



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Earlier this week one of my all-time favorite holidays came around: St. Patrick's Day.

It might have something to do with my last name. Or it might be because I love to eat corned beef and cabbage and Irish soda bread. Then again, it could be because I own a kilt and don't have enough occasions to wear it.

Whatever the reason, I'm proud of my Celtic roots and March 17 gives me a reason to "put on the green" and blow my horn.

There is another reason why I have heritage on my mind on that day. For it was 20 years ago on St. Patty's Day that my dear father, Joe Raleigh McCormick, left this earth.

Before that happened I always celebrated the day with reckless abandon. Of course, when I was a young man, every day of my life was celebrated with reckless abandon.

But when Dad left, March 17 became something different. In the years right after, I spent the day feeling angry. Something had been taken away from me and I felt slighted.

However, with time I knew that being mad and hurt was selfish. And it sure didn't honor my dad.

So I try to think good thoughts on St. Patrick's Day. I have many, many great memories of him and I know that he's still with us.

I see more and more of him in the mirror each day and in his grandson, Joseph Raleigh McCormick.

Happy Belated St. Patrick's Day!

Senior center monthly potluck
The Bird City Senior Center monthly potluck will be held at noon on Monday.

Library Storytime

Bird City Library will not be having Storytime this week. We will have Storytime next week. See you there!

Hospitalized

Natalie Bursch, wife of Royce Bursch, is undergoing treatment at Presbyterian - St. Luke's Medical Center. Receiving cards from home would be welcome. The address for Presbyterian - St. Luke Medical Center is 1719 E. 19th Ave, BMT Room 3403, Denver, CO 80218. The end of the treatments will take place on April 15 but there will be an extended stay, other than at the hospital, in the Denver area.

Relay For Life kick-off meeting

Relay for Life kick-off meeting will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, at the Equity meeting room. You may pick up your "team packets" and get information about this year's Relay. Refreshments will be served.

Support grant proposal

County residents are being asked to support a grant proposal for \$15,000 written by the Cheyenne County Historical Society to help refurbish Ye Ol' Country Church at the museum. Go to myhometownhelper.com. Click on "Find a Project." Then select "Kansas" and type in St. Francis. At the next page, click on the name of the project. That will take you to the description of the grant proposal and a place to add comments. Deadline is March 31.

Free Staters in Oberlin

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will sponsor the Free Staters at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, at the Oberlin Gateway Center.

The Free Staters combine fiddle, early fretless banjo, parlor guitar and buffalo bones to recreate the music you would have heard coming from an American front porch in the 1940s.

Performance

The Group will be performing at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2660 Senter Ave., in Burlington at 6 p.m. mountain daylight time on Sunday, April 6.

They will be celebrating their 12th anniversary of making music, singing Christmas, patriotic and gospel music.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.

Basketball tournament

The ninth annual Atwood Three-on-Three Basketball Tourney will be held Saturday, April 5. Entries are due by March 28.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Basketball tournament

Sappa Valley Shootout youth Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament will be held in Oberlin on Saturday, April 12. Boys and girls, grades one-12, are eligible. For more information, visit the website or contact Angie Erickson, 785-322-5338.

Address change

A new mailing address for agencies within the United States Department of Agriculture Service Center (Cheyenne County Conservation District, Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service) is effective immediately: (agency name): 614B West Business US Highway 36, St. Francis, KS 67756-5776.

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 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.

Obituary

Mary Elizabeth Shahan

May 11, 1925 - March 9, 2008

Mary E. Shahan was born May 11, 1925, to Dora and Ralph Weaver in Cheyenne County, Kan., and died on Sunday, March 9, 2008.



Shahan

Mary attended country school and graduated from Bird City Rural High School. She then went on to attend two years at Greeley College. After college, she taught elementary school in St. Francis for one year.

On Aug. 4, 1946, Mary united

in marriage with Demi H. Shahan. They were married for 61 years. To this union, two children were born, one daughter, Diane Ruth Jordan, who resides in Abilene, and one son Vern Shahan, who resides in Washington County, Ore. Mary had four granddaughters and six great-grandchildren.

Mary was an active participant of the local American Legion Post 352, 6th District Auxiliary President, Past State Department President of the Women's Auxiliary, Director of Sunflower Girl State, Worthy Matron of Eastern Star and Tri-State Antique Auto Club Queen. Mary was involved in Happy Larks 4-H Club, Kanred Club, was a librarian and emergency medical technician.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Dora Weaver, Harold and Lessie Shahan and her great grandson, Thomas Daniel Vizcarra.

