By Casey McCormick

scmccormick@nwkansas.com Isn't it funny how some material objects can lose their need with time? What brings this to mind are two unusual items that I had not too long after high school. One was a bull Buffalo mount and the other was a Coke machine.

I came into possession of the Bison head while I was going to college in Arizona. A buddy was an animal keeper at the Phoenix Zoo and he told me about the mount that was going up for sale at an auction. Why someone had donated it to the zoo always baffled me. But it was something I had to have.

I got it for a few bucks and it was soon hanging on my wall. I named it Ralphie (after the University of neck beer bottle perfectly. All was Colorado mascot) and it moved with me to Louisiana and back home to Colorado.

The Coke machine was pretty old and beat up when I first saw it. I had gone to work with my brother at the Benjamin Moore Paint factory, which used to be near where Coor's Field now sits in Denver. The company bought a new machine, so I was able to purchase the old one for \$50.

to my delight could hold a long-



good until my little brother and his buddies figured out they could empty the machine with a handful

The Buffalo mount is now in one of the fraternity houses at CU and the pop machine ended up with Rick Rojas, a friend from work. I imagine it's still at his home in South Phoenix.

As I said, it's funny how the things that I thought I needed in After lugging the heavy beast to my 20s aren't all that important my folk's house, it was cleaned and now. But they do make for a good

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider dublinls@hotmail.com

Do you think you could spot would call attention to them, but still, they are my heroes.

through volunteers, I was matched up with is my first hero.

Taffy Christiansen

airport in Tucson, Ariz., and taught come in. me the love of Christ. I think heroes are like that, they teach.

no one could teach or reach me. more thoughtful and thankful of

season for kids ages 5 through

On Saturday, the basketball skill

camp will begin with participants

learning defense and rebounding

skills beginning at 9 a.m.

through 11 a.m. at the McDonald

gymansium. The next skill camp

will take place on Dec. 5, at 3

p.m. through 5 p.m. in McDonald

and focus on ball handling and

The camps are free to all junior

hoops registered participants and

a minimal fee to those who would

like to participant but did not

fifth grade.

shooting.

I take that back, before Christ my hero was Batman.

You know teachers are heroes, a hero when you saw one? You supermarket clerks and meat know, not all heroes look like counters (someone who counts Bruce Willis or Mel Gibson. All meat) are heroes, pastors are of the heroes in my life have never heroes, gas station attendants are had any outward appearance that heroes, postal workers are heroes, restaurant owners are heroes, spouses are heroes, co-workers When I was released from are heroes, bosses are heroes, and Christian now you add to the list.

One of the lessons Taffy began a woman named Taffy. Yeah, she teaching me was how to be compassionate and think of others is above myself. I said she "began," 70-something, never saw me it is a continuing process and this before in her life, met me at the is where the heroes in my life

I know I should be always thankful, but in the upcoming Before Christ I had no heroes; holiday months, I am going to be And I could not spot one if my life the heroes in my life now and the depended upon it. Now they are ones who don't know they are my

The first Junior Hoop league

game will be on Sunday and

begin at 3 p.m. The next games

are Dec. 6 and 13. At the Dec.

13 game, Junior Hoopers will get

the chance to win a league game

During the Dec. 4 and Dec.

18, Cheylin High School varsity

basketball game half-times in

McDonald, the kids will get the

opportunity to demonstrate their

basketball skills. Check out the

Cheylin School website at www.

cheylin.com and click on calendar

for updates on Junior Hoops and

Bulletin Board

McCook Farm and Ranch Expo

is Wednesday and Thursday, Nov.

18 and 19, in McCook at the Red

Willow County Fairgrounds.

Show opens at 9 a.m. both days,

closes at 7 p.m. on Wednesday

and 4 p.m. on Thursday. For more

information, contact Darren Dale,

Weight Watcher's meeting

Weight Watcher's will meet at 5

p.m. on Tuesday at the Methodist

Church in St. Francis. The date

has been changed because of the

Wreaths Across

America Ceremony

coming to WaKeeney on Dec. 12.

The Civil Air Patrol will sponsor

the 4th annual Wreaths Across

America ceremony at the Kansas

Veterans Cemetery at WaKeeney

at 11 a.m. on Dec. 12, when seven

ceremonial wreaths will be placed

to remember those who gave their

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,

Recovery Today/

Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at

School Menu

Monday, Nov. 23

Breakfast: biscuit, boiled egg

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Thanksgiving lunch

potato, roll

Lunch: steak nuggets, baked

Breakfast: hash browns, sausage

Lunch: turkey supreme, mashed

Nov. 20, 21 & 22

Max Records, Catherine Keener, Mark

Ruffalo, Lauren Ambrose, Chris Cooper

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

or Friday at 785-462-3572.

lives in service for this country.

Wreaths Across America is

Thanksgiving holiday.

866-685-0989.

