



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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It's 9:00 on a Thursday morning as I sit at my computer in the newspaper office. The temperature outside is listed at -2 on the Weather Channel website. Factor in the wind-chill and nobody in their right mind should be outside. And what am I thinking about? A beautiful, plump, sitting high on its shell, Blue Point oyster!

I know, I know, not everyone loves raw oysters. But for me they are truly one of life's great pleasures.

When I was a kid my folks liked to bombard my siblings and me with a variety of different types of food. Maybe it was because my Dad was in the Navy in WWII. Perhaps it came from Mom's side. Her father, Howard McIntyre, was also in the newspaper business, working for the Canton Repository in Ohio. Mother says he was always bringing home new items that the local markets brought in to advertise. Where ever it came from, there were no picky eaters

at our house.

I remember a trip to Florida to visit the McIntyre grandparents. They had relocated to Bradenton Beach, on the Gulf side, and we stayed at a hotel not far away. Each evening we would gorge ourselves on oysters on the half shell for a nickel each.

Later, when I was living in Lafayette, Louisiana, I found a restaurant that served an oyster platter with a dozen prepared in a variety of ways. Every kind from Oysters Rockefeller, to fried, to a bisque. Yum!

Another great place was a little joint in Baton Rouge, not far from the LSU campus, that offered a mean oyster Po-Boy sandwich.

Nowadays, whenever Lezlie and I get a chance to travel, we both enjoy hunting down a seafood restaurant. But today I will stay close to the warmth of the Herald office and do my work with the phone and dream of a bivalve waiting for me in a more moderate climate.

Kansas Day

Kansas Day will be observed on Friday, Jan. 29, at the Bird City Legion hall. Registration begins at 10, with a potluck lunch at noon, followed by a special "History Detectives" program.

Go-Getters

Today (Thursday), the Bird City Go-Getters 4-H Club will have their monthly meeting. Begins at 6 p.m. in the Lutheran Church basement. Refreshments will be provided.

Home Circle Club

Secretary Dorothy Chipperfield will be the hostess for the January meeting of the Home Circle Club. It will be held at 2 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Manor.

Story time

Bird City Library Story time will begin on Friday, Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. Ages 4 through 7 are invited to enjoy an hour of crafts and reading.

Cheylin basketball

Today (Thursday), Cheylin junior high basketball teams will travel to Winona to play against Triplains. Game begins at 4 p.m.

The Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament begins on Friday with the Cougar high school playing in Colby with the boys beginning at 3 p.m. On Saturday, the games will be announced. For

more information, go to www. cheylin.com.

On Tuesday, it's the Cougar high school basketball teams going to Bethue to play. Games start at 3 p.m.

Scholar's Bowl

The Western Kansas Liberty League Scholar's Bowl will meet in Grainfield on Wednesday, meet begins at 12 p.m. For updates, go online at www.cheylin.com.

Emergency planning

A "tabletalk" orientation meeting for the public is being planned for 6:45 p.m. tonight (Thursday) to discuss an emergency plan that includes an area for unloading, holding, testing, and quarantining animals that are suspected to have hoof and mouth diseases. Gary Rogers, Emergency Manager, will conduct the meeting.

Common Threads Quilt Guild

Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at Sainty Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

Pro-Life baby shower

The Knights of Columbus Pro-Life baby shower, which collects items that are needed to raise an infant, is taking place in January. Items will be donated to the Mary Elizabeth Home for Unwed Mothers. Those interested may donate things such as blankets,

diapers, bottles, clothing, etc., or may make cash donations. Take items to the Catholic church in Bird City or St. Francis or call Dennis Wright or Mike Anholoz.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 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.

Starting in January, the Veterans' Service representative will only be in St. Francis on the third Thursday of each month.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Alzheimer's

There will not be an Alzheimer's/ Dementia Support Group meeting in January.

Personal Finance Information
"Personal Finance Information" class, Jan. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., St. Francis Public Library. Free. Call 332-2399 or 332-6197 for money management and tax information. Leigh Ann Bandel and Carol Redding.

Monday Night Basketball Party

All men are urged to come watch the Kansas State-Texas basketball game on Monday night, beginning at 8 p.m., at the Cheyenne County Wildlife Gun Club. This event is

hosted by the First Christian Church men's ministry. Call Brad Matthies at 785-772-7313 for more information.

Western Plains Arts Association

The Wichita Children's Theatre will present a melodrama, "Miss Clara's Classroom Calamity" in schools in Quinter, Winona, Sharon Springs and Hoxie on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 21 and 22.

