#### By Casey McCormick

scmccormick@nwkansas.com Happy President's Day!

I know I'm a couple days late, it being last Monday. But incase you didn't get the day off or didn't notice it, the holiday deserves a moment of thought.

Next year we will have a new Commander and Chief to add to the list of 43 past Presidents of the United States. Although our nation is still fairly young, by world history standards, the president holds a special office in our

George Washington set the bar high. He was both an outstanding military leader as well as a good choice for the first president. Our new experiment needed something different from a king, yet with the dignity and power necessary for the highest office of a

Over the years there have been

other men who have done exceptional jobs in directing America. There have been others who either fell short or did not have a chance to meet their potential. With time, history defines what a president's

if they had not fell to assassins?

At first look, the field of candidates running for president may not inspire reflections of becoming the next Lincoln or Jefferson. Perhaps the next Madison or Reagan. Or maybe the next Roosevelt,

But then that will be history's job to record their story for the

## **Letters by Linda**

By Linda Schneider dublinls@hotmail.com

When was the last time you had to write a history paper? Well, I just finished writing one. It took me nearly eight hours of shuffling through my notes and listening to nearly two hours of tape record-

I am not talking about something from American history; I am talking about Bird City history.

A few weeks ago, someone

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tographs they had taken over a period of a half of a century.

So, I set up a time with Bill to interview him and for the next two hours, I was treated to a lesson in Bird City history.

Did you know that Bill had a picture in Life magazine? It was a picture of a train coming down the track just outside of Bird City. And did you know that Charles Lindberg nearly came to Bird City to perform some air stunts? Bill believes that Mr. Lindberg did not come because of Holmes "Bannie" Rogers and his bad temper.

Editor's Note: Around this

time of year, Cheylin lets each

class choose their favorite school

lunch menu, then features one

It is seventh grade this week.

Parents, join your kids for lunch

Breakfast: sausage scrambled eggs, juice, toast, assorted cereal

Lunch: Frito chili pie, cinna-

mon roll, bread, salad bar, fruit

Tuesday, 2/26

Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice,

class menu a week

**Monday**, 2/25

this week!

and milk

and milk

lasting mark will be.

How would history have remembered William Henry Harrison, of Tippacanoe fame, if he hadn't contracted pneumonia and died a little over a month in office? What would have been the legacies of Garfield and Kennedy

take your pick.

# **Letters by Linda**

By Vera Kacirek

Phyllis and Kenny Wilkinson were Friday visitors of Rod and Lisa Johnson and Jim and Ruby Tracy before attending the Cheylin basketball games.

Tuesday afternoon visitor of Ray and Marlene Johnson was Rick Simon of Goodland. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cline and Katelyn of Colby were Thursday visitors of the Johnsons.

L.J. and Kamie Purvis of Goodland spent Thursday and Friday with grandparents, Jerry and Betty Knapp. The Knapps met the Purvis family in St. Francis on Friday evening and the children returned

Francis.

Betty Knapp spent Sunday and Monday in Venango, Neb., with her daughter, Brenda Knapp.

Big First Listening Tour.

Murder Can Be

**Habit-Forming** 

Murder Can Be Habit-Forming,

produced by On Stage Inc., is set

for March 15 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Hospital Board** 

The Cheyenne County Hospi-

Thursday, Feb. 28, in the clinic

basement meeting room in St.

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Commissioners

missioners will meet at 8 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 29, in the commis-

**Cheyenne County** 

**Hospital Guild** 

The Cheyenne County Hospital

Guild will meet at noon on Mon-

day, March 3, at the Cheyenne

County Hospital. The program is

Lenten schedule

a "Lunch With Les."

sioner's room at the courthouse.

at the high school auditorium.

Karlyne Atchinson and Amelia Banister drove to St. Francis on Saturday to visit Viola Jones in the Good Samaritan home.

Cort Antholz was injured in a farm accident on Thursday. He was removing trees from the ground when the rope broke. He was taken to Greeley, Colo., for hospitalization and should return home on Monday. He will go back to Greeley in a week for surgery to repair facial bones.

# South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Mark and Catina Montgomery and children of Denver were weekend guests of Lindon and Diane Montgomery

George and Kathy Banister attended the Cheylin - St. Francis basketball games in St. Francis Tuesday and the Cheylin - Golden Plains basketball games in

Kelly Dewey, Tayten and Tru and Barb Morton traveled to Manhattan for the weekend

to visit Marvin and Kristina

Dan and Margie Hubbard enjoyed the a valentine's supper and program at the Federated Church in McDonald Sunday

George and Kathy Banister attended the Cheylin/Healey basketball games in McDonald Friday and the Cheylin/Hitchcock

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**Bird City Senior Center** potluck

The Bird City Senior Center potluck will take place at noon on Monday, Feb. 25.