Early deadline

The St. Francis Herald and the Bird City Times will be published a day early Thanksgiving week (Nov. 26 issue). The deadline for ads, articles and pictures for that paper will be Friday, Nov. 20 at 5 p.m. The paper will be in the St. Francis Post Office on Tuesday, Nov. 24, and on the routes on Wednesday, Nov. 25, so everyone have the information concerning the activities and the specials for the Christmas opening.

Junior Hoops

Junior Hoops basketball will begin at 9 a.m. through 11 a.m. on Saturday with Skills Camp. On Sunday, games will begin at 3 p.m. Both events will be at the McDonald gymnasium.

Cheylin basketball On Friday, Cougar junior high basketball teams will play on home court in McDonald against Dighton. Games begin at 4:30

Low impact aerobics

Cheylin Recreation Commission is offering low-impact aerobic classes Monday through Thursday,

5:10 to 6:00 p.m. until Dec. 21, in the Cheylin High School gymnasium, led by Tina Sager.

> **Community Thanksgiving** Service

On Monday, the Wesleyan Church of Bird City will be hosting this year's Community Thanksgiving Service. Service begins at 7 p.m. followed by a time of fellowship and food.

Thanksgiving boxes

Looking for volunteers that will help in distributing the Thanksgiving boxes on Monday. Sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance, volunteers are asked to be at the United Methodist Church in Bird City on Monday at 1 p.m.

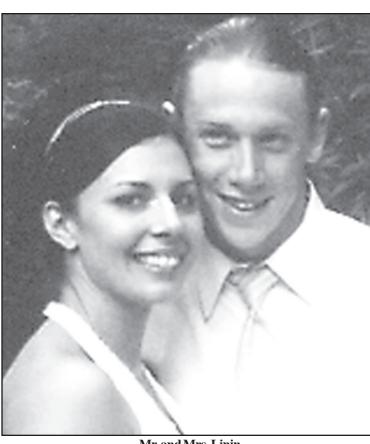
Senior Center

The Bird City Senior Center will not be having their monthly potluck lunch for November.

> **Cheylin Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner**

It is that time again! Cheylin School will be hosting the Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner on Dec. 9. Reservations must be made by Dec. 3. Call Deanna Nelsen at 785-734-2351

Farm show



Mr. and Mrs. Linin

Couple announce vows in California wedding

Samantha Puentes and Zach The couple spent their honeymoon in Crescent City, Calif., by Pastor Lake, Calif. Bob Sirrine.

Yvonne Puentes, Eureka, Calif. McKimnleyville, Crescent City, and Rex Linin, Bird

Maid of honor was Becka Garrison, Honolulu, Hawaii. Bridesmaid was Amanda Crater, Sunset Beach, Calif.

Best man was Ronnie Caron, Crescent City. Groomsman was the brother of the bride, Mark Westfall, Eureka.

residence following the wedding. contractor.

Linin were married Sept. 20, 2009, on a house boat located on Shasta

The bride is a 2000 graduate Samantha is the daughter of of McKinleyville High School, Zach is the son of Dody McLeod, a 2005 graduate of University of California, Berkeley where she earned a degree in dance and performance studies and environmental policy education.

The groom graduated from Cheylin High School, Bird City, in 2003. In 2004, he graduated from WyoTech, Laramie, Wyo., with a degree in collision and refinishing. A reception was held at a private He is now a self-employed tile

Children 12 & Under: \$3

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\$5

or **Dennis Wright** in Bird City at 785-734-2490

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United Methodist Educational

Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or

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is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday

evening at the United Methodist

Education Building at 104 W.

Webster, St. Francis. Call (785)

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number 1-800-794-4624.

potatoes and gravy, roll

No School

bar, fruit and milk

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Thursday, Nov. 26

Happy Thanksgiving!

toast, cereal, juice and milk

Breakfast is served daily with

Lunch is served daily with salad

1 hr. 34 min.

Comedy, Kids/Family, Science Fiction/

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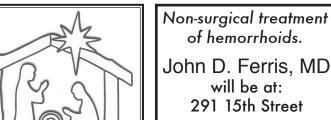
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332-6542 for more information

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adventure action and brief language.

All Others: \$5



Where the Wild Things Are

School Menu

Wednesday, Nov. 25 Saturday, Nov. 28

Burlington, CO

For information or appointment, call 1-800-593-0009



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(USPS 056-720)

register with the fee payable at the other Cheylin events.

Camp beginning soon

the 2009 Junior Hoops basketball and a snack

Commission is gearing up for will get a reversible jersey, a drink,

Cheylin Recreation door. In addition, Junior Hoopers

basketball.

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Early Deadline

The week of Thanksgiving, The Herald and Times will be coming out early so everyone will have their paper which will include the Treasure Hunt numbers.

> Articles and Ads Deadline is Friday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. for the Nov. 26 paper.

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