Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

scmccormick@nwkansas.com Every now and then something new occurs which takes us by surprise.

For instance, the Arizona Cardinals are going to the Super Bowl!

The odds on them winning the championship were 45 to 1 before the season began. Now that's something you don't see everyday.

Staying with sports, it's a lot like the Tampa Bay Rays making it to the World Series. The year before last they had a 66 and 96 record. Then they achieved a complete about face and made it to the happened for history to record. ultimate baseball classic.

Now for something that eclipses the world of sports.

The United States is settling in with a new president. Few of us could imagine an African-American in that position. But today it is a reality.

Imagine going back in time about 50 years. A similar sense of amazement surrounded the first Irish-Catholic president. Doesn't seem like that big of a deal now. I was not a supporter of President Obama during the election.

But he deserves to be the leader of the free world and the respect that comes with it. Something new

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider

dublinls@hotmail.com I am listening to the 44th Presidential Inauguration ceremonies, what a great time for our nation!

This election cut through all culdid not split our nation; it united it. I feel that whole-heartedly.

The United States of America is unlike any other country in the world. We have witnessed in recent months "democratic" elections in other countries and their outcome. We, as a people can, and do, express our differences and still shake hands in the end.

The fact is that this election will be known as a defining moment in have been a factor in the election, let's not wear rose colored glasses during the next 4 years.

President Barack Obama and his Cabinet will be up against As I write this week's column, some very controversial issues such as abortion, same-sex marriages and embryonic stem cell research, and he stands liberal on these issues. In addition, he will tural and ethnic boundaries, but it have to address the war on terrorism and the national budget. Yes, President Obama has his work cut out for him.

> What is truly important is the ideal this country has said all along, "We are the land of the free." In addition, this election proved that anyone born in American could dream of being the President of the United States and it become a reality.

As a Christian, I have faith it the history of our nation; no one is God who builds up a nation would argue that. While race may and sets its government in order, and for such times as these, God's choice is President Barack Obama.

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neider, along with their grandsons, Ivan and Joseph, went to Denver, Colo. to attend the National Western Stock Show.

Dee and Jim Riebel, Eric and Kate, Lubbock, Tex., hosted a Christmas family reunion at their home.

Joan and Dean Smith, brothers; and daughters, Kiersten, Brooklyn Ned, Debbie and Jessie Smith and and London. Scott Smith, all of Bird City. Also

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On Sunday, Brad and Linda Sch- Scott's sons, Andy Smith, Portage, Ind., and Jason Smith, Minneapolis, Kan

> Eric and family, Vancouver, Wash. were unable to be present because of weather conditions delaying their flight plans.

Marylin and Kenny Taylor and family joined the group as well as Present were Dee's parents, Kelsey and Monte Montgomery

School Menu

Wednesday is seventh grade lunch choice. You are welcome to

Breakfast: pizza Lunch: oven fried chicken

Senior Center potluck The Bird City Senior Center potluck will be held at noon on Monday.

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Family movie

Immanuel United Methodist Church of Bird City is having a family movie afternoon at p.m. on Sunday. Gear up for Super Bowl Sunday with a football movie, "Facing the Giants." The theme is about what it takes to make a true champion and is a wonderful Christian film. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend. Admission is free.

Story Time

Story Time has resumed its normal schedule and will be meeting at 10 a.m. on Friday. This week is a break from crafts to play the game "Twister." Reading time will follow.

Cheylin sports

The junior high basketball teams play against Grinnell/ Wheatland at 4 p.m. today (Thursday) at Grinnell. The Cougar high school basketball teams will play against Greeley County at 4 p.m. on Friday at Tribune. High school basketball teams will play against Rawlins County at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at McDonald.

Scholar's Bowl

Both junior and high school Scholar's Bowl teams will meet at Brewster starting at 2 p.m. on Monday. The junior high team will travel to Tribune on Wednesday and meet at 4 p.m.

Card shower

for 95th birthday

Maude Elliott will be celebrating her 95th birthday on Jan. 28. Her family is holding a card shower to remember her on her special day.

Cards can reach her at P.O. Box 103, Bird City, 67731.

