

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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A disturbing thought crossed my mind as my wife and I travelled along I-70 last weekend. Sporadic sightings were made of the skeletal remains of Stuckey's stores. Were they all gone?

You remember the place with the high pitched roof with "Stuckey's" written on it? The clean stores for gas and cold drinks? The spot that had those incredible pecan log rolls?

Well, after a little research on the computer, I was happy and reassured to know that Stuckey's is alive and well. Just not around here.

The Stuckey's story is another one of those "only in America" types. Started in 1937 by W.S. Stuckey Sr. with a pecan stand in Georgia. According to the company's website, www.stuckeys.com, "a venerable roadside oasis - and a heavenly heaven of souvenirs, cold drinks, hot snacks and pecan candy." At its height, over 350 stores stretched from the southeast to as far away as Connecticut and Oregon.

Sadly, when Mr. Stuckey passed away his business was sold to Pet Milk, Inc. in the late 1970s. Pet followed by selling the chain to IC Industries who, within a matter of months, sold the majority of stores for their real estate value and closed others. Less than 75 of the original businesses survived.

Luckily his son, W.S. Stuckey Jr., a Democratic Congressman from Georgia for several terms, repurchased the company in 1985.

The stores have been changed, allowing other recognizable names under the Stuckey roof. For instance, it is not unlikely to find a Dairy King along the pecan log rolls these days.

The last time I stopped at a Stuckeys, to the best of my memory, was in east Texas along I-10 in 1989. As far as I can tell the closest one today would still be in Texas or Missouri.

Perhaps some day, we'll have one along the interstate a little closer to home. I sure would like to pick up another pecan log roll.

Antique Engine and Thresher Show

Today (Thursday), is opening day for the 56th annual Thresher Show. Servicing equipment begins at 9:30 a.m. Thursday highlight event is the crowning of the 2009 Thresher Queen and Thresher Princess. Friday highlight is the crowning of the 2009 Auto Club Queen. There will be a Swap Meet Thursday through Saturday starting at 10:30 a.m. in building 5. On Saturday, join the early birds at 8 a.m. for the first Fun Run!

Cheylin school registration

Enrollment for kindergarten through 12th grades begin 2 p.m. through 7 p.m. on Tuesday, and on Wednesday, 9 a.m. through noon/1 p.m. through 3 p.m. Be sure to bring health records and birth certificates for new students and kindergartners. Welcome back Cheylin students!

Card shower

The family of Glenn Glasco wishes to honor him with a card shower for his 85th birthday on Aug. 3. Cards may reach him at 820 S. Denison, St. Francis, KS 67756 or P.O. Box 331, Bird City, KS 67731.

Carnival times

The carnival will start at 6 p.m. on Saturday night, not 4 p.m. as stated in the fair book. The Amusement Authority members and volunteers will have the carnival open at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. It will close at 11 p.m. on those nights but will be open until midnight on Saturday.

Dedication of toy museum

The David Clark Memorial Toy Museum will hold its building dedication and ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. on Friday. The building is located next to the Quilt Building on the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association grounds.

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. on Friday, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Dane Hansen Museum

The Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan is presenting "Ultra-Realistic Sculpture by Marc Sijan" scheduled to open on Aug. 7 and run through Oct. 4.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, 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.

Commodities to be distributed

Government surplus commodities will be distributed from 1 to 1:30

p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4, at the St. Francis Co-op community room. Pick up commodities in person or send a signed permission note with another individual. Cheyenne County address is required. Please bring a strong sack or box for items.

Guidelines are as follows (maximum monthly income): household of one - \$1,107; household of two - \$1,484; household of three - \$1,861; household of four - \$2,238; each additional family member \$377.

U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt

It's time to register for the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt on Sept. 18, 19, and 20. Those wanting 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.

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 please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Correction

The Quilt Show at the Antique Engine and Thresher Show in Bird City will be held at the Quilt Building on the Thresher Show Grounds. This is a change from what is noted in the article on Page 3 of last week's Thresher Show supplement. Also in the same supplement on Page 5, Chester (Chet) Sawyer not Sower.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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It is sure a busy time for those of us who live in the northwest corner of Kansas, and when I am busy, life is good.

Today (Thursday) is opening day for the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, and next week is the Cheyenne County Fair.

I mentioned I really enjoy being busy and really I am not the kind of person who will sit down when I know there is something to be done. I think I can safely say I am not much of a procrastinator.

I am looking forward to the next two weeks and being part of something outside myself, something my grandsons, Ivan and Joseph, can also take part in. I believe it is important to pass on to the next generation community and family traditions.

Just to change the momentum here a bit, but I am going to make a plug later, is the subject of college. College is not like it was when grades were the most important necessities in getting into a good university or college, now other ingredients are being added to the mixture for acceptance.

Recently, friends were visiting from Phoenix, Ariz., on their way to check out a nearby Colorado college. Now don't get the wrong idea that their soon-to-be graduate didn't have the grades or the money to get into a college closer to home — that was not the case. This very bright, intelligent student had not been involved in community or volunteer work. Something I believe says the future college graduate would be an asset and contributor to any town or city they choose to live. Enough said.

