

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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"Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee."

(Meditation XVII by John Donne)

Most of you didn't have the opportunity to know Kathryn Thacker-McCormick-Baker. She lived in Ohio, Colorado and California.

But I knew her well as she was my Aunt Sissy.

The oldest sibling with two brothers, and the mother of one child named Kathy.

But she was much more than a sister and mother.

She played piano in New York City auditoriums and was a practitioner to countless Christian

Scientist faithful.

Aunt Sissy devoted her whole life to the needs of others. She was providing for her husband of many years. Uncle Bake suffers from dementia and now needs hourly care.

However, in the big scope of this universe, her time of giving came to an end last Saturday.

I hope we all have someone in our lives who gives much more on this planet than they ever take.

This is my column and opinion, so I can say this: I don't know how often the Lord uses the express train that brought Mother Theresa to Heaven, but I know Aunt Sissy made a very quick trip to the beyond in similar fashion.

## Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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It was quite an exciting week for me and I enjoyed every minute of it!

I am talking about the graduation for the Cheylin seniors and the promotion of the eighth grade class.

I want to take you back down my memory lane to when I graduated. My class was over 500 graduation students and our ceremony was the the Cerritos Community College football field in California. It had to, to hold all the family and friends that came to watch, and you can only imagine how long that ceremony was.

With a class that large, you know there was a lot of tomfoolery going on during the ceremony. Anyway, there was not the genuine

sentimentality I saw in the Cheylin ceremonies.

Most of the students in my graduating class I never met and to this day I have returned to visit only one classmate, Linda Payne (Roberts).

I went to my 30-year class reunion a couple of years back and not one person recognized me, but Rodney (I had a crush on him) recognized by husband, Brad, who graduated from St. Francis, Kan. I rest my case.

I do not believe it will be the case for most of the graduates of Cheylin, or for that matter, most of the graduates from the "Heartland," and I will always enjoy hearing what is going on in their lives and in my community. Yes, Kansas is the "Heart" of America.

## Letter to the Editor

World Crohn's and Colitis Day

Dear Editor;

Friday May 23, is the second annual World Crohn's and Colitis Day. It was founded by Josh Golder, director of the film True Guts, a documentary about people with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). This day was made to spread awareness about the two most common forms of IBD, Crohn's disease (CD) and Ulcerative Colitis (UC). Only around 1 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with one of these two forms of IBD. That number is always on the rise. Out of the million people, I happen to be one of the few that is suffering from Crohn's.

Crohn's is an auto-immune disease that disrupts the normal function of the body's immune system. The immune system attacks the GI tract which causes the intestines to become raw and chronically inflamed which is accompanied by deep intestinal ulcers. The inflammation leads to stomach pain, internal bleeding, weight loss, and diarrhea, among many other things. Seventy to eighty percent of all Crohn's disease patients undergo surgery for out-of-control symptoms, or common complications.

There are many theories as to how a person gets Crohn's, but currently no one knows the reason people

are effected by this life changing disease. Many different treatments are available for patients including, countless pills, IV infusions, special diets, and eventually surgery. Despite the surgery to take out the inflamed part of the intestine, Crohn's disease can never be cured. In most cases, Crohn's reappears in a different part of the GI tract in as little as months, or as long as years after surgery is performed.

Now, I wouldn't be surprised if you've never heard of Crohn's or Colitis. I hadn't until my life was forever changed six years ago in fifth grade when I was diagnosed with Crohn's disease. Since this disease hits so close to home for me I would appreciate your support in helping me celebrate World Crohn's and Colitis day and spreading the word by wearing purple, the color of our cause. If you would like to learn more about Crohn's disease or Ulcerative Colitis please visit www.ccfca.org. There you can become more informed of IBD, or make donations to help support research to put an end to our suffering and help us finally find a cure.

(All information was taken from *100 Questions and Answers about Crohn's disease and Ulcerative Colitis: A Lahey Clinic Guide by Andrew Warner and Amy Barto.*)

Your Fellow Crohnie,  
Nikki Johnson

### Bird City Cemetery

There will be graveside services at 10:00 a.m. at the Bird City Cemetery on Memorial Day.

### Vacation Bible School

St. Johns Lutheran Church, Wesleyan Community Church, and the Immanuel United Methodist Church of Bird City are hosting a community Vacation Bible School. It will be held 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, May 27 through May 30.

It will held at Cheylin Elementary School in Bird City. Children, kindergarten through 6th grade, are welcome to attend.

