

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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A reader once told me to stick to the topics I know something about: mongrel dogs, Mother's Day and baseball.

With that in mind, I'm going to play it safe and write about baseball. Here goes.

It's the mid-way point of the Major League season and that means it's time for the All-Star Game. It will be held on Tuesday, July 15, in New York City.

This year's game is special in that it is the last one to be played at the old Yankee Stadium. The Mid-Summer Classic has been played there in 1939, 1960 and 1977.

Next season the "Bronx Bombers" will be in a new ball park, with the same familiar name. Known as "The House that Ruth Built," sporting events began there in 1923.

That is one of the unique qualities

of baseball. It is forever changing with time, yet it is growing on a solid, historical base of statistics at landmarks that remind us where the game came from.

Players such as Cy Young, Ted Williams, Roberto Clemente, Kirby Puckett and Cal Ripken, Jr., played in parks like Forbes Field, Sportsman's Park, Tiger's Stadium, The Polo Grounds and the Astrodome.

The previous athletes have provided the measures of greatness that the players of today and tomorrow will try to eclipse. And yes, records are made to be broken.

The game will continue to be played in special places that are unique and have personalities of their own.

Despite doping scandals and excesses of money, the game will always hold the rich qualities that will attract young and old alike.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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Last week I was sitting with a visitor at my dining room table, when she suddenly says, "You have a mosquito on your face." I sat there a moment and had a flashback.

I saw myself sitting at my dining room table in my Phoenix home and there was a big fly buzzing around my face. You really have to picture this in your mind; I was thinking how I could get rid of this fly without hurting it.

I thought I could "lightly" swat it and carry it unconscious to the front door and humely set it free to live out its life in freedom, all 24 hours of it. Therefore, I set out to do just that.

First, I tried to swat it in mid-air — in that way I was less likely to do any real brain damage to the poor creature. So, for the next 15 minutes or more I chased this poor creature around the house

"lightly" swatting at it with a fly swatter.

Then I tried sitting still so the fly could land by me, and I could capture it by "lightly" swatting at it with a dishtowel. That lasted about 10 minutes and I learned something in that brief time — flies giggle. Oh, yes they do!

Finally, I tried the fly swatter again and did catch it in the corner of the living room window. But, by now I was not concerned about humely letting the poor creature go. I gave it a "good" swat and threw it out the door, not even checking to see if it was unconscious or what.

Back to the present, my visitor brought me out of my thoughts by saying that the mosquito had lifted off my face. After a few moments, I felt something stinging on my leg, without batting an eyelash; I hit that mosquito with a "good" swat. I had to — I heard it giggle as it lifted off my face!

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

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The other day I went to write a thank you note to a businessman that stopped in Bird City regarding a potential business venture in the area, and I wanted to stress to him that Bird City was a small, yet progressive community. When I began to write down the community's accomplishments the past 3-4 years, the collective list was impressive, so I wanted to share that with you:

- Renovated the city park;
- Landscaped the entrance to Bird City with a new sign and flagpoles;
- Built an addition to the American Legion Hall;
- Recruited a 3,200 head dairy farm to Bird City, which has, to date, created 20 new jobs and brought in 19 children to the Cheylin School District;
- Received approval and funding from the State of Kansas to build two-single family homes and two duplex apartments (a total of six

new homes) which will begin construction this fall;

· And are in the process of completing a new sewer lagoon system.

There are many, many other projects that have been accomplished as well, that all of you have been involved in, one way or another. Congratulations!

Now that we have had time to smile and congratulate ourselves, it is time to dig out the Bird City Strategic Plan to prepare for the next project! Do you have any ideas for a community development or economic development project for Bird City? Do you know of someone that would like to come back to Bird City to live, work and raise their family? I would love to talk with you about your dreams and see if we can make them a reality. Give me a call at 785-734-2556, email to cathy@birdcity.com, or stop by the Bird City Century II Development Foundation office at 107 West Bressler.

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Senior Birthdays

Senior July birthdays will take place at the Senior Center at 3 p.m. on Monday.

Serviceman's address

Those friends or neighbors wishing to write to Tim Gohl should address correspondence to him as follows:

Gohl, Timothy J. SPC 3175 MP Co. KFOR10
TF Guardian
Camp Bondsteel
APO AE 09340

Death notice

Natalie Bursch died on June 29. Cards will reach her husband, Royce and family at 3480 Rd 18, Campo, CO 81029.

90th birthday

Arrilla Zimbelman is turning 90. She is coming home to celebrate her birthday and would like to see all of her friends and relatives.

Arrilla's children welcome everyone to an open house at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, at the United Methodist Church, 512 S. Scott in St. Francis.

No gifts please.

Hospitalized

Scott "Hoagie" Carmichael has been moved from the hospital to a rehabilitation facility to begin physical therapy. Rob Schiltz, superintendent, on Indian News, reported that, as of Sunday, Mr. Carmichael was doing better and is anxious to come home. The family reports that he is gaining slowly but steadily however, they ask that visits be limited and short. He is unable to receive phone calls, but cards will reach Scott at Colorado Acute Hospital, 1601 No. Lowell Blvd., Room 319, Denver, CO 80204.

Mr. Schiltz said he will keep updates, as known, of Scott's progress on Indian News, 332-8111.

Football camp

It's time for football camp for boys entering the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grade! It will be instructed by Tim Lambert and sponsored by the St. Francis Recreation Commission.

Equipment check-out will be Saturday, July 26, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the St. Francis Community High School. The camp dates are Monday, July 28, through, Saturday, Aug. 2, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

Questions can be directed to Mr. Lambert at 785-332-3237. There will be a fee.

