

Casey's Comments

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Word has come out that baseball slugger, Sammy Sosa, is the latest star to have been swallowed up into the sport's doping quagmire. The memories of 1998, when Sosa and Mark McGwire battled for the home-run title, will be forever tainted by both men's pasts. But I believe that the "Great American Past-time" will survive and the game will be cleaned up. Each player will have to rely on his own, God given talents once again.

is like baseball when it comes to numbers. Every aspect of the game, from its beginnings in the 19th century to today, is comparable. That is part of what makes the steroid era deserve to be singled out. But through statistics and records, most anything can be compared or tied together. Just for fun I put the names of two players into a program called Oracle of Baseball at baseballreference.com. I wanted to see if I could find a common bond between one of the all time greats to a modern day type: Ted

Williams to Sammy Sosa. Here's what I got. Williams played with Jim Suhecki on the 1950 Boston Red Sox. Suhecki teamed with Bob Friend on the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1952. Friend was a teammate of Nolan Ryan on the 1966 New York Mets. Finally, Sammy Sosa and Ryan played together with the 1989 Texas Rangers. Just to prove a point. You really have to dig to compare someone like Sosa to a ball player like "Teddy Ball-game." With time, apples will be held up to apples again.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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I would like to begin by saying that I do not consider myself an authority on events that are going on around our country and even around the world. I like to say that my comments are based on information, as I understand it. Recently, President Obama toured in Egypt and told listeners that American is not a Christian nation. I feel compelled to comment on that. My first comment is where did the get that information? I mean, if there was a poll taken, I totally missed it. And everyone knows, media included, polls say it all. Ha

Ha. Anyway. I mention it because I know there are many American citizens that are not Christian and many other religions/faiths that reside in this country. However, if a poll was taken by non-Christian faiths/religions, I believe a high percentage would say America is a Christian nation. Plus, I do believe America has been antagonistic to much of the Middle East simply because Americans have been put in a "Christian" box. This belief may be because there are 280 million Christians living in the United States, 85 percent of the population.

My next comment is if we are not a Christian nation, why is "In God We Trust" written on our money, and "...under God" said when saluting the American flag. Again, why are our nation's laws written based on the Ten Commandments? My last comment is really a question, where are the Christian supporters of President Obama? What do they think of his comment? More important, what does Reverend Al Sharpton think about Mr. President's comment? Do you believe America is a Christian nation? Write to me at P.O. Box 220, Bird City, KS 67731, with your comments.

Chatting with Cathy

By Darci Shields
Cathy's on vacation and Sydney Busse (our summer intern) is getting enrolled for college...so that leaves me to write this week's "Chatting with Cathy" column. I am going to do a follow up to Sydney's column 2 weeks ago discussing entrepreneurship, but first I'm going to lead up to that by telling a little bit about myself. My name is Darci (Nelsen) Shields, I work part-time at Bird City Century II Development Foundation as administrative assistant. I grew up in Bird City and graduated from Cheylin in 1992, I'm the youngest daughter of David and Deanna Nelsen. In 2008, my husband, Kale, accepted the 6th grade teaching position at Cheylin Elementary, bringing my family back to my hometown. I am very happy to be home, Bird City is such a great little community and a super place to raise kids! Speaking of kids...We have

three wonderful children, Austin is 14, Andrew is 6, and Ashlyn is 7 months. As you can see, we have three completely different stages going on...keeping us very busy and on the go! When we made the decision to move back to Bird City, I didn't know at the time what career path I would be taking...I have always been fortunate to have a job that worked around my kids' schedules and their sporting events, and I wasn't at all wanting to sacrifice the chance of giving that up! With my oldest son going into eighth grade, I knew sports were only going to get busier! After much thought and research, I decided to pursue the possibilities of opening my own photography business. I have always enjoyed photography as a fun, extracurricular activity, and I saw an opportunity to turn it into a professional career that could benefit me and the Bird City community. In August 2008, 'Portraits by Darci' was officially open for business. Since then, I have had some great opportunities to build my business portfolio by taking Cheylin sports photos, senior portraits, family pictures... and of course, hundreds of my own children's photos, (which by the way, my 7-month-old is more tolerant of my photo-taking than my other two!) Photography has been a great window of opportunity for me and my family. Opening my own business hasn't been a simple, easy task; however, with commitment

and the support of my family and friends, and the will to want to succeed, it has made the task much easier. Photography is quite an adventure...each session is unique in its own way, and I am constantly learning new things. I truly enjoy what I do, plus it allows me the freedom to be the 'on the go' mom which is what's most important to me!!! Now, with all of that said...what is entrepreneurship? It is defined as 'the practice of starting new business in response to identified opportunities. Fortunately, I saw an opportunity to start a photography business in Bird City. I was also very fortunate to meet with Cathy through Bird City Century II Development Foundation, and pursue this new business opportunity with her before we ever moved back to Bird City. I owe her a huge 'thank you' for getting me on the right track and helping me through the complex undertaking. I highly suggest to anyone who foresees a new business opportunity to stop by and visit with Cathy. She is very knowledgeable, has various project ideas 'in the works', and is very committed to the Bird City community.

