

Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

Thanksgiving is over and, with a full stomach, I can review the many things that I have to be grateful for.

I'm blessed with a wonderful family both here in Kansas, across the border in Colorado and in states beyond. All of our five kids are happy, healthy and doing what they should — either going to school or working.

I have a fantastic job doing what I like. I meet different people often and see very likable people daily. On top of that, I get to write a little bit.

Occasional disturbances sometime do happen to the daily balance. But overall life is pretty darn ideal!

Each night I lay my head down in a warm and comfortable bed next to my love. I know my kids are safe and our home is secure.

There is a reason for this safety. I'm reading James Bradley's book, *The Flags of Our Fathers*.

His father, John Bradley, was one

of the six soldiers who raised the American flag on Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima in World War II. The senior Bradley wouldn't share the horrors of war with his wife and children. The son had to go on his own quest to find out what his father had been through.

He interviewed family members and veterans to get the story of the six boys, ages 19 to 26, who came into the nation's collective consciousness because of the picture that captured that moment in time.

There are many places around our planet where uncertainty is the daily routine. Third World countries where people go to bed hungry, not knowing what could sneak up at night, much like the Marines for a month and a half on Iwo Jima.

It gives me great peace of mind in knowing that we have brave men and women who are standing on guard. Every moment of every day they have our backs. How's that for something to be thankful for?

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

Well, we got our first snow of this season last week. And I like it! This is our second winter in Kansas and I truly enjoy the snowy weather.

Having been raised and lived in California most of my life and then in Arizona, I got use to wearing shorts and T-shirts during the Christmas season and seeing palm trees with colored lights! So, I am enjoying the mittens, wool caps and coats, and walking into a warm and cozy house.

I have enjoyed watching and listening to Bird City get ready for the holidays. The holiday lights are up, the snow has fallen, the high school juniors had their bake sale, and

Santa Day is in the works. To me, this is a scene right out of a Norman Rockwell painting!

Then I got to read the thank you letters from our soldiers. That just topped off the whole scenario of my Norman Rockwell holiday! Did you read them? Go back and read them again. You may have just read over something important.

"What did I miss?" You may ask yourself. You missed the "Norman Rockwell" painting. Soldiers laughing, eating those cookies, hanging up those colored pictures from our children, and they are fighting to keep our nation free. These are *our soldiers*.

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

I am full of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and, of course, pie! I hope all of you had a very Happy Thanksgiving.

There seems to be some confusion around town on housing. I have heard that Century II has bought all of the homes for dairy employees. I have heard that Century II has loaned money to Bird City Dairy to purchase homes. I have also heard that the new housing project the city is looking into is for the dairy. All of these things 'I have heard,' are false statements.

The dairy had to purchase homes for their employees because of the lack of available rental housing in Bird City and McDonald. The new housing project that the city is look-

ing at is to increase the availability of rental housing in Bird City and will be available to those meeting the income requirements of 50-60 percent of median income. This is not low-rent housing, but moderate-income housing through Northwest Kansas Housing, Inc.

In the past there has been interest on housing for seniors. This topic has been on our board agenda the past couple of months. A housing meeting for public input has been set for Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m. at the American Legion hall. Rolls and coffee will be served. If you are interested in future housing options for our senior citizens, or if you are interested in moderate-income rental housing, please plan to attend!

Bowling News

Monday Night Mixed 11-19

Team standings: Ringneck Country 30-10, Majestics 28-12, Neitzel Insurance 21-19, Monday Night Hustlers 21-19, P and L Meat Market 20-20, Earl's Gals 19-21

High game: (scratch): Kale Zimbelman 195, Erica Harlan 191, Tammy Zimbelman 190, Earl Hankins 177, Troy Meyer 169, Kim Brenden

164; (handicap): Harlan 246, Brenden 233, T. Zimbelman 224, Hankins 222, Meyer 215, K. Zimbelman 209

High series: (scratch): K. Zimbelman 534, Meyer 490, Hankins 473, T. Zimbelman 470, Harlan 461, Kary Jo Meyer 437; (handicap): T. Meyer 628, Harlan 626, Hankins 608, K. Meyer 599, Warren Harkness 581, Brenden 580

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Books Are Fun

"Book Are Fun" selections will be available until Dec. 8, at the Bird City Public Library. New books, toys and other gifts are less than retail prices and you have the opportunity to help the library earn books and DVDs in the process.

Salvation Army Fund campaign

The Cheyenne County Salvation Army unit will have manned kettles in both Bird City and St. Francis. In Bird City the kettle will be at Cheylin High School for the senior citizens' dinner at noon on Dec. 5 and in Bird City the morning of Dec. 15. In St. Francis it will be at the Music Club's Yuletide Festival at 2 p.m. at the high school on Dec. 2.

If you miss these opportunities and would like to make a donation you can mail it to PO Box 462, St. Francis, KS 67756 or drop off at the county treasurer's office in the courthouse. If you would like to ring the bell for any of the locations, contact Dolores at 332-3471 or Rod at 734-2492 or 734-2483.

Special Recognition

The congregation of St. John Lutheran Church will be giving special recognition to Shirley Daire at 9-10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, in the church lounge. The congregation welcomes you to share with them in appreciation for all Shirley has done for St. John Lutheran. Refreshments will be provided. Community is welcome to attend.

Retirement party

A come-and-go retirement reception honoring Betty Orth is being held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday at Milliken Law Office. You are welcome to attend.

Lions Club Pancake breakfast

The St. Francis Lions Club annual Pancake Breakfast will be held from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the grade school cafeteria. See classified ad.

