



## Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**

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Rejoice at living in the "bread basket" of America!

Sometimes we forget how great we have it and how special our home is.

Last weekend we got to entertain a city fellow. My twin brother, Kelly, was here with his wife, Jenny, and grand-daughter, Ava. They live in Denver.

While we were driving along U.S. 36, my brother started throwing out questions about our agricultural area. I fielded them as well as I could, being a transplant myself. But his queries were the same that I made when coming here.

Although the wheat had been harvested already, we were able to see bountiful fields of corn, milo,

soy beans and sunflowers.

He was surprised to know how much of the crops were "dry land," although we drove by several pivots, watering their thirsty plants in circular motions.

The bottom line is the average person from the big city rarely stops to think about how the food they need makes it from the field to their local store. For all they know, it could just as easily come from a smoke belching, concrete factory in town as a rich fertile field in Kansas. I can attest since that used to be me.

This isn't a knock on city folk. They just don't stop to think about how much they need the "bread basket."

And what a blessing it is to feed so many.

## Letters from Linda

**By Linda Schneider**

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I have so much to say and so little space to write, and my hope is not to lose you as I jump from subject to subject. However, I intend to tie it all together in the end. Again, I hope.

First, the Goodland J.C. Penney store is closing its doors. Those who live in the area already knew this and those who live outside the area don't really care. It is not that those who live in other areas don't have feelings; they wouldn't care if the store stayed opened. It just doesn't affect them or their loved ones, for now.

Michael A. Dastugue, director of property development for J.C. Penney said, and I quote, "Unfortunately the Goodland store is not meeting our business objectives, and even with the support that has been offered..." It is such a small store, barely bigger than most convenience stores that pump gas. I would like to know, what was their business objective in placing a store of that size in Goodland?

Next item, somewhere between 500 billion and one trillion plastic shopping bags are consumed each year, according to the En-

vironmental Protection Agency 2003 report, and it costs more to recycle than to make a new plastic bag. Furthermore, these bags are found EVERYWHERE, from the northern Artic Circle to the south Faulkner Islands and guess what they are made from? Polyethene, a thermoplastic made from OIL.

Last item, (so little space!) the oil exploration on American soil. Yeah, I am back to that and bringing it all together to make my point I want to know, will we ever be free from oil usage, depleting our natural resources; and under the control of the oil companies, paying the prices they demand? No, sadly, I do not think so.

Moreover, what if we refuse to pay gas pump prices? Even if I have cut back on gas consumption, I will truthfully say that I have used plastic shopping bags without giving it a thought to the oil usage; they got us coming and going.

As for J.C. Penney, I believe Mr. Dastugue's statement, "Unfortunately..." may become a download template for standard "closure" letters; just fill in your hometown business. And it is all in the name of business objectives.



**ALEXIS FRINK shows good form during a recent swim meet held in Bird City.**  
*Staff phot by Linda Schneider*

### Thresher Show news

The bulletin last week should have read, the Red Hat Mamas will show their talent with song and dance at 11 a.m. Friday morning, Aug. 1, in the Eggers 8 building of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show.

The Barber - Beauty shop will be giving hair cuts daily.

Come visit and enjoy the sing-along at 3 p.m. and the gift drawing at 3:30 p.m.

### Potluck

Senior Center will be having a potluck at noon on Monday.

### To clarify...

Anita Pochop, Bird City Board of Education's newest member, can serve on the board because she is not Cheylin staff, Mrs. Pochop is a Para Professional employed and contracted out by the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center.

### Schorzman - Bandel reunion

The Schorzman-Bandel family reunion will be held Aug. 9 and 10 at the St. Francis Senior Citizens Center. There will be a potluck at noon on Saturday and an open house on Sunday.

### Hilt family reunion

A Hilt family reunion will be held on Sunday, July 27, with a noon potluck at the home of Lydia Hilt.