Fair board meeting changed

The July meeting of the Cheyenne County Fair Board will be held at 8 p.m. on July 17 instead of the date announced earlier.

Pressure lid testing

There will be pressure lid testing at the Cheyenne County Extension Office from Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 25. The number for the Extension office is (785) 332-3171.

New members for Job's Daughters

Those interested in joining Job's Daughters are welcome to attend a bowling party at Cheyenne Bowl on Tuesday, July 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Kristi Guthmiller at 785-332-2448.

Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8

a.m. Tuesday, July 15, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Carnival volunteers

Volunteers needed to help with carnival cleanup and painting before the fair. Meet with others at the fairgrounds each Thursday at 7 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed to help with games and rides during the fair, Aug. 6-9. Get your name on the list by calling DeEtta

Knorr, 785-332-2551.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 17, at the county clerk's office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Sainty Serenity Seekers

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 provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. For information or in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Bulletin Board

Obituary

Natalie Bursch

Dec. 3, 1958 - June 29, 2008

Natalie Bursch, daughter of Jess and Shalah Perkins, was born Dec. 3, 1958, in Elkhart, Kan. At 11:50 p.m., on June 29, she died in rural Baca County, Colo., at the age of 49 years.

Natalie was raised on the ranch southwest of Campo. She attended and graduated from the Campo High School in 1977. While in high school, Natalie enjoyed playing basketball. She was the captain of the team. Also, the basketball girls from Campo were the first girls team to go to state in the 1A division. They won first the first year and they went the second year and placed second.

After high school, Natalie married the love of her life, Royce Bursch, on August 20, 1977, on the family ranch near Campo. To this union two children were born, Clint and Jesse.

After Natalie and Royce were married, they lived in Bird City for eight and one half years, then in McDonald for two years, before moving to the ranch where Natalie was raised and they have lived there since.

While in Kansas, Natalie and Royce were active in the Wesleyan Church in Bird City. The church there has rock from the ranch on its walls. Natalie was very active in this church, helping with Sunday School, Bible School and wherever she was needed.

Natalie accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior at an early age at a revival. She and her sister, Kelly, were baptized at the same time in the canyon creek. Natalie was a very devote Christian woman who lead by her example. She loved the Lord and enjoyed singing praise and worship songs with her beautiful voice. She was a willing worker in the church and helped many people in their walk with the Lord.

Natalie did women of the Bible skits at many gatherings. This helped many to understand the women of the Bible. She had a way of making her Sunday School and Bible School lessons come alive and for the ones in her class to understand them better.

Natalie loved the Campo area. She was very proud of her family and community.

Everyone wanted to be where Natalie was, she had fun wherever she was. She was a very positive person and would always make everyone feel better just being around her. She never met a stranger

and was very much a people person, making everyone feel welcome. Sunday night was pizza night at the Bursch home; Natalie would make homemade pizza for her family and friends.

Also, on Christmas morning for breakfast, Natalie would make shrimp for them. Some would say Natalie had an ornery streak, as she was known for her chocolate cow-chip cake. She was good at telling stories and everyone enjoyed listening to her and enjoying a good laugh.

Natalie loved the ranch. She loved working cows and riding her horse, Macadew. Natalie was the undisputed leader of harvesting Rocky Mountain oysters. She had a busy life; she made cactus and sand plum jelly, wreaths out of the willows in the canyon, and cooked fajitas on disks for different groups.

She enjoyed doing art design for screen-printing. She also helped her mom, Shalah, with web design and marketing Shalah's artwork. Natalie was very good on the computer and enjoyed working with it.

Natalie was a past member of the Wesleyan Church, Bird City, a member of the Kenton United Methodist Church, Kenton, Okla., where she taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and was the church treasurer for a number of years. Natalie was also a member of the Campo Park and Recreation Board, and the Campo

Watermelon Festival, where she did the scavenger hunts and was treasurer for both and a member of the Campo Booster Club.

While living in McDonald, Natalie was involved in a Hobby Club. She loved taking part in the Kenton Easter Pageant; she was the leader of the mob for many years. This year was the first year, due to Natalie's illness, that she couldn't help. Natalie was also involved in the Emmaus and the Kairos Prison Ministry's.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Herman and Dorothy Mills and Nat and Ruth Perkins.

Natalie is survived by her husband, Royce Bursch, of the home, one son, Clint Bursch and wife, Kayla, Bird City, one daughter, Jesse Bursch, Campo, her parents, Jess and Shalah Perkins, Campo, one sister, Kelly Alley and husband, Dana, Walsh, Colo., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Natalie will always be remembered for her smile and her love for the Lord, her family and her numerous friends.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, July 2, at the Campo School Gym, Campo, with Jim Hewett and Carlos Torres, officiating. The family has suggested memorials to the Kairos Prison Ministry or The Felt and Kenton Methodist Mission's Fund. They may be left in care of Cimarron Mortuary, Box 277, Boise City, Ok 73933.

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m.

1 hr. 50 min.

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Help Wanted Cheyenne County Health Nurse

Part-time position (24 to 32 hours per week, some limited holiday and weekend activity may be necessary, some call required). Need a KS licensed RN one or more years experience, valid KS driver's license, some overnight travel required. An ideal candidate would have leadership, management, organizational, verbal and written communication skills and be a team oriented self starter. Responsibilities include clinical and public contact including interface with local and state organizations, grant writing and administration, and significant emergency preparedness and reaction activities. Must be capable of working in an electronic environment with variety of programs including Outlook, Word, Excel, Power Point. EOE. This position will remain open until filled. Send letter of interest, application and resume to Les Lacy, Administrator at llacy@cheyennecountyhospital.com. An online application is available at <http://www.cheyennecountyhospital.com>

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