



Casey's Comments

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As a longtime Boston Red Sox devotee, I find it very hard to write anything positive about those "Damn Yankees" in New York. The hostilities between baseball fans of the two clubs are similar to the standard friendship between a snake and a mongoose.

But sometimes you have to give credit where credit is due. Last Friday night, Yankee shortstop and team captain, Derek Jeter, broke a record that had stood since April 29, 1939. With a single past the Baltimore first baseman, Jeter passed Lou Gehrig's team record of 2,721 career hits.

What makes this so remarkable is all the talent the New York Yankees have carried over the years. Men like Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle and Don Mattingly, just to name a few, have played in the Bronx, wearing the ever constant Yankee

pinstripes.

Yet, it took a skinny kid from Kalamazoo, Mich., to overtake the Iron Horse.

And, although he's a Yankee, Jeter has accomplished this as a gentleman and class act. With so many professional athletes spending as much time before a judge as in the club house, it is refreshing to see a man behave like the role model he is for many kids.

So at age 35, where will Jeter's stats end? Chances are very good that he will surpass 3,000 career hits. He recently told New York team executive, Gene Michael, that he would like to play another 10 years.

Only two players have reached the 4,000 hit mark: Pete Rose (4,256) and Ty Cobb (4,189). Perhaps the day will come when Derek Jeter passes them.

Congratulations are in order — even for a Yankee.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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I believe honesty is the best way to live, and the most difficult for me. I can really say that because for decades I lived a semi-honest life. You may think there is no such word and there isn't, I made it up. However, I have a feeling semi-honest could quickly become widely accepted within 50 years if we do not set up the standard now that honesty cannot be compromised.

You hear it all the time — everyone wants honesty. Yet we know that surveys taken on honesty suggest that the most "honest" employee will take something from the workplace, a pen, paper clips, etc. I know that most people would think, "Oh come on, a pen?" Nevertheless, it is stealing.

While in prison, a cold, hard fact pierced my soul - if I did not ask for it, it is stealing. The example my instructor gave was taking sugar packets from the prison dining room without asking. He went on to say that stealing is one of over 50 criminal profiles. And for your information, long hair is not a criminal profile.

So what am I getting at? I have seen the compromise that is beginning to show in the next generation. Honesty, truth, integrity, is being set up for compromise and this should not be so.

Dr. Evert Piper, president of Oklahoma Wesleyan University, spoke at the Bird City Wesleyan Church on Sunday and he said something everyone should grab a hold of.

"Truth is not a matter of opinion, not mine or yours," said Dr. Piper. This could be said for all of the virtues such as honesty and integrity. I have heard college students say that it was acceptable to steal food if the person was hungry.

I mentioned to the group, "What if it was your sandwich?"

My thought in all of this is that we should not be silent when we hear such compromise among our youth. We have already seen it happening in our leaders and businesspeople that have accepted the "fly" of prosperity at the cost of letting the weighty "camel" of honesty and integrity slip away.

Pumpkin Patch festival planned for Sunday

By Karen Krien
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Fall is here and it is time for the Pumpkin Patch Festival!

The festival is set for 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Bonnie Zwegardt residence, 3 miles south of Western Auction on Rd. 14. Look for the pumpkins and hay bales at the mailbox on the east side of the road.

Coordinated by Mary Lou Douthit, Mrs. Zwegardt, Tammy Grice and Allison, the afternoon promises an afternoon of entertainment and a chance to purchase items for the home, business or for gifts.

Some of the items include: hand-painted wood items, pilgrims,

floral wreaths and arrangements. There are felted pumpkins, cornstalks, bats, ghosts and a whole lot more.

Others joining the festival are:

- Robyn Raile with a variety of smoked jerky flavors from Monty's Smoked Jerky.
- Lana Johnson, Iron Metal Works, will have metal signs for all occasions.
- Mary Maxwell, Double M Designs, will have handcrafted jewelry.
- Melissa Stramel, Lilac Lane, will display handmade purses and totes.

"Come join us for a 'ladies day' in the country," Mrs. Zwegardt said.

Bulletin Board

Barbecue sponsored by First National Bank and Peoples State Bank

Today (Thursday), First National Bank and Peoples State Bank are sponsoring a barbecue meal in the Cheylin Elementary cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Coronation/Pep Rally

Today (Thursday) is the Cheylin Coronation/Pep Rally at the Cheylin football field at 7:30 p.m.

Booster Club Mexican meal

Cheylin Booster Club is hosting an authentic Mexican meal before the Homecoming game on Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the football concession stand.

Cheylin football

Today (Thursday), Cougar junior high school football team and boys flag football will be up against Golden Plains. Flag football will begin at 4:30 p.m. and junior high tackle will follow at 5 p.m. at the Cheylin football field.

Friday, the high school football team will play against Haxton for the Homecoming game and kick off time is 7:30 p.m.

On Monday, high school junior varsity football will play against Weskan on home field; kick off at 5:30 p.m.

Cheylin volleyball

Today (Thursday) Cougar junior high volleyball teams A and B will play against Golden Plains, first ball served at 4 p.m. in the Cheylin gymnasium.

