



Casey's Comments

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Have you ever relived a moment from your childhood?

I love to read, but that has not always been the case.

When I was a fifth grader at Stober Elementary in Jefferson County, Colo., I always had much better things to do than waste my time with a book.

I was busy flying across the schoolyard at recess or getting with my buddies to play a trick on some unsuspecting girl. There was too much fun to be had in the real world. How could a stupid book do anything for me?

That was until my teacher, Mrs. Gaulley, began reading "30 Seconds Over Tokyo."

Mrs. Gaulley was a neat lady. She was kind of short and I think she smoked cigarettes, although I never saw her have one.

Other teachers were more stiff and far away, but Mrs. Gaulley was a straight shooter.

I remember her outrage when the government decided to put former

President JFK's picture on a coin. All the other adults talked about "What a great man," but she was not a big fan of President Kennedy.

This lady had her own views and style.

And when she opened that book and read to the class, I was taken to another time and place. There was Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle, with his Army fliers, preparing their B-25s on the deck of the U.S.S. Hornet, as the aircraft carrier steamed for Japan in 1942.

In her classroom my eyes were opened to another world. The magical world of reading that could take me anywhere and to anytime.

In all honesty, I didn't become a voracious reader until college. I was still too busy in the rough and tumble world of my youth to sit with a book. But once Mrs. Gaulley took me on that bombing raid on Tokyo, my life was never the same.

Back to reliving my childhood. I found a copy of Captain Ted W. Lawson's "30 Seconds Over Tokyo" at a local library. It's just like going back to fifth grade again.

Bulletin Board

Maurice Blume
 Maurice Blume, 91, died Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, at Peace Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the St. Francis Cemetery.
Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet on Thursday, Feb. 7

County Commissioners
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. today (Thursday) in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Hospital Guild
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Senior Center in St. Francis. Ilene O'Leary, Housing Authority, Cheyenne County Manor will present the program.
 Hostesses are Anita Miller and Elaine Kite.

Kansans for Life will be hosted by the St. Francis Community Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday. Funds raised will be used for life causes in Cheyenne County and other parts of the nation.

Veterans Affairs
 Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, at the county clerk's office.

Club Clip

Bird City/McDonald Red Hatters
 The year 2008 was joyfully started off on Jan. 15, as the Bird City/McDonald Red Hatters enjoyed lunch at The Frosty Mug in McDonald. Excitement grew as each of the ladies arrived bearing an antique and the story surrounding the treasures. There was a wide variety ranging from novelty, jewelry, household and the covered wagon era to challenge the expertise of Royce and Jan Rambart at what they felt an auction price would be.

Queen Phyllis Wingfield read some fitting stories before the

business meeting was held. The Feb. 19 meeting will be a potluck at the McDonald Senior Center. Salads will be coming with the Bird City ladies while the McDonald ladies will be providing the main dish and desserts. Each will showcase their talent with a Valentine box containing a \$5 gift to be exchanged.

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

Kansans for Life
 The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the Solid Rock Baptist Church in St. Francis (412 S. Denison). All are welcome to attend to join in prayer, learning and fellowship as members work together to provide "Life for All."

Spaghetti Luncheon
 The annual spaghetti luncheon benefit for Cheyenne County

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.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor of Bird City Times, Hello, my name is Samantha Smith. I am a fifth grade student at Napa Valley Language Academy, in Napa, Calif.

The reason I am writing to you is because my class will be doing state reports, and I have chosen your state, which is the state of Kansas.

I would really appreciate you posting my letter in your newspaper so that I can get all the help I can from your readers.

What I need from you or your readers are postcards, facts, pamphlets, souvenirs, or anything else that can be useful for my

report.

I will be writing about the state's agriculture, history, economy, famous people, events, historical figures, and National Parks. I will also be doing an oral report poster and a PowerPoint presentation.

Thank-you very much for all of your help and support for making me a great researcher on your beautiful state.

Sincerely,
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Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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When my family and I moved to Bird City last October, I did not know anyone outside our extended family, the Ketzners.

Since then I have met a community of great people, both young and old; those whom care about what is happening around them. Young adults who have aspirations like Colleen Shrader, and she is not the only one.

I have the privilege of joining with family members, and some of Colleen's friends, to watch her play in the All-Star volleyball match. I truly went there to get pictures for the Bird City Times and what I got was a closer look of how this community supports its citizens.

