

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

In some ways, I'm still waiting to grow up. I can't help it since I continue to have a lot of boy in me. But certain things can't be avoided. I recently saw the eye doctor and he saw me. At the early age of 47 I got my first pair of glasses. The cost seemed pretty high at first. Then I realized that they were actually three pairs of glasses in one. They are made of seeing better at distances and, being seamless bifocals, I can read with them, too. In addition they have Transition lenses which make them sun glasses automatically. How do they know? They're really pretty cool glasses. When I first put them on I was amazed at what I had been missing.

Trees were no longer fuzzy balls, but had limbs with distinct leaves attached. Animals who had brazenly strutted at distances were again easily spotted. And I knew our children were good looking, however, with further inspection they appear to be attractive in an above average way.

But I think the best thing I've seen in the last couple weeks has been my beautiful Lezlie, also quite striking, canning various jellies, jams, pickles, okra, peaches, pears, tomato sauce and salsa. I can see us having many goodies to eat this winter! The other night she watched me reading a book. She said I look "smart" in my new spectacles. I guess that could be another feature of my pretty cool glasses.

Man dies due to injuries received

By Karen Krien

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Wednesday afternoon, an angry cow came through the pens at the St. Francis Livestock Sale Barn, knocked down one man and head-butted another. Because of the injuries sustained, Jerdene Barnhart, 76, St. Francis, died in a Denver hospital on Saturday.



Barnhart

Barnhart was flown to Swedish Medical Hospital in Denver where he underwent several surgeries, one to remove the spleen and repair a kidney, then another to stop the internal bleeding.

On Friday, he was reported to be in critical but stable condition. However, his vitals kept fluctuating so the doctor went back in on Saturday, cleaned up the wound and did some exploratory surgery. He reported to the family that Mr. Barnhart had come through the surgery fine but, shortly thereafter, his heart quit beating. He was brought back only to have his heart quit again.

All of his life, Mr. Barnhart had loved working with horses and cattle. Over the past 40 years, he had worked at sale barns in the tri-state area including the St. Francis Livestock Commission, Imperial Auction Market, Benkelman Horse Sale and the Burlington Livestock Exchange.

In 1955, he and his wife, Barbara, moved to the family ranch which was established by his grandfather, John Barnhart. He loved the ranching life, taking great pride in his cattle and horses.

At the age of 3, he and his siblings survived the Republican River flood in 1935. However, his mother, Irene was lost in the flood waters. He believed that his children were the greatest riches and wealth that any man could have in life. He was proud they were avid horsemen.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, St. Francis.

A complete obituary will run in next week's newspaper.

Funeral services

Funeral services for Velta Johnson will be held on Aug. 30 at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. She was born on Sept. 20, 1906, and died on Aug. 26, 2007. Memorials may be made to the Hester Home.

Junior class bake sale

The junior class at Cheylin High School is holding a bake sale from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, in

front of the Hometown Market, Bird City.

Service of Thanksgiving

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2 at the Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome.

After-school program

An after-school program for all youth, kindergarten through 12th grade, will take place between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday in

September, beginning Sept. 5, at the Methodist Church.

Labor Day schedule

The offices of the Bird City Times and The Saint Francis Herald will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3 in observance of Labor Day. The paper will be delivered one day late, going to the post office Thursday afternoon, Sept. 6, and on the routes Friday, Sept. 7. Deadline for news and pictures that week will be 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Historical Society plans Breaks tour

Mark Sunday, Sept. 9, on the calendars! A special Breaks tour, led by Tobe Zwegardt, is scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. Call 332-2504 or 332-3569 to reserve a seat on the bus. At noon a potluck picnic will be held at the River Walk, weather permitting. The Historical Society will provide drinks and paper goods.

Input needed

Community input is needed! Why is Ye Ole Country Church important? What should be done to preserve it? Leave ideas at the Cheyenne County Museum, U.S. 36; or The Herald office; or send to Box 611, St. Francis; or call 332-3569.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the commissioner's room in the courthouse.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the county clerk's office.

Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with M, N and O 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.

Library volunteers needed

The Bird City Public Library is looking for volunteers. Those interested should call the library at 734-2203.

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.

