



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Just when you think you've seen it all...

Last Sunday the professional football game between the San Diego Chargers and Pittsburgh Steelers ended with the score 10 to 11.

This is the first time in the history of the National Football League that final tally has occurred. In 12,837 games, since 1920, this has never happened before.

It's amazing that something like this took 88 years to come about.

Players have come and gone over the years. Names such as Harold "Red" Grange, called "The Galloping Ghost," Dick "Night

Train" Lane, Y.A. Tittle, Hugh "The King" McElhenney and Otto Graham have graced many fields over those years.

Some teams died in obscurity while others moved to another town. How about the Houston Oilers, Chicago Cardinals and the Canton Bulldogs. Or closer to home, the Dallas Texans who transformed into the Kansas City Chiefs.

So this score goes to prove the old adage of, "On any given Sunday," anything is possible.

Oh, and if LaDainian Tomlinson's lateral hadn't been an illegal forward pass, I wouldn't be writing this.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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See what happens when you blink!

It is holiday time already and I haven't even put my pictures up from my move last spring.

Starting with this week and going until the first week in January, I will be busy, busy, busy; and enjoying every minute of it.

Before moving to Kansas 2 years ago, my lifestyle was very different. I worked a 40-hour week — always had. Moreover, when the holidays rolled around, I would just get exhausted trying to keep up with all the school and church activities, the shopping, and preparing the meals. I did not know anything else and I was used to it.

Well, gone are those 40-hour workweeks and I am a stay-at-home grandma. Now, I work 24/7! Oh, I write and do a few jobs on

the side, but for the most part, I am home.

Thanksgiving Day is coming up and I already have the meal planned and groceries bought, and until the cooking actually starts, I have a few days to sit back and count my blessings.

Since moving to Bird City, I have met great people and have made great friends. I get to watch my grandsons, Ivan and Joseph, grow in a community that cares about its families. I get to invite family, friends and anyone who wants to stop by, over for Thanksgiving dinner. And, my sister Pam has moved to Bird City.

I have a great husband and a great dog! But, the greatest blessing of all is for the last 10 years I have had a Savior, and those 10 years have been the greatest years of my life. But, you know what? The best is yet to come.

Introducing

Ashlyn Kalee Schields

Ashlyn Kalee Schields was born at 10:16 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Colby Medical Center. Weighing 6 pounds and 11 ounces, Ashlyn measured 19.75-inches long.

Parents are Kale and Darci Schields of Bird City. Her brothers are Austin, 13-years-old, and Andrew, who is six.

Her grandparents are David and Deanna Nelsen of Bird City and Dale and Jacque Schields of Goodland. Great-grandparents are Annabelle Nelsen and the late Harold Nelsen and Patty Gerver and the late Wayne Gerver. Her other great-grandmother is Mildred Hawkins of Colorado Springs.

School Menu

Happy Thanksgiving!
No school Wednesday and Thursday

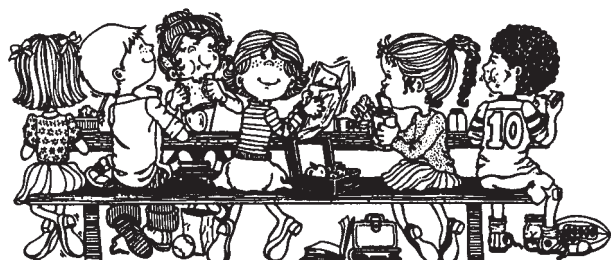
Monday, Nov. 24
Breakfast: blueberry muffins, boiled egg
Lunch: chili, cinnamon rolls
Tuesday, Nov. 24
Breakfast: hashbrown potatoes,

sausage link

Lunch: Thanksgiving meal-turkey supreme, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, dessert

Every breakfast is served with toast, cereal, juice and milk

Every lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk



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Patient goes to rehab

Ed Knodel, who had a four-wheeler accident the first part of October, is still in St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver. However, on Thursday, he will be moved to Craig Rehab Center in Denver. Cards can reach him by addressing them to 53398 Co. Rd. RR, Burlington, CO, 80807.

90th birthday

The family of Vada Burkhalter are 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 years 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.

Liberty League Vocal Clinic

Eleven schools from the Western Kansas Liberty League will come together to form a mass choir directed by guest clinician, Mr. Kelley Knedler. The choir will practice from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and perform a concert the same evening, free to the public at 6 p.m. in the Cheylin gymnasium.

"Books Are Fun"

New books and gifts are on sale

at the Bird City Public Library, Nov. 17 through Dec. 5. The sale helps earn new books.

