



Casey's Comments

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Our country has lost another war hero. Brigadier General Paul Tibbets died on Nov. 1, in Columbus, Ohio, at the age of 92.

Major newspapers buried the obituary and television news gave more time to the passing of actor-singer Robert Goulet. I loved Bob in Camelot, but come on now!

Although he was on many bombing missions in World War II, then Colonel Tibbets is remembered for piloting the Enola Gay on Aug. 6, 1945. The B-29 Superfortress, named for his mother, dropped the first atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. On Aug. 9 a second bomb exploded above Nagasaki. The Japanese announced their surrender on Aug. 14.

Because of his actions and the scientific advantage of the United States a quick end to the war occurred. Some would argue that Tibbets was a murderer. Let's take a little look into our history books.

Japan, of the mid-20th Century, was a military state teaching its young warriors that honor was only possible through a fight to the death. This war machine combined forces with the fascist state of Nazi Germany.

Both armies believed they were superior to their enemies and any atrocities committed were okay.

Again, some folks today would deny the brutality of the Japanese and the Nazi extermination of Jews and other civilians during World War II.

America's hand was forced into the war after the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor by the Imperial Navy on a Sunday morning in 1941.

As the war progressed the U.S. forces struggled back after early defeats. The Navy turned the tide with victories at places like Midway and the Coral Sea. Ground attacks were led primarily by Marines who began pushing the Japanese back across the Pacific Ocean one island at a time.

Battles on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Guam, Iwo Jima and Okinawa were testaments of Marine bravery and determination. At each small atoll or chunk of volcanic rock, the Japanese fought to the bitter end. Most chose suicide over surrender.

If the Enola Gay had not dropped the bomb, this kind of fighting certainly would have continued to the heart of the Japanese mainland.

War is hell. Luckily Tibbets brought it to an earlier end.

Veteran's Day is Nov. 11. Let a veteran know you appreciate your freedom which has been paid for by men like Tibbets and other vets.



CENTURY II is making it possible for community members and visitors to view events planned by dropping by the Community Bulletin Board downtown.
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Community bulletin board new to Bird City

The Bird City Century II Development Foundation would like to establish a community calendar of events. The calendar would better assist the community by including information concerning events taking place.

"Many requests come through the Century II Development Foundation office about community events, when or where they are, and we don't always have that information," Catherine A. Domsch, director said.

This calendar will be placed on www.birdcity.com, in the *Bird City Times*, and on the new Community Events outdoor bulletin board on the grocery store building.

Anyone that is part of an organization that has an upcoming event, please let Century II know by stopping by 107 West Bressler, calling 785-734-2556 or e-mailto: centuryii@bcks.net. The fax number is (785) 734-2536 and the mailing address is P.O. Box 593.

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

Kids can say the darndest things...as I was getting ready for work on Monday I was telling my daughter that I would be home later this evening because I had a city council meeting to attend. Being the inquisitive five-year-old she is, she asked why I had to attend the meeting. I explained that I had to present the completed strategic plan, which will help the city council make plans for Bird City, like build houses. In return, I get "Mom, you don't know how to build houses! You need to get on the internet and go to...hmmm...I think it's disney.com and Handy Manny can tell you how to build a house!" ...if only it were that easy.

So Monday evening I presented the completed Bird City Strategic Plan to the Bird City Council, and received their approval and signatures. Their next step, which

is already on their agenda, is to establish goals for 2008 and the following years, using the strategic plan as a guideline.

One issue that I am sure we will see as a goal for the city, and is a common issue among communities in rural America, which is the lack of available housing. Bird City City Council is already approaching this issue with assistance from the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Northwest Kansas Housing. With the community injecting at least \$25,000 into the project, 10 new homes can be built. The council is looking to build six single family homes and two duplex units to increase the availability of rental housing in Bird City. If approved, construction could begin September 2008. Maybe I'll get in touch with Handy Manny and see if he could help us out!

