

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Baby steps.
At my age it is hard to learn to slow down. Since I got sick, I've found that a lot of things are out of my hands. I'm not complaining, the doctors, nurses and medicines got me from "point A to point B."
But now I am back home and back at work. In my mind, things should go as they had a few months ago. Last weekend Lezlie and I tried to get some yard work done between graduation appearances. She ran the mower while I worked on weeds. A short time into the chore and I was winded. Luckily, Lezlie didn't mind when I went inside to rest.

At the paper I'm trying to make my rounds and get reacquainted with everyone. The problem is in my legs. After walking several blocks and standing, they get a bit weak.
I have to remember that healing takes time. It helps to know that those around me are more patient with me than I am with myself.
One step I took was driving again. While I was in Denver, when I got to go somewhere, someone else drove. But the day came when I had to get to a doctor's office at Swedish Medical Center and then drive out of town in rush-hour traffic. Needless to say, it wasn't fun, but with baby steps I made it.

Melinda's Moments

By Melinda Basnett

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Whenever I see those little red paper flowers they bring back a lot of memories. When I was a girl I was in Camp Fire. For those not familiar with this organization, it is similar to Scouts.
One of our yearly projects was to hit the streets on a Saturday morning with a big box full of Veterans Poppies, and a paper covered coffee can to collect donations.
We had so much fun seeing who could disperse all of their's first.
We did a lot of community service projects. I remember going through flag folding lessons at the local VFW at a weekly meeting. It was important to know the proper procedure, and to never, ever, let it touch the ground.
I had the good fortune to grow up in a time of peace, although many of

my uncles served their country during World War II. Those men and women gave everything they had for their country. I'm glad that there are organizations keeping the tradition of the poppy and it's story alive.
Members of the Bird City American Legion Auxiliary take the time each year to go to the school and tell the poppy story to the third grade class. I know that when I look at my Wo-He-Lo medallion (equal to Eagle Scout) I think back to many hours spent honoring Veterans with poppy sales and homemade valentines and Christmas cards for those in the veterans hospitals.
When you wear a poppy you have the opportunity to raise the awareness of the much needed financial help this provides for our veterans.
In memory of our veterans wear a poppy proudly. I do!

Cajun dinner coming

The 2007-2008 Cheylin Dance Team is once again hosting their Cajun Dinner for the community June 2 from 7:30-9:30 pm at the high school gym in Bird City. The girls and volunteers are preparing a dinner seasoned especially for their guests. The dinner will once again be served by the dance team members in a unique way.
The team is hosting this fundraising event to purchase supplies and defray camp costs for next season. See ad elsewhere.
Dance team members are Col-

leen Shrader, Montana Rhymes, Nikki Johnson, Kelly Basnett, Naomi Reeh, Teryn Carmichael, Whitney Churchwell and Lezah Diers.
Tickets can be purchased from one of the members or by calling their sponsors Tammi Carmichael at 734-2494 or Amy Hendricks at 734-2207. There are a limited number of tickets so call soon to reserve yours. They would like to have you support the Cheylin Dance Team and have a relaxing night with this unique dinner and entertainment.

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Bulletin Board

Bird City Senior Center

The Bird City Senior Center has cancelled the monthly potluck for May due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service for Dick Boswell on May 27 at 2 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church following with interment of the cremains at the Bird City Cemetery with a Marine Honor Guard present.

4-H/FFA Spring Livestock Show

The Cheyenne County 4-H/FFA Spring Livestock Show will be held beginning a 9 a.m. Saturday at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds.

Junior golf

The opening date for the junior golf program at Riverside Recreation in St. Francis is Friday, June 1. The practice sessions begin at 10 a.m. and last until noon. The program will run through July 27. Tim Poling will assist.

Summer League Volleyball Camp

The St. Francis Recreation Commission is hosting a High School (ninth through 12th grades) Summer League Volleyball Camp on Monday nights, June 4, 18, 25; July 2, 9 and 16. Each team will have two games each night. The cost will include a T-shirt. Registration forms are due by May 29. Schedules will be handed out the first night of the camp. You will be contacted as to your start time.

For additional information concerning registration forms contact Alice Kinen at akinen@usd297.k12.ks.us or call the high school office (785) 332-8153, high school kitchen (785) 332-8165 or at her home (785) 332-2533.

