



Casey's Comments

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I never tire of seeing how the "American Dream" works. Our country lost two native sons last week. Both coming from the most humble of beginnings to make names for themselves. Two Italian-Americans with the same first name: Dom DeLuise and Dom DiMaggio.

Each were born to poor immigrants from Italy. DeLuise's parents lived in Brooklyn, N.Y. His father was a trash collector and mother a homemaker. DiMaggio's family came from Sicily and settled on the other side of the nation, in San Francisco, Calif. His father was a fisherman and mother a teacher.

Most folks know about Dom DeLuise, for he played a comic buffoon on television and in movies. But Dom DiMaggio lived in the shadows of his more famous brother and team-mate.

Three of the DiMaggio boys made it big, playing professional baseball; Dominick with the Boston Red Sox, Vince for 10 years with five different National League teams and the best-known

"Jolt" in Joe" of New York Yankee fame.

Dom had the look of a spectacle-aided accountant more than athletic center fielder like his brothers. In fact, he was nicknamed the "Little Professor." But he still managed to play solidly for Boston for 10 years. Some would argue that if he hadn't left for the war, serving in the Navy from 1943-45, he would have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

But the man to his right in the outfield took most of the attention. All his years were played with Ted Williams. And, brother Joe is remembered for hitting in 56-straight games and several championships. Both "Upper Deck Ted" and the "Yankee Clipper" are cemented in baseball lore.

Now, this is not to say that the life of this Italian-American kid was anything less than extraordinary. For one example, he did leave his name in the Boston statistic books. Dom hit in 34 consecutive games for Boston in 1949, and still holds that team record.

I'd say both Doms gave a wealth of entertainment to their country.

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

What is Business Retention and Expansion?

This was another topic we discussed at the Heartland Economic Development Course a few weeks ago.

Business Retention and Expansion is a core component of any economic development program, in addition to efforts to attract new businesses and encourage the creation of new businesses. This program assists businesses in an effort to keep them from relocating to other areas, help them survive economic difficulties, assist them with expansions that add new jobs, and increase their competitiveness in the wider marketplace.

The program is hard for a small community because we have few existing businesses to grow, however it is more cost effective to keep jobs than finding new jobs. The programs typically involve partnerships of the public, business and community leadership that continuously assess needs of individual companies within the community. This may sound like a formal Business Retention and Expansion program is a huge undertaking, and it is to do it right, especially in a large city. However, I believe there are a few small things that we can do here to make sure we keep our local companies, help them expand and add jobs, and at the same time encourage entrepreneurial activity in our community to create those new businesses.

What has Bird City done in regard to the program so far?

In March 2006, the Bird City Century II Development Foundation worked with the Kansas Department of Commerce on a Business Retention and Expansion Survey. Volunteers collected data from 32 area businesses to determine business perspectives on educational and vocational training, employment conditions and employee relations, services offered by government, business climate and quality of life. From a bird's-eye view, the local business climate of Bird City appeared to be positive and on the rise. Items viewed as less than adequate for community development included: local air transport, availability of training services, labor pool, freight costs, recreation opportunities, railroad quality and availability and quality of housing. These are items that have been worked on, with much room for improvement. The business community has changed since 2006, and it is time to re-evaluate and talk with our businesses more in depth on how we can assist them to ensure their viability and growth. If you are interested in working with the business community on Business Retention and Expansion, please let me know!

On a smaller scale, next time you are in a local business - thank them for having a business in our community - it might just make a bigger impact than you think!

Death notice

McDonald lost one of its oldest residents when Ruth Winkelman, 97, died. She was a neat lady and never seemed to be old. Residents will miss her, especially at Senior Citizen dinners.

Death notice

Roy Crist, a long-time resident of the McDonald community died on Monday morning at the Atwood Good Samaritan.

Death notice

John D. Scott, age 66, Colby, Kan., died May 8, 2009, at Presbyterian/St. Luke Medical Center, Denver, Colo. His wife is Phyllis Keenan Scott.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at the United Methodist Church, Atwood, with Pastor Dan Carson and Pastor Gary Davison officiating.

Interment will be in the Atwood Fairview Cemetery with concluding services by the Atwood Masonic Lodge 164 AF and AM.

Memorials may be addressed in his name to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, in care of ISIS Temple, Box 2778, Salina, KS 67401.

90th birthday

The family of Ilone Ketter is holding a 90th birthday celebration to honor her from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the St. Francis Catholic Church hall. Cards will reach her at 109 W. Spencer Street, St. Francis, KS 67756.

No gifts please, your presence is her gift.

Graduation

The Cheylin class of 2009 will be graduating at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the Cheylin gymnasium.

Junior high awards and graduation

Junior high awards ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. on Monday in the Cheylin high school gym.

Eighth grade graduation begins at 7:30 p.m. on Monday in the Cheylin high school gym.

Spring concert

Cheylin Elementary School will be having its Spring Concert on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Cheylin high school gymnasium

Story time

This Friday will be the last time Story time will meet until school opens in August. Come and enjoy an hour of reading and crafts.

Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will be meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, at the Lebow Manor. Meta Dankenbring will be the hostess.

Cheylin sports

High school golf team will be traveling to Tribune today (Thursday) and tee off at 3 p.m.

Freedom League track meet in Scott City on Friday at 10. West Kansas Liberty League track meet will begin in Scott City on Friday at 3 p.m.

Irrigating Flower Beds and Gardens

"Putting water where you want," will be presented by Gary Coon, Kansas State Master Gardener at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the American Legion in Bird City.

Bulletin Board

Cheyenne County Spring Livestock Show

The Cheyenne County Spring Livestock Show will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds. Animals will include beef, sheep, swine and goats.

Offices closed on May 25

Ad, picture and story deadline for the May 28 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, as the office will be closed on Memorial Day (Monday, May 26). The newspapers will be published and delivered one day later that week.

Diabetes Support Group meeting change

The new date for the Diabetes Support Group meeting is 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, in the Cheyenne County Clinic basement. The program topic is foot care.

Junior golf practice

Youth interested in participating in the junior golf program at Riverside Recreation should be at Riverside at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 22. The practice sessions last from 10 a.m. to noon with the tournament schedule to be printed when available.

A golfer must have turned 8-years-old by Jan. 1 or no more than 17-years-old on that same date to be eligible.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

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

AARP

AARP will have the May meeting at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the St. Francis Senior Center. At 2:30 p.m., the 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.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 21 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.

Visitors Day

The Nature Conservancy Kansas Chapter will host a visitors day at Smoky Valley Ranch in Logan County from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 30. The event is free and open to the public. Conservancy staff and leading experts will lead guided tours.

Reservations are required, contact Ruth Palmer at 9785) 233-4400 or rpalmer@tnc.org. If you have questions contact Shelby Stacy at sstacy@tnc.org or call the above phone number.

Diamond Jubilee

People are asked to keep in mind the Sawhill Park and Band Shell Diamond Jubilee set for May 31 in the park. Support the band shell res-

toration by buying a balloon, two or more, for the 75-balloon salute. See classified ad for more information or call Dorothy at 785-332-2339 or Janet, 332-3569.

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

Correction
In the May 7 *Bird City Times* Club Notes, Dorcas-Ruth Circle, it should have read, Met in Meta Dankenbring's home. Meta was the hostess assisted by Bethel Golt and Edna Roesener helped serve refreshments.

Youth group holds supper/talent show

The Methodist Youth Council of Bird City held an Italian supper and Talent Show for their fundraiser for Youthville.

On April 24, 58 guests were greeted by Jacob Brubaker and Walker Janicke. Jaime Davison, Cheyenne Hewitt, and Jessica Smith showed the guests to their seats.

Tossed salad followed by lasagna, corn and garlic bread were then served.

Cheyenne started off the talent show by singing, "Shout To The Lord." Then Jacob, accompanied by Dawn Petty, played

two guitar duets.

Jaime and Pastor Becky sang, "He's Still Workin' on Me." Devon Janicke followed with a gymnastic routine.

The Youth Council members then served a variety of desserts that consisted of a choice of creme puffs, cherry cheesecake, chocolate pie, chocolate cake, or strawberry shortcake.

Reece Leonard is also a member of the council, but was unable to attend due to illness. The kids raised \$547 which they will present to Youthville.

Board member attends workshop

The Kansas Association of School Boards held its "New Board Member Workshop" in Oakley on April 28. Attending from Cheylin USD 103 was Anita Pochop.

"These workshops were designed to assure each Kansas board member is ready and willing to accept the challenges facing all Kansas schools," said John Koepfle, Kansas Association of School Boards executive director. "At the end of the day the new board members have gathered a broad range of knowledge that will assist them during their time on the school board."

Some topics discussed were, student achievement through resource allocation, accountability, vision, advocacy and structure; basic school finance; legal aspects of boardsmanship and new board member basics.

"Student achievement is the number one priority," said Mike Pomarico, Kansas Association of School Boards executive director/administrator services.



Pochop

Notice of landfill hours

By Karen Krien
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The Cheyenne County Landfill, located east of Wheeler, closes at 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

The early closing gives Ed Garner, supervisor, time to do the compaction and covering of the day's trash accumulation.

In January, the county received citations from the Kansas Depart-

ment of Health and Environment because of the compacting and covering. The commissioners, at that time, agreed, in order to solve the problem, the landfill would close at 4 p.m.

People need to keep the 4 p.m. time in mind because the commissioners, as well as Mr. Garner, agree that it is necessary to keep in compliance with state regulations.

School Menu

Monday, May 18

Breakfast: cook's choice
Lunch: cook's choice

Tuesday, May 19

Breakfast: cook's choice
Lunch: cook's choice

Wednesday, May 20

Breakfast: cook's choice
Lunch: cook's choice

Thursday, May 21

Breakfast: cook's choice
Lunch: hamburger or hot dog, chips, baked beans, kool-aid
Breakfast is served with toast, cereal, juice and milk
Lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk

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