

Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
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It's hard to tell if I was really nicer than naughty last year. I tried to be good but, as usual, life can throw some curves. Anyway, Santa was good to me.

So was my lovely, mother-in-law, Margaret, who gave me a four-set DVD collection of John Wayne movies. It includes two of my favorites: *The Sands of Iwo Jima* (1949) and *The Quiet Man* (1952).

The former will be great to see since I just finished James Bradley's book, *The Flags of Our Fathers*. The book described how the three surviving flag raisers from the fight made a cameo appearance in the movie that featured the famous World War II island battle.

The later movie appeals to my Irish roots. Granted the heavy brogues and story are a bit corny.

However the film was made in Ireland and John Ford did a quality job of directing it.

But it's the cast that makes this movie. John Wayne as the Irish-American, ex-boxer, Sean Thornton. His character goes back to the mother country and falls for a local girl, Mary Kate Danaher, played by Maureen O'Hara. Other notable actors in the movie are Victor McLaglen and Barry Fitzgerald.

The one actor I enjoy seeing, even more than the "Duke," is Ward Bond. He plays the Catholic priest, Father Lanergan. When I moved to this area, I discovered that just to the north of us lies Bond's birthplace: Benkelman, Neb.

So if you drive by the home and see my car in the drive, don't bother knocking. For the next few evenings I'll be there watching John Wayne movies.

Bird City Community Club
The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, in the fellowship hall.

Death notice
Erna Emma (Zimbelman) Schlepp died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis. She was born Nov. 11, 1914.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 10 at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with burial in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the church, hospital or Village.

Holiday hours

The Saint Francis Herald office will be closed Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday.

Ads, copy and picture deadline for the Jan. 3 issue is noon on Friday, Dec. 28.

Open house
There will be a New Year's Eve Open House from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, at Neitzel Insurance Service in St. Francis.

Youth Basketball Tournament
A MAC Attack youth basketball tournament will be held in McCook

the weekend of Jan. 19 and 20 for boys and girls in grades fourth through eighth. The deadline for entering is Jan. 8. Entry forms can be picked up at the Sports Shoppe in downtown McCook or on line at www.mccookoptimistclub.org. Completed forms with fee should be returned to McCook Optimist Club, 402 Park Avenue, McCook, NE 69001. Once a division is filled no other entries will be accepted.

For more information, call Greg Larson at (308) 345-5185.

Dane G. Hansen Museum exhibit

The "Kansas Art Quilters: Altered Views" is on display at the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan from Jan. 4 to Feb. 24. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays the hours are 9 p.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays and holidays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Windsong Chorus
Chapter U, P.E.O. is sponsoring the Windsong Chorus on Jan. 27 at the high school in St. Francis at 3:30 p.m. CST. Check ad for details.

Hospital board candidates
The Cheyenne County Commissioners are looking for people to serve on the Hospital Board. Check article and ad for addition information and phone number to call.

Kids Wrestling practice
The next St. Francis Wrestling Club's little kids wrestling practices

will be on Jan. 7.

On Stage news
On Stage Inc. will be presenting 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 audition material 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 Territory." Please call 785-332-3569 to register your group's display.

Veterans Affairs
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at the county clerk's office. You may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

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

Calf management class being offered in Sainty

A calf management school will be held in St. Francis starting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, at the Cheyenne County 4-H building.

Veterinarians, Bob Mortimer and Dale Grotelueschen will be the main speakers.

Dr. Mortimer, Colorado State University, is well known for his phantom cow demonstrations illustrating proper ways to assist with various types of calving difficulties.

Dr. Grotelueschen, Pfizer Animal Health, will be talking about managing for healthy calves.

Reservations are needed by Jan. 11 to cover meals and materials.

There is no charge. It should be noted that any change due to weather will be announced on local radio stations.

The doctors will also be speaking at the Phillips County Fairgrounds, Phillipsburg, starting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Also on Jan. 15, they will be at the Jackson County Fair building in Holton with the school starting at 5:30.

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, starting at 10 a.m., they will be at the Community Conference Center, Concordia.

For more information, call 785-332-3171.

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider
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It is generally understood, what is expressed in this column is my opinion. So, even if I quoted someone else's opinion, it's still mine. I know there are some of you already shaking your heads thinking, 'Poor Brad,' and you will be right

The New Year is just around the corner and already I smell change. I went to the Public Interest Meeting held on Tuesday and I liked what I heard.

