

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
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We had a bitter-sweet moment last weekend when our son, Trevor, played his last high school football game. It was hard to watch his team fall in the state playoffs, but there is so much good to come of it.

When he becomes the member of a group in college, work and society, he will have strengths that others will see. Success on the grid-iron will translate into success in the "real world."

I remember well my high school days. There was a sense of being at the center of my universe while knowing that an unknown world awaited me. Although I've come a long way, many of the memories still remain fresh.

I'm sure the feeling of uncertainty is the same for Trevor, and all of our kids. But they leave here with many of the tools they will need to explore that new world.

My mother told him that some day he will be able to tell his children and grandchildren about his football days. If experience has taught me anything, it's that time will come before he knows it.

Sports are not the end-all for every kid. Students can be challenged by academics, music, acting and numerous other outlets. Young people can grow and develop from many things.

In football, I've watched Trevor emerge as a team player and a talented individual. I've seen him pour countless hours and great amounts of energy into carrying a football with power. But more importantly, he has experienced the joy of doing something not everyone can do and doing it well.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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It may be obvious to some folks and not to others; I like to look up words. When I was young, I often read dictionaries and enjoyed learning their meanings and origins.

Choo Choo." That joke stills gets to me even after telling it for probably 45 years!

Now back to my love of words, while I like to hear humorous play on words in jokes, I do not care to hear them in serious conversations or speeches. When done in that manner, words and phrases become ambiguous.

Politicians are great at using ambiguous words and phrases in speeches, and depending on who is listening to their speech, could be understood in a number of different ways, even as a pun — am I right or not? I must admit, I have done it also.

Looking past this election year, I desire to hear, and speak, some honest-to-goodness truth that edifies. I heard the first thing John McCain did after the election was take his wife, Cindy, out for coffee and enjoyed the quiet time together, alone. PS, I hope that Roy Rogers joke put a smile on your face.

I also enjoy puns and jokes that use them, and I want to share one of my favorite jokes with you.

"Roy Rogers had just bought a pair of new boots and was out riding the range on his horse, Trigger, when he stopped and dismounted. A bobcat from behind a rock jumped on his boots, ripped them to shreds and disappeared.

An angry Roy went home and told Dale the story. The next day both Roy and Dale went out for a ride on the range, when Dale spotted a bobcat. Dale turned to Roy and said, 'Hey Roy, is that the cat-that-chewed-your-new-shoes!'" For you youngsters, there was a song made famous in early 1940s by Glen Miller called "The Chattanooga

Bulletin Board

90th birthday
The family of Vada Burkhalter is holding a card shower to help her celebrate her 90th birthday on Nov. 24. Vada was one of four daughters of Alfred and Bertha Penn. She was born in a sod house near Bird City.

Vada had a beauty shop in Benkelman for many year and also played an active part in helping her husband, Bus, on the farm.
Birthday greetings will reach her at 2865 Rd 30, Bird City, 67731.

Card Shower
The family of Willie Martin is hosting a card shower to help him celebrate his 80th birthday on Nov. 20.

Greetings will reach him at P.O. Box 34, McDonald, KS 67745.

Card Shower
The family of Edna Zimelman is requesting a car shower for her 90th birthday on Nov. 21. Birthday greetings will reach her at P.O. Box 486, St. Francis, KS 67756

Library Story Time
Story Time will be on Friday, weather permitting. Those attending are reading about pilgrims and Thanksgiving!

Gifts for hospitalized veterans
Gifts for families of hospitalized veterans at Colomery-O'Neill Hospital in Topeka will be packed at 9 a.m. on Monday at the Bird City American Legion Hall.

Narcotics/Alcohol Anonymous
For anyone looking for support in recovery, Bird City is now making available weekly meetings. Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays with Narcotics Anonymous and Fridays with Alcohol Anonymous starting Nov. 18 and 21 at the Senior Center.

Annual food drive
Teens For Christ will be conducting their annual food drive starting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Residents are asked to leave their porch light on and place food

items in bags under the light. Food items should be non-perishables; make sure to check the expiration date on all pieces.

Collection boxes are also located in Hometown Market and local churches. The items collected will be used to pack food boxes for families within the community.

Home Circle Club
The Home Circle Club will be meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20 at the LeBow Manor. Cossett Kimmel will be the hostess. As a small token of the Club's appreciation for being able to meet at this nice facility, they have donated a new, 30-cup coffee maker for use in the community room.

Light Parade
Business people, organizations, individuals and others are urged to start thinking about their float for the Light Parade. The parade, sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, is part of the St. Francis Christmas Opening held Nov. 28.

Held at dusk, all that is needed are lights — lots of lights — maybe some music and maybe a theme.

There are only two rules: 1) The only Santa is the "real" Santa who will be visiting with children at First National Bank following the parade; and 2) throwing candy is not recommended as it is dark and children cannot be seen if they are darting in the street to retrieve candy.

For more information, contact the Chamber office at 332-2961.

Solving the Disability Puzzle
High Plains Mental Health Center is sponsoring free seminars on the topic of "Solving the Disability Puzzle," presented by Daryl Rutschmann with Reimbursement Support Services, Inc. The purpose of this two-hour seminar is to: review the complex and sometimes confusing application process for Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income; understand the rules, regulations and policies affecting the decision process and; learn more about denial of claims, reconsideration's, appeals and reviews. There is no charge for this event.

