



## Casey's Comments

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There is nothing sweeter than baseball in October!

A critic once told me to stick to the topics I know best, "Mother's Day, mongrel dogs and baseball." For an Irishman I'm blessed to have three things I'm good at!

The Colorado Rockies beat the San Diego Padres on Monday night to go to the National League Playoffs. As both teams ended the season with the same record after 162 games, they played in only the 11th tie breaker in professional baseball history.

This is only the second time the Rockies have made it to the post season. They will now play the Philadelphia Phillies in a best of five series. The winner will play either the Chicago Cubs or Arizona Diamondbacks for the National League Pennant.

The teams in the American

League who are hoping to advance to the World Series are: the Boston Red Sox, Cleveland Indians, California Angels of Anaheim and New York Yankees.

As a kid, growing up in Denver, I went to minor league games with a neighbor from Boston. At times I considered myself a "misplaced Bostonian" and began a long relationship with the team that plays at Fenway Park.

When the Rockies came about, in 1993, I shared season tickets with my family for several years. My heart is with the Red Sox, but I hope the Colorado team continues to advance.

If you don't have a team to root for, there are eight great clubs to choose from. Pick one and jump on the bandwagon, because there's nothing better than baseball in October!

Believe me, it's one thing I know about.



Dean and Theresa Knapp



## Couple celebrate 50th anniversary

Dean and Theresa Knapp will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 13. Their children are holding a dinner and dance featuring Kelly Hayward beginning at 6 p.m. in the American Legion Hall in Bird City. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The couple was married on Oct. 14, 1957, at Sacred Heart Church in Atwood.

Dean is a farmer and Theresa is a homemaker.

After spending their life on the farm, the couple will be making their home at 116 W 5th in Bird City.

**American Legion Auxiliary**  
The Bird City American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday.

**Senior Center monthly birthday party**  
The Bird City Senior Center will host their monthly birthday party at 3 p.m. on Monday.

**Community Club**  
The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the fellowship hall.

**Funeral service**  
Martha Walz Gilbraith was born April 15, 1916 and died Sept. 28, 2007. Funeral services were held on Oct. 3 at Knodel Funeral Home with burial in the St. Francis Cemetery.

**Alzheimer's/Dementia support group**  
The Alzheimer's/Dementia support group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Public Library.

**Music Club**  
The St. Francis Federated Music Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the home of Ruth Milliken. This will be a club talent show.

**Learning disabilities expert to speak**  
The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in partnership

with Colby Community College and Smart Start of Northwest Kansas will host Jonathan Mooney on Monday, in the Cultural Arts Center located on the college campus. Mr. Mooney is an expert on learning disabilities. The presentation, which will begin at 7 p.m., will last approximately two hours. Parents, families, teachers and students are encouraged to attend. There is no charge.

**Presentation canceled**  
The presentation on wind energy lease agreements scheduled for Tuesday has been canceled.

**Historical Society**  
The Cheyenne County Historical Society will hold a general meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. This is a change in time to accommodate members who have club meetings later that evening.

**County commissioners**  
The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

**Dustin Krien**  
The Knights of Columbus is holding a benefit pancake feed for Dustin Krien to help with medical expenses

from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Tuesday, at the St. Francis Grade School. Check ad for menu.

**Historical Society Board meeting**  
There will be a general business meeting for Historical Society members on Tuesday, at 7 p.m. A tour of northeast county cemeteries is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21.

**Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development**  
The 13th annual meeting of the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development Area has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. central time on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Sugar Hills Golf Club house in Goodland.

Anyone interested in attending, please contact Western Prairie at (785) 462-2602.

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

## Booster club finalizes events before game

Booster Club meeting convened in the Cheylin High School library in Bird City on Monday, Sept. 17, with the following members present: Anita Pochop, Melinda Basnett, Jan Busse, Dixie Louderbaugh, Jeri Antholz, Karen Shrader, Jolene Reeh, Bobbie Walden, Wendy White and Laurie Leonard.

Jan Busse reported an approximate fund balance of \$3,000, with outstanding bills not yet paid for the duffel bags and the clings.

The prices of fans and the different options available were discussed. A final decision was table until the next meeting.

Anita Pochop reported that Tina Sager had lined up Royce Rambat to auction the balls at Thursday's homecoming gathering. She agreed to contact Abbi Dixson to check on whether balls had been lined up and signed. She also reported that Rose Hengen was finalizing the work schedule for Friday meal and that the food sign-up sheet was filled.

