

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

It's time to take a quick breath. There is a short break between the Thresher Show and county fair. Spend a minute to think about all the time and effort that goes into these two events. There is no one on the payroll to get everything organized for either one. Yet, year after year, they both happen. For Cheyenne County they are a big deal. People come from far away to make it a homecoming, or they come just to see a giant steam engine chug across a field, or watch a 4-H'er show the animal they have nurtured and worked with, or enjoy the excitement of the carnival.

What makes all this possible is the volunteers. Everyone from the person mailing out the programs, to ordering needed supplies, or the one who operates a ticket booth or carnival game. It is the volunteer who makes the Thresher Show and fair a time to remember. And to the Thresher Association and Cheyenne County Fair Board, thank you for the countless hours you put in so folks may realize the many great things this area has to offer. I am sure the summer of 2007 will be unforgettable!

## Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

Thank you to everyone that stopped by our booth at the Thresher Show, it was great to 'chat' and hear your compliments about the park and the community! Congratulations to the winners: Dean Smith, Bird City, \$50 Big Ed's gift certificate; Amanda Dorsch, Derby, \$25 Hometown Market gift certificate; and Ron Edwards, Benkelman, the cheesecake by Ann Burr.

is equivalent to 15,000-16,000 gallons of milk!?

Job descriptions and applications for Bird City Dairy are now available in the Bird City Century II Development Foundation office and will be online at [www.birdcity.com](http://www.birdcity.com) (as soon as the server is up and running again).

Please keep in mind if you have a home to rent or sell, whether listed with a realtor or not, that I would like to have that information in our housing file here at the office. I try to work closely with area realtors, because I am often asked by potential residents to Bird City, and business prospects, of our housing situation. The best way for me to know what we have is to have that information here in the office. Contact us (785-734-2556) for a housing questionnaire, and we'll get yours on our list!

I hope to see you at the Cheyenne County Fair this week. I know my daughter is looking forward to taking me on the ferris wheel (of which I am not fond of!).

## Obituary

Wade Sheldon Lee

April 2, 1976 - July 8, 2007  
Wade Sheldon Lee, 31, Bird City, Kan., died Sunday, July 8, 2007. Mr. Lee was born April 2, 1976, in Benkelman, Neb. He was an over-the-road truck driver. Survivors include his parents, Gail and Sherri Lee of Osborne and Sandy and Marvin Kuhn of Hays; a son, Aaron Lee of Goodland; two daughters, Stephanie Lee and Danielle Lee, both of Goodland; three brothers, Wayne of Hays and Wyatt and Wylie, both of Osborne;

and six grandparents, Clyde and Wilma Gleason of Plainville, Ray and Joann Lee of Wheeler, Faye Bradley of Osborne and Katie Hicks of Norton.

Services were held Friday, July 13 at 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Wade Lee Memorial Fund.

Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis was in charge of the funeral.

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Steven Headrick, Bird City; Ken Krien, Bird City; Jim

Leach, Wichita; Charles Loper, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Winnifred Wamhoff, Bird City;



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# Bulletin Board

### Meeting postponed

The American Legion Auxiliary meeting is being postponed for one week and will take place on Aug. 10. Time and place will be announced next week.

### Death notice

Trudy (Kamla) Sievers died in Citrus Heights, Calif., on Sunday morning, July 30, 2007, at the age of 80 years.

### Cards of well wishes

Those wishing to send cards of well wishes to Krista Pummer should address them to Brent's Place, c/o Krista Pummer, 1129 East 17th Ave., Denver, CO 80218.

### 50 wedding anniversary

J.D. and Yvonne Eggers are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Aug. 10. The activities including dinner and dancing beginning at 6 p.m. in the Bird City American Legion hall. You are welcome to attend.

### Relay for Life

### survivor's social

All Cancer survivors who are participating in the 2007 Cancer Relay for Life are urged to attend a social event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8, at the St. Francis Equity meeting room. Light refreshments will be served and the survivors can pick up their T-shirts for the cancer walk on Aug. 18.

### Relay for Life team captain bank night

All team captains should attend the Relay for Live bank night from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8, at the St. Francis Equity meeting room. Please bring any proceeds from your fund-raiser event, luminaria sales and pick up your team T-shirts.

