



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
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 This Fourth of July was a little quiet for a change.

Of course there was plenty of noise outside the homestead from a plethora of fireworks. But our youngest kids are now high school age and for the first time in years it wasn't us spending disposable income on the celebration.

You might think this made our weekend boring, but Lezlie and I found something else to keep us entertained.

A few months back we came across a Duncan Phyfe style table and four chairs at a local house sale. It had years of wear and tear and many layers of varnish, but beauty lay hidden beneath.

We removed the cushions from the chairs and began stripping the finish off the wood over previous

days from work. Last weekend we were down to the table top, one leg and a few spots of stubborn brown on a chair. At last, every inch of furniture was restored to its unfinished, natural form.

To let the wood speak for itself, we applied a clear coat.

After the seat cushions were given a new wrap of greenish-grey fabric, they complimented the chairs once they were screwed back on.

It's funny how something that only needed a little TLC and elbow-grease could come into our home, built in 1917, and look like it belonged.

I told Lez that now we will have to build some new family memories around our table. Who knows, the day may soon come when our grandkids are using it to sort out their fireworks cache?

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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It is shocking, it is unbelievable, it seems unnatural, and in all cases - tragic, but it happens to everyone. No, I am not talking about taxes; I am speaking about death. Although, some people think taxes are just as inevitable as death.

This past week several famous people have died. One was expected, Farrah Fawcett; however, the unexpected deaths of Billy Mays, the television info man, and Michael Jackson, the King of Pop, astounded us. Moreover, both died of heart ailments at the age of 50. Some people will tell you, life begins at 50.

However, I don't want to discuss them, I want to share with you something I learned from two other people who have recently died here in Bird City, Bill Boyson and Agnes Burk.

Neither one was young in years, but they were in their hearts. I had the privilege of doing an interview with both of them, most recently, with Agnes and her Nativity sets. I

can honestly say she had hundreds of them.

To continue, what most readers do not know is at the end of some interviews, I will bring up a question of their faith and hope. This is where the conversation gets more interesting for me, really. We will sit for, maybe, 10 to 15 minutes discussing faith.

Well, I can say that when I learned of Bill and Agnes deaths, I had only a moment, nano moment, of grief, because I knew that I would be seeing them again in heaven! That's right, I will. I learned this because I had that 10 to 15 minute talk with both of them about their faith, and they were subjects both enjoyed sharing with me.

I have learned this too, when the average person dies, they do not have the pomp and parades famous folks get. However, when a Christian dies and walks through the pearl gates of heaven, they received a welcome nothing on earth could be compared to, and since we all die anyway, I would rather have the latter than the former.

Card shower
 Leonard Amsberry will be celebrating his birthday on July 15. Cards of greetings may be sent to him at Good Samaritan, Room 303, 208 W. 2nd. Goodland, KS 67735.

Home Circle Club
 The Home Circle Club members will be meeting in front of LeBow Manor at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 16. The group will carpool and drive to Oberlin for lunch at the Landmark Inn.

Junior high sports camps
 Junior high basketball and football camps begin on Monday and finish on Friday. Football starts at 7 a.m. at the football field, be on time and ready to practice. Basketball practice is at McDonald at 10 a.m., transportation will be provided. For more information contact Kale Schields at 785-734-2484, Coach Max Keltz, basketball, at 785-734-2634 or Coach Nick Ketzner, football, at 785-734-2743.

Senior Center
 The Bird City Senior Center will be celebrating July birthdays on Monday at 3 p.m. Come and enjoy cake and ice cream.

Fair Board
 In July, the Fair Board will be meeting Thursday, July 16, at the

Cheyenne County Commissioners
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Landscape Lawn and Garden Tours
 The Cheyenne County Conservation's Landscape Lawn and Garden Tours are planned for Saturday, July 18, and Sunday, July 19, with stops in both St. Francis and Bird City. Check related article.

Veterans Affairs
 Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 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.

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

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.

Introducing

Iliza Hope Sisson
 Iliza Hope Sisson, daughter of Grand and Jennifer (Weinstein) Sisson, was born June 4, 2009. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 1/2-inches long. Iliza was welcomed home by her brother, Izic.

Grandparents are Gary and Cindy Sisson and Terry and Diana Weinstein. Great-grandparents are Nancy Weinstein and Shryll (Bressler) Behn. Her great-great-grandmother is Hope Bressler. She also has many uncles, aunts and cousins.



Iliza Hope Sisson

Camp dates set

Junior high football and basketball camps are open to Cheylin students (boys) in sixth through eighth grade. Both camps are scheduled to begin on Monday and go through Friday.

Football camp will begin at 7 a.m. and finish at 9 a.m. each day. This year, the team will be playing six-man football. All sixth through eighth grades are encouraged to come out to play.

