



## Casey's Comments

*By Casey McCormick*  
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 Agricultural communities, like ours, don't run from bad things. They stand and fight.  
 Their forefathers came to the "Great American Desert" to build a better life for themselves and future generations.  
 Whether the adversaries they faced were hostile Plains Indians or drought, frost and hail, Mother Nature's scorn, they battled through it.  
 Farmers and ranchers have persevered and, with hard work and determination, they have conquered.  
 So why should cancer be different?  
 Last Friday they came in droves to the Relay for Life. From young-

sters to elderly in wheelchairs, they marched all night. Like a band of Christian soldiers, they were united in a spirit of hope.  
 The ripple effects of this dreaded disease have touched so many in our corner of paradise. It seemed the majority of Cheyenne County clans were represented.  
 But do these folks wince with pain and accept a future of suffering, frustration and death? No!  
 They do what they have always done. The path chosen is short and direct, against their foe.  
 Ask them if a cure for cancer will be found. The answer is not "maybe" but "when." For it is only a matter of time until these warriors defeat this affliction.

## Letters from Linda

*By Linda Schneider*  
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 I have been thinking a lot about Father's Day coming this week. I really have. It is not an easy time for many and remembering Dad came bringing back unwanted memories, believe me I understand.  
 However, there is a bigger picture to this occasion than most people care to know about. Did you know that, for restaurants, Mother's Day is the busiest time of the year next to Easter? And what about all those Mother's Day cards we buy?  
 I am not picking on mothers at all — I am one myself, but when it comes to Father's Day, there is not a whole lot of hoop-la. As important as dads are to the family unit, why is that?  
 It did not use to be like this. Fathers were the heads of the household and well respected. But, over the past five or more decades, dads have lost more and more of the decision-making in the family, and I find this a crying shame.  
 I think there are a couple of reasons for the break down of dads

in our society, because you know, dads are still the focal point in most other countries. The media is the main culprit by portraying them in ways that are just plain disrespectful and the feminist movement have been boldly saying that women can do everything on their own — hogwash!  
 There was a study in recent years done to try and figure out why young male elephants were gathering in packs and running amok. What they were doing was terrorizing villages, attacking humans and tearing up crops.  
 And the conclusion they came to was pretty interesting: elephant poaching had nearly killed out the adult elephant population, particularly the male for his tusks. Furthermore, without adult males for guidance, the researchers believe, the "youths" had become undisciplined and rebellious. Does that sound familiar?  
 I agree dads are not perfect, but who is? This country needs its dads and I hope this Father's Day Sunday that restaurants fill up with kids bringing their dads to dinner!

## Obituary

**Walter Ivan Marsh**  
*April 8, 1935 - June 4, 2008*  
 Walter Ivan Marsh, 73, of Bird City, Kan., died Wednesday, June 4, 2008.  
 Survivors include his wife, Carol Marsh, Bird City; daughters, Larrietta Marsh, Broomfield, Colo.; Geraldine Marsh, College Station, Texas, and Mary Marsh, Little Elm, Texas; brothers, Howard Marsh, Eugene, Ore, and George Marsh, Canyon City, Colo.; and sisters, Doris Knaus, Tempe, Ariz.; Garland McNare, Douglas, Wyo., and Mary Schaffer, Strasburg, Colo.  
 Funeral services were held June 10 at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City with Reverend Gary Davison officiating.  
 Casket bearers are Leo Mazon, Keith Dorsch, Norman Dorsch, Robert Brubaker, Charles Coleman and Bill Martinez.  
 Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery with Military Honors by the Navy.

Memorials may be made to the Bird City EMTs in care of the Knodel Funeral Home.



## Student News

**Washburn University**  
 Amanda A. Banister of McDonald has been named to the Washburn University spring semester dean's honor roll.  
 To be on the list, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 graded semester credit hours and attain a semester grade point average between 3.4 and 3.99.

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# Bulletin Board

### Community Club

The Community Club has had to cancel the furniture exchanged at the Shelter House at the park that was scheduled for today (Thursday) because the ordered chairs did not arrive. They may arrive as early as next week.

**Bird City Library**  
 The Bird City Public Library welcomes students ages preschool through fourth grade to take part in this year's Summer Reading Program, "Catch the Reading Bug".  
 It will begin at 10 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. on Friday and will be every Friday through the month of June. A Summer Reading finale will be held at 10 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 4, with fun activities in the Bird City Park to finish out the program.

Sydney Busse will be the storyteller this year and there will be great stories to share, fun crafts, exciting activities, and snacks!  
**Home Circle Club**  
 The Home Circle Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, at the LeBow Manor. Joy Anderegg will be the hostess.  
**Meet District judge candidate**  
 Those wanting to meet Scott Showalter, candidate for District Judge, should come to the St. Francis Library at 5 p.m. on Monday.

**Kamla reunion**  
 Family descendants of John Jacob Kamla will gather for a reunion on Sunday, June 15, at the Senior Center.  
 They welcome friends and extended family to join them between 2 and 4 p.m.  
**Circus on Friday**  
 The Culpepper and Merriweather Circus will perform at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday on the north side of the Good Samaritan Village.  
**Hospital Board**  
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

**Tag deadline**  
 All residents with last names beginning with H and I 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.  
**Cheyenne County Commissioners**  
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday in the commissioners room at the

### Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 19, at the county clerk's office.

**Sisters In Serenity 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 fe-



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS at the Senior Center, left to right, Lili Ruth Edmonston, Doris Amsberry, Dee Dorsch (standing in for Stan), and Alvin Loop.**  
*Times staff photo by Linda Schneider*

## Club Clip

**Kanred**  
 The Family Community and Education group, Kanred, met on Monday at the LeBow Manor in Bird City. There were four members present, Jerry Cress, Treva Henry, Dorthy Mast and Wanda Dowdy.  
 For roll call, the members shared something about a trip that they had taken. It was a good time listening to the stories of the dif-

ferent trips.  
 For the meeting, the members enjoyed watching slides on Wanda's computer using Power Point. The name of the lesson was "Cyber Space." The lesson brought up important issues that the computer user needs to be aware of.  
 After the lesson, refreshments were prepared by Dorthy Mast and enjoyed by everyone. It was a good time of fellowship around

the table.  
 The next meeting will be at 2 p.m., Monday, July 7, at the LeBow Manor. Wanda will bring the journal that she made of her late husband, Marvin.  
 The members will work on the journal together about the Family Community and Education's 80-plus years in Cheyenne County. Treva Henry will be the hostess.

### 2nd Beginnings Thrift Store

Friday, June 13, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
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**SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 2 hr. 3 min.**

### Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

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"Swing Fore Your Health"

The Cheyenne County Hospital will be having their 6th Annual "Swing Fore Your Health" golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 7 with registration beginning at noon and tee-off at 1 p.m.  
 The tournament will be \$60 per person and in the format of a 3-person scramble with prizes awarded for the top winners of each flight.  
 For more information or to sign up a team, please contact Shawna or Heidi at 332-2104.

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