I want to take a moment here and whisk you back to my old

neighborhood. It is still there, barely. It is a city within a city within a city within Los Angeles county line. I grew up there, Hawaiian Gardens, Calif., all of sixteen blocks wide by four blocks deep. It is a war zone.

The only way you become famous there is by shooting someone. Whew!

Not here in the northwest corner of Kansas. Not here in Bird City. Everyone is famous for something in Bird City. That is the perk about being the Times Editor, everyone has a story. The town has a story every week; the hard part is knowing where the story is.

I have placed an "information" basket at Hometown Market for your convenience. Be my guest and put your story, ad, or whatever you wish in that basket. I will pick it up on each Monday after 12 p.m.

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

How many times a day do we collaborate - or work together - to achieve a common goal? We see it daily, in our personal lives and our working lives. "If only we could work together...". Look at the things that can be accomplished when people work together. The rebuilding of Greensburg is a monumental task and will take enormous amounts of effort and collaboration, but as long as those groups that have stepped up to assist with the rebuilding continue to work together and communicate, they will benefit Greensburg tremendously.

On a smaller scale, the Bird City Park was a collaborative effort between the City of Bird City, the park committee and Bird City Century II. With the assistance, financial and hands-on, of many other people and organizations, Bird City has a beautiful city park for everyone to enjoy. On an even smaller scale, Bird City and St. Francis residents are working together to host a Leadership Class in Bird City and the Ogallala Commons Fall Conference this year. The Leadership Class should open the lines of communication across the county even more, and the OC Fall Conference has the potential

to bring hundreds of people into our county for a week-end.

What happens if individuals and groups do not work together? Chaos. Inefficiency. Ineffectiveness. Waste of resources - financial and human. This is why I attend city council meetings, school board meetings and commissioner meetings with project ideas, and during all phases of a project - to stay informed, to keep those lines of communication open, and to find out how the Foundation (a great asset that a lot of other communities would love to have) can assist with these projects.

The city council had a special meeting this past Saturday to discuss the Bird City Strategic Plan and their goals for 2008. This Strategic Plan is YOUR plan - with YOUR ideas that YOU presented at the 3 town meetings held in 2006. I wasn't at the special meeting on Saturday, so I am as eager as you are to see what the goals for 2008 and beyond are for the city and how we can all work with the city to accomplish those goals for our community. To view the Strategic Plan, you can go to www.birdcity.com under Business and Community Development.

Cheylin Menu

Editor's Note: Around this time of year, Cheylin lets each class choose their favorite school lunch menu, then features one class menu a week.

This week it is the second grade.

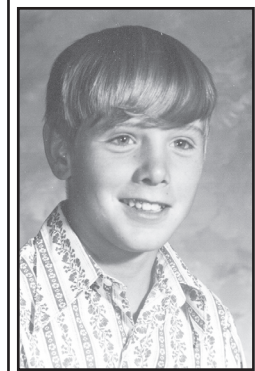
Monday, 2/4
 Breakfast: corn bread, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk
 Lunch: chicken quesadillas, rice, salad bar, fruit and milk

Tuesday, 2/5
 Breakfast: hash browns, bacon, juice, toast, assorted cereal and

milk
 Lunch: tacos, corn, chocolate cake, salad bar, fruit and milk

Wednesday, 2/6
 Breakfast: oatmeal, fruit, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk
 Lunch: fish, macaroni and cheese, bread, salad bar, fruit and milk

Thursday, 2/7
 Breakfast: polish sausage, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk
 Lunch: ham sandwich, french fries, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk



Look Who's Turning The Big 50!



Happy Birthday! Love, your family

Happy 50th Birthday!
 Love, your family

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 785-734-2556
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SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 31 min.

Alvin & Chipmunks
Feb. 1, 2 & 3
Comedy and Kids/Family

Jason Lee, Cameron Richardson, Jane Lynch, David Cross, Justin Long
 Rating: PG for some mild rude humor

CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS
 785-332-2747
 Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

Take your Valentine to Supper at the Heritage Corner Cafe, Bird City

Thursday, Feb. 14
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 Baked Chicken or Pork Chops with all the trimmings

Call for reservations at 785-734-2275 no later than Feb. 11.

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS
 785-332-2104

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- * Billing will be done by Cheyenne County Hospital Lifeline.
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- * New installations or for questions contact Shawna at the Cheyenne County Hospital at 785-332-2104

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