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." I don't see that for Dick. His memory will not fade.

Couple announce wedding

Kendra Boots, Ashby, Neb., and Jacy Rambat, Bird City, plan their wedding for July 27 in Ogallala, Neb. Both are attending Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. Ms. Boots is pursuing a degree in early childhood development and Mr. Rambat is studying health and physical education. They are the children of Rodney



Boots — Rambat

and Mabel Boots of Ashby and Royce and Jan Rambat of Bird City.

Cougar Chronicles

Menu

Monday, May 7
Breakfast; scrambled eggs, cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch; Ham and cheese stromboli, corn on the cob, salad bar, fruit, milk
Tuesday, May 8
Breakfast; ham or sausage biscuit, cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch; chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, salad bar, fruit, milk
Wednesday, May 9
Breakfast; waffles, cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch; Junior High and High School
Chinese Stir Fry, rice, salad bar, fruit, milk

Elementary: Peanutbutter and Jelly Sandwich, chips, oranges, cookie, milk
Thursday, May 10
Breakfast; french toast, cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch; Deli sandwich, potato, salad bar, fruit, dessert, milk
•Friday May 4, high school track @ Benkelman
•Monday May 7, jr. high track and high school track at home at Cheylin. jr. high begins at 10 am and high school at 3 pm.
•Tuesday May 8, golf @ Brewster (Goodland).
Booster Club meeting at 6 pm in the library.
•Thursday May 10 golf @ Tribune

For the Record

Maurice W. Major to Jerry Brenner and Sean Brenner, the S1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4 and SW1/4SW1/4 of Sec. 33; Lots 1 and 2 in Sec. 32 in Cheyenne County.
Mark D. Davidson, et ux, to Leslie Frink, Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 30 in Bird City.
Dec. 2006:
Ricky R. Rogers, et ux, to Kenneth D. Bracelin, et ux, Lots 36, 37, 38 and 39 in Block 17 in St. Francis.
Ronald E. Wilson, et ux, to Chris West, et ux, the N71' of Lot 4, all of lot 5 and the E1/2 of Lot 6 in Block 19 in St. Francis.
Marilyn Jo Shull Revocable Trust to Richard L. Bannister, et ux, the NE1/4 of Sec. 21-3S-38W in Cheyenne County.
Roger Pownell, et ux, to Velma A.

Hilty, Lot 7 in Block 35 in St. Francis.
K and J Banister Farms, L.P. to Audrey A. Hines, the NE1/4 of Sec. 24-3S-37 in Cheyenne County.
Gerald H. Lillich to First Evangelical Lutheran Church, the E1/2 of the NW1/4 of Sec. 24-4S-38W in Cheyenne County.
Jeanne M. Dunbar, et ux, to Adriaan J. De Waal, the SE1/4 of Sec. 8-3S-38W in Cheyenne County.
Christopher T. Mastin, et ux, to Mary C. Hill, a tract of land in the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 of Sec. 22-3S-40W in Cheyenne County.
Gene Voeller, et ux, to Derrick J. Tice, et ux, a tract of land 60' E. and W. lying N. of Lots 4 and 5 in Block 3 in St. Francis.

Bulletin Board

American Legion Auxiliary
The Bird City American Legion Auxiliary will meet Friday, May 4 at 2 pm. Plan to share a Memorial Day memory for roll call.
Cheylin Booster Club
The Cheylin Booster Club will meet at on Tuesday, May 8 at 6 pm in the high school library.
Cheylin Summer Recreation Softball
Sign up to play Summer Recreation softball now. C-team must have finished the third grade through sixth grade, B-team girls must have finished seventh through twelfth grade. Sign up sheets will be posted in the schools or call Coach Kelly Basnett 785-538-2289.

City Council

Bird City Council will hold their regular monthly meeting on May 7, at 7 pm at the City Hall.

School Board

The Cheylin Board of Education will hold their monthly meeting on May 14, at 7 pm in the meeting room of the high school.

Bird City alumni

The Bird City Alumni Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 26, in the Bird City Legion Hall. The theme is "Thru the Years in 'Record Time' and the evening will include the High Country Chorus from Denver. Check ad for ticket information.

Tour Planned

A tour of Bird City is being planned by the Class of 1957. A people mover from the Steam Engine Show grounds will be used to provide transportation around the town. Anyone wanting to go along should meet at the Bird City High school at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday May 26.

Hospitalized

Lyndsey Blakeman, daughter of John and Debbie Blakeman, and granddaughter of Jerdene and Barb Barnhart, was injured in a four-wheeler accident.

Cards may be addressed to her at Lyndsey Blakeman, 10E. 31st Street, ICU 6216, Kearney, Neb. 68847

Cheyenne County Historical Society

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will hold its regular meeting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8. The program title is "Back to the Future" with Tom Keller and Althea Lebow leading the presentation. Please plan to attend as members take a look at the county's history and how that relates to the present and to the future.

The board will meet at 3:30 p.m., before the regular meeting.

AARP Driver Safety program

The AARP Driver Safety program will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on May 8 and May 9 at the St. Francis Senior Center.

All licensed driver's are eligible. Contact Clarence Iliff at (785) 332-8958 for information. This program is sponsored by AARP Chapter 1739.

Hospital Guild

The Hospital Guild will be holding their Spring Salad Luncheon on Monday,

May 7, at the Senior Citizens Center. Susan Roelfs, county health nurse, will present the program.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m., tonight (Thursday) at the commissioner's room.