Friday will see the high school team up against Heartland Christian starting at 5 p.m. in the Cheylin gymnasium.

On Tuesday, the high school volleyball team will spike a ball against Brewster/Golden Plains in Brewster beginning the serve at 4 p.m.

Pumpkin Patch Festival

On Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. a Pumpkin Patch Festival is being held at the home of Bonnie Zwegardt. (note directions in ad). It will be a ladies day in the country with a number of items for sale by a number of ladies. Check ad items being sold and additional details.

Conservation Stewardship Program signup

Sept. 30 is the first cutoff date for Conservation Stewardship Program (applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2010 funding). Stop by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center on west US highway 36 in St. Francis and visit with the Natural Resources Conservation Service or local conservation district staff to get more information about helping address your resource concerns.

Web site: <http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/

Common Threads Quilt Guild

Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Sainty Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will be holding their first meeting this fall at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5, at the St. Francis Senior Citizen's Center. Sylvia Reinhart will be giving eye donor information. Hostesses are Anita Miller and Betty Loudon.

Nashville Portraits: Photographs by Jim McGuire

Dane G. Hansen Museum, Logan, is presenting "Nashville Portraits: Photographs by Jim McGuire,

organized by the Morris Museum of Art, Augusta, Ga, from Oct. 9 through Dec. 6.

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.

Upcoming Western Plains Arts Association programs

• 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.

School Menu

- Monday, Sept. 21**
Breakfast: yogurt, boiled eggs
Lunch: hard shell taco, rice, vegetable
- Tuesday, Sept. 22**
Breakfast: sausage patty
Lunch: hot dog or chili dog, dessert
- Wednesday, Sept. 23**
Breakfast: waffles

- Lunch: turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, roll
- Thursday, Sept. 24**
Breakfast: egg cheese biscuit
Lunch: pizza burger, fries
Breakfast is served with toast, cereal, juice and milk.
Lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk.

Food bank planned

Donations are now being accepted for the Cheylin Community Food Bank. Kris Burns and several volunteers will be operating the food bank throughout the year and the bank will benefit the communities of Bird City and McDonald. Canned and boxed items can

be dropped off at the following locations, Bird City United Methodist Church; 530 W. Bressler, Bird City Hometown Market and McDonald Grocery. To have donations conveniently picked up call Kris at 785-734-7060. Food is available to anyone who requests it.

Bird City News

Guest of Paul and Edna Roesener during the last week of August were Edna's two nieces, Mary Frances O'Brien of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Anna Marie Barnett of Rudoso

Downs, N.M. Tuesday evening they called on Roy and Karen Shrader, and Grant. They all enjoyed a birthday cake for Mary Frances and Anna Marie.

Golf tourney held



Nineteen teams participated in the three-man scramble at Riverside Recreation on Sunday, Sept. 13.

The teams were divided into a championship flight and a first flight.

Winning the championship flight was the team of Lauer, Crabtree and Grace. Two teams tied for second place including Johnson, Daise and Daise and Lauer, Smull and Smull. There was also a tie for fourth place. Teams involved include the team of Pfortmiller, Glad and Organ and the team of McKain, Roesener and Sabatka.

Lauer, Lampe and Raile won first place in the first flight. Tying for second place were the teams of Frewen, Gilliland and Schultz and Dodd, Wolters and Cassidy. Winning fourth place was the team of Burns, Doyle and Dickie.

Hole prize winners include the following:
Long putt, number one: Russ

Doyle, 15-2.

Closest to the pin, number two: Jason Johnson, 6-4.

Long putt, number three: Mat Norman, 24-4.

Closest to the pin, number four: Dale Crabtree 4-7.

Long putt, number five: Dustin Gilliland, 49-2.

Long putt, number six: Gene Dodd, 23-0.

Closest to the pin, number seven: Rich Grace, 16-1.

Long putt, number eight: Rod Bracelin, 56-6.

Closest to the pin, second shot, number nine: Roger Myers, 5-1.

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Cheylin Homecoming Events

Thursday, Sept. 17: Junior high volleyball vs Golden Plains, 4 p.m.; Junior high football vs Golden Plains, 5:30 p.m.

Pep Rally & Bonfire to follow on 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18: High school volleyball vs Heartland 5 p.m.; High school football vs Haxton 7:30

Booster Club sponsoring a **Mexican Meal** starting at 6 p.m. Tacos or Chili Rellenos, Charro Beans, Spanish Rice, Cookie Bar, Horchata or Jamaica for \$5/meal

Free POPCORN for all GRANDPARENTS in honor of Grandparents week. Compliments of the Cheylin Booster Club. Get your membership at the game.

Come out and cheer on the Cougars!!!

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Saturday, Sept. 19
in St. Francis Clinic
8 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26
in Bird City Clinic
8- 11 a.m.

(no appointments needed)

Flu shots will be available in both clinics and in County Health after Sept. 19.

We will not have Saturday clinic on Sept. 19 or 26 due to flu vaccination clinics.

Call St. Francis Clinic 785-332-2682, Bird City Clinic 785-734-2306 or County Health Department 785-332-2381 with questions regarding flu vaccination.

Check your renewal dates

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