Kansas Day in Bird City

Cheyenne County's 80th Kansas Day celebration will be held Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Bird City Legion Hall. Registration opens at 10:30 a.m. The potluck will begin at noon and the program at 1 p.m. Dr. Arnold Schofield Kansas historian, will speak on "Using Mules on the Cattle Trails of Kansas." Other entertainment will be provided by Cheylin and St. Francis students, The Swingin' Seniors and St. Francis Singers.

Admission is free - just bring a dish for the potluck lunch. This is the 80th year that Cheyenne County has celebrated Kansas Day in Bird City.

Historical Society meeting Dr. Arnold Schofield will speak to the Historical Society about the on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. Everyone inter-

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tion at Ye Olde Country Church. **Relay For Life Committee meeting**

The meeting for the Cheyenne County Relay For Life Committee has been set for noon on Monday, Jan. 26, at Main St. Coffee, St. Francis.

Those who would like to get involved or volunteer to help with the committee are asked to please come to the meeting.

This year's Relay For Life event is scheduled for Friday, June 5, in Sawhill Park, St. Francis.

Hospital Guild

The February meeting of the Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 2, at the senior citizen's center. Mila Bandel, Cheyenne County Home Health Nurse, will present the program. Hostesses are Wilma Lampe and Lucille Price.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. today (Thursday) in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Cheyenne County

Commissioners

The Chevenne County Commis-

sioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse. **Reminder to Farmers**

and Ranchers

Jan. 30 is the cutoff date for consideration for 2009 contracts under Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) or Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP). Environmental Quality Incentives Program provides cost-share or incentive payments for addressing a resource concern, including: Inadequate Stock Water; Productivity, Health, Vigor on rangeland; Organic Matter Depletion on cropland; Water Quality; and Water Quantity (both on irrigated land and on nonirrigated land). Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program cost-shares with landowners for development of habitat for wildlife (such as shrub thickets, grass or forb planting). For more information call the Natural Resources Conservation Service (785-332-2183 extension 3) or go to the website at http://www.ks.nrcs. usda.gov/ and click on "Programs". Western Plains Arts Association Wichita Children's Theatre will present Amelia Earhart at an eve-

ning program on Thursday, Jan. 29, in Quinter. The group will be presenting the program at schools in Sharon Springs, Brewster, Golden Plains and Wheatland on Thursday, Jan. 29 and Friday, Jan. 30.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubs, of the Kansas Com-Kidder Massacre and Fort Wallace mission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today

office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

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 daya-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.

Obituary

Jerrold Wayne Kuhns

May 3, 1926 - Jan. 12, 2009

Jerrold Wayne Kuhns died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at Hester Memorial Home in Benkelman, Neb., at the age of 82.

He was born May 3, 1926, the first child born to Samuel and Mildred (Lytle) Kuhns, south of Imperial in Chase County, Neb. Jerrold moved with his family at an early age to their farm north of Parks, Neb. It was here he attended school and spent his childhood. After completing the seventh grade, Jerrold helped his father with the family farm.

On April 17, 1959, Jerrol was marriaged to Darleen Schrader. This union was blessed with four children: Cindy, Karen, Kathleen and Kenny.

Jerrold devoted his life to farming and worked as a farmhand for many years for numerous area farmers. He also drove trucks for Wayne Putman for several years.

In his spare time, Jerrold enjoyed going to farm and estate auctions and visiting with friends and neighbors. His greatest passion, however, was gardening. Each year he'd grow a huge garden filled with vegetables of every type. He loved his garden and sharing the produce in his name. with family and friends.

Jerrold lived in southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas his entire life, including St. Francis and Bird City. In recent years, he lived in Parks. After his health began to fail, he moved to Benkelman, where he resided for several years at the Rainbow Fountain Park. He moved to Hester Home in November of 2008.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Samuel and Mildred Kuhns; and his wife, Darleen Kuhns who died in 1975.

Survivors include his children, Cindy, Karen, Kathleen and Kenny; three grandchildren; four greatgrandchildren; sisters, Nina Oakley of Max, Neb., Barbara Hanes of Benkelman, Doris Biggs of Killeen, Texas, Betty Campbell and husband, Bob of Hill Rose, Colo.; brothers, Sam Kuhns and wife, Eva of Sterling, Colo, Dale Kuhns and wife, Judy of Yelm, Wash., and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorial services have not been scheduled and will be announced at a later time. There will be no visitation or viewing.

A memorial has been established

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