Survivors include her husband, Demi H. Shahan; sister Margaret Taylor, Greeley, Colo., daughter, Diane Ruth Jordan, Abilene, son and daughter, Vern and Victoria Shahan, Washington County, Ore., grandchildren, Gina White, Melinda Vizcarra, Melissa Whelchel and Teri Shahan; great-grandchildren Steven Madewell, Nodika Madewell, Kendra White, Andrew Vizcarra, Kathryn Vizcarra and Matthew Whelchel.

Funeral services were held at the Wesleyan Community Church on Thursday, March 13.

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider

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By now, most people either like me or not. No in between and I learned long ago that I cannot please everyone. It is too exhausting.

However, I do have an agenda. I have a passion to protect the underdog and those who cannot, or are unable speak for themselves. This has been very problematic because it can look like I just want to stir up trouble, but this is simply not true.

We all have something we are passionate about. Think about it! Whether growing up in large populous or in a small town, everyone has something to crusade about.

Maybe you do not think that way, but an advocate can be just the person in the middle. The one who takes the brunt of the matter,

and we all have been in the middle for someone — someone who was not able to defend or speak on his or her own behalf.

This week is very foundational for many folks, including myself. You see, I have my own advocate — someone who is passionate for me. At a time when I was unable to speak on my own behalf, He did. And because of what He did, I am able to live a fuller life. That is what an advocate does.

Easter can mean one of two things, either a good egg hunt or life. I will say that I do enjoy a good egg hunt with friends and family, but I reserve Easter Sunday for celebration to the One who gave me life.

Who knows, it may be your turn to ask the same question I did, "What is all the fuss about that Cross anyway?"

Students inducted in National Honor Society

Three students from Cheylin High School were inducted as new members of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held at the school Tuesday evening.



Pochop



Reeh



Ponce

Members were selected by the chapter's Faculty Council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Students inducted included: Lincoln Pochop, senior (as an honorary member), Naomi Reeh, and Ana Ponce, sophomores.

"We are very proud to recognize these outstanding members of our student body. National Honor Society members are chosen for and then expected to continue their

exemplary contributions to the school and community," said Anita Burton, chapter adviser.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in more than 15,000 schools and, since 1921, millions of students have been selected for membership. This national student recognition organization is proudly sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.



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South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Ginger, Erin and Jackson Montgomery of Abilene, Texas, were visitors this past week of Lindon and Diane Montgomery.

Mike, Amy, Owen, and Brynn Waters of Haviland arrived Friday evening. They visited between the homes of Doug and Karen Flemming and Bethel Goltl. Mike and Amy returned home Sunday and the children stayed to spend their spring break with their grandparents.

Josh Johnson left for college at Casper, Wyo., Saturday after spending the 7th through the 16th for spring break.

Debbie Banister went with the Cheylin music group Sunday to attend a dinner theatre in Boulder.

Rachelle and Margie Hubbard took Margie's mother, Lola Rogers to Pittsburgh, Pa., to celebrate Lola's sister's 90th birthday March 1.

Lynn and Rita Officer attended the Colby Wesleyan Church Sunday morning where Melissa and Randy

Regier shared their pictures and reports on their February Mission trip to Ecuador.

Mark and Catina Montgomery, Jaden and Lindi of Denver were weekend guests of Lindon and Diane Montgomery.

Josh Johnson is home on spring break.

The George Banister family attended Washburn Junior Day on the campus of Washburn University Wednesday in Topeka. They were house guests of Stacie and Lonnie Martin of Topeka Tuesday through Thursday. Friday they visited with Stephanie Hubbard and Megan Sramek in Manhattan and were overnight guests of Oran and Debbie Winter and Brandon of Andale. Saturday on their return trip they stopped in Salina to see David at school and took David and Alex Hengen out for supper.

Bethel Goltl attended the soup supper in McDonald Sunday evening at the Senior Center.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 31 min.

Juno

March 21, 22 & 23

Comedy/drama and Teen

Ellen Page, Michael Cera, Olivia Thirlby, Jennifer Garner, Jason Bateman

Rating: PG-13 for mature thematic, sexual content and language.

CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3

All Others: \$5

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS
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Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department Health Fair.

Lab Draws

April 7-9, 7 to 10 a.m. in County Health Department
April 8, 7-10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic

The lab work includes:

- Complete Profile \$40 includes the following lab tests:
 - CMP (complete metabolic profile) that will test your sugar, electrolytes, kidney and liver function
 - Lipid Panel that will check your cholesterol
 - TSH that checks your thyroid
 - CBC (complete blood count) that checks for anemia and possible infections
 - PSA (prostate specific antigen) that checks the prostate, \$20
- Pap and prostrate exams April 8-10 in St. Francis Clinic
Pap and prostrate exams April 9-10 in Bird City Clinic

Appointment required for pap and prostrate exams. Please call the St. Francis Clinic at 785-332-2682 to schedule. Cost is \$25.