

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

When I first moved to northwest Kansas, I used to drive by what was left of a drive-in movie screen along Highway 36, just west of Atwood. Looking at the twisted and tangled steel that used to support a giant screen reminded me of seeing dinosaur bones in a museum. What used to be a part of everyday life had faded into extinction, leaving only remnants of the past.

Drive-in theaters began sprouting up in towns across the plains in the years following World War II. In 1958 there were at least 125 drive-ins in Kansas. That year would mark the height of outdoor movie viewing.

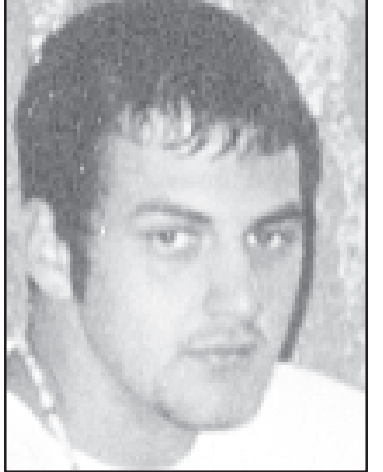
Today there are 13 theaters listed on the www.driveintheater.com website. About 80 "Dead Drive-Ins" are also on the site.

My wife, Lezlie, remembers going to the Starlite Drive-In in St. Francis. She recalled how kids could watch the movie from an old, abandoned car that sat next to the snack shack.

Not all drive-ins have gone the way of the Pterodactyl. There is still a handful operating a few hours away in the Denver area.

I have a plan for our next family outing. On the west side of the San Luis Valley, in Colorado, sits the small town of Monte Vista. We're going to visit the Best Western Movie Manor there!

It's a drive-in and motel combined. Instead of watching from the family sedan, we can enjoy the film from our room. Then, when the kids fall asleep, we won't have to carry them to bed!



Burkhalter

Student finishes studies

Beau Dale Burkhalter has finished his high school career and graduated from Burkhalter Catholic Academy. He is the son of Kevin and Jeanette Burkhalter.

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.

Movie in the Park Schedule Update

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 rescheduled dates for the remainder of the summer include: July 6, *North By Northwest*; July 13, *The Sting*.

Fireworks on July 3

The Idalia Fire Department and Idalia Vision Foundation will present fireworks on July 3 at the Idalia School football field. Hamburgers and brauts will be provided (bring a covered dish, lawn chair, etc.). The potluck starts at 7:30 p.m. mountain time.

Littering

There have been some reports of littering in town and in the county. As a reminder, city codes/statutes, Chapter 8, state that it is illegal to litter. Littering can include everything from gum wrappers to rocks thrown into the fountain at the park.

There are fines for littering. Parents should caution their children to pick up trash.

Eastern Star/Masons

The Eastern Star and Masons summer potluck picnic will be held at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Lions Club Shelter in the park.

Hospice Volunteer meeting

The Hospice Volunteer meeting will be a potluck meal beginning at 11:30 a.m. July 2 at the United Methodist Church.

The meeting will be on "The Battle Within" by Amanda McKenzie, director of volunteers. Anyone is welcome to hear about Hospice Service.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. on July 12 at the commissioner's room. This is a change from the usual first Thursday of the month.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

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

Brand New Life!

C.C. Turner Music Ministries welcomes you to experience a *Brand New Life!* It's all about good times, good friends and great fun!

Brand New Life! will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 4, at the Sawhill Park band shell. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

Local Joy of Painting Artists

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum presents "Local Joy of Painting Artists Exhibit" from July 13 through Aug. 12. Students from the Joy of Painting Workshops held at the museum for the past decade look forward to showing off their artistic talents in the Hansen Museum Gallery.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 5, 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.

Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with H and I should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay

their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

Cheyenne County Hospital Board

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

Rodeo pageant

The Thomas County Rodeo Queen and Princess Pageant is looking for contestants for this year's event. The contest is open to girls ages 8-11 for the junior princess category; girls 12-15 for the princess event; and 16-23 for the queen contest. All contestants are judged on horsemanship, interview, speech and modeling. The contest begins Monday, July 23, and entries are due no later than Friday, July 20. For questions or to receive an entry form, call (785) 586-2228.

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.

Library Art Gallery

Beginning June 1, quilts by the Peace Lutheran Church Group will

on display plus a bell collection (about 15 to 20) belonging to Linda Hilt.

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



SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 1 hr. 56 min.

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

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Michael, Erin, and Lucy Officer left for home Friday morning after spending a few days here with Lynn and Rita Officer. Different callers this week at the Officer home were Ratha Lea Loker, Diane Montgomery, Linda Lorimer, and Betty, Jerry, and Brenda Knapp.

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Ed and Elaine Kogl of Commerce

City were Saturday overnight guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Ote, Ellen, and Linda Dewey, Ed and Elaine Kogl, and Tom, Kelly, and Tayten Dewey all attended the Bill Kogl Family Reunion in Bird City Saturday.

Kathy and Debbie Banister attended the Ketterl - Bliss wedding last Saturday in Atwood.

Dillion Atchison was a Saturday evening and overnight guest of the George Banister family.



Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Junior Cress, Bird City; Keith Sanders, Bird City; Genie Payne Cornellison, Greeley, Colo.; Luella Resco, Clyde; Howard Sawyer, Bird City; The Peoples State Bank, McDonald

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You're Invited to Shannon & DeAnza's Wedding Dance



Sat., July 7 8:30 p.m.

American Legion Hall Bird City

Dan Harris - DJ



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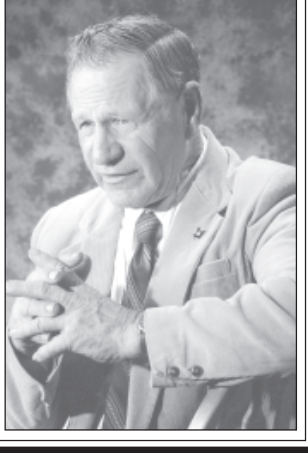
Bird City Dairy will begin making housing commitments in the next few weeks. Contact the Foundation office at 785-734-2556 to have your house (for sale or rent) included on our list of available homes.

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For more information contact: Casey at 785-332-3162

Thanks for the Great Time while I was in New Jersey!

Jess & Mark
Jennifer, Stephen, Vincent & Thomas Colantoni
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Deborah, Frank, Paul & Emily Arcoleo

~ Brenda Johnson

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Meet Our New Doctor —
Dr. Mekki Saba, M.D., F.R.C.S. Orthopedic Surgeon

Dr. Mekki Saba, M.D., F.R.C.S. has extensive experience in total knee and hip replacements and disc surgery. Dr. Saba received his medical training in Baghdad Medical College, plus extensive post-graduate study in London teaching hospitals. This includes his residency in orthopedic surgery at Hammersmith Hospital and Royal College Medical School in London. From 1988-1990, he served as the Department Head of Orthopedics at the Saqr Hospital in the United Arab Emirates. In 1990, he came to the United States and joined a multi-specialty group in Fort Scott, Kansas, as the only orthopedic surgeon in the city.

Dr. Saba is on staff full-time at Citizens Medical Center in Colby and is available for consults and emergencies.

Dr. Saba will begin practicing on July 17. Call Amelia at the Cheyenne County Hospital 785-332-2104