



# Bulletin Board

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

sc McCormick@nwkans.com I know that we are not the first parents to send a son or daughter off to college. But that still doesn't fill the empty space in our lives left by our boy, Trevor.

Time has been the culprit by moving too fast. From his senior year, high school graduation, to making plans and road-trips visiting his new home, all has happened too quickly.

This past weekend was the final trip to Wichita before the

last "good-byes" were spoken. We got through the moving and shopping chores, putting off the inevitable. But it finally came.

Now that we are back without him a shadow follows us. Familiar sights and sounds are not as they should be.

I've felt this way before. It's much like a death in the family. We are going through a "mourning process."

But time will turn around and then become a comfort. Days will pass and normalcy will return. But we are not there yet.

## Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

dublinks@hotmail.com I was just sitting here wondering what I would write about this week since my husband asked me not to write about the president or what he is doing anymore, which sure took a chunk of potential ranting off the list.

So, I went to my emails and started going through them, and what I read has been moving through the Christian community and my own thoughts, the subject of attitude and choice.

When you really take a close look at those two words, they are quite powerful. And when used together they can literally make or break your day before you even get out of bed!

Take Donna Vanderput for instance, her foundational attitude is that God is providential and nothing is by chance. Her accident became an opportunity to speak to people of many nations without leaving her

hospital bed, let's see the president do that!

Having said that, I would like to bind providence, choice, and attitude to together with one rope for you to consider how each is important to the other two.

Providence would say that there is a path to one's destiny and on that path are opportunities of various natures to develop character, financial stability, integrity, courage, etc., good things. Chance would say there is path to one's destiny and on that path are the same opportunities, however, one is unsure of the nature of the opportunity and it gets away. Happens all the time.

When a person chooses providence over chance, their attitude changes from being a victim of their destiny to a victor of their destiny.

I would like to finish this up with a request from Donna, read John 9:1-3. Now that is Providence.

## Chatting with Cathy

The Northwest Kansas Travel Council (NWKTC) has worked diligently since 1980 to promote tourism and recreation in the 18-county area of northwest Kansas, and has become a self-supporting organization that is respected around the state for tourism promotion. In 2005, a group of western Kansas organizations commissioned Fermata, Inc. to develop a strategy for experiential tourism in western Kansas. It is our strategy to develop tourism that lets visitors not only "see" northwest Kansas, but "experience" it as well.

Our efforts begin with the Na-

tive American history that is such a big part of Kansas history. We hope that our efforts will help tourists better understand that history, and in turn, better understand Kansas. Fermata was especially impressed with the quality of the geologic, scenic and natural experiences that western Kansas has to offer. In the northwest part of Kansas, Fermata fell in love with the area from Sharon Springs north through the Arikaree Breaks where the traveler is often treated to landscapes devoid of the hand of man.

The council has contracted with First Generation Video, and a per-

sonal interview has been conducted and filmed of Tobe Zweygardt about the history of the area. Now the council would like to film Mr. Zweygardt in the environment of the Breaks and let him become the storyteller that so naturally comes to him. This second phase of our plan involves financial assistance from individuals and organizations in the area. The Breaks Task Force once again will contract with First Generation Video for a combination "History Channel and Travel Channel" video. The video would be about 10 minutes long, with additional interview segments from Mr. Zweygardt that would be used on the council's web site. The DVD would be available at tourist destination sites throughout Kansas, including museums, visitor centers, and would be shown at sport and travel shows attended by the council in Denver, Wichita, Omaha, and Kansas City.

I serve on the Breaks Task Force, so if you would like more information on this tourism project for our area, or to make a contribution, please contact the Bird City Century II Development Foundation office at 785-734-2556 or stop by to chat!

### Senior Center

Bird City Senior Center will have their monthly potluck at noon on Monday. Bring a favorite dish.

### Bird City 125-year celebration

The first meeting to discuss the quasiqucentennial event will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27, at the City Hall conference room. All interested people should attend to help make this the best quasiqucentennial celebration Bird City has ever seen!

### Recycle bins

Bird City recycle bins have been relocated to the southwest corner of Bird Avenue and 7th Street, under the water tower.

### Cheylin School is opened

For information, school notices and alerts, and sports events, visit the Cheylin's website at www.cheylin.com.

### Hunter Safety

Certification Classes Hunter Safety Certification Classes will be held Tuesday, Aug. 25, Thursday, Aug. 27, and Friday, Aug. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 29 from 9 a.m. until ?? The classes will take place at the Cheyenne County Wildlife Gun Club in St. Francis. Check ad in this issue for additional information.

### Second-Hand Smoke session

The final session of Second-Hand Smoke Education will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27, at Peace Lutheran Church. A special speaker will be present and the group will be given their toolkit. Lunch will be provided.

The session is provided by the Ministerial Association and the Kansas Department of Health and Education.

### Common Threads Quilt Guild

Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at Sainty Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

### Genealogy workshop

The date for the Genealogy Workshop at the Goodland Library has been changed from Saturday, Sept. 12 to Saturday, Aug. 29. The contact information and registration number is 785-899-5461 [Goodland Public Library]. The time is 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Call to register. This workshop is free.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to get started in genealogy research and for those who just need more information. Sponsored by Daughters of the American Revolution.