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.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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If you want to see some good old fashion patriotism, go to a rodeo. If you want to see God praised and acknowledged for blessing this nation, go to a rodeo.

Our family, Brad, myself and our grandsons, Ivan and Joseph, went on our second annual visit to Denver, Colo., to watch the Stock Show, particularly the rodeo.

Before coming to Kansas, we had gone to only one other rodeo and it was good, but it wasn't like the rodeo in Denver.

And I believe there is something to be said about folks who are not shy about their love for this country.

I have heard our nation's leaders apologize for the way we live here, so it was refreshing to hear the announcer say, "Please stand and remove your hats in respect

for our nation's flag." You want to know something, I believe this year is going to see changes in how the American people feel about their country.

I recently watched a Christian talk show and the guest said something very interesting, he said that you won't find people moving to countries that are non-Christian, even non-Christians don't want to live in their own countries. The reason he said was because of the freedoms Christian nations have. I believe it.

We have so much freedom, it literally binds the American people up! That statement is what is called an oxymoron-it contradicts itself.

Anyway, it was pretty amazing for me to hear the unabashed pride that I saw at the Denver rodeos. It was great for our grandsons to see it also.

Residents observe Kansas Day with celebration Jan. 29

Kansas Day will be observed in Bird City at the American Legion Hall on Jan. 29. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and at noon there will be a potluck meal followed by a special program.

Join a team of young "Detectives" as they board a magic time machine and travel back to the 1880s in a quest to learn more about local history. The young detectives are students from St. Francis junior high under the direction of Marti Schlittenhardt. Dorthy Mast and Rosemary Powell who invested many hours of research documenting the facts that unfold in this "History Detective" documentary. Don't

miss this unique presentation.

Cheyenne County has celebrated Kansas Day since 1930, when the Mother's Circle of the Bird City Methodist Church organized the first celebration, a "Kansas Day Picnic," which turned out to be an all-day affair. Down through the years, Kansas Day has been celebrated in Bird City with skits, dances, poems and songs.

On Jan. 29, this local Kansas Day tradition will continue with the observance at Bird City Legion hall. Not many communities in Kansas observe Kansas Day, so come on out to Bird City this year and celebrate the birthday of our state.



THE BIRD CITY SENIOR CENTER celebrates the January birthdays of Dean Smith and Gene Young.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

School Menu

Monday, Jan. 18

Breakfast: blueberry muffin.
Lunch: pork fritter, baked potato with gravy, roll.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Breakfast: bagels.
Lunch: cheeseburger macaroni, roll.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Breakfast: hash browns and sausage link.
Lunch: 11th grade choice menu

Lunch: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, green beans with bacon, brownies.



Thursday, Jan. 21

Breakfast: egg cheese biscuit.
Lunch: pizza burger with French fries.

Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.
Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk.

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WINTER

Be Aware!

It is time to insulate the water meter barrels.

With the sub-zero temperatures, the water meters will freeze And cause extensive as well as expensive repairs.

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For more information contact: Casey at 785-332-3162

Obituary

Vera Sumner

May 31, 1918 - Dec. 24, 2009

Vera V. Sumner, 91, died Dec. 24, 2009, at Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush, Colo. She was born May 31, 1918, in Dundy County, to Alfred and Susieanne Amsberry.

On June 10, 1936, Vera married Clayton R. Sumner in St. Francis. The Sumner family moved to Brush in 1950. Vera worked as a nurses' aide and later as a seamstress at Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center for 36 years.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, Darrell Sumner and his wife, Jeanette; and Terrell Sumner and his wife, Sandy, all of Brush; two sisters, Dorothy Hammers of Englewood, Colo. and Darlene Brubaker of Bird City; one brother, Lee Amsberry, of Bird City; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, six brothers, two sisters and her parents.

Funeral services were held Dec. 30, 2009 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brush. Interment followed in Brush Memorial Cemetery.

Non-surgical treatment of hemorrhoids.

John D. Ferris, MD will be at: 291 15th Street Burlington, CO

Friday Feb. 12 & Monday, Feb. 15

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

Hem Cure

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hr. 6 min.

The Blind Side

Jan. 15, 16 & 17

Comedy, Drama, Adaptation, Biopic and Sports

Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron, Lily Collins, Ray McKinnon

PG-13 for one scene involving brief violence, drug and sexual references.

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Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

Diabetes Support Group meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010

1:30 p.m.

Cheyenne County Clinic Basement

Guest Speaker
Brandie Irhig, CCH
Registered Dietician

For more information contact:
Mila Bandel, RN
County Health Nurse at 785-332-2381