**Library Storytime** 

Storytime will be at 10 a.m. The books are Milk Comes From A Cow? Dan Yunk; The Milkman by Carol Foskett Corden; The Alphabet Keeper Mary Murphy; Do Kangaroos Wear Seat Belts? Jane Jurtz and The Big Golden Animal

Junior readers are also welcome.

Craft and a snack will follow.

**Funeral notice** The funeral service for Dwight Vallin will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the high school gym in

The Cheyenne County Com-

Long Island, northeast of Norton. Change One -One Meal At a Time Sunflower Extension district is offering "Change One - One

Meal At a Time" at noon today

(Thursday) in the extension meet-

ing room. Call the extension office (785) 332-3171 for more details.

> Congressman Moran to St. Francis

The schedule for the Wednes-Congressman Jerry Moran day noon Lenten services is as will be in St. Francis from 10:30 follows: Feb. 27: United Methodto 11:30 today (Thursday) at ist Church; March 5: St. Francis the Main Street Coffee, 216 W. Washington. He is on his annual Community Church, March 12: First Christian Church: March 19: Good Samaritan Village. A soup

> luncheon follows the service. Wildlife banquet

annual banquet will be held on March 14.

**Prairie Land Food** 

Prairie Land Food pickup will tal Board will meet at 3 p.m. on take place from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on Saturday, at the First Baptist Church. **Veterans Affairs** 

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

> **Sainty Serenity Seekers Alcoholics Anonymous**

Sainty Serenity Seekers open The Cheyenne County Wildlife 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 informa-

#### **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.

### Lions gather in Colby for spring convention

Many of the Lions Club mem- Club members will serve as hosts bers from the 34 Lions Clubs in northwest Kansas are making plans to attend the spring convention at the Colby Community College Campus on Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8. Lions District Governor Don

Keihl of Goodland will preside over the annual gathering of the "Pride" of Northwest Kansas Lions as they renew friendships and rededicate their commitment to serving the less fortunate in their hometown communities.

Past International Director, Rick Myers, Fremont, Neb., will be the special guest dignitary and speaker for the Saturday evening banquet. He will be joined by Past International Director, Ernie Young, Lansing, and during the afternoon sessions they will conduct several short sessions on various topics to help "Pride" members renew leadership skills and learn new information of importance to carry out the Lions motto, "We Serve!"

The Colby High Plains Lions Lutz, Fla.

for the event. Club president Hazel Estes and secretary Virgil Jones head up the most important tasks of planning and generally seeing that all of the Lions experience a fun and informative gathering.

The 850 Lions of District 17-K4, The "Pride" of Northwest Kansas, covers 15,000 square miles and serves 34 towns from Bunker Hill to Goodland, and from St. Francis to Smith Center.



#### **Honor Roll**

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Darlene Burr, Bird City; Delbert Powell, Bird City; Jay Jensen, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Otis Dewey, McDonald; Chauncey Dewey, Brewster; Ron Haack,

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And Bill had pictures, pictures, and more pictures. Old black and whites showing Bird City before the grain storage/elevators were built, some of his "illusionary" photos, and every picture had a story. I enjoyed every minute of

Dolly's story was how she came to Bird City, remember, when Bill and his family moved to Washington after two crops were de-

stroyed by hail. "Their loss, because of losing the crops; my gain because that's how we met and were married," said Dolly. She is still saying that after 66 years of marriage! Then she chuckled, "And brought me to 'No Man's Land.""

I told Dolly I have been living in Bird City just a short time. She said that even though she had felt Bill brought her to "No Man's Land," the people of Bird City were so kind and welcomed her warmly; she did not want to live anywhere else.

I believe Dolly and I are kindred souls; she spoke directly to my heart. And I think, and I'll admit I have trouble doing it; I will

dirt pudding, salad bar, fruit and

Wednesday, 2/27

Lunch: chicken nuggets, tater

triangle, rolls, salad bar, fruit and

Thursday, 2/28

Lunch: grilled cheese sandwich,

Breakfast: french toast, juice,

toast, assorted cereal and milk

chips, salad bar, fruit and milk

Breakfast: biscuit with honey,

sausage link, juice, toast, as-

sorted cereal and milk

**School Menu** toast, assorted cereal and milk McDonald Friday. Lunch: tacos, creamed corn,

Springer and Braxton.

County basketball games in Mc-Donald Saturday.

**Be Ready For Spring!** 

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