



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
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 General George A. Forsyth kept busy around these parts. He was a decorated, Union officer during the Civil War. In 1868, after hostile Indian dog soldiers raided white settlements in Kansas, killing and kidnapping people, Forsyth was ordered by his commanding officer and friend, General Phil Sheridan, to go after the renegades. After gathering 50 experienced scouts and Lieutenant Fredrick Beecher they left Fort Hays, and later Fort Wallace, and set out to the northwest. The Indian trail led them along a branch of the Republican River known as the Arikaree. The goal of the group, to discover hostile Indians, was achieved when they were ambushed along the river. Forsyth and his men managed to escape to a sand island and fought off several charges by the large band of Indians, led by the warrior Roman Nose. During the battle Roman Nose and Lt. Beecher both died, bringing the death toll to 32 Indians and five whites. After nine days the wounded Forsyth and his party were relieved by soldiers from

Fort Wallace, after two scouts we able to sneak out at night and walk over 200 miles for help. Four years later, 1872, Forsyth returned to the area when he and friends Sheridan and General George Armstrong Custer brought Grand Duke Alexis of Russia to a staged buffalo hunt near Hayes Center, Neb. Also with the group was the famed, frontiersman Buffalo Bill Cody. The son of Czar Alexander II was able to make a buffalo kill and was treated to entertainment by 100 Native American Sioux Indians who performed a war dance each night for the Grand Duke. General Forsyth would be pleased to know that both events are still celebrated today. Beecher Island Days will be held on Sept. 13 and 14 and the Grand Duke Alexis Rendezvous, held near Hayes Center, Neb., is scheduled from Sept. 26 to 28. For more information on Beecher Island, see the ad in this week's *Saint Francis Herald*. Watch for an upcoming story on the Rendezvous or call Doris Vlasin, 308-286-3463, or Jan Singleton at 308-286-3676.

Senior Center
 Senior Center will be celebrating September birthdays at 3 p.m. on Monday.
Home Circle Club
 The Home Circle Club will be meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Manor. Meta Dankenbring will be the hostess.
Community Club
 The Community Club will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the fellowship hall.

Library Storytime
 Come and enjoy an hour of Storytime with Linda Schneider at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 12.
Cemetery tour
 The Cheyenne County Historical Society is hosting a tour of the cemeteries of northeast Cheyenne County on Sunday, Sept. 14. Everyone interested is welcome to join the caravan of cars at 2 p.m. at the Shelter House at Van Doren Park in Bird City.

Stan and Dee Dorsch will lead the way, stopping first at Evergreen near Big Timber.
Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group
 The Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 8 at the St. Francis Public Library.
Swing Fore Your Health
 The "Swing Fore Your Health" benefit golf tournament will be held on Sunday, at Riverside Recreation in St. Francis. The proceeds will benefit the hospital's major appliances needed for the future kitchen remodeling. The public is welcome to attend the free will luncheon prior to the start of the tournament in the Riverside dining room. It begins at 11:30 a.m. For information concerning the luncheon call Mila Bandel at 332-2149 or the actual golf tournament, call Heidi Tice or Shawna Blanka at 332-2104.

Board will meet Thursday, Sept. 11, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.
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 in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.
Correction: Heidi Yonkey is attending college at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina.

Benefit tournament helps remodeling

By Karen Krien
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 Les Lacy, hospital administrator, is encouraging people to get their golf clubs out and join in for a fun day of golf on Sunday. The Cheyenne County Hospital is sponsoring the sixth annual "Swing Fore Your Health" benefit golf tournament at Riverside Recreation Golf Course in St. Francis. There will be prizes, good food and lots of fun for even the amateur golfer. People do not have to be a member of the golf course or on a golf team to attend the luncheon. The public is welcome. It is a "free-will" luncheon which runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Riverside dining room prior to the start of the tournament. The menu will consist of roast beef, cheesy potatoes, vegetable, rolls and dessert. "Enjoy eating out while supporting the Cheyenne County

