

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

I'm perplexed.
Professional sports in America serve as a diversion away from our daily routines. It should entertain and provide an escape.
Baseball, a personal favorite, has been called "the national past-time" for over a century.
Then along comes Barry Bonds. As I write, he is seven homeruns short of tying Hank Aaron's 755 career mark.
This should be reason for joy. History is being made. So what's wrong?
George Herman "Babe" Ruth amassed 714 homeruns during his illustrious career, 1914 to 1935. It took until April 8, 1974 for Aaron to break that mark. He later added another 41. One ball player, playing on an equal field, did what many thought was impossible.
So why don't I care about Bonds catching Aaron? It is pretty obvious that Major League Baseball has turned a blind eye to the use of steroids in their game.
I remember watching a skinny kid playing baseball for the Arizona State Sun Devils in the mid-1980s. Although he was the son of

San Francisco Giant great, Bobby Bonds, he lacked heart then. After college he went to the Pittsburgh Pirates and argued with his manager and team-mates. In 1993 he became a Giant, just like his dad. That is where the similarities end.
Not only have Bonds' homeruns increased, so has his size and strength. Someday the record may come clean, but for now I can only offer my opinion that he has cheated. It is not like the moment Hank caught the "Babe."
Looking at the Baseball Encyclopedia, the page that lists the homerun record looks wrong. Some names belong; Aaron, Ruth, Willie Mays (660), Mickey Mantle (536), Ted Williams (521), Ernie Banks (512), Lou Gehrig (493) and Stan Musial (475), just to name a few, have earned their place in baseball history.
Some don't belong; Bonds, Sammy Sosa (588), Mark McGuire (583), Rafael Palmeiro (569) and Jose Conseco (462).
Baseball will survive and it will remain a welcome break from life's realities. But baseball historians will have some explaining to do.

Melinda's Moments

By Melinda Basnett

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Many have heard, and many haven't, I have turned in my resignation at *The Bird City Times*. I have made a lot of friends through the job and hope to keep them all. It's been fun most of the time, and I may still show up on a page once in awhile (if the publisher will have me).
I have accepted a different position. I leave my duties at the paper with some regret, but it's best for me and my family. I will help and encourage my replacement all I can.
The job takes a person with a strong sense of community and

dedication. A great deal of the reward comes from the readers.
I have met people for the first time who have said they feel as though they knew me already from my writing. It's a very special community that the *Bird City Times* serves, and it's people are incredible. Whoever takes my place will find out how hard everyone works to keep the community strong. If you are interested in the position see Karen Krien or Casey McCormick at *The Saint Francis Herald*.
Don't think of this as good-bye just see-ya-later!
-Melinda Basnett

Couple plan wedding

Lindsay Rachelle Walter and Nathan Paul Hendricks are planning a July 28 wedding.
Miss Walter's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gail Boller and Nathan's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Hendricks of Bird City.
Miss Walter is a graduate of Kansas State University, Manhattan, with a bachelor of science degree in music education. She is employed as an assistant youth director with New Hope Community Church, Manhattan.
Mr. Hendricks is a graduate of Kansas State University with a



Hendricks — Walter

master's degree in agricultural economics. He will be pursuing his doctorate degree at the University of California at Davis in the fall.



Farewell coffee

There will be a farewell coffee for Pastor Glenn and Betty at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City on Sunday, June 24. It will be held between Sunday school and church, 10:30 to 10:50 a.m., in the fellowship hall.
You are welcome to come and wish them good luck.

Bird City Senior Center

The Bird City Senior Center will hold their monthly potluck at noon on Monday, June 25.

Memorial service

A memorial service for Willard Peter has been scheduled for 11 a.m., Friday, July 6, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis. Mr. Peter was born Jan. 2, 1932 and died May 24, 2007. Memorials may be made to the church or to the emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

Office closed July 4

The St. Francis Herald office will be closed Wednesday, July 4, so employees can celebrate the holiday. The deadline will still be Monday at 5 p.m. however, the papers will be delivered a day later as the post offices will also be closed on Wednesday.

Relay for Life meeting

A Cheyenne County Relay for Life Committee meeting will be held at the home of Sherry Schultz at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday). All chairs please attend and also anyone who would like to help plan the Relay.

