

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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It's hard to believe that another school year is coming to a halt. Seems like just yesterday the boys were going through two-a-day football practices and the swimming pool was still open.

Coming to grips with the thought of our oldest boy at home's upcoming graduation is tough. It is so easy to remember Trevor as a happy-go-lucky kid hanging out with his buddies. Now he is becoming a man and will soon be out on his own.

Where did the time go? Day in and day out, we're keeping busy working to have the roof over our heads and buying

groceries. So much effort and energy goes into just getting by. Before we know it the focus is on what we have to do instead of why we are doing it.

With that in mind, I'm trying to take time to enjoy this moment. Sure the responsibilities of adulthood are going to need tending to, but so can reflections of our kid's lives and achievements.

To say I'm proud of him is an understatement. And it helps to know that because of his schooling, community and family, Trevor has the tools needed to venture into his future.

Best of luck to him and all of the graduating seniors of Cheyenne County.

## Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider

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I want to take a break from all of the current events that are going around our country for just a moment and say thanks.

I was a part of a wonderful group of ladies who together put on Cinco de Mayo in Van Doren Park on Sunday: Anita Burton, Darla Dible, Leticia Estrada and Maribell Pinon. This was my very first function here in Bird City and I had a great time as we all met together for months planning this event.

But, it was much more than us, it was about a community who stepped up and help also. As the event began, Steve and Jan Busse jumped right in with supervising games and even brought prizes! It's about the women who spent days before cooking and preparing the meal, it's about Mike McCarty, his father-in-law, Larry Schultz,

and Colton McCarty, dropping whatever they were doing to help set up and take down tables.

It's about Pam Stevens washing all those dirty roasting pans, Harold from the Lions Club, McDonald serving coffee, Martin Estrada and others bringing the food in as needed. And the little stuff like getting roaster pans from Diana Carson and Avis Hazuks.

As the event got closer, my boss, Karen Krien, editor of *Bird City Times* and *Saint. Francis Herald*, supported and encouraged me, as well as my newspaper co-workers.

Finally a special, heart-felt thanks goes to my husband, Brad, who is such a supporter of everything I do, even when he doesn't get his dinner on time!! I am looking forward to being involved more in Bird City and its history.

## Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

As I stated last week, I attended the Heartland Economic Development Course in Blue Springs, Mo. The course is accredited by the International Economic Development Council, and is designed to meet the steadily increasing need for professional education in the field of economic development. It is also the first step in meeting the requirements to sit for the Certified Economic Developer exam.

One of the first topics of the week was Entrepreneurship: Growing Your Own. I have been brainstorming ways to further enhance our entrepreneurial spirit in Bird City. Entrepreneurs need a supportive community culture, business technical assistance/training, financing, and networks for intellectual stimulation and to help foster innovation.

I feel that we have a supportive community culture here in Bird City. I personally would like to see a semi-formal gathering of business owners a few times a year to network and offer support for each other. Through the Business Incubator Program

here at the Foundation I offer business plan development assistance, and can connect entrepreneurs to other resources, including the Small Business Development Center, Kansas Department of Commerce, Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development. These are all resources to help you get your business started successfully.

Financing a business can be a stressful experience as there are different types of financing, and how in the world do you know who to talk to? Through the Foundation we have established a Revolving Loan Fund to assist our local businesses, and Bird City was also designated an E-Community through Network Kansas. The E-Community Program offers gap financing for a start-up or expanding business. There are other options for financing, such as a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan, the Rural Business Development Tax Credit Loan, and traditional bank financing.

There are so many networks for business owners today to

help you start a business, run all aspects of your business, close a business or participate in business succession. If you are interested in starting a business or are already in business and thinking of expanding, please give me a call or stop by the office to visit and we'll work with you to help make this journey a successful one!

### Quotes

Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.

~ Mother Teresa

The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.

~ John Enoch Powell

Never shall I forget the time I spent with you. Please continue to be my friend, as you will always find me yours.

~ Ludwig Van Beethoven

Your ultimate goal should be doing your best, and enjoying it.

~ Peggy Fleming

## Bulletin Board

### Community Club

The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Bird City Senior Center.

### Cheylin awards banquet

Cheylin High School will be having a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, at the McDonald gymnasium. It is an awards banquet to celebrate the achievements of the students. Meat and potatoes are provided, bring a favorite dish and join the festivities, as high school academic, athletic and FFA awards will be given out the evening.

### Cheylin track

On Friday, the high school track team will be traveling to Benkelman, events start at 1:30 p.m.