### Tumbleweed Round-Up

The Tumbleweed Round-Up, coordinated by Phil Crawford, will have two performances on Saturday, Aug. 4, in conjunction with the Cheyenne County Fair. The after-

noon program begins at 2 p.m. and the evening event at 7 p.m. Vic Anderson will be the featured performer.

### Museum closed Thursday and Friday

The Cheyenne County Museum, St. Francis, will be closed Thursday and Friday during the fair. People wanting to see the museum can make an appointment by calling 785-332-2040.

### Hunter Safety course

There is only one Hunter Safety course offered each year in St. Francis. That course will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, Thursday, Aug. 9, Friday, Aug. 10, and at 9 a.m. on Aug. 11. The Saturday class will last much of the day. There is no charge for the class.

The classes are held at the Cheyenne County Wildlife, Inc. club house.

This year the class is being limited to 30 and those interested will need

to pre-register by calling Chet Gardner at (785) 332-2776.

Those attending must be 11 years old or turn 11 by the last day of class.

### Cheyenne County

The next meeting of the Cheyenne County Hospital Board was changed from Aug. 23 to Monday, Aug. 20, in the clinic basement meeting room. The starting time is 3 p.m.

### County Commissioners

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

### Library Art Gallery

Framed comic book covers from the Citizen State Bank of Morland will be on display during the month of August at the St. Francis Public Library Art Gallery. There are about 25 to 30 exhibits.

### Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday, Aug. 2) 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.

### 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

# Fair board expecting many cars for demolition derby

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Fair Demolition Derby is going to be a bigger, better and a more hard-hitting derby than in year's past.

Clay Zimbelman, fair board member and committee head, is excited about the upcoming derby which will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday in front of the grandstand.

"We have had many who called indicating they are planning to attend and it should be a good derby and a big derby," he said, adding that, last year, the fair derby had 10 more cars than most of the other area derbies.

The derby will be a "Hobo" (no weld) derby and rules for the cars are the same as those in surrounding

towns.

"If our rules are the same, then drivers can compete in one derby and then get the car back into shape for another derby," Mr. Zimbelman said.

Head judge this year is Ron Neitzel. He will have his crew out on the derby arena. Mr. Neitzel is a judge at other derbies and he has received good reviews.

Mr. Zimbelman said the derby is expected to begin on time with the driver's meeting being held prior to starting time.

### Prizes/trophies

The trophies will again be unique and impressive, Mr. Zimbelman said. The first place trophy stands 4-foot tall. It will be on display at NAPA on St. Francis Main Street until the derby on Saturday.

# Montana cowboy to sing at roundup

By Karen Krien

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Cowboy singer Vic Anderson will be the featured performer at the Tumbleweed Round-Up on Saturday. The two performances will be at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Cheyenne Theater, St. Francis.

Coordinated by Phil Crawford, the program not only features Mr. Anderson but a variety of local talent including Mr. Crawford. Also performing will be Helene Landenberger, Don Love, Fred and Marsha Magley, Ernie Ketzner, Gary Cooper, and Leonard Hopper.

Mr. Anderson, formerly from Montana, now lives in Estes Park and is the Western Music Association 2003-2004 male yodeling champion. He is also noted for his whistling, which he calls his "poor man's fiddle."

He was raised in a musical fam-

ily going back to his Scottish ancestors who were troubadours for generations. He learned to play the guitar from his grandmother, who also taught him harmonica and bagpipes. His mother played him and his siblings to sleep nearly every night with honky-tonk piano music. Pops, his dad, played harmonica and button accordion.

He has worked with Tex Williams, Barbara Fairchild, Patsy Montana, Rex Allen Jr., Baxter Black, Ken Overcast and Danny "Many Horses" Rial.

His CD, "Vic Anderson, Plain and Unvarnished," features just him and his guitar — music like is heard around the campfire. He has also written a book of western poetry and short stories entitled "Ridin' Fence."

Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no admission.

## Attention ... Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are asked to adopt a landscaping spot in the park to pull weeds, that's it, no planting, watering or fertilizing.

Contact Cathy (785-734-2556) if you would like to adopt one of the 8 landscaped sections.

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