# **Casey's Comments**

## By Casey McCormick

scmccormick@nwkansas.com There have been plenty of "Joes" in baseball.

"Smoky Joe" Wood, "Shoeless Joe" Jackson, "Jolt'in Joe" Dimmagio and now Joe Torre, the soon to be ex-manager of the New York Yankees.

"Boss" in baseball. That would be will soon be wearing the uniform George Stienbrenner, the owner of the Yankees.

Mr. Steinbrenner is a very rich man and owns the most expensive team in baseball. For the last twelve years his team has been managed by Torre.

In twelve years the Yankees have baseball jobs.

made it to the post season each year and won four World Series Championships (1996, 1198-2000). But this is not good enough for Mr. Steinbrenner.

He is either ignorant, arrogant or both. But he has spoken and Torre's fate seems certain.

Torre has shown great class as the Now I can only think of one skipper of the Yankees. No doubthe of another team and will lead that lucky club to success.

In the mean time, we are hiring at the St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times. Maybe this Joe would like to try the other side of the newspaper business between

# **Chatting with Cathy**

**Club** Clip

**McDonald Area Development** 

## By Cathy Domsch

The Bird City Strategic Plan is complete! Remember the three town hall meetings all area residents were invited to attend to give input into the future of Bird City?

Well, all of your ideas and issues have been consolidated into a fiveyear strategic plan for Bird City. With this plan, the Bird City City Council can develop annual goals, and community organizations can develop an annual plan of work to help achieve these goals.

With all of us working together, we can accomplish our goals more efficiently. To see a copy of the strategic plan, feel free to stop by the office or go to www.birdcity.com on the Community and Business Development page.

The mission for Bird City that came from your input is as follows:

MAD met on Wednesday, Oct.

Lindon Montgomery, present.

Lindon thanked MAD for help in

getting word out about the painting

Ray Johnson called the meet-

ing to order, and the minutes and

treasurer's report were accepted as

read. Bill Schaff went over the rules

for the Scarecrows contest. Judging

will be by the public. He is pleased

with the response to the contest, and

also for the people who are sponsor-

Ray reported that the new mes-

sage center is in place at the High-

ing the contest.

get blue paint.

of the buildings on Main Street.

Bird City's mission is to establish a quality of life by sustaining and increasing - business and job opportunities, housing, community services and infrastructure, recreation and activities, and educational opportunities.

To work with this mission, specifically to increase educational opportunities, the Foundation has established the Business Development Scholarship.

The purpose of this scholarship is to increase opportunities for individuals wishing to expand their education and live and work in Bird City. This scholarship is open to those who currently reside in Bird City and also to anyone wanting to make Bird City their home. For more information about this scholarship, please contact our office at 785-734-2556.

## 50th anniversary celebration

The 50th wedding anniversary of Dean and Theresa Knapp is being celebrated with a dinner and dance at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the American Legion Hall in Bird City. The occasion is being hosted by their children and you are welcome to attend

## Storytime Hour

The Bird City Public Library will hold a Storytime Hour for children ages 3-5, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Friday with storyteller Ann Burr. Please call the library at 734-2203.

## **Open house**

The St. Francis Senior Center is celebrating its 30th anniversary with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the center. You are welcome to help them celebrate.

## Support our Soldiers

All gifts and cash for postage for the Support our Soldiers Christmas boxes must be into Hulda Dorsch in Bird City or Christy Wurm in St. Francis by Saturday. At this time not many responses have been received and they are hoping people will catch the spirit to bring joy to a member of the military.

## **Tootsie Roll Drive**

The St. Francis Knights of Columbus is having their annual tootsie roll drive this week. (See classified

# **Bulletin Board**

ad.) Besides going to businesses in the county they plan on attending the football games in both Bird City and St. Francis on Friday. Of the money collected, 20 percent is used to sponsor the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in Hays and County. the remaining 80 percent is divided equally between the Cheylin and St. Francis school districts to help

St. Francis Cemetery District 2 The St. Francis Cemetery District 2 board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday in the county commissioners 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, Oct. 18, 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

## **County commissioners**

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

## **Historical Society tour**

A northeast cemetery tour will take place on Sunday, Oct. 21. Those interested in attending may join the Cheyenne County Histori-

cal Society tour at 1 p.m. in front of the Bird City Library. The first stop on the tour will be Evergereen Cemetery. Mysteries await at the next stop. This is an opportunity to learn more about Cheyenne

## Play to be held at the Gateway

The southwest Nebraska Community Theater Association will present the play, "The curious Savage" at the Gate Way theater in Oberlin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20. For details about the performance call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

## 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 tonight (Thursday) at the Sugar Hills Golf Club house in Goodland.

Anyone interested in attending, please contact Western Prairie at (785) 42-2602.

## **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 back with the results of the test.

## (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

## **Chronic Wasting Disease**

The Cheyenne County Wildlife members will once again be collecting chronic wasting disease samples from deer.