Thanksgiving dinner

American Legion Auxiliary and Bird City Community Club are having a Thanksgiving Dinner at the Legion Hall at 5 p.m. on Saturday. There will be door prizes and bingo at 7 p.m. A free will donation is asked.

Library Story Time

There will be no Story Time for the next two Fridays. Next Story Time will be Dec. 5, following school schedule and weather permitting.

Senior potluck

There will be no potluck at the Senior Center, Bird City, this month. Happy Thanksgiving!

Senior Citizen's Christmas dinner

Reservations are now being taken for the annual Cheylin School Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner. It will be held at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 10, in the Cheylin gymnasium. Have your reservations in by Dec. 5 by calling Deanna Nelsen at 785-734-2351.

Mission Festival

St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City, will be celebrating Mission Festival at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday. Featured speakers are Suzzanne

Shaw, executive director, and husband, Tom Shaw, board president of Triangle Cross Ranch, Galeton, Colo. There will be a power point presentation featuring the ranch at 1:30 p.m. The mission of the ranch is to provide a Christ-centered whole-life structure where acceptance, security and self-esteem for adults with cognitive challenges become a reality. Everyone is asked to join the morning worship service or the afternoon presentation.

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.

Food pantry

Food pantry Thanksgiving baskets should be picked up by the steps at the southwest entrance of the courthouse between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Nov. 22.

If you know of someone who might need a food basket, call 332-2145.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Seven Kansas communities leverage for entrepreneurs

NetWork Kansas recently selected seven additional Kansas communities to participate in its innovative Entrepreneurship Community (E-Community) partnership, which was introduced in September 2007. The following communities were granted \$775,000 in tax credits, enabling them to raise more than \$1 million in seed funding for entrepreneurs in their respective communities: Augusta; Bird City; Chase County; Kiowa County; Linn County; Marion; and Woodson County.

"Being selected as an E-Community is particularly important as we move toward rebuilding — not just in Greensburg, but throughout the county," said Jeanette Siemens, Kiowa County Economic Development director. "Partnership with NetWork Kansas is an excellent avenue to help us grow and improve our economy by encouraging entrepreneurship throughout Kiowa County and we are excited to participate."

Each E-Community benefits from an injection of capital raised locally through the NetWork Kansas Entrepreneurship Tax Credit Program to help start and grow businesses in rural Kansas communities. The first six E-Community partners were granted more than \$1 million in tax credits, which they used to raise \$1.6 million in funding in 2007.

"We're very excited by the progress our six pilot communities have already made," said Erik Pedersen, NetWork Kansas Operations Manager. "They have com-

mitted funding to six businesses in a relatively short amount of time. The lessons we have learned together will help expedite the process of providing capital to entrepreneurs in these new communities."

Each E-Community partners with NetWork Kansas to achieve the following results:

1) Through a tax credit grant, communities establish a fund for entrepreneurs and small business owners that is administered at the local level.

2) Each community identifies local, regional and state assets available to assist entrepreneurs and businesses.

3) Each community establishes a long-term tracking and accountability system to measure business and economic growth.

4) A long-term partnership with 448 NetWork Kansas resource partners statewide provides assistance to entrepreneurs and small businesses.

In addition to providing access to capital to these new E-Community partners, NetWork Kansas also allocated more than \$150,000 of additional funding to the Anderson County (Garnett) E-Community, increasing its total investment in the existing E-Community partners to more than \$1.75 million.

"It is our hope that every rural community in Kansas will become an E-Community," said Mr. Pedersen. "This will result in each community having the ability to connect any entrepreneur in

their community to the expertise, education and economic resources they need."

For more information about the NetWork Kansas E-Community partnership or the Entrepreneurship Tax Credit, visit www.networkkansas.com, or call 877-521-8600. NetWork Kansas was established as a component of the Kansas Economic Growth Act of 2004 to further entrepreneurship and small business growth as a priority for economic and community development in the State of Kansas. Backed by 448 partners statewide, the NetWork Kansas service promotes an entrepreneurial environment by connecting entrepreneurs and small business owners with the expertise, education and economic resources they need in order to succeed.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 29 min.

Madagascar 2

Nov. 21, 22 & 23

Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett-Smith, David Schwimmer, Sacha Baron Cohen and Cedric The Entertainer

Action/Adventure, Comedy, Animation and Sequel

Rated PG for some mild crude humor.

CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3

All Others: \$5

Community Benefit For Trevor Reed



Spaghetti Dinner

Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee and Tea
Sunday, Nov. 23, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. CST
St. Francis High School Cafeteria

— Free Will Offering —

Sponsored by various groups and individuals who wish to help Trevor and his family during his recuperation and rehabilitation following a recent car accident.

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Free Will Donation & Door Prizes

Bingo at 7 p.m.

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