St. Francis Gabel/Jenkins Invitational Wrestling Tournament

St. Francis Gabel/Jenkins Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held at the high school on Saturday with the first session beginning at 9:30 a.m. The advertisement and story contain additional information.

Yuletide Festival

The Yuletide Festival and candy store, sponsored by the St. Francis Music Club, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the St. Francis high school auditorium.

ABC Preschool Auction

The ABC Preschool Auction will take place on Dec. 7. Additional information may be found in classified ad.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at the First Christian Church in St. Francis at 7:30 p.m. Monday. All in the community are welcome to join in prayer, learning and fellowship as the members work together to provide "Life for All."

Scripts available
On Stage Inc. will be presenting

Housing Meeting with City Council & BCCII

If you are interested in future housing options for our senior citizens, or if you are interested in moderate income rental housing, please plan to attend!

Tuesday, December 4th
10:00 a.m.

at the American Legion Hall.
Rolls & coffee will be served.

BIRD CITY CENTURY II
Development Foundation
785-734-2556

"A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE BIRD CITY COMMUNITY."

the melodrama "Murder Can Be Habit Forming" on March 15 and 16. All adults and ethnicities are encouraged to audition on Jan. 6. Those wanting to audition can pick up a script at the St. Francis Public Library. For more information, contact Elaine Kite, Neala Carmichael or Colleen Gardner.

Kansas Day observance

Organizations and clubs are invited to set up displays for the Jan. 29 observance of Kansas Day at the Bird City Legion Hall. The theme is "Rowdy Kansas Day Territory." Please call 785-332-3569 to register your group's display.

Cheyenne County Historical Society program change

Please note that the program schedule has been changed for December. There will be no Christmas program at Ye Olde Country Church. Instead, the meeting will be held at the Museum on Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend the Christmas Songfest at Salem Lutheran Church on Dec. 22.

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Prairie Land Food

The deadline for signing up for the December Prairie Land Food Pak is Monday, Dec. 3. The pick-up day is Saturday, Dec. 15.

Blood Drive

The St. Francis Community Blood Drive will take place from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College (note the new location). Walk-in donors welcome.

Hospital Guild

The Hospital Guild will be holding their December meeting at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Senior Citizens Center. The program will be presented by the high school music department under the direction of Debbie Fiala.

Veterans Affairs

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

See what 4-H is about

There will be fun, games, activities and project displays for 4-H Fun Night. The evening begins at 7 p.m. on Friday at the St. Francis Grade School. Everyone is welcome and urged to come and bring a friend just to see what 4-H is all about — It could be more than you ever imagined! For more information, contact the Extension office at 785-332-3171.

Cheyenne County Museum
The Cheyenne County Museum

will be closing for the winter Dec. 1. They will be open the weekends of Dec. 8-9 and 15-16. Saturday's hours will be 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and Sunday's will be from 1-4 p.m.

They are closing to help save on utilities in the winter months, but will hold some work days and will be open for anyone by appointments. The months will be December through March. To make an appointment call 785/332-2040 or 785/332-3569.

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

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Tom and Kelly Dewey, and Junior and Dee Dewey were Thanksgiving Day guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Tayten Dewey accompanied her grandparents, Craig and Barb Morton to Hays for Thanksgiving dinner with Shelly and Jim Brungardt and sons, and Mike and Carla Starns.

Mark and Catina Montgomery, Jadon and Lindi of Denver were Thanksgiving Day and weekend guests of Lindon and Diane Montgomery. Linda and Roland Lorimer were additional Thanksgiving Day guests.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer and Dennis were Leon and Nancy Brunton of Ozawkie and Ryan and Diane Shay and family of St. Francis.

Joe Kramer had shoulder surgery Monday in Denver and returned home Tuesday.

Elaine and Kenny Johnson and Bethel Goltl enjoyed Thanksgiving Dinner with Jeff and Theresa Roddewig.

Thanksgiving weekend guests of Bethel Goltl were Barbara Rieb and Karyn Rieb of Denver, and Karlys Rieb of Sterling. Additional Friday dinner and afternoon guests

of Bethel were Ratha Lea Loker, Daphne Roberts and Elaine and Kenny Johnson.

David Banister arrived Tuesday night for Thanksgiving break and returned to college Sunday.

The George Banister family were Thanksgiving Day guests of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison and family.

Erika, Emily, and Dillion Atchison were Thursday overnight and Friday guests of the George Banister family.

George, Kathy and David Banister went to Quinter Sunday to visit Laurene Dickman. Amanda Banister met them there. She came home to attend the funeral of Cody Klein in Atwood Monday. Amanda returned to college Tuesday.

Heather Prideaux and Kelly Dewey attended the Junior Miss Pageant Saturday evening in Atwood.

Debbie and Kathy Banister attended the 4-H Buyers Supper Monday evening in McDonald.

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Many South of McDonald residents enjoyed the After Church Thanksgiving Dinner at the Federated Church.

School Menu

Monday 12/3

Breakfast: hash browns, sausage link, juice, toast, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: chicken fajitas, vegetable, dessert, salad bar, fruit, milk.

Tuesday 12/4

Breakfast: scrambled eggs, juice, toast, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: hot dog or chili dog, tater triangle, salad bar, fruit, milk

Wednesday 12/5

Breakfast: pancake on a stick, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, bread, salad bar,

fruit, milk

Thursday 12/6

Breakfast: sausage gravy and biscuits, toast, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: hamburger sandwich, smile potatoes, salad bar, fruit, milk



SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 40 min.

Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2

Bee Movie

Comedy and Animation

Starring: Jerry Seinfeld, Renee Zellweger, Kathy Bates, Oprah Winfrey, Matthew Broderick

Rating: PG for mild suggestive humor.

CHEYENNE THEATER

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