



# Bulletin Board

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Recently I got to enjoy two great examples of Americana; Elvis and Mother's Day.

Elvis's life is a true American story. Born poor in the deep South, he became forever linked to the birth of Rock and Roll, strongly influenced Country music and recorded some of the most beautiful Gospel melodies of all time.

But his trademark sideburns, large sunglasses and big collared and bejeweled jumpuits were recognized the world around.

At last weekend's Car Show, Endre Sumu honored the "King" well with two performances. It took little imagination to know that "Elvis was in the house."

Thank goodness mothers are

not unique to this country. However, Mother's Day is and it arrived last Sunday.

Anna Jarvis came up with the idea to have a day to celebrate moms 100 years ago.

On the second Sunday of May, 1908, the tradition began with 500 white carnations handed out to mothers at a church service in West Virginia. President Woodrow Wilson made it a federal holiday in 1914.

In addition, I have a special and personal reason that ties Elvis and Mother's Day together, since my mother and Elvis share the same birthday. Susan Kay McIntyre and Elvis Aaron Presley both entered the United States on Jan. 8, 1935.

How's that for a little bit of Americana?

## Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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What is the hottest topic these days? It has to be gas prices and when I hear of anyone traveling anywhere, I have to ask, "How much was the gas?"

Any mention of gasoline, whether it is about our nation using it or the price of a barrel, has me thinking gas prices will never get better. Never.

Before I explain why I believe it will never get better, please take a moment and answer these four simple questions. Do you argue over who uses the most gas? Have you ever lied over how much gas your car uses? Do you hide how much gas you buy? Can you go a day without driving your car?

If you answered "yes" to any one of the above, I would have to say that you are in the same condition as the majority of this country is — you are addicted to gas! That, my friend, is the reason gas prices will never get better.

Chuckle if you want and think I am way out there, but take time and think about it. The questions

just need to be worded a little different to show what I mean. And think about this, addicts need their drug to function and will pay any price.

This is why I say the gas situation will never get better, because the only way to change the situation is to stop using gas. Can we stop using gas? Can we even cut back?

I will say it again, the answer is to stop using gas and find alternatives that are affordable, really. A few of our country leaders are trying to pass a "holiday gas tax" for the summer to lower prices, but I believe it is a quick "fix" for a problem that needs long-range answers. I know there are people who are dedicated to finding a solution, but who will listen?

If we, as a nation, become united on this one very important issue, changes would have to be made. This is a basic principle that has been around for thousands of years, "If they become one voice, then anything will become attainable to them." Quote from the Bible, Genesis 11:5-7.

## Student earns degree

Amanda Ashlee Banister of McDonald, is one of 76 baccalaureate nurse graduates of the Washburn University School of Nursing who will be honored during a recognition and pinning ceremony at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 17 at White Concert Hall on the university's campus.

The School of Nursing commencement will be at 12:30 p.m., the same day in Lee Area, Petro Allied Health Center.

Ms. Banister served as secretary of the Student Nurses of Washburn and was named to the dean's list and president's honor roll.

She is the daughter of George and Kathy Banister of McDonald.



Banister

## School Menu

This is the last week for school meals!

The school kitchen staff has had some great meals!

Monday, 5/19: Breakfast: cook's choice. Lunch: spaghetti and meatballs, bread, fruit, salad bar and milk

Tuesday, 5/20: Breakfast: cook's choice. Lunch: beef and noodles,

mashed potatoes, fruit, salad bar and milk

Wednesday, 5/21: Breakfast: cook's choice. Lunch: cook's choice, fruit, salad bar and milk

Thursday, 5/22: Breakfast: cook's choice. Lunch: hamburger or hot dog, baked beans, fruit, salad bar and milk

School's out for the summer!

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### Library Storytime

School will be over shortly and 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 welcome.

### Bird City Little League

Baseball teams are being formed. There will be two age group teams, T-ball with ages kindergarten through finishing second grade, and C-team with ages finishing third grade through finishing sixth grade. Keep watch for more information about times and locations.