### 4-H shooting competitions

New this year is the 4-H Shooting Sports Contest Events during the Cheyenne County Fair. Rifle competition will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 27, at the fairgrounds. Archery competition will start at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, at Gun Club south of St. Francis on River Street, south of U.S. 36, St. Francis. The shot gun competition will also be held at the Gun Club but on Sunday, Aug. 2, starting at 6 p.m.

### Community Sing-a-Long

The Cheyenne County Historical Society is sponsoring a Community Sing-a-Long of hymns and patriotic songs at 7 p.m. Sunday evening at the Ye Olde Country Church. You are encouraged to attend.

### Area on Aging

The board of directors and the advisory council of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29, at the Q-Inn Restaurant in Quinter.

For more information, call the agency at 1-800-432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

### Football game

Plans have been made for additional excitement at the football camp for boys entering fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grade this year. The football game on Saturday has been moved to 5 p.m. The Booster Club is planning a hamburger fry at 6 p.m. Additional information will be placed in an ad and in the bulletin board next week.

The camp 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 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.

### Junior high football camp

A junior high football camp for seventh and eighth graders will be taking place from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday. The camp will be held at the St. Francis high school.

### Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis. Note: the meeting is the fifth Thursday not fourth.

### Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 31, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

### Car tags

All residents with last names beginning with J, K and L 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.

### Treasure Hunt map

Those planning to participate in the Sept. 19, 20 and 21 U.S. 36 Border to Border Treasure Hunt and want to listed on the St. Francis Treasure Hunt map need to contact Betty Orth, area coordinator, at 785-332-2540 or 785-332-4024.

### Pressure lid testing

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

### 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.

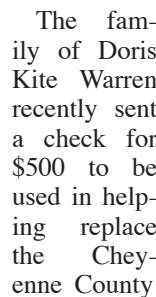
### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

### 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 in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

## Family honors mother



**Warren**

The family of Doris Kite Warren recently sent a check for \$500 to be used in helping replace the Cheyenne County Courthouse steps.

Mrs. Warren was the daughter of Judge Edward and Ruby Kite. She died on April 17, 2007, in Lincoln, Neb., and a celebration of her life was held on May 19.

Judge Kite began his practice of law in Cheyenne County in 1907 and continued through 1957, a period of 50 years. He was elected

District Judge in 1927 and served in that capacity until 1947, sitting on the bench at the Cheyenne County Courthouse.

A family reunion was recently held on July 4 and her ashes were scattered over one of her freshly-cut wheat fields near Bird City on Saturday, July 5.

Greg Kite, a nephew of Mrs. Warren, had been with the Warren children. He said that when her children found out about the courthouse steps restoration project, they wanted to contribute something in her honor. After all, her father had practiced law in that courthouse for 50 years.

"Doris's children felt there was nothing they could do that would be more fitting or appropriate to honor their mother's memory," Mr. Kite said.

## Club Clip

### Go-Getters 4-H Club

The Go-Getters 4-H club held their July meeting at 8:30 p.m. on July 16, in the Lutheran church basement.

President Caleb Keltz called the meeting to order and led the club in the flag salute and the 4-H pledge.

Secretary Aryn Sturgeon took roll call. Nine members answered to "Are you ready for fair?"

Teresa Sturgeon reported that the 4-H council had received a gift of \$500 from Prairied Land Electric and \$2,000 for the First National Bank and with the money they are buying a new public announcement system for the fair-

grounds.

In old business, the club members discussed their booth ideas for the booth at the fair.

In new business, the schedule for the Council food stand was discussed and the club tour date.

Aryn Sturgeon gave a talk on her Citizenship Washington Focus trip. Elizabeth and Rachel Keltz led the members in singing "Down by the Banks of the Hanky Panky."

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be the club tour which will be held during the fair.

Reporter, Aryn Sturgeon

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m.

1 hr. 32 min.

## Hancock

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(Republican Candidate for Cheyenne County Treasurer)

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Bird City  
9 - 11 a.m.



Sat., Aug. 2  
Main Street Coffee  
St. Francis  
9 - 11 a.m.

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