### 5K Walk-a-thon

A 5K walk-a-thon is being held at 7 p.m. on Friday. Interested people should gather at the city park at the Shrine Shelter. The walk, organized by Weight Watchers members, is open to everyone. For more information, call (785) 332-3300 or (785) 332-5117.

### Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3, in the clinic

basement meeting room in St. Francis.

### 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.

### Cemetery tour planned

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

### Western Plains Arts Association

Programs for September • Sunday, Sept. 13, 3 p.m. - The Boulder Acoustic Society will present a lively band program of fiddle, accordion and drum music in Oberlin.

• Sunday, Sept. 27, 3 p.m. - The Russian virtuoso musicians, The Flying Balalaika Brothers, dressed in traditional colorful costumes, will perform their folk music and also music melding with American bluegrass and contemporary international acoustic styles in St.

Francis.

• Monday, Sept. 28: A school performance of The Flying Balalaika Brothers for St. Francis students.

### 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.

# First fun run held in Bird City

On Aug. 2, many Bird City residents looked outside their windows and saw a train of 77 walkers and runners completing their routes in the First Annual Tri-State Thresher Show Fun Run. Participants were from as near as the neighborhood of Bird City and as distant as Peoria, Ariz, and ages ranged from babies to grandmas.

Contestants had a choice between three courses: Green (1.3 miles), Blue (2.3 miles), and Black Diamond (3.3 miles). Younger runners also formed teams to collect cards in the Go Fish! Green Course run.

All racers began and ended the event on the Thresher Show grounds and each route took them in and around town. Proceeds from the Fun Run will help support the Cheylin Athletic Department.

Trophies were presented to the overall winners of each course. The winners of each division received medals.

### Go Fish! Green Course

First place went to CJ Antholz of McDonald and Ivan Kemp of Bird City. Placing second was Jack Kish of St. Louis, Mo. and Jane Young of Bird City. Third place went to Alex Hazuka and Jacob Serrano of Bird City.

### Green Course

Overall winner was Kylie Martinez of Lyons with 9:55 minutes. In the youth division, Kylie placed first. Megan Schottler of Lyons took second place, and Ben Vyzourek of North Platte, Neb., placed third.

In the women's division, taking first place was Brenda Sechrist of Hillsboro. In second place was Cammie Vyzourek of North Platte, Neb., and third place went to Heather Prideaux of Atwood.

### Blue Course

Overall winner was Tanner Sechrist of Hillsboro with a time of 21:05 minutes.

In the youth division, Tanner placed first, taking second was Reece Leonard of McDonald, and Gabe Vyzourek of North Platte, Neb. place third.

In the women's division, in first place was Kayla Bursch of Bird City, second place went to Laurie Leonard of McDonald, and a three-way tie for third went to Stacey Hazuka, Barb Merklin, and Belinda Serrano all of Bird City.

In the men's division, Wayne Sager of Salina placed first and Treg Vyzourek of North Platte, Neb. placed second.

### Black Diamond Course

Overall winner was Michael Sager of Bird City with a time of 20:08 minutes.

In the youth division, Jamie Flaherty of Burrton placed first, second place was Emily Sechrist of Hillsboro, and Justin Bressler of Happy, Tex. placed third.

In the women's division, Macie Schottler of Lyons took first place, Stephanie Wilson of Pamona placed second, and taking third place was Lori Janicke of Bird City.

In the men's division, Michael Sager of Bird City placed first, Garret Sager of Salina took second place in the race, and Chad Hendricks of Bird City placed third.

This special event was made possible by the sponsorship of the following, 2nd Beginnings Thrift Store, Ag Repair Service, Bird City

## School Menu

Monday, Aug. 24  
Breakfast: tornados  
Lunch: pizza stromboli, tater triangles  
Tuesday, Aug. 25  
Breakfast: sausage gravy, biscuit  
Lunch: chicken patty, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll  
Wednesday, Aug. 26  
Breakfast: English muffin, boiled egg  
Lunch: taco salad, vegetables, dessert

Thursday, Aug. 27  
Breakfast: bagel  
Lunch: hamburger sandwich, baked beans  
Friday, Aug. 28  
Breakfast: pancakes  
Lunch: turkey sandwich, french fries  
Breakfast is served with toast, cereal, juice and milk  
Lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk

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**CHEYENNE THEATER** St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747  
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**CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL** 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104  
**CN Hospital, Clinic & Health Dept. Announces**  
**Cheyenne County Fall Health Fair**  
Sept. 14-18, 2009  
**Lab Draw Dates:**  
Monday, Sept. 14 - Wednesday, Sept. 16  
No appointments needed  
Fast for Chem Panel Lab test  
**Exam Dates:**  
Wednesday, Sept. 16 - Friday, Sept. 18  
Appointments needed for exams  
Breast, Cervical for women  
Prostate for men  
For more information contact Erika Zimbelman, Clinic Manager at 785-332-2682 or Mila Bandel, RN County Health Nurse at 785-332-2381 ext. 231.

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