



## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Time is such a funny commodity. Some moments all we want is a little to catch up on our busy lives. Other periods we wish for it to wash away difficult times. And then the instance arrives when we can't believe it's passed us by so quickly.

This writing deals with the last example. Can it really be 40 years since man first set foot on the moon? Last Monday marked the anniversary of Neil Armstrong's achievement.

I still have vivid memories of watching the folk's large, grainy, black and white television set on Carmel Drive in Lakewood, Colo.

It was the original "big screen." Our family gathered around as Walter Cronkite described what was happening. We watched in awe as the fuzzy images came to us from so very far away.

Once things had settled down and my 9-year-old attention span left the TV, I remember us kids running out to the front yard and looking up at the moon. To think that there were actually human-beings way up there was mind boggling.

Looking back; Armstrong was 39 years of age and Cronkite, whom we just lost, was 52. Now I am 49. Speaking of mind boggling, what happened to all those years?

## Letter from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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Unless you live in a cave on Mount Kilimanjaro, you have heard about the recent debates, and passing, of President Obama's health reform, overhaul, restructuring, have I missed something?

It has received praise and a lot of concern. I too have concerns about this health bill; however, as I was watching and listening to the media, government spokes-persons, others putting in their two cents, and me trying to think of the ramifications of what could happen in the future, I had an interesting thought, a good one.

What if a by-product of this new socialist health program actually had people taking responsibility for their own health, isn't that a novel thought?

I mean, what would you rather do, sit in a clinic up to 10 hours waiting to see a doctor for high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, or even a backache, or start eating properly, choosing healthier lifestyles, and exercising? Does it seem probable that you and I

would want to consider that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure?"

Please do not misunderstand what I am proposing; I know that there are medical situations that simple exercise, healthy lifestyle choices and proper eating have no bearing on; however, how many people would quit smoking if the "medical panel" deems the lung or throat cancer is from smoking, was preventable and not worthy to be treated? On the other hand, how about cirrhosis of the liver from drinking or drugs, will a liver transplant get on the medical emergency "to-do" list?

I know that making good and healthy choices are not guarantees that a person will have a long life, but it does increase the chances.

Anyway, just something to ponder about instead of getting mad thinking about the cost of "free" health care, and something to do during that long wait at the "Free Health Clinics."

## Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

The Thresher Show is right around the corner, are you ready? We do not have our booth ready yet, but we are working on it. We hope you take the time to stop by and give us some input on any entrepreneurial ideas you have for Bird City!

I always look forward to the Thresher Show - fresh lemonade, homemade pie, cotton candy, steam engine races, and the list goes on...

Here's a quick run-down of

some of what's happening over the weekend - hope to see you there!

Heart City Heart Warmers, Friday 7 p.m. at the American Legion hall.

Fun Run, Saturday, 8 a.m. at the Thresher Grounds

Barbecue, Saturday, 5 - 7 p.m. at the Thresher Grounds

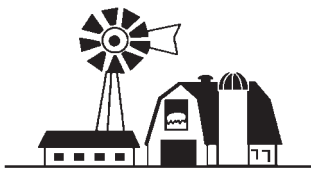
Tractor Pull, Saturday, 6:30 p.m. at the Thresher Grounds

Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Neville Country Church at the Thresher Grounds

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## Bulletin Board

### Monthly potluck

The Bird City Senior Center will hold its monthly potluck luncheon at 12 p.m. on Monday. Bring a favorite dish, enjoy a great lunch and great conversation.

### Bake sale

The Catholic Youth Organization will be holding a bake sale on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. in front of the Home Town Market. Note classified ad.

### Cemetery tour planned

The Historical Society plans a Southwest Cheyenne County Cemetery Tour for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13. The event is still in the planning stages. If you have information about any southwest county cemeteries, please contact the Historical Society: 785-332-3991 or 785-332-3569.

### Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

### Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with J, K and L should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

### Dedication of toy museum

The David Clark Memorial Toy Museum will hold its 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.

### U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt

It's time to register for the U.S. 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.

### Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

### 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.

### Correction

An addition is being made to the survivors of Agnes Burk published in the July 16 edition of the Times.

Survivors include her sons, Elmer of Tucson, Ariz., Robert of San Rafael, Calif., and Denis of Atwood; daughters, Nancy Williamson of Augusta, Ga., and Cherylin Smith of Othello, Wash; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; sisters, Lucene Krueger of Belmont, Calif., Jean Brickell of Denver, Colo., **Thelma Pifer of Fort Collins, Colo.**; Dolores Graff of McCook, Neb., and Janice Brown of Stockton, Calif.; other relatives and a host of friends.

## Show program announced

### Thresher Show school bell

During the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, the school bell will ring each day at 10:45 a.m., calling all youth ages 8 through 12 to learn about the creative magic of how to make beads with paper. Younger children must be accompanied by a parent.

