



# Bulletin Board

## Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**  
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My family said "good-bye" to another one of our old soldiers. Dad's first cousin, Jack H. Thacker, passed away on May 27 at the age of 88.

The majority of folks reading this column won't know him personally, but that doesn't mean you're not aware of what he and countless others have done for you.

Jack retired as a Lt. Col. from the United States Air Force, seeing action as a combat Gunnery Officer in World War II. The B-24s he served on had the skull and crossbones of the "Jolly Rogers" painted on their tail sections. This was the 90th Bombardment Group of the 5th Air Force.

He participated in nine campaigns, flying 30 missions against Japanese targets in New Guinea, the Philippines, Formosa, Borneo, Hong Kong and China.

Here is a small section from his war memoir that he kindly shared

with me.

"Some (missions) were particularly impressive: several bomb runs over Formosa where Liberators exploded in a flash or caught fire and fell lazily in flames. My first flight to bomb Corregidor, raids on Borneo refineries where columns of black smoke sprang upward to tower above 10,000 feet, the ranks of landing craft from the Australian invasion Armada heading to shore at Balikpapan on July 1, 1945, as we dropped our bombs along the beach, and making landfall for the first time on the China coast en route to bomb Hong Kong."

I didn't hear these stories until the last few years of Jack's life. Growing up, most of the family stories were of his brother, Cpl. Kelly Thacker of the Marine Corps. He was killed when American troops took the island of Guam in 1944.

I imagine today that the Thacker brothers-in-arms are together once more.

## Letters from Linda

**By Linda Schneider**  
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If you have just started reading Bird City Times, you may not be able to follow what I write in my column as I make an effort to bring to you my agenda. Yes, I have one — I am a Christian and I am not shy about saying it.

I was converted 10 years ago in a federal prison camp serving on a drug charge. How did I become converted? Well, I did my part and Jesus did His part. My part was to run away as fast as I could, and Jesus' part was to chase me down! Prison was His opportunity to tackle me while I was making a pit stop. Oh come on, I was making a funny but true statement.

While serving my time, I attended Sunday church every week for 22 months. Before going to prison, I never attended church — too many hypocrites and did not really believe it was for me — too many sins. Since then I have attended many wonderful churches, been involved with many wonderful church programs, and now I have a wonderful pastor and his wife, and a great church family. So, what's my point? I did

not believe church was for me, and you may believe that also.

Have you ever walked into a place of business and seen the sign, "We reserve the right to refuse to serve anyone." The sign appears to be a benign warning. But is it? Who could be refused service? Anyone.

Could it be viewed as a discriminatory sign? What if it said, "We reserve the right to refuse service to gossipers," or "...adulterers," or "...people who pierce their nose," but it said "anyone."

When I think back, I probably believed churches were much like that sign, "We reserve the right to refuse to serve anyone." Nevertheless, there are gossipers, adulterers, people who pierce their nose and even hypocrites who attend church; however, I learned it is not about them at all. It's about Jesus and what He said, "...whoever comes to me I will never drive away." John 6:37. Better said, "I reserve the right to serve anyone." Thanks Jesus, no wonder they call you the King, the King that serves anyone.

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**Barbecue at Van Doren Park**  
Bird City will have a barbecue at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday to welcome the Cheylin's new superintendent, Bruce Bolen and his wife, Emily. Please bring your favorite dessert or salad to make this event complete.

**Picnic in the Van Doren park**  
Come and enjoy lunch in the park Thursday, July 19 at noon. Entertainment will be provided, just bring your sack lunch and a lawn chair to relax in.

**Dedication**  
The David Clark Memorial Toy Museum will hold it's building dedication and ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 31.

The building is located next to the Quilt Building on the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association grounds.

**US 36 Treasure Hunt**  
It's time to register for the US 36 Treasure Hunt on Sept. 18, 19, and 20. If you would like to be listed on the local map, please contact Betty Orth 785-332-2540 or email orth@kans.com. There is a small fee. Deadline is Aug. 15. Please call for further information.