Now the plug, next year, 2010, will be Bird City's Quasquicen-

ennial celebration, that's 125 years! So, there is going to be a lot of stuff going on in addition to the annual celebrations such as the Thresher Show and Cheyenne Fair.

In August, several Bird City residents are getting together to start planning for this once in a lifetime party. We need ideas, help and volunteers to make this the greatest quasquicentennial celebration ever! Check for updates in the coming weeks, oh yeah something else, no previous experience with planning a quasquicentennial necessary.

Chatting with Cathy

Darci and I attended a meeting sponsored by the Kansas Association of Community Foundations on a new program funded by the Kansas Health Foundation this week. We are very excited about this opportunity for our community foundation and for Kansas community foundations.

The day began with a brief overview of the Transfer of Wealth study performed last year for the state of Kansas. The largest mass of wealth in history will transfer in the next 50 years from the World War II era to the Baby Boomers, and then on to their children. There is the urgency of capturing a portion of this transfer to benefit Kansas and our communities before it is passed on to heirs and charities in other states. Community foundations are taking a leadership role with the goal to capture only 5 percent of this transfer of wealth. In 2004, it was estimated that the net worth for the state of Kansas was \$545 billion. Even though the dollar amounts may have changed since 2004, the urgency is still there and we

need to grasp a portion of what is left.

The workshop continued on with a motivating presenter from Indiana talking about the importance of building endowments, or permanent funds, in our community foundations. The Kansas Health Foundations then presented the information on the new program, of which it's goal is to build alliances with other community foundations and assist us with creating endowments to sustain our community foundations. We plan to take advantage of this awesome opportunity given to us by the Kansas Health Foundation and we look forward to sharing and working with you to achieve our goals!

Bulletin Board

Obituary

Elizabeth Petersen Partch

March 16, 1922 - July 17, 2009

Elizabeth "Bette" Petersen Partch was born on March 16, 1922, in Bloomington, Neb. Her parents were R.C. and Bessye Kelly Petersen.

She grew up in the Danish community of Upland, Neb. Bette graduated from high school and the University of Nebraska.

She taught school in Iowa and then moved to Los Angeles to work in the war effort.

She married Rodney Partch in 1944. They moved to Kansas and lived in Hoxie, Manhattan, Beloit and Oberlin, when Rodney was working for the Cooperative Extension Service. Their two children, Sue and Ted, were born in Oberlin.

The family moved to Bird City and later to a farm south of town. In 2000, Bette bought a house and they moved into Bird City.

She loved art, especially ceramics, China painting and oil painting. Bette was very good at art and shared her talents with many people. Reading was another hobby she enjoyed for many years.

For 10 years, she was the editor of the *Bird City Times* newspaper. She taught kindergarten, art and English at Bird City. She also taught at Glendale country school, south of Bird City. Bette was a 4-H leader for the Happy Larks 4-H Club, which she and Rodney organized.

Later in life, Bette gradually lost her hearing, but not her love for life. She died July 17, 2009, in Benkelman, Neb.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Rodney, of nearly 65 years; her daughter, Sue Laubhan and her husband, Glenn of Salina and a granddaughter, Shelly Blake and her husband, Tim of Mission; her son, Ted Partch and his wife, Carol of Bird City and grandchildren, Jill Paugh and Drew of Ellis, Randy Partch and

Katie of Benkelman and Kevin Partch of Kearney, Neb., and a great-grandson, Cooper Paugh.

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 20, at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City with Pastor Becky Davison officiating.

Casket bearers were Kevin Partch, Randy Partch, Tim Blake, Drew Paugh, Steve Busse and Don Gilliland.

Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Magician, illusionist to perform at fair

By Karen Krien

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Friday's grandstand show at the Cheyenne County Fair may well be classified as "unforgettable."

Mario Manzini, an escape artist illusionist, Magician as well as an Elvis impersonator, will be appearing in front of the grandstand at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 7. On Thursday, during the Horse vs Horsepower event, Manzini will be performing a daring escape comparable to those of Houdini.

Mario was born and raised in New York City and has been

practicing his profession since he was 6-years-old. He has appeared on many major television shows and specials.

"He is a top professional performer who can hold and entertain, whether he is escaping, using magic and illusion or impersonating Elvis."

There will also be a session of good ole country music.

There will be a little bit of everything to please the audience, said Clay Zimbelman, one of the fair board members.

Look for more on Mario Manzini in next week's *Herald and Times*.

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m.

1 hr. 27 min.

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs

July 31, Aug. 1 & 2

Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, Queen Latifah, Simon Pegg

Comedy, Kids/Family, Animation and Sequel

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Wednesday, Aug. 19

1:30 p.m.

Basement of Cheyenne County Clinic Conference Room. For more information contact Mila Bandel, RN County Health Nurse 785-332-2381 ext. 231.

August Calendar

Dr. Frankum	Aug. 5 & 19
Dexascax	Aug. 12
Dr. Johnson	Aug. 17
Dr. Reeves	Aug. 19
Dr. Saba	Aug. 21
Dr. Uyermera	Aug. 24 Clinic
Dr. Uyermera	Aug. 26 Surgery

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