Basketball camp will start at 10 a.m., finish at noon, and take place at the McDonald gymnasium. Transportation will be provided.

Sixth graders that are just

beginning need to have their pre-participation physicals turned in prior to camp to be able to participate. Seventh and eighth graders must have the pre-participation physical forms in by Aug. 17. The form can be accessed by going to the Kansas State High School Activities Association website at www.kshsaa.org and clicking on the physical form on the home page.

Max Keltz will be coaching junior high basketball, Nick Ketzner is the coach for junior high football and Kale Schields is the junior high athletic director.

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch
 Happy Birthday, Bird City!

In another year Bird City will be 125 years old - a few of us in the community feel this warrants a celebration!

I have a hard time comprehending how times must have been only a few years ago when Benjamin Bird arrived and the Northwestern Cattle Company was organized and known as Bird Ranch. Then the city was platted and given the name Birdton, soon after the name was changed to Bird City.

This also means that the Bird City Century II Development Foundation will be 25 years old -

hard to believe it has been a few short years since five community-minded men came together around the table to try to figure out what to do with the \$11,000 leftover from the Centennial celebration. I have a feeling someone knew what they were doing for the future of their community, what do you think?

If you are interested in assisting with the planning of the 125th celebration, please give Darci or me a call at the Foundation office (785-734-2556), or DeAnza at city hall (785-734-2616). Hope to hear from you soon!

PS: We welcome any volunteers - near or far.

The Cheylin Booster Club is hosting a welcome BBQ for the new superintendent and his wife,

Bruce and Emily Bolen
 Sunday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m.

At the Shelter House in the Bird City Park.

Bring a salad or dessert. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Drinks will be provided by the Booster Club

Wade Sheldon Lee
 April 2, 1976 - July 8, 2007

Two years have past since you've been gone. It doesn't seem like it's been that long. Not a day goes by we don't think about you-Your laugh, your smile, and your humor too. We're thankful for the thirty-one years, remembering them all brings many tears. We know it won't be long before you'll be greeting us at heaven's door. We love you and miss you Wade! Your loving family.

**** MARK YOUR CALENDAR ****

Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show
 July 30th - August 1st
 2009 Program & Schedule of Events available at www.birdcity.com

1st Annual Fun Run
 Saturday, Aug. 1, 8 a.m.
 Courses Available:
 1 Mile, 2 Mile, 3 Mile, 1 Mile 'Go Fish'

Get additional information and registration form online at www.birdcity.com.

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 Development Foundation
 785-734-2556
 WWW.BIRDCITY.COM
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State of Kansas
Special District 2010

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **Bird City Cemetery Dist. 1**, Cheyenne County will meet on the 14th day of August, 2009, at 8 a.m. at Wesleyan Fellowship Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

Detailed budget information is available at 2995 East Highway 36 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2010 Expenditures and Amount of 2009 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2010 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2008		Current Year Estimate for 2009		Proposed Budget Year for 2010	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2009 Ad Valorem Tax
General	11,842	0.951	19,054	0.951	19,405	9,870
Debt Service						
Real Estate Revenue					12,000	
Totals	11,842	0.951	19,054	0.951	31,405	9,870
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditures	11,842		19,054		31,405	
Total Tax Levied	9,870		9,870		9,870	
Assessed Valuation	10,642,357		10,382,649		9,628,890	

Outstanding Indebtedness:

Jan 1,	2007	2008	2009
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
No-Fund Warrant	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

Signature: Clayton Carson, Clerk

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. **1 hr. 40 min.**

The Hangover
 Comedy

July 10, 11 & 12

Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Heather Graham, Justin Bartha

R for pervasive language, sexual content including nudity, and some drug material.

CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3 **All Others: \$5**

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State of Kansas
Special District 2010

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **Cemetery District 2**, Cheyenne County will meet on the day of 20th, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Commissioner Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

Detailed budget information is available at the county clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

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Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditures	25,449		28,940		65,000	
Total Tax Levied	23,073		22,820		34,763,990	
Assessed Valuation	28,885,966		30,582,238			

Outstanding Indebtedness:

Jan 1,	2007	2008	2009
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
No-Fund Warrant	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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Signature: Clayton Carson, Clerk

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School Physicals
Cheyenne Co. Clinic and Health Department
 Call for appointment (785)332-2682

Free
Pre-school, Kindergarten
Jr-Sr High Students
July 21-24
 By appointment only!
 St. Francis physicals will be done in County Health.
 Bird City physicals will be 11 a.m. - Noon

*Sports physical forms must be completed and signed by parent before exam. Forms available at clinic.

Check your renewal dates
 -- Current Rates --

The Saint Francis Herald
 Area - \$38 KS - \$42
 Out-of-State - \$48

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