

Casey's Comments

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Some of life's best pleasures are pretty simple. For instance, my dear Aunt Sissy sent Lezlie and me some fruit. That may not sound like a big deal, but these were beautiful lemons and grapefruit that she picked from her trees in southern California.

After enjoying a slice of lemon in our ice tea, Lezlie decided to put some to another use. She has a recipe for General Robert E. Lee cake which uses lemons.

Let me try to describe this creation.

She began by whipping egg whites into a lighter-than-air meringue. This she folded in with lemon juice batter that baked up four yellowish and fluffy layer cakes.

Next she made the jelly filling that called for more juice, egg yolks, sugar and butter. This looked a lot like the inside of a

goeey, jelly-filled donut.

The frosting was white, but it had the appearance of confetti with flecks of lemon and orange rind that mingled with coconut flakes.

Lezlie spent about two-and-a-half hours in the kitchen making this masterpiece. The taste of the lemons was strong and refreshing, like they had just been picked here!

It was the next best thing to getting a big hug and kiss from Aunt Sissy in-person.

What makes this cake even better is that my family came from Kentucky and holds great reverence for General Lee. In fact, we have a long line of "Robert Lee McCormicks" to show for it.

If this cake is any indication, the South may rise again!

Now Lezlie might tell you that the cake was no "simple" task, but it sure was a pleasure to eat!

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider
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For those of you that live outside Bird City, we have moved, again. That will make it three times in 18 months!

I will let you in on a little secret, it is not unusual for me to move around so much. I am a "port baby." My dad was in the Navy and I have another sister, Pamela, and two brothers who are also port babies. I think it is in my blood to be on the move.

Looking back I can see a pattern, never staying in one place more than two years. Maybe once or twice, but not more than that. And yet, this has always been what I have desired, to stay in one place long enough to hang pictures.

It started way before I met Brad over 14 years ago, so he has

nothing to do with this routine. I chalk it up to having a restless soul, not being satisfied in one spot for any length of time.

Then in 1998 I had a crisis of faith. Changed my entire view of where my life was headed. Now I see my moves not so much as a pattern, but a journey to my final "home." A permanent home that is waiting for me.

I will not bore you with my meanderings concerning this revelation and just share with you that it is a comfortable feeling.

As after each move, I ask my husband, Brad, "Is this the last move." He is more careful to say, "God willing, yes." Thanks hunny, that is just the answer I wanted to hear.

Before I forget, call your mom, it is Mother's Day Sunday!

School Menu

With school almost ending, the lunches will be Cook's Choice.

Take time to thank our kitchen staff for the hard work they have done throughout the school year.

Monday, 5/12

Breakfast: bagels, toast, juice, assorted cereals and milk

Lunch: Cook's Choice, fruit, salad bar and milk

Tuesday, 5/13

Breakfast: cornbread, boiled egg, toast, juice, assorted

cereals and milk
Lunch: kindergarten sack lunch, everyone else corn dogs, dessert, fruit, salad bar and milk

Wednesday, 5/14

Breakfast: banana bread, fruit, toast, juice, assorted cereals and milk

Lunch: Cook's Choice, fruit, salad bar and milk

Thursday, 5/15

Breakfast: french toast, toast, juice, assorted cereals and milk

Lunch: Cook's Choice, fruit, salad bar and milk

Farewell Reception

Cheylin 103 will be having a farewell reception for David Zumbahlen, Marjean Zumbahlen, Judy Poore and Roseanna Underwood on May 14 at 3:15 in the high school gymnasium. All staff, students and members of the community are welcome to come.

Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 15. The meeting will be held at the home of the hostess, Lucille Wright.

Library Storytime

With school out in a few weeks, Storytime will end. Come and enjoy an hour of stories, crafts and a snack. Starts at 10 a.m. on Friday, weather permitting. Junior readers are invited.

No monthly birthday party

No monthly potluck luncheon
The Bird City Senior Center is canceling the month birthday party and the monthly potluck luncheon for the month of May.

Bird City Little League

Little League baseball teams are being formed. More information about ages, place and time are coming.

Representative for

Congressman Jerry Moran
A staff member of Congressman Moran will be appearing in Bird City on May 14 from 11 a.m. until noon at City Hall.

Head Start applications

Cheyenne County Head Start of St. Francis is taking application for the 2008-09 school year. This is a preschool program for ages three and four year olds.

Eligible families must reside in Cheyenne County. Morning session is offered between 8 a.m.

through 12 p.m. Monday through Friday. A nutritious breakfast and lunch is served everyday at no charge.