82nd birthday
The family of Arlie Archer is requesting a card shower for his 82nd birthday on June 30. Cards will reach Arlie at P.O. Box 22, McDonald, KS 67745-0022.

Lake Atwood County Challenge Race
The Lake Atwood County Challenge Race will be held beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 4. Every age-division finisher scores points for his or her county. There are no awards and no entry fees. Runners take para for the honor of his or her county.

Office closed
The *Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of the Fourth of July.

Landfill closed July 4
The Cheyenne County Landfill will be closed on Saturday, July 4.

Dangers of Secondhand Smoke
A discussion meeting on the dangers of secondhand smoke and the creation of an educational toolkit will be held at 6 p.m. tonight, at the Peace Lutheran Church, 202 North College, St.

Francis. Meal will be provided. The meeting is to improve the health of St. Francis residents and other Kansans.

Veterans Affairs
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 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.

Hospital Board
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 25.

Fair Board
In July, the Fair Board will not be meeting until Thursday, July 16, at the fairgrounds.

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.



Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:
I want to make it clear that this letter expresses my/our opinion and not that of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation or it's board members. I read in the comments about the last Bird City City Council meeting, about a proposal to spend about a million dollars,

of someone's money, to put new sidewalks and streetlights in the Bird city downtown area. I/we are 100 percent against that idea. Bird city has fewer real jobs, fewer businesses and more empty homes than it did a few years ago. If there is a million dollars available to be spent, it MUST be spent on creating a facility, an

enterprise, a business which will create jobs! The kind of jobs that retain and attract our youth, build our tax base, grow commerce. Bird city has one, ONE business open after 7 p.m., ONE. That's all! JOBS, JOBS, JOBS...If we don't get JOBS, we won't need ANY streetlights.

Chuck Kribs, North of Bird City

South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Father's Day dinner guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and family were Ote and Ellen Dewey, Craig and Barb Morton, and Linda Dewey. Bethel Goltl joined the McDonald Red Hat ladies Tuesday for lunch at Two Lees. Barbara Krantz took Bethel

Goltl out to lunch for her birthday Thursday. Lucius White and Josh Johnson hosted a Father's Day barbecue. Guests were Don and Florence Antholz, CW and Sandy Antholz, Bob and Helen Johnson, Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson, Terry Jensen, Loren, Wendy, Jacob, and

Jeremiah White, Rod, Jane, and Ethan Young, Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson, and Rod and Lisa Johnson. George and Kathy Banister attended the funeral of Gordon Orth at Salem Lutheran Church Friday afternoon. George, Kathy and Debbie Banister attended the Dickman family reunion in Grinnell Saturday.

Lynn and Rita Officer returned home Tuesday after attending the wedding of Rita's niece in Siloam Springs, Ark., and visiting their sons and families in Tulsa, Okla. On their trip home, they met Marvin Dewey in Salina. The Dewey family is moving from Edmonson, Alberta, Canada, and Marvin is taking a job as vice president of advancement at Sterling College. Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of Bethel Goltl were Don Bruder, Elvira Neitzel, Meta Dankenbring, and Gerald and Phyllis Wright.

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek
Death notice: Kay Miller's mother, Frances Erickson has died. Talent numbers are still needed for the talent show at the McDonald Area Development Ice Cream Social in July. Contact Kay Miller if you can participate. Jim Morelock was a Friday visitor of Ray and Marlene Johnson. Saturday visitors were Lois Morelock, Patty Leach, George Vandegriffe and Connie Sabatka. Father's Day supper guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka were Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and children, Alex Mead and Laddie and Vera Kacirek. Travis Knapp of Hutchinson was a weekend guest of his

parents, Jerry and Betty Knapp, while attending his 20th-year class reunion. Father's Day dinner guests of Jerry and Betty Knapp were Travis Knapp of Hutchinson and Brenda Knapp of Colby. Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the Myers family reunion on Sunday at the community Building in the McCook fairgrounds.

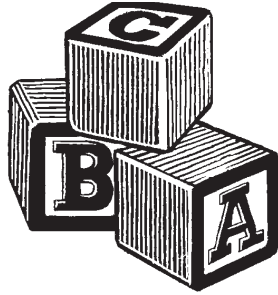
Introducing



Mickey Warren Gossman

Anne and Clint Gossman announce the birth of their son, Mickey Warren. He was born on April 22, 2009, at the Scott County Hospital in Scott City. Mickey weighed 9 pounds and was 22-inches long.

Grandparents are Dave and Marcia Hickert of Bird City and Steve and Veta Gossman of Scott City. Great-grandmother is Marge Hickert of the Hester Home in Benkelman, Neb.



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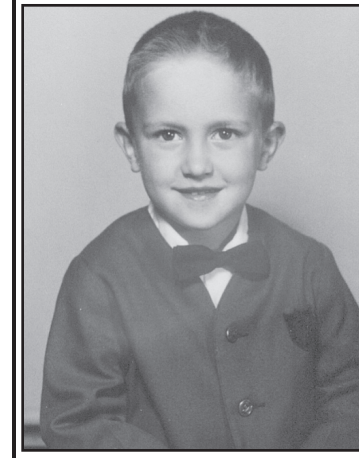
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July Calendar

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Dr. Rubinowitz	July 28
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Dr. Curtis	July 27
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