The schedule includes Monday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. mountain time, High Plains Branch Office, Goodland, and the same day at 2 p.m. at the Colby Community Building in Colby.

To register contact Karen Schueler, High Plains Mental Health Center (785) 628-2871 or karen@hpmhc.com.

Diabetes workshop
A diabetes workshop will be held, with the organizational meeting being held from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12, in the basement conference room in the St. Francis Clinic basement conference room. For more information, call Mila Bandel, 332-2381, Susie Walz, 332-2104 or Erika Zimelman, 332-2682.

AARP
AARP will have their November meeting at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the St. Francis Senior Center.

At 2:30 p.m., Leigh Ann Bandel of LA Accounting will be the speaker.

Hostess is Annette Erskin. All are welcome to join them.

Hospital Board
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet on Monday, Nov. 24, instead of Thursday, Nov. 27.

Highway 385 Band to perform at Gateway
Highway 385 Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Oberlin Gateway Center. They play a little bluegrass, a little country, 50s rock'n'roll, some 70s music, then moves into something entirely different.

For details call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

Veterans Affairs
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, 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.

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, please call 1-800-794-4624.

Correction
In last week's Kansas Kid's Vote results, the students voted 165 yes and 72 no for the building of a new high school gym. The results of the gym vote was inadvertently omitted.

Weather

By Troy Burr
Bird City and surrounding areas recorded a minimum temperature of 25 degrees on Oct. 27 and maximum temperature of 81 degrees on Oct. 4.

The precipitation for the month was a total of 4.81 inches with maximum precipitation in a 24-hour period of 1.85 inches on Oct. 13 and maximum snowfall in a 24-hour period of 3 inches on Oct. 23.

Maximum wind gusts of 50 miles per hour was recorded on Oct. 12, and minimum wind chill of 17 degrees on Oct. 23.

Maximum heat index recorded was 78 on Oct. 3 and 4.

Scholars Bowl attends their first competition

Cheylin High School Scholars Bowl held their first competition on Monday at Golden Plains High School. The team came away with the second place out of eight teams.

Scoring for Cheylin's team were Sydney Busse with 170 points, Craig Busse with 90 points and Wil Orten with 30 points. Other team members attending were Nikki Johnson, Jay Hewitt, Mitchell Jensen and Clint Burns.

Rod and Beth Klepper treated the team to a victory supper on

the way home to celebrate. Team members who were unable to attend this meet were Justin Miller, Erick Estrada, Hudson Louderbaugh, Caleb Keltz, Dan Frisbie.

"This was a great start for the team and I am looking for even better things at the next competitions," said Coach Jan Busse.

The Cougar's scholars bowl team will travel to Goodland on Monday. All are welcome to set in on this competition at 4:45 p.m. central standard time at Goodland High School.

Chatting with Cathy By Cathy Domsch

We are so excited - Bird City was selected as a Network Kansas Entrepreneurship Community (E-Community)! So what does this mean? It means that we have another resource to financially assist entrepreneurs in Bird City. That's right. If you have a yearning to be your own boss and want to start a business in Bird City, we have the expertise, education and economic resources to help you.

through the State of Kansas. When our application was approved and we were designated an E-Community, a tax credit allocation was defined. This means that we were given the opportunity to raise \$134,000, or better yet \$100,000 in state tax credits! To date, we have raised \$97,000 in contributions, which means we have an additional \$37,000 to raise by December 1, 2008.

For anyone else that does not necessarily have that desire to start a business right now, but is interested in growing the Bird City business community, there is still an opportunity for you to participate in the program. The E-Community program is funded by Entrepreneurship Tax Credits

The tax credits are a 75% tax credit to your Kansas Income Tax. For example: if you contribute \$1,000 to the project, you receive a \$750 credit against your state income tax liability. So instead of the \$750 portion of your contribution going to Topeka, it can stay right here in Bird City to increase

economic development opportunities. Donors who receive tax credits can be individuals or corporations that have a Kansas Income Tax Liability. Donors are also eligible for a federal tax deduction and should consult with their tax adviser. Donors then use a K-31 Entrepreneurship Tax Credit form to be submitted with their tax return.

So remember, if you are interested in starting a business in Bird City, or want to take advantage of state income tax benefits by December 1, 2008, give me a call (785-734-2556) so we can talk about this great opportunity for you and the Bird City community!



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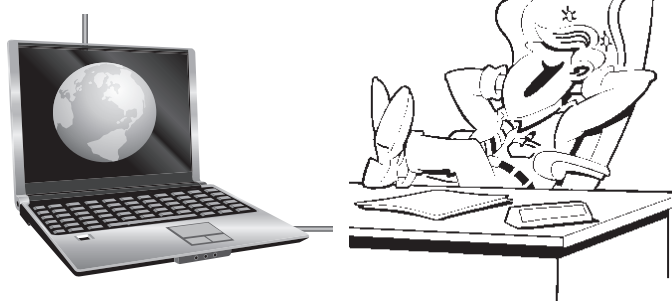
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Deb, Thank You for making another election look easy. You do great work! And Thanks for all your help, Shelley. We sure needed it.

Terry Miller,
County Election Officer

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