### May Birthdays

There will not be a May birthday cake party at the Bird City Senior Center.

### Bake Sale

Plan ahead for your Memorial Day weekend guests. Class of 2009 bake sale in front of the Hometown Market, Bird City. From 9 a.m. through 11 a.m. on Friday, May 23. See classified ad.

### Offices closed on May 26

Ad, picture and story deadline for the May 29 issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, as the offices will be closed on Memorial Day (Monday, May 26). The newspapers will be published and delivered one day later that week.

### Sixth grade promotion

Sixth grade promotion will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the grade school.

### Birthday celebration

The children of Opal Seaman, Bryan, Dawn, Mark and Marvin, are honoring their mother with a 90th birthday party celebration from 2 to 5 p.m. mountain daylight time on Saturday, May 24 at 519 Center, Goodland. You are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be served. Your attendance is the only present requested.

### Schlepp reunion

The Schlepp reunion for the descendants of Jacob and Christina Lauer Schlepp will be Saturday, May 24, at the St. Francis Senior Center. Registration is at 4 p.m. and the potluck supper is at 6 p.m. Wear the color to depict your direct family descendant which was indicated on the 1992 cousin family tree.

Hosts are Melvin Schlepp, Mildred Barnhart, Connie Williams and Marleen Lebfrom.

Friends and extended family are most welcome to attend the Schlepp reunion.

### 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.

### Bible school

Children between the ages of 3-years-old and sixth grade are welcome to attend the Bible school with the Solid Rock Baptist Church from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on May 27 - May 30. They will learn what it means to be "In Christ" through music, activities, crafts and Bible stories. The Bible school is at 412 S. Denison, St. Francis, phone, (785) 332-0011.

### Quilt given at Relay for Life

This year, a quilt will be given away at the Cheyenne County Relay For Life walk which has been moved from August to Friday, June 6, at Sawhill Park, St. Francis.

In an effort to help raise money to fight cancer, The Common Thread Quilt Guild, has made a quilt with any proceeds made going to the Relay walk.

The quilt is on display at the United Methodist Thrift Store. People are urged to come check out the quilt and see how they might become its owner. It will be given away at the June Relay.

### Barrel Races

Northeast Barrel Association is holding a fundraising barrel race for the Relay For Life starting at 2 p.m. on June 29 at the Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, Colo. There are two jackpot barrel races scheduled for that day, both will earn members points and the first race is also Better Barrel Races approved. All barrel racers welcome. For information on any of the fundraisers listed above, call Dixie Kuehl at 970-332-3527 or Kindi Kirchenschlager at 970-848-2412.

### Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

### Cheyenne County Commissioners

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

room at the courthouse.

### Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with E, F and G should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

### Sisters In Serenity Women's AA

A Sisters In Serenity women's Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at 5 p.m. on Sundays at 585 N. Franklin, City Hall, northwest basement door in Colby. There is a play room for younger children and a quiet space for older children on-site. For more information call (785) 672-3406 or (785) 538-2526.

These meetings are limited to female alcoholics to provide an opportunity for members to share with one another on problems related to drinking patterns and attempts to achieve stable sobriety. They also permit detailed discussion of various elements in the recovery program.

### Old Barns - New Ideas

"Old Barns-New Ideas," a free workshop sponsored by the Kansas Barn Alliance, will be held in 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. 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.



SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 35 min.

### Nim's Island

Action/Adventure, Comedy, Kids/Family, Science Fiction/Fantasy and Adaptation.

May 16, 17 & 18

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## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

*Cheyenne County Clinic - St. Francis is excited to announce that they are now doing childhood immunizations and KanBe Healthy exams!*

*Please call the clinic in St. Francis at 785-332-2682 to make an appointment for these new services.*

*(These services will no longer be offered in the County Health Department.)*

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### Ads and copy DEADLINE for the May 29

## The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be Tues., May 27th at 5 p.m.

Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26th. Newspapers will be delivered a day later.

We will also be closed on Friday, July 4.

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