Melinda Basnett reported that Dan Bowers did have some fireworks left over and that Chris Basnett had agreed to shoot them off for home games. She also reported

that these were "Class B" fireworks and that no license or permit was required.

Anita Pochop reported that the Booster Club was sponsoring a car smash for Homecoming on Thursday. The senior class got the car ready by removing the glass and have a sledge hammer and pick axe lined up for the event.

Anita Pochop reported that the duffel bags had not arrived, but were expected any day. She did have the clings ready for pick up and the final price is \$10 for club members and \$12.50 for all others. Also, there will be no additional charge to get names of students to go with the clings. The club agreed to order two larger clings in blue to raffle off at later games.

Tina Sager had set-up the advertising for the Booster Club Homecoming activities. Also, Jolene Reeh had provided the Frisbees for the Frisbee Toss game and she planned to bring some music to be used with the game. The members decided that those who caught the Frisbees would win the prizes.

Jeri Antholz is working on Booster Club float/skit and is getting a

gator/golf cart lined up and the old Clyde costume was spoken for. The members agreed we should have treats for kids, Anita Pochop agreed to get the treats.

Anita Pochop stated that entrance sign at the football field could be repainted for \$400, the members decided to table until next meeting. There was also some discussion about the sign on the east side of town.

There was some discussion about new ideas for homecoming and for generating school spirit. One idea everyone liked was sponsoring a decorating contest, with a class pizza party for the prize.

Jan Busse reported that the school had purchased a new popcorn machine.

Karen Shrader, Jeri Antholz and Laurie Leonard agreed to set-up the

5th Quarter Party at the Immanuel United Methodist Church on Friday, Sept. 27.

Laurie Leonard presented several options for Booster Club shirts she had found. Wendy White agreed to check the EMT catalog for some additional choices. Laurie agreed to order a sample of the vertical stripe shirt, to get a better idea on the quality, etc.

Jan Busse reported that the laminated locker posters had been completed and put on lockers.

Dixie Louderbaugh said that the after-prom party option at Colby Bowl was not available due to the date prom is scheduled and this date could not be changed.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Monday, Oct. 22, at the Federated Church, McDonald.

## Bowling News

**Wed. Afternoon Coffee 9-26**

Team standings: Kathy's Cater Cats 10-2, Windmill Restaurant 9-7, Lodge Sleepers 9-7, Dairy King 6-6, Kale's Girls 5-7

High game: (scratch): Shirley Adkinson 167, Ann Davisson 143, Marlys Poulignot 140; (handicap): Sally Leinen 211, Davisson 206, Adkinson 194

High series: (scratch): Adkinson 473, Davisson 393, Poulignot 370; (handicap): Davisson 582, Adkinson 554, Leinen 545

**Wednesday Night Mens 9-26**

Team standings: Haigler Two 7-1, Haigler One 5-3, Krien Steel Buildings 5-3, Wright & Wrong 4-4, Team Eight 4-4, Cheyenne Bowl 4-4, Bonny Solutions 3-5

High game: (scratch): Mike Ble-

cha 229, Kale Zimbelman 225, Ed Schauer 212; (handicap): Schauer 289, Dustin Maybury 251, Blecha 251

High series: (scratch): Spencer Schlepp 587, Zimbelman 580, Bob Lippert 539; (handicap): Schlepp 692, Schauer 689, Eddie Zuege 679

**Ladies Nite Out 9-27**

Team standings: Dundy Ag 15-1, Wright Carpet 11-5, Stockman's Strikers 10-6, Bankwest Alley Kats 6-10, Wray Meat Packing 5-11, Mel's Gals 5-7, Jersey Maids 4-12, Western State Bank 4-8

High game: (scratch): Marsha Kechter 211, Mary Bier 180, Kathy Blecha 170; (handicap): Kechter 245, Debbie Bush 245, Patty Cox 231

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Starting: Ouba Gooding Jr,  
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Gant, Spencer Bridges

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Children 12 & under: \$5 All Others: \$5

## tops TOPS ~ Open House

"Taking Off Pounds Sensibly!"

Monday, Oct. 22

Weigh-in @ 5 p.m. \*\* Meeting @ 5:15-5:45 p.m.

Good Samaritan Village Home Health Office

Now is the time to turn over a new leaf in your weight loss efforts. Learn how to control your eating before the holidays arrive!

\$24 - Yearly Membership Fee 30¢ - Meeting Dues

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