Offices closes on May 28

Ad deadline for the May 31 issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City times will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, as the offices will be closed on Memorial Day (Monday,

May 28). The newspapers will be published and delivered one later that week.

Memorial Day Services Bird City

There will be a Memorial Service Monday, May 28 at 10 a.m. at the Bird City Cemetery.

Memorial Day program St. Francis

The Veterans of Foreign War Post 1528 and its Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Memorial Day program at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 28, at the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorial Day Ceremony St. Francis

The annual Rebekah-Odd Fellow Memorial Day Ceremony at the Monument in the St. Francis Cemetery following the regular Memorial Day Cemetery Service which begins at 10 a.m.

Memorial Day Service Cheyenne Valley Cemetery

Memorial Day Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 28, at the Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, 1 mile south of Wheeler. The annual Cheyenne Valley Cemetery Association meeting will follow.

Carnival volunteers

The Cheyenne County home-owned carnival is run by volunteers. Those wanting to help with rides, games and booths should contact DeEtta Knorr at 785-332-2551.

Relay for Life

A Relay for Life meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on tonight (Thursday), at the home of Sherry Schultz. All committee members should plan to attend. The committee needs volunteers. Anyone interested in helping, please come to the meeting.

Information needed

Those attending the April 15 open house of the museum were given a form so they could write about their involvement in the Historical Society. A notebook of volunteers and their contributions over the years is being compiled, because the board feels that the work of every volun-

teer is important. Please share the story of your involvement with the Society and the museum. Return your form as soon as possible. There are additional forms at the museum.

Veterans Memorial Day service

A Veterans Memorial Day service is being held in WaKeeney at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 28. Air Force Captain Michael J. Frasco will be the speaker.

K-State World War II veterans reunion planned

The Kansas State University World War II Veterans Memorial Committee has made plans for a World War II Veterans Reunion. The event will be June 4-6 in Manhattan. For more information, contact Jodi Weiberg, vice president of alumni programs, 785-532-5056 e-mail: jweiberg@K-State.com; or Steve Logback, director of communications, 785-532-5051 or e-mail: slogback@K-State.com.

Singer performs in Atwood

Michael Martin Murphy, singing cowboy, will hold a benefit concert on Sunday, July 3, at the Columbian Hall, Lake Atwood Road, Atwood. The benefit is being held to support the restoration of the Shirley Opera House in Atwood. The gates will open at 1 p.m. and the music will begin at 2 p.m.

A barbecue supper will follow the event. In the weeks to come, more information will be available in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* or call 785-626-3740 or 785-538-2363.

Bird City alumni

The Bird City Alumni Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 26, 6 p.m. CDT in the Bird City Legion Hall. The theme is "Thru the Years in 'Record Time' and the evening will include the High Country Choruses from Denver. Tickets can be purchased at First National Bank (785) 734-2100 or Hometown Market (785) 734-2050.

Woman honored by Developmental Service

On May 7, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas paid special recognition to two founding board members, Bonnie Burr and Clarence Scheopner. Burr and Scheopner were presented with plaques that will hang in Developmental Services Staff Training Rooms in Hays. The plaques will be displayed in the rooms as part of the Service's efforts in renaming them the Burr and Scheopner Training Rooms.

Both have served on the Board of Directors since 1973. Burr has served as the representative for Cheyenne County where she was instrumental in the early efforts of getting special education started

west of Salina. Scheopner as a representative of Sherman County was a pioneer in seeing that services were available to people with disabilities in northwest Kansas through his efforts in starting Beamgard Learning Center and Prairie Developmental Center in Atwood.

"These are two great leaders in the state of Kansas who, through their courage and determination, have touched the lives of thousands," Jim Blume, former Developmental Services President said.

"Their personal connection and long standing dedication has created and ensured greater opportunities for people with developmental disabilities in northwest Kansas."

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- Benefit dinner for Cheyenne County tornado victims
5 pm • Thursday, May 2
American Legion, Bird City
- Welcome Home Alumni, Family & Friends
Bird City Alumni Banquet
Thru the Years in "Record Time"
Saturday, May 26 @ Bird City Legion Hall
Honored Classes 1937, 1947, 1957, 1967
- Cheylin Dance Team Cajun Boil
Saturday, June 2
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