Bird City Council has a plan to bring growth to our town. That is a hard thing for some of you to hear, because growth means change. And change can cause a person to become uncomfortable. Again, I can imagine a few of you pulling at your collar when the word "change" is mentioned.

When there is a change in what feels comfortable, well, it feels uncomfortable. I have been through some big changes, and growth in the last few years. And this is what I do when I suspect a change is coming, step by step.

Step 1. Chase everyone out of the house. Step 2. Take phone of the hook. Step 3. Put a cold rag by me. Step 4. Precede to scream, beat the air and run in circles. Step 5. Sit down and apply cold rag to forehead. Step 6. Repeat steps 1-5 as often as needed.

I agree that change is not easy, but if given the opportunity to grow and evolve, the Bird City Council's plan for Moderate Income Housing could have the positive impact that cannot be seen yet. That's my opinion.

Club Clip

Bird City/McDonald Red Hatters

Seventeen Bird City/McDonald Red Hatters converged at the beautifully decorated dining room at Two Lee's Steakhouse, south of the tracks in McDonald, on Dec. 18. Favours were at each place setting compliments of Queen Phyllis Wingfield.

After lunch, the group moved to the home of Lois Morelock where the Christmas setting was pleasant and members enjoyed more treats and dessert.

Bev Higgins called a lively game of bingo with one challenge being "C" for Christmas on the card. Beautiful prizes were donated by Ana Antholz and Queen Phyllis.

The gift exchange was mixed up by the "right/left" Christmas poem read by Lois. Sharing the contents was exciting. The club appreciated Ana and Phyllis for the bingo prizes, Phyllis for the luncheon and Lois for her hospitality. Queen Phyllis also wishes to acknowledge the anonymous donor of the bear dressed as Mrs. Santa with the musical hand.

The Jan. 15 meeting will be at the McDonald Senior Center following lunch at the Frosty Mug and



each members is to bring an antique to be critiqued by a local auctioneer versed in antiques.

Red Hatters attending were Ana Antholz, Sandra Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Bethel Goldt, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Diane Kribs, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Edna Roesener, Joan Tongish, Margaret Voorhies, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.



CHEYLIN WINTER CONCERT main characters, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, helped the elves, reindeer and those pesky penguins to work together.

Tootsie Roll drive helps Special Olympics

Citizens in both St. Francis and Bird City helped the Cheyenne County Knights of Columbus to a total of \$2,050 during the Tootsie Roll drive. This is a 32 percent improvement over last year.

After the cost of the Tootsie Rolls and the advertising, the Knights were left with a total of \$1,727 to be split between the State Council and Cheylin and St. Francis school districts.

The State Council received \$345

which will be used to help with the Special Olympics basketball tournament in Hays this spring.

The two county school districts each received \$690 which will be used in their special education departments.

Mike Antholz, Grand Night said the Knights are very pleased with the number of residents who are willing to help people who need assistance.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning
Amy Waters arrived Wednesday evening. Bethel Goldt and Amy attended Irene Kehlbeck's funeral Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City.

Arle and Nadine Roesener and family of Springfield, Mo., left for home Thursday after Irene Kehlbeck's funeral services.

Mike Waters and children of Haviland arrived Friday evening. Mike, Amy and children will be here for the holidays and a wedding.

Roy and Jnel Hubbard of Elmwood, Neb., were Christmas holiday guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard.

Ken Williams and Rachele Hubbard and children of Topeka will be visiting Dan and Margie Hubbard until Monday.

Kathy and Debbie Banister attended the Cheylin all school Christmas Program Monday evening.

The George Banister family attended the Cheylin - Sharon Springs basketball games Tuesday evening in McDonald.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Brewster Staff Christmas Party at the home of Steve and Chris Hoyt Friday evening.

George, Kathy, and Debbie Banister attended the finals of the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster Saturday.

David Banister came home for Christmas Break Saturday.

Kathy, David, and Debbie attended the Christmas Program and pot luck afterwards at St. Josephs Sunday morning.

Joe and Charlene Kramer, and Ron Bell enjoyed dinner with Bob and Judith Whaley of Kalamazoo, MI in Atwood Wednesday.

Joe Kramer was in Ozawie over the weekend.

Lynn and Rita Officer attended the Goodell Greenhouse Christmas Party at the Riverside in St. Francis Friday evening.

Lynn and Rita Officer watched Ariel and Kale Regier play basketball in Colby Saturday in the Heartland Junior Varsity Tournament.

Lynn and Rita Officer attended the piano recital of Ariel and Kale Regier Sunday at the Methodist Church in Colby.

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