Hospital's Major Appliances fund," said Mr. Lacy. "It will be greatly appreciated." The kitchen area has not been remodeled since the construction of the hospital 56 years ago. The proceeds from the tournament will benefit the hospital's major appliances needed when the kitchen is remodel. Mr. Lacy said the kitchen and its appliances must stay in compliance with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's state regulations to serve patients and their family members while staying in the hospital. People are urged to come out and wish their local community members good luck as they tee off for the sixth annual tournament. For more information regarding the luncheon, contact Mila Bandel, 332-2149, or information for the golf tournament, call Heidi Tice or Shawna Blanka, 332-2104.



Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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 Well, the cat is out of the bag! Republican Presidential candidate Senator John McCain revealed his vice president running mate and, oh boy, is the media upset he did not get their OK first! Within 24 hours, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin became the target for scathing criticism from television to newspapers, and I am certain, text-messaging companies made a bundle over the weekend with the news. While Democratic presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama and his vice president running mate Senator Joe Biden are photographed waving, smiling and skipping hand in hand up the yellow brick road, Senator McCain and Governor Palin are being portrayed as trying to get one over on the public and his campaign team by not revealing damaging information concerning the governor. I know you are going to have to sit down because this information is unthinkable; Governor Palin's 17-year old daughter is pregnant and unmarried! When, I ask, did teenage pregnancy and marriage

suddenly become an issue with character in the media? Let's go back just six months, what famous 16-year old Disney star got pregnant and unmarried; what happened there? She was on the cover of many well-circulated periodicals and everyone went, "AHHHH, isn't that sweet, she will make a great mother!" Let's go back even further to President Bill Clinton's very private/public stunt while serving as president. He was joked about, but his character was never put into question. It was not even brought up during Senator Hillary Clinton's campaign. So, what's up? I will tell you the media has already made their choice and have put Senator Obama in the White House and they are sure about it too. Moreover, it did not matter who his running mate would be. They want a Democrat in the White House. But, the media has been wrong, many times. Senator Obama might be the change this country needs, or not. The fact is this Presidential election is history in the making, be a part of it—get out and vote!

School Menu

Monday, Sept. 8
 Breakfast: pizza stromboli, toast, assorted cereals, juice and milk
 Lunch: frito chili pie, vegetable, salad bar, fruit and milk
Tuesday, Sept. 9
 Breakfast: muffin, boiled egg, toast, assorted cereals, juice and milk
 Lunch: barbecue grill bites, salad bar, fruit and milk
Wednesday, Sept. 10
 Breakfast: cherry wraps, assorted cereals, juice and milk
 Lunch: pig-in-a-blanket, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk
Thursday, Sept. 11
 Breakfast: polish sausage supreme, assorted cereals, juice and milk
 Lunch: sloppy joes, fries, salad bar, fruit and milk

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times City; Troy Burr, Bird City; Aubrey subscriptions: Floyd Jensen, St. Francis; Melvin Mast, Bird City; Bird City Public Library, Bird City; Troy Burr, Bird City; Kehlbeck, Hays; Eugene Marrs, Brewster; Lee Ambsberry, Bird City; Lois Combs, Larned;

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 21 min.

Space Chimps

Sept. 5, 6 & 7 Action/Adventure, Comedy, Kids/Family and Animation

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Headliner: Dusty Workman, Formerly with Dixie Road

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"Swing Fore Your Health"
 6th Annual "Swing Fore Your Health" Golf Tournament Sunday, Sept. 7.
 Registration will begin 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. Prizes will be awarded for the top winners of each flight.
 Luncheon for the Public "Free Will" Luncheon at the Riverside Dining Room, St. Francis, Ks. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Proceeds benefit the Cheyenne County Hospital's Major Appliances for the future kitchen remodel.
 For more information or to sign up a team, please call Shawna or Heidi at 785-332-2104

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