School Menu

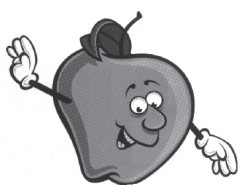
Monday 11/12
Breakfast: sausage biscuit, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: Mexican casserole, vegetable, cinnamon bread, salad bar fruit, milk.

Tuesday 11/13
Breakfast: banana wrap, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: cheesy potato soup p.b./jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit, milk

Wednesday 11/14
Breakfast: breakfast bites juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: Thanksgiving Dinner, turkey supreme, mashed potatoes/

gravy, rolls, pumpkin pie squares, salad bar, fruit, milk

Thursday 11/15
Breakfast: polish sausage supreme, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: pork fritter sandwich, baked beans, dessert, salad bar, fruit, milk



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Bulletin Board

- Nursing Center address**
Those wishing to sent cards to Johnny Eggers may address then to Kenwood View Nursing Center, 900 Elmhurst Blvd., Salina, KS 67401.
- Bird City Senior Center**
The Bird City Senior Center will hold their monthly birthday party at 3:00 p.m. on Monday. Birthday people are urged to attend
- Home Circle Club**
The Home Circle Club will be meeting at Lebow Manor on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. Meta Dankenbring will be hostess.
- Bird City Community Club**
The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday at the fellowship hall.
- Commodities to be distributed**
Government surplus commodities will be distributed from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monday Nov. 12 at the LeBow Manor. You may pick up in person or send a signed permission note with another individual. Cheyenne County address is required
Please bring a strong sack or box for your items.
Commodities available include dried cherries, corn flakes, apple juice, vegetable soup, grape juice and peanut butter.
New guidelines went into effect on July 1. Guidelines are as follows: household of one - \$1,107; household of two - \$1,484; household of three - \$1,861; household of four - \$2,238; each additional family member \$377.
- Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group**
The November Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Public Library.
- Holiday Craft Fair**
A Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday in Benkelman. Check ad for details
- Date change**
The ABC Preschool Auction will take place on Dec. 7.
- Hospital open house**
The Cheyenne County Open House will be held on Sunday. Check ad for times and tour information.
- Cheyenne County Hospital Board**
The November Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting falls on Thanksgiving so the board has moved the meeting to Monday, Nov. 19
- Veterans gift boxes**
Veterans gifts will be boxed and shipped Monday morning at the Bird City Legion Hall. Make this a joy-filled Christmas for veterans at Colmery-O'Neal hospital in Topeka.
- 4-H training**
New 4-H Family and Record
- Book training will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Methodist Church in St. Francis.
- Closed Veterans Day**
The Cheyenne County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Nov. 12, in observance of Veterans' Day.
- Veterans Day Service at WaKeeney**
The fourth annual Veterans' Day Service will be held at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at WaKeeney at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 9. The speaker will be Jerry Steinman, US Navy. The chaplain is Donald Pfannenstiel. The Honor Guard will be the Stockton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8873.
Immediately following the service there will be a ceremony for the Disposal of Unserviceable United States Flags.
Your are welcome to attend.
- Historical Society**
Election of officers for the Cheyenne County Historical Society will be held Tuesday. The meeting will begin at 5:30. Elmer Kellner, Nominating Committee chairman, reports the following candidates for board positions: president: Lea Keller and Milton Lampe; vice president: Janet Carman; secretary: Dee Dorsch; treasurer: David Rossbach; trustee: Debbie Harper and Helene Landenberger; trustee Marcia Hickert, for a one year term to fill the vacancy left when Donna Northrup resigned. The night of the election, nominations may be made from the floor. The person being nominated must give their consent prior to the meeting.
- Veterans Affairs**
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 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.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 50 min.

Nov. 9, 10 & 11
Comedy, Kids/Family and Sports

The Game Plan

Rating: PG for some mild thematic elements.

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Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

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Cheyenne County Hospital Open House

Sunday, November 11 2-4 p.m. CT

Meet the New Providers:
~ Dr. Rebecca Allard ~
~ Tyler Raile, PA-C ~
~ Kristle Neuhalfen, PA-C ~

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