**McDonald Gazebo Park**  
Remember to bring chairs or blankets for seating at the ice cream social and talent show at the Gazebo Park in McDonald on Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

**Cemetery board to meet**  
Cheyenne County Cemetery Board 2 will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 20, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse, St. Francis.

**Hospital Board**  
The Cheyenne County Hospital

Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

**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.

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.

**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

**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.



**COUNTY WHEAT TEST plot was harvested Thursday afternoon. Goodland Greenline furnished the combine with Tim Neitzel, manager, operating the massive machine.**

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Chatting with Cathy

Congratulations! Big Ed's was nominated for the Hays Daily News: 8 Wonders of Northwest Kansas Cuisine contest and made it in the Top 8 out of 40 nominations. They couldn't have done it without all of you who voted every day - good job!

So what does this mean for Big Ed's and Bird City?

Well, a little publicity goes a long way. Big Ed's could see increased business from residents of NW Kansas, which means increased traffic through our community. Then the ripple effect could take place (no guarantees, but let's be prepared) - someone comes in to town to eat a delicious steak, they drive through a community with pride, and they are greeted by pleasant people with smiling faces. With an experience like

this these same people are bound to come back for another steak, bringing some friends next time. And who knows, these same people or someone they know, just might have a business idea perfect for our community - and we have the resources in place to help them!

Others in the Top 8 were: Arthur's Pizza, Ellis; Bunker Hill Café, Bunker Hill; A&W Restaurant, Russell; Professor's Steakhouse, Hays; Chubby Pickle, Phillipsburg; Effie's, Rush Center; and Pizza Plus, Ness City. So if you are traveling through one of these communities, stop in and let them know you wanted to eat at one of the Top 8 Wonders of Northwest Kansas Cuisine and invite them to do the same!

## Fair parade is Aug. 8

**By Karen Krien**  
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The Cheyenne County Fair Parade is just a month away, Saturday, Aug. 8 — Plenty of time to plan an entry, whether it be a float, an individual entry, horses, antique and derby vehicles, just to name a few.

This year's theme is "Family Traditions."

"With this theme, people will be able to create amazing floats," said Carla Lampe, parade coordinator.

The parade is organized by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. The floats will be judged by three people. Criteria for judging floats include: 1) unique theme creation; 2) creative use of material; and 3) originality.

There is a grand champion overall winner and three divisions:

Family; Organization/Church; and Commercial.

"We are encouraging every individual, family, business and organization to make a float," Mrs. Lampe said.

"People enjoy seeing the kids on bikes, four-wheelers or their own special creative float. They also like the horses, antique vehicles, derby cars and 4-H winners, just to name a few."

There is no pre-registration — just show up before the parade at the high school in St. Francis. The map showing the line up for divisions will be printed in the newspaper closer to parade time.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Lampe at 785-332-2145 or 785-332-2913 or Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, at 785-332-2961.



### \*\* MARK YOUR CALENDAR \*\*

#### Bird City Lawn & Garden Tour

Sunday, July 19th • 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
Call (785) 332-3171 for details

#### Welcome BBQ for the new Cheylin Superintendent and his wife, Bruce and Emily Bolen

Sunday, July 19th  
6:30 p.m. at Bird City Park  
Please bring a dessert or side dish;

Hamburgers, hot dogs and drink provided by Cheylin Booster Club

#### Picnic in the Park

Thursday, July 23rd • 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
Bring your lawn chair and sack lunch;  
Enjoy this month's lunch hour entertainment...  
\* Becky and Jaime Davison \*

#### 1st Annual Fun Run

Saturday, August 1st • 8:00 a.m. Start Time  
Additional information & registration form can be found at [www.birdcity.com](http://www.birdcity.com)

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**CHEYENNE THEATER** St. Francis, KS  
785-332-2747  
Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

**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**

**CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL** 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS  
785-332-2104

**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**  
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