For more information or any questions, contact Jessica Mitchell or Holly Lampe at 785-332-3110.

Card shower

The family of Jake Wilkening will be honoring him on his 80th birthday on May 17. They welcome you to join in this celebration of his life. Please mail your cards to Jacob Wilkening, 310 Eustia, Apt. 2, Goodland, KS 67735.

Second half of taxes due

Dolores Jenik, Cheyenne County Treasurer, has an ad announcing the second half of taxes due on May 12, without penalty. Check ad for more information or number to call for more information.

Bowling Fun Night

Cheyenne County Womens Bowling Fun Night will be at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the Cheyenne Bowl.

Historical Society

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will meet at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, at the Museum. A surprise guest will be present.

Old Barns — New Ideas

"Old Barns-New Ideas," a free workshop sponsored by the Kansas Barn Alliance, will be held at the Stan Carmen Farm, Cheyenne County on Saturday, May 31. The morning session will feature a presentation on timber frame repair. In the afternoon, participants will join a discussion and brainstorming session: "Help pay the restoration bill. Find new uses for your old barn."

The Cheyenne County

Historical Society will have lunch available.

"This workshop is for you if you have an old barn, but don't know what to do with it, or if you have an old barn and have done something with it!" said Janet Carman

For more information or to get more details, call Stan Carman at 785-332-3569.

Pancake Day

The St. Francis Senior Center annual Pancake Day and Bake Sale will take place from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Center on Washington Street.

AARP

AARP will meet at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Senior Center. This will be the last meeting until September.

At 2:30, the high school music students will present the program. Clarence Illif will be the host and Willow Cook, the hostess. Roll call will be answered with favorite ice cream. All are welcome to attend.

Prairie Land signup

Prairie Land signup deadline for May is May 18. Distribution is Saturday, May 31. You may signup at several locations in town or online to Linda Hagan, clkhagen@ruraltel.net, or by calling her at 1-800-298-1989.

Exercise classes

Exercise classes Monday and Wednesday 8/8:30 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 6 p.m. Variety of exercises—one just right for everyone! Meet at the Church of Christ building. Call Carol 332-3531 or Raedell 332-8919 for info or to arrange other times.

Bird City High School Alumni

The Bird City High School Alumni will meet at 6 p.m. on May 24. They are featuring a luau. Tickets are available until May 15 at the bank in Bird City or by calling Joyce Moore at (785)

899-6145 or mailing a check to her at 304 E 10th, Goodland KS 67735. (classified ad elsewhere).

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 6 at Sawhill Park. Team members will walk until 7 a.m. Saturday, June 7, to raise the funds pledged for research for a cure for cancer. If interested in forming a team, call Gloria Bracelin, 785-332-2757, or Betty Petersen, 785-332-8990.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 15, 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.

Club Clip

McDonald Senior Citizens

Thirty-six senior citizens and health nurse, Rose Whitehurst, enjoyed the May 5 potluck dinner and meeting at the McDonald Senior Center.

Joan Tongish welcomed everyone and birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Diane Solko of the Atwood Good Samaritan passed out several pamphlets on seniors and aging.

Vera Kacirek gave a reading "When God Made Moms" and led the prayer. The table decorations made by Phyllis Wingfield were cute "edible" bumblebees. After a delicious dinner, Bingo was played with Vera Kacirek winning Blackout.

At the business meeting, the

Minutes and Treasurer's report were accepted as read. Joan t thanked Phyllis Wingfield for the decorations and everyone who had helped with the dinner. Ray Johnson said he had received the 15-year warranty for the new roof. He has mowed and sprayed the dandelions and sticker bushes. His bill for the weed spray was allowed.

The Rummage Sale was discussed. It takes a lot of 25 cent and 50 cent items to add up to much.

Committees for June are: prizes, Joan Tongish; Bingo, Ray Johnson; poem and prayers, Eleanor Swihart, and kitchen help, Marlene Johnson, Phyllis Wilkinsin and Joan Tongish.

Park Benches, Picnic Tables & Trash Receptacles



Another great opportunity to donate to the VanDoren Park Project in memory of, or in tribute to someone!

Stop by the Bird City Century II Development Foundation office at 107 W Bressler

to pick your location in the park!

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Please Help us celebrate Patrick Delano's retirement on

Monday, May 12 in front of the hospital from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Patrick has served in the community for 19 years and will be greatly missed. We hope to see you there!