Come join in the fun at the "Power Lab" and discover for yourself Jesus' miraculous power. For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jane Brubaker at 734-2739, Phyllis Wright at 734-2611, or Dan Carson at 734-2727. "Catch The Reading Bug"

The Bird City Library is gearing up for their Summer reading program. Ages three and up are welcome to join in the fun. Dates, times and special events are being scheduled. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins or leave a message for Tammi Carmichael, reading program director, at the library, 785-734-2203.

### Bird City Little League

Baseball practice will start on Friday at McDonald's baseball field. T-ball will begin at 6 p.m. and C-ball will begin at 7 p.m. See ya there!

### Cancer Relay for Life Information

Survivors Night for the Relay for Life will be at 5:30 p.m., May 29, at the Equity Meeting Room. Refreshments will be served and Survivors can pick up their t-shirts at that time.

All survivors please come and lets get ready to do the Survivor's Lap at the Relay, will be held at Sawhill Park at 7 p.m., Friday night, June 6. Contact Susie Walz

at 785-332-3486 for any questions. See you there! Betty Loudon, Publicity chairman.

### 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.

### Knowing beef cuts program

Join Joe Leibrandt and Melinda Daily, Sunflower Extension District agents, for "Beef Done Right" at noon on Thursday, May 22, at the St. Francis Library. The program will help people understand the cuts of meat and the best value for the price. They will also be adding some grilling techniques and new recipes. There is a small fee and people planning to attend should call the office, 785-332-3171.

### Livestock show

The 4-H/FFA Spring Livestock Show will be held Saturday at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in St. Francis. The show begins at 10 a.m. and there will be competitions in beef, swine, sheep and goats. Participants will come from around the area. Lunch will be available.

### Join Hands

Join Hands, bringing youth and older people together to make the community a better place, will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29. The event will begin at the Shrine Shelter in the city park and will end with a picnic provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans at the River Walk. Everyone is encouraged to join in with other high school students, 4-H'ers, Scouts, Lion Club members.

### Death Notice

Dulcie Ruth Henderson died May 16, 2008 in Ransom. Her funeral was May 20 at Peace Lutheran Church.

### Chief Roman Nose Rendezvous

The Lloyd Flick Memorial

Shoot will be held at the Beecher Island Battleground June 7-8. Awards will be given in all events. Black Powder or Pyroderx and Round Ball only. Iron sites with no scopes. Primitive attire

preferred but not required. Free primitive camping are available on the site. For additional information contact: Bill Carpenter 970-354-7468.

## Obituaries

Ronald Kenneth Cram  
Sept 7, 1908-May 16, 2008

Kenneth Cram died on May 16, 2008, at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood, Kan.

Ronald Kenneth Cram was born to John Anderson and Isabella Finlayson Stewart McCall Cram on Sept. 7, 1908, in Cheyenne County, Kan., the youngest of six children. His parents were immigrants from Scotland who homesteaded northeast of Bird City in 1886.

Kenneth went to the Country Brick School, District 51, and graduated from Bird City High School. He attended Kansas State University in Manhattan.

On Feb. 20, 1937, Kenneth married Beulah Mae Leach at the United Methodist Church in Bird City. Beulah died before Kenneth on Dec. 11, 1998, after 61 years of marriage.

Kenneth was inducted into the United States Army at Fort Logan, Colo., in October 1943. His basic training was at Fort Riley, Kan. Next he reported to Fort Ord, Calif., where he was issued complete new uniforms and jungle equipment.

"I was almost certain it was not Florida I was going to," said Kenneth.

Next, he was sent to Fort McDowell, near San Francisco, where he boarded a ship-destination unknown. That became known when, 28 days later, the soldiers arrived at Milne Bay, New Guinea. Kenneth was assigned to the 706 Ordinance Light Maintenance Company under the 6th Infantry Division. Kenneth's tour took him to places on the entire coast of New Guinea. He came back to the U.S. on a converted Liberty Ship. It took 21 days. He received an Honorable Discharge from Fort Logan on Dec. 12, 1945.

Kenneth was associated with the Bird City Ford Agency for 10 years. He became the postmaster of Bird City in 1948 and served for 26 years, retiring in 1974. He also farmed the family land.

Kenneth was a member of the United Methodist Church in Bird City and the American Legion. He was very civic minded and answered many calls to help Bird City plan activities. He was a founder of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show. The Pride project, for which Bird City received an award, was one of his favorite retirement activities. He also enjoyed golf and traveling. Among the places he visited was Alcoa, Scotland, to meet his first cousin.

Memorial contributions can be made to Knodel Funeral Home in St Francis in the name of Kenneth Cram for the Bird City Park.

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m.

2 hr. 6 min.

### Iron Man

May 23, 24 & 25

Action/Adventure, Science Fiction/Fantasy and Adaptation.

Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Jeff Bridges, Shaun Toub, Leslie Bibb, Gwyneth Paltrow

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All Others: \$5

## Cheylin Dance and Cheer Teams

Tickets are on sale for the annual fund raiser dinner to be held Saturday, June 7, at the Cheylin High School Gym. Tickets are \$20 for ages 12 through adult and \$12 for under 12 and can be purchased by calling Tammi Carmichael at 734-2494 or Amy Hendricks at 734-2207. There are a limited number of tickets so call soon to reserve yours.



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June 2nd - 3rd

All bids are to be turned in by noon June 4th.



## PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

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1998 Dodge Ram Pickup, Single Cab, Black, AC, 2WD, 107,200 miles; 2007 Wegele Riding Mower, 36" cut, Used very little; Kenmore 8 Chest Type Deep freezer; JVC 32" Color TV & JVC 27" Color TV; Amana Dryer; Speed Queen Washer; Amanti Apt. Refrigerator; Old 46" Round Oak Table w/ 2 Leaves; Old Oak Dresser; Love Seats & Couches; Chairs: Lazy Boy & 2 Matching; King Set w/ Brass Headboard; Full Size Bedroom Set: Dresser, Mirror, Chest of Drawers, Night Stand; Full Size Bed w/ Dresser; Twin Bed; Large Desk; Bookshelves; China Cabinet w/ 2 side Shelving Units; Chest of Drawers; Full Size Bed Set;(2) BBQ Grills; Old Rem 22 cal. Pump Octagon Barrel; Remington Model 1100 12 ga. Vent Rib 3" mag., Excellent Condition; Old 22 Ranger Rifle; (2) Daisy BB Guns; Single Shot .410 Shotgun; Model 33 Remington Single Shot, Old Model 335 Marlin 30/30, Like New; 2 Gun Suitcase Carrying Case; Deer Antler Lamp; 300 Savage Shells, Dies for Reloading; 200 Rounds Black Hills 223 Ammo; Mounted Mule Deer, 5 pnt, Heavy Rack; Bobcat Rug; .30 cal Hornady Bullets; .270 Sierra Bullets; Assorted 12 ga. Shot Shells; Sharp Microwave; Redwing Crock #3, gallon; 5 gal. Monmouth Pottery Crock; Wood Box; Delaval Elec. Cream Separator, Complete; Delaval Hand Crank Separator, Complete; Delaval Milk Bucket; Tractor Seat; Kenmore Water Tub, Copper; Cream Can; Several Glass Insulators; Washboards; Antique Light Fixture; 2 Drawer File Cabinet; 11 Gun Rack; Metal Cabinet; Craftsman 2 hp 10" Cultivator; Bestools 6" Bench Grinder on Cabinet; Darra James Jig Saw; Craftsman Planer; Misc. Hand Tools; Sprayer; Hedge Trimmer; Gun Rack; Handi Man Jack; Hand Pump; Single Trees, Several Harness Parts; Fence Stretcher; Crocks; Meat Grinders; Cooper Boiler; 7-Up Cooler; Bug Zapper; Old Lincoln Logs; Old American Plastic Building Blocks; Bedding; Misc. Kitchen Utensils & Appliances; Fire King Dishes; Lots of Blue Glass; Ice Cream Maker & Elec. Juicer; Wall Hangings; Coal Bucket; Hoover HD Vacuum; Doilies; Lamps; Old TV Flyer Wagon; Metal Toys, Old Books; Old Ford Ranchero; Brass Decorator Items; Jig Saw Puzzles; Lawn Ornaments; Gliders, Swings, Lawn Furniture; Cookbooks; Fertilizer Spreader; Pet Carrier; Skies; Sewing Box; Jewelry Box; The Palmary Doll Collection; Roseville Vase & Fenton Glass; Old Plant Stand; Children's Tea Set; Ezra Brooks Decanters; Wheat Pennies; Jefferson Nickels ; Old Army Bayonet; Dexter Golf Shoes, Size 10, Like New; Golf Practice Net, New; 2 Sets of 5 Joe Camel Cigarette Lighters; Jiffy Clothes Steamer; Picture Frames; Small Folding Leaf Table; Saddle Blanket & Tack; Measuring Wheel; 10 spd. Boys Bike, Like New; Waterford; Swan, Eagle, Frog on lily Pad, Duck, Owl, Globe, Angel Fish; Haviland Limoges France China; Crystal: Goblets, Wine Glasses, Tumblers; Antique Butter Mold; Antique Marble Top Table; Hand Painted Lamp; Antique Spool Chest; Antique Desk; THIS IS ONLY A PARTIAL LISTING! Pickup & Guns to Sell at 1:00pm CT

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