They will be testing deer until the season ends in December. Call Mr. O'Leary at 785-332-6601 and he will meet the hunter at the clubhouse south of St. Francis. Mr. O'Leary said if the hunter will leave their phone number, he will call them

Maely Marie Rush was born Sept. 13, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19.5inches long. Maely's parents are Mike and Danelle (Stasser) Rush, of Newalla, Okla. She has a brother, Michael Dean, 2 years old.

Grandparents are Larry and Cathy Cushing, Okla. Great-grandparents (Shrader) Atkins of Edgemont, are Paul and Edna Roesener of S.D., and Lonnie and Betty Rush of McDonald.

**Strategic Plan states** 

**Beef Facts** 

## The Bird City Strategic Plan ment Scholarship is based on financial states that the mission of Bird City is to establish a quality of life by sustaining and increasing - business and job opportunities; housing;

To follow this mission, the Bird City

need and a commitment to return to Bird City. After submitting an application and a letter of interest stating your goals, future plans and a commitment to Bird City, a preliminary review will be made, then a formal interview scheduled. Applications are accepted at any time throughout the year.

The Business Development Scholarship applications and additional information are available at www.birdcity.com or at the Foun-

Martha (Walz) Gilbraith April 15, 1916-Sept.28, 2007 Francis.

Martha was born April 15, 1916, to Fred and Eva (Schmierer/Knorr) Walz. She was baptized in May 1916, and confirmed June 21, 1931, at Salem Lutheran Church, rural St.

She attended Cox school and rode the buggy pulled with horses. Her sister Alice rode with her as did some of the neighbor's children.

After graduating from grade school, she spent a lot of time working in homes of other people doing housework, and she also made noodles, baked pies, cakes and cookies for Schlittenhardt Motor Company. She painted the interior of houses with Viola Schauer, enjoyed stencil painting and embroidery.

On April 16, 1939, he married Ernest Zimbelman. To this union, a son, Marlin was born on Oct. 22, 1942. On Nov. 30, 2003, Martha's son died of severe gas fumes in a trailer at Trenton, Neb. Ernest had a severe automobile accident on July 12, 1959, from which he did not survive.

Later on in life, she met Frank Gilbraith of Bird City. The wedding date was May 26, 1967. They spent

Martha was living in Goodland at 4th and Arcade. She kept herself busy doing church work and enjoyed neighbors and friends. Martha broke her hip in October 1999, and became a resident of Good Samaritan Village.

**Obituary** 

She was preceded in death by husbands, Ernest and Frank; her parents; son, Marlin; brother, Albert; also a baby brother who died when he was 3 days old.

Survivors include her daughterin-law, Mary Zimbelman, McCook Neb.; her sisters, Alice Schauer and Gertrude Zweygardt of St. Francis.

She is also survived by nieces, Verna Miller, Flagler, Colo., Donna Ramsey, Colorado Springs, Carol Trembly, St. Francis, Donita Baird, Brewster, Kay Raile, St. Francis; nephews, Ed Schauer, Darrel Zweygardt, Keith Zweygardt and Jim Dunn, all of St. Francis, and a host of other in-laws and relatives.

Services were held Oct. 3 at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis. Officiants for the service were Marvin Zimbelman and Pastor Glenn Isernhagen.

Casket bearers were nephews Ed Schauer, Keith Zweygardt, Jim Dunn, Jay Zimbelman, Eldon Zim belman and Mark Zimbelman. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery with a graveside service conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary of Bird City of which Martha was a lifetime member.

MAD is selling chances on a 3 with 10 members and one guest, hand-crocheted tablecloth, which will be given away on Dec. 22. The soup supper will be Oct. 21

from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy the soup and sandwiches and watch the kids break the Piñata.

The dues for 2009 are now due. \$25.00 for a business and \$10.00 for individual. Meeting adjourned.

# Correction

In last week's issue of the Bird way 36 park. He has red and white City Times in the city council news, paint for the Park, but still needs to it listed the person at the meeting as Stuart Johnson — He was not

mission of Bird City

community services and infrastructure; recreation and activities; and educational opportunities.

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**Maely Marie Rush** 

Introducing

Rush

the students who have intellectual disabilities.

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Lois Morelock reported on the there but Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson success of the Sunday dinner. People were very generous, and the money will help a lot on paying for the Legion Building roof.

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and live and work in Bird City. The Bird City Business Develop- call the office at (785) 734-2556.

United States economy. In terms of gross cash receipts, the \$37.8 billion

of cattle marketings represents 22

percent of all agricultural market-

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dation office, 107 W. Bressler. For more information, please feel free to

a number of years on the farm before moving to Goodland. In 1974, Frank experienced his first stroke, later on he had six more strokes and then, on Oct. 9, 1982, he died. Martha and Frank did some traveling to the south in the wintertime.



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