### Cheylin golf

High school golf teams will be in Goodland on Tuesday, with tee-off at 2 p.m.

### School concert

The junior and high school bands will be holding a Super Concert at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday in the Cheylin gymnasium. Come and enjoy great music.

### Story time

Just a couple more Fridays until Story time will be over for the summer! There is an hour of crafts and reading time. Ages 3 through 7 welcome.

### Bird City 125-year celebration

Bird City is getting ready to celebrate its 125-year anniversary in June 2010, preparations are already in the works. Interested people who would like to be a part of the planning, contact DeAnza Ambrosier at City Hall, 785-734-2616.

### Third annual Quilt Show

Common Threads Quilt Guild will be hosting the third annual Quilt Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 9 at 120 W. Washington (Teresa Porter's Dance Studio). Anyone may display quilts but

the quilts need to be at Sainty's Stitches by Thursday. A People's Choice award will be given.

### Stage line remembered

The 125th commemoration of the Leavenworth and Pikes Peak Stage Line will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Ludell School in Rawlins County. The early history of the line will be recognized and there will be storytellers, poets, horse riders and other entertainment. Everyone is welcome to attend this historical event. For more information, contact Fred Magley, 785-332-3360.

### Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday, May 18, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

### AARP

AARP will have the May meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at the St. Francis Senior Center. At 2:30 p.m. St. Francis Community High School Music Department students, under the direction of Debbie Fiala, will present the program.

Willow Cook and Clarence Iliff will be in charge of refreshments. All are welcome to join the

members.

### Easy Care Gardening

Learn the new and easy way of gardening to save time, water and fertilizer at 7 p.m. on Thursday in Bird City at the American Legion hall. The program will be presented by Christy Rasure, K-State Master Gardener.

### Looking for graduates

The Cheyenne County Museum is looking for local students who have gone on to graduate from one of the five U.S. service academies. Five from the St. Francis area have been identified but there are more. Those knowing of someone from the county who have graduated from the Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Military Academy, or Naval Academy should contact the museum, 785-332-2504, or Steve Jenkins, 785-332-2358.

### Veterans Affairs

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

### Diamond Jubilee

People are asked to keep in mind

the Sawhill Park and Band Shell Diamond Jubilee set for May 31 in the park. People are needed to help with entertainment and games. Call Dorothy at 332-2339 or Janet, 332-3569 for more information or to volunteer.

### 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.

## CheyCoDeveloping

By Chuck Kribs

This past month seemed to be very busy for us, but when we looked back at the end of the month, to our dismay and frustration, we hadn't seemed to have accomplished much.

An awful lot of time was spent trying to get our arms around a couple of government programs. It seems as if the infrastructure within the agencies we were trying to deal with doesn't understand them either.

We got a lot of grant applications

out to folks in the county who qualified for the appliance replacement program and urged everyone to get them in as early as possible. The program ran out of funds in the last week of the month.

Dealing with and understanding the "Stimulus package" has also been difficult. I felt, sometimes, like Tom Cruise in the film "Jerry McGuire." It seemed as if I was calling government agencies every day..."Show me the Money!"

In most cases it is apparent that

it is going to take some time to see any money, if we get any at all. Cheyenne County has unemployment rate of under 5 percent. This works against us to some degree, as locations with high unemployment rates seem to be getting the nod on funding.

Next month, June, we will be making presentations to groups of people on the front range, letting them know what we have to offer. In the meantime....Keep On Truckin'.....

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am a fifth grade student at Oak Point Intermediate School in Eden Prairie, Minn. I have adopted your state as a class project. Please send me a call or stop by the office to visit and we'll work with you to help make this journey a successful one!

### Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Louise Sawyer, St. Francis; Clyde Gleason, Plainville; Shelley Heavilin, Blue Springs, Mo.; Gene Young, Bird City; Wanda Dowdy, Bird City; Wally Underwood, Bird City.

state.

I hope readers can help me with my project. My classmates are also doing this project. Each of us has chosen a different state. I would like to become an expert on your state. Please accept my thanks in

advance for your help.

Sincerely,  
Madison Wilcox  
Oak Point Intermediate School  
13400 Staring Lake Parkway  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347-1800

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 42 min.

### 17 Again

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Bird City Alumni celebrates.....

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4. Rinse completely
5. Dry hands with paper towel
6. Use paper towel to turn off faucet
7. Put paper towel in trash

Wash hands often because disease-causing germs can easily be transferred to food, surfaces and people.

If you have flu like symptoms DO NOT go to work or send children to school. Thank You!

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