Bulletin Board

Award of Excellence earned by McDonald area resident

McDonald resident and former St. Francis resident, Fred Waters, Cheyenne County Alcohol Council's credential counselor, has received the 2007 Andrew O'Donovan Alcohol Addiction Prevention Services Credentialed Counselor Award of Excellence.

Mr. Waters helped organize the Cheyenne County Alcohol Council in 1979 and about that time started training to be a counselor under the guidance of Andrew O'Donovan, director of the Northwest Kansas Council on Substance Abuse at Colby. After completing his training, Mr. Waters began counseling in St. Francis, Goodland, Colby and Atwood under grants administered through the Cheyenne County Alcohol Council.

Mr. Andrew O'Donovan left the Northwest Kansas Council to become Kansas director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse programs and held that position from 1987 to 1999. He died in 2002.

Those who have served all those years with Mr. Waters on the Cheyenne County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council are Rachael Keller, president; Naomi Holliman, secretary; and Donna Johnson and Swede

Calnon, both members of the board. He also recognizes his wife LaVina, who is his secretary.

Mr. Waters said he is a recovering alcoholic and this helped him in counseling others. He said he knew what they were thinking and what they were going through because he had been through the same thing.

Mr. Waters will be presented the honor at a luncheon on Friday, Sept. 21, at the 2007 Recovery Conference in Salina. This award is given by the Kansas Citizen's Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuses in collaboration with Addiction and Prevention Services.

The award recognizes excellence in the substance abuse prevention and treatment workforce, community volunteers and coalitions. Mr. Waters was selected because of his ability to:

- Know a variety of models and theories of addiction and other substance-related problems to understand and plan intervention strategies for a variety of clients.
- Contribute equally with interdisciplinary team members in planning and delivering treatment services.
- Utilize diagnostic and patient placement criteria to identify sub-



Fred Waters

stance use disorders and appropriate treatment settings.

- Identify crisis as a potential indicator of underlying substance abuse problems and treatment opportunities.
- Consistently work within the highest ethical behavioral standards of conduct.
- Incorporate prevention concepts and practices whenever possible in his practice.

Mr. Waters is available to Cheyenne County and surrounding counties as a resource for law enforcement and court services personnel. He also provides private counseling services in the area.

80th birthday Sept. 2

The children of Bonnie Burr will be celebrating her 80th birthday at a come-and-go reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Church of Christ building in St. Francis. You are welcome to attend.



Bonnie Burr

WANTED - BIDS

The city of Bird City is accepting bids for spraying two separate sections of the park. Section A is blue grass @ 59,000 sq. ft. and Section B is buffalo grass @ 83,000 sq. ft. Bids should be submitted separately for each section. When submitting bids: please include a copy of your insurance and a copy of your certification. Please submit bids to city hall before August 31, 2007 by 4:00 p.m. Please call city hall with any questions @ 785-734-2616.

WANTED - HOUSING

Housing availability is very important to future business development opportunities. Bird City Century II Development Foundation keeps an up-to-date file on homes to rent or sell. If you home to rent or sell, whether listed with a realtor or not, please let us know.

centuryii@bcks.net

BIRD CITY CENTURY II Development Foundation
785-734-2556

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The Cheyenne County Courthouse will be CLOSED



Monday, September 3
in observance of Labor Day.

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Comedy, Animation Adaptation

Starring: Julie Kavner, Nancy Cartwright, Yeardley Smith, Pamela Hayden, Albert Brooks

Rating: PG 13 for irreverent humor throughout

Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

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

The children of Bonnie Burr invite you to share in our celebration of the 80th birthday of this beautiful woman at a come-and-go reception

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007
2:00-4:00 p.m. CT

at Church of Christ building
502 West Spencer St.
St. Francis, KS

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

Lifeline

as of Sept. 1, 2007 will be operated by The Cheyenne County Hospital

- * Telephone units and service calls will be done by the hospital
- * Billing will be done by Cheyenne County Hospital
- * Payments will be made to the Cheyenne County Hospital, P O Box 547, Saint Francis, KS 67756
- * New installations contact Shawna at the Cheyenne County Hospital

If you have any questions please contact Shawna at 785-332-2104

The Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic would like to thank Helen Burnham for riding on the fair float, Yost Ford Mercury for letting us drive one of their pickups and Bartlett Grain for letting us use their building. Thanks also to all the employees for their hard work in planning and decorating the float.