AARP

AARP will be meeting at 2 p.m. on May 10 at the St. Francis Senior Center. High school students, under the direction of Mrs. Fiala will perform.

The roll call will be answered by naming vacation plans. Host is Clarence Iliff.

Training session announced

The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging and the Kansas Department on Aging will sponsor a training for people who would like to

become volunteer health insurance counselors. The three-day training is scheduled for May 15, 16 and 17 in Hays. Pre-registration is required. contact Glenna Clingingsmith at 1-800-432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

Armed Forces Day

Hundreds of volunteer brass players are being recruited to perform the 24 notes of "Taps" on May 19 in recognition of Armed Forces Day. The Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at WaKeeney is one of the cemeteries honoring the day.

Brass players of all ages are encouraged to perform at the cemetery of their choice. Schools and other organizations are also welcome to participate. More information and a sign-up sheet are available at

www.ehotaps.org or you may contact the WaKeeney cemetery at (785) 743-5685 or email Heidi Goff at hgoff@ruraltel.net.

Prairie Land Food

To participate in the May St. Francis Prairie Land Food program you must place your order by Monday, May 7. Among those names to contact is Lee Nichols at 332-3581 or 3326336. Then come to the First Baptist Church on between 12:30 and 1:30 on May 19.

Library Art Gallery

Kindergarten through fourth grade 2- and 3-dimensional art work projects are on display at the St. Francis Public Library. These items were featured at the Northwest Kansas League Art Display earlier this spring.

Obituaries

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Bernard in 1992 and Donald in 2006.

Surviving him are his wife, Mary; son, Charles Norfleet and wife, Deborah of Yukon; daughter, Linda and husband, John Zachary of Houston, Texas; daughter, Dorinda and husband, Joe Berry of Yukon; sister, Marly and husband, Howard Poulignot of St. Francis; brother, Jimmie Kramer and wife, Marjorie of Fort Morgan, Colo.; brother, Ronald Kramer and wife, Sharon of Kearney, Neb.; sister-in-law, Twila Kramer of St. Francis; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 27, at the Yanda and Son Funeral Chapel with Reverend John Miller officiating. Interment was in the Resurrection Memorial Cemetery with Military rites.

George Gregory

"Greg" Byers

October 1943 - April 21, 2007
A private family memorial service for George Gregory "Greg" Byers, 63, will be held at a later date. He died peacefully with his family by his side at his home in Kinnear, Wyo., on April 21, 2007.

He was born in Los Angeles in October 1943.

His family moved to Lander, Wyo. where he graduated from Fremont County Vocational High School in 1961. He was very active in sports, which included track, basketball and football. He lettered in every sport and held several state records.

He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1963. He married his first wife, DeEtta Wood Bassett in 1967. They were married 20 years and had two daughters, Michele and Jenny.

While in the Marines, he toured Vietnam three times and earned the Pistol Expert Badge, Rifle Sharpshooter Badge, Combat Action Rib-

bon, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation with one star, National Defense Service Medal with six stars, Republic Vietnam Meritorious Unit Commendation Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Marine Corps Expeditionary Service Deployment Ribbon with one star, Good Conduct Medal 6th AWD, Navy Achievement Medal with V and the Gold Star. He retired from the Marines a Master Sergeant in February 1983.

He then moved to Boise, Idaho with his family and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1987.

There he met wife, Sherrie, and worked as an environmental specialist for International Technologies. They were married in 1989, and they continued to live in Ohio until 1997, when they returned to Wyoming.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening, and canning. Everyone who knew him knew what a wonderful cook he was. He will be missed by many friends and family members, but will always be remembered for his black hat and walking stick.

Survivors include his best friend and wife of 18 years, Sherrie Byers, his two daughters, Michele Fenton and husband, of Hudson, and Jenny Brazill of Eagle, Idaho, his sisters, Sally Cole and her husband of Mills, and Becky Elliot and husband of Lander, Wyo., three grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Elwin and Ruth Marie Byers, who were both from Bird City. George was born and raised in Bird City and taught there for 13 years.

Memorials may be made to the Lander Veterans War Memorial, in care of Trinidad Herrera, 865 Hobson Street, Lander, Wyo. 82520.

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Dairy Housing Informational Meeting

Monday, May 7 ~ 7 p.m.
Bird City Century II Office

Mike McCarty will be available to talk with anyone interested in providing rental homes to the dairy.
For more information call: 785-734-2556

BIRD CITY CENTURY II

Development Foundation

785-734-2556

"A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE BIRD CITY COMMUNITY."

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 32 min.

Are We Done Yet?

Comedy and Sequel
Rating: PG for some innuendos and brief language.

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Children 11 & under: \$2 12-18 yr.: \$3 Senior Citizens: \$3 Adults: \$4

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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The Cheyenne County Hospital will be Celebrating National Hospital Week May 6-12.

We would like to thank all our patients, families and employees for using our hospital!

Don't forget to check out the Cheyenne County Hospital's website. It provides many sources for health information and programming. Visit www.cheyennecountyhospital.com to see how useful this is for our patients, their families, and those who may want to know what kinds of services or facilities we have.

In Loving Memory of Tom Gleason, who left us a year ago, May 3rd

What would we give —
for his hand to clasp, his patient face to see, to hear his voice, to see his smile, as in days that used to be.

But some sweet day, we'll meet again,
Beyond the toil and strife of life,
and clasp each others hand once more!
In Heaven's Happy Life!

Sadly missed by His Wife,
Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

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