Wheat Field Day

Cheyenne County Wheat Field Day will be held on June 20. Field activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the field 5 miles south of Wheeler. The meal and program will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Wheeler Greenline.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 29, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.



DEVIN JANICKE gets ready to hit the ball during junior golf practice held at Riverside.
Times staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Bulletin Board

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 21, at the county clerk's office. You may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Movie in the Park

The St. Francis Recreation Commission is featuring "Movies in the Park" with show time beginning after dark, probably at 10 p.m., in the band shell at Sawhill Park. There is no admission.
The next presentation "North by Northwest" will take place on Thursday, June 28.

Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m., Thursday, June 28, in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.

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.

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

Yard and garden tour is set for this Sunday

By Karen Krien
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Need ideas for your yard and garden? To learn more about gardening and caring for your lawn?
A team of K-State Master Gardeners will be on hand during the "Landscapes On The Prairie" yard and garden tour scheduled for Sunday in St. Francis. There are five different yards and/or gardens on the tour which starts at 3 p.m. at the home of Pete and Kaye Jensen, 427 E. Emerson.
At 3:20, the group will move to the home of Roger and Janet Jensen, 412 E. Spencer; at 3:40, they will be at Floyd and Grace Larkin's, 214 E. Spencer; and at 4 p.m., George and Deb Harper's, 305 South Quincy.
At 4:20, at Prairie House Herbs, 2 miles east of St. Francis on U.S. 36, Jo Hagney and Laura Reeser will be talking about growing herbs in Kansas. They know the types which grow well in this area and can tell people about the many uses of herbs.
Other speakers on the tour include:
• Carol Topliff, Goodland, will be talking about gardening with the elements. There is a difference in raising gardens in the country and in town.
• Gary Coon, Goodland, will tell about the watering and drip systems, the installation, maintenance and correct systems to use.
• Christie Rasure, Goodland, will be discussing ornamental grasses.
• Dana Belshe, Goodland, will talk about turf grasses and the upkeep of lawns.
For more information, contact the Extension office, 785-332-3171.

South of McDonald

Father's Day dinner and afternoon guests of Tom, Kelly and Tayten Dewey were Craig and Barb Morton and Ote, Ellen and Linda Dewey.
Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey.
Bethel Goltl returned home late last Sunday evening after spending a few days in New York with her sons, David and Alan Goltl.
Bethel Goltl traveled to Hays Thursday to meet up with her old nursing school classmate and husband, Evelyn and Ray Ternstrom of Walnut Creek, Calif.
Elaine Johnson and Bethel Goltl had lunch together Friday and stopped in to visit Irene Kehlbeck at the home in St. Francis.
Mark Officer and children of Broken Arrow, Okla., were here visiting Lynn and Rita Officer Monday through Thursday last week.
Lynn and Rita Officer went to Great Bend Friday to attend Rita's nephew's wedding. They stayed with her mother, Betty Dewey.
Michael, Erin, and Lucy Officer of Broken Arrow are spending a few days this week with Lynn and Rita Officer. They also attended the wedding in Great Bend.

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 1 hr. 25 min.

Surf's Up

June 22, 23 & 24
Starring: Jeff Bridges, Shia LaBeouf, Zooey Deschanel, James Woods, Jon Heder
Action/Adventure and Comedy
Rating: PG for mild language and some rude humor.

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As the Hot, Summer Weather Approaches, please keep these tips in mind as you head outside.

- Avoid unnecessary sun exposure, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., which are the peak hours for harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation.
- When outdoors, use sunscreens rated SPF 15 or higher. Apply frequently.
- When exposed to sunlight, wear protective clothing such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts, broad-brimmed hats and UV-protective sunglasses.
- Teach your children good sun protection habits.

More than 90% of skin cancers are the result of sun exposure. Unprotected sun exposure is even more dangerous for kids who have many moles or freckles, very fair skin and hair, or a family history of skin cancer.

Think Prevention! Before the kids go out in the sun, remember, "Slip, Slap, Slop!"
Slip on a shirt
Slap on a brimmed hat & sunglasses
Slop on sunscreen