### Grandma was an Economist

At 2 p.m. each day, the school bell will ring again calling all teenagers, mothers and grandmothers to learn how the grandmothers of the past created the magic of "making do" and how that same knowledge and skills can be applied to our lives in this frightening economic recession of today.

### Pedal tractor and car parade

A pedal tractor and car parade will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, at the Wilken's Building on the Thresher grounds. Tiny

tots through the second grade children are welcome to participate.

Registration is prior to the parade from 3 p.m. through 3:30 p.m. at the Wilken's Building. Free gate admission to the grounds at 3 p.m.

Children are encouraged to bring and ride their own pedal tractors or borrow one available at the Wilken's Building. Two small pedal Volkswagons will be available for tiny tots.

Parents and grandparents bring a camera for an excellent photo opportunity.

### Memorial dedication

The David Clark Memorial Toy Museum will hold its building dedication and ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 31.

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### Fun Run

For all ages! The first annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show Fun Run! Runners, walkers, and stroller-pushers are welcome, no bikes please.

There will be three courses to enter, the green course-a one-mile walk/run, the blue course-a two-mile walk/run and the black diamond course-a three-mile



walk/run.

For added fun, a special team run will take place on the green course called the "Go Fish!" Two to three on a team collect as many matching pairs of cards throughout the course as possible.

The Fun Run will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1 on the Thresher grounds. There is an entry fee and all participants receive an official Fun Run T-shirt. Medals will be given out to winners. Proceeds go toward the Cheylin Athletic Fund.

Entry packets can be picked up at the Fun Run booth 6 p.m. through 9 p.m. on Friday and one hour prior to race start time on Saturday. Come get healthy and have fun at the same time!

## Solemn occasion brings family from far away

On July 17 there was a funeral service at the Goodland Bible Church for Betty Cress, wife of former Jim Cress.

Sister-in-law, Jerry Cress, attended from Bird City with Pat Cress of St. Francis. Also attending the funeral were Dan and Linda Cress of Aurora, Colo., and Vernon Cress of Garden City.

There were 13 cousins who got together that day and later several of them visited at the home of Junior and Jerry Cress of Bird City. Those present were Lynette Nolan of St. Francis, LaNelle and Bob Netherton of

Titusville, Fla., Judy Van Holst of Colorado Springs, Colo., Alice Cress of Goodland, Larry Cress of Bellflower, Calif., Donna and Doug Taub of Windsore, Colo., Vicki Steppen of Beloit, and Susan Kriley of Wilson.

Other cousins unable to come that afternoon were Tim and Liz Cress of Weskan, and Cindy Cress of Goodland.

Some visitors had to leave early when they got a phone call from Goodland that Julie (Cress) Amsberry had been taken to the hospital with breathing problems. She has been on oxygen for several months.

## CHEYLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #103 BIRD CITY

Enrollment for Cheylin students will be held

Tues., Aug. 4 • 2-7 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 5 • 9 a.m.-noon/1-3 p.m.

GRADES K-12 WILL ENROLL AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY IN BIRD CITY

Kindergarten and new students will need to have their Certified Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, and Current Health Assessment when they register.

### ENROLLMENT FEES

Book Rental (K-6) = \$20 Book Rental (7-12) = \$35  
\*\*Family Limit of \$60 for Book Rental\*\*

Drivers Education=\$40 College Biology=\$10  
Activity Fee (6-12)=\$15 Biology=\$10 Industrial Arts=\$15  
Vo Ag Classes=\$30 Project Biology=\$10 Chemistry=\$10  
Band (4-12)=\$10 Drafting=\$10 Physics=\$10

### Elementary Meal/Milk Tickets

20 Day Breakfast = \$22 20 Day Lunch = \$36

### Middle/High School Meal Tickets

20 Day Breakfast = \$24 20 Day Lunch = \$40

Reduced Price Breakfast 30¢ Reduced Price Lunch 40¢

Applications for free/reduced price meals will be available. Reduced price meals are the same for K-12 students. Applications are also available in Spanish.

### FIRST SCHOOL DAY - MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Classes will begin at 8:15 a.m. and will be dismissed at 4:15 p.m. Kindergarten students will attend school on Tues., Wed. and Thurs. from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The first two weeks of school, kindergarten students will have class from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. They will eat lunch at school. Kindergarten students will ride the buses in the morning to school with other students. Parents will need to pick up their child at the elementary school in McDonald at 12:30 p.m. and in Bird City at 12:15 p.m.

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. 1 hr. 48 min.

### Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

July 24, 25 & 26 Action/Adventure, Science Fiction, Sequel and War

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## 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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Out-of-State - \$48

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