

## Casey's Comments

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For anyone reading this who doesn't care for the game of baseball, you can go to another article or column. But for those with me this is a wonderful time of year.

Pitchers and catchers have been in camp a few days and are now joined by the other position players. Spring training games have begun in Florida and Arizona with the season openers about a month away.

There is something completely American about baseball in that it offers hope. Until the first contests start every team is in first place. Could this be the year that my

team will win? Maybe the Cubs will break their 102 year drought? The possibilities are limitless.

Baseball is like our country in that anything can happen. A poor kid can rise to the top of a company, field or group if he works hard and catches some breaks.

The same can be said for a baseball team. If they play hard and the pieces fall into place, the league pennant or World Series championship are possible.

Just like periods in our nation's past when we seemed to be down and out, a new day breaks and we fight back. And so goes another year of Major League Baseball.

I guess that's why it's called "The Great American Pastime."

## Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider  
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Don't sell the farm yet! Just read with me what the Timesonline website had to say on Feb. 22,

"The world's most powerful investors have been advised to buy farmland, stock up on gold and prepare for a "dirty war" by Marc Faber, the notoriously bearish market pundit, who predicted the 1987 stock market crash."

The article went on to say that Mr. Faber had advised investors to pull out of American stocks just one week before the stock market crash of 1987.

Now I am not saying that Mr. Faber is a soothsayer, because it is not hard to read the signs that are now taking place.

If I may, I do believe I have heard this before; not in the exact words, but close. It was said over two thousand years ago.

"In this world you will have troubles..."

Two thousand years has not changed the troubles in this world, oh, they may be more sophisticated with all the new fangled technology, but it is still pretty much the same.

Also in the same article Mr. Faber mentioned other things to look for such as cell phones and internet shutting down, and even city water supplies becoming polluted. Now this guy is supposed to be an expert that major financial players listen to, but it didn't take an expert to tell me we are in a world of troubles.

These things going to happen and is not a modern doomsday prediction. It's funny how people will listen to a present day "notoriously bearish market pundit," like Mr. Faber and take the necessary steps to protect their finances knowing there are no guarantees. So, where is the peace of mind in that?

Let's go back two thousand years again. The author of the above quote was none other than Jesus, and he said it in a time when there was just as much turmoil in the world as today.

Yes, these are very troubling times we live in, wouldn't you agree? But, to finish his quote, "... take courage, I have overcome the world." Don't believe me, read the Bible.

## April wedding planned in Atwood

Jim and Patricia Leisure of Bird City, and Jeff Felzien of St. Petersburg, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shellie Felzien, to Travis Carroll, son of Tom and Kathy Carroll of Atwood.

Shellie is a 2004 graduate of Cheylin High School and received her associates of science in nursing from Colby Community College in 2009. She is employed as a case manager at the Good Samaritan Society of Atwood.

Travis is a 2003 graduate of Atwood High School. He is employed at Ben-Lee Processing.

The couple plans an April 10 wedding at the Historical Church in Atwood.



Felzien - Carroll



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## Bulletin Board

### Walk Kansas

Walk Kansas starts on Sunday, March 14. Watch for more details. For more information call 785-332-3171.

### Community Club

The Bird City Community Club will meet on Monday at the Senior Center at 7 p.m.

### Card Shower

Meta Dankenbring of Bird City will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on Saturday. Friends and family are welcome to give her a card shower. Send them to P.O. Box 295, Bird City, KS 67731.

### Story time

There will be no library Story time this week.

### Cheylin Food Bank

The Cheylin Food Bank is located in the United Methodist Church of Bird City (upstairs) and

the entrance is through the east door. The hours are 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

### Senior Center

Bird City Senior Center will be celebrating March birthdays on Monday at 3 p.m. Come and enjoy some cake and ice cream.

### Bird City 125-year store

Stop in the Bird City Quasiquicentennial store now in the Senior Center. Visitors can catch up on the latest information about scheduled events. The store is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays. Stan and Dee Dorsch will be on hand to assist.

### Go-Getters 4-H Club

The Bird City Go-Getters will be holding their monthly club meeting tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. in the Lutheran Church

basement. Come and learn what 4-H is all about. Refreshments will be served.

### Addition

In last week's paper, Derek Vandike was not mentioned as a participating player in the Junior High Freedom League basketball tournament held in Brewster on Feb. 20 and 22.

### Board of Education

The Cheylin Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday in the high school conference room.

### Peep screening

Early Childhood screening is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10 at the United Methodist Church. Appointments are required and can be placed by contacting Deanna Nelsen, Cheylin secretary, at 734-2351. The screenings are free and provide valuable information to help school plan to meet child's developmental needs.

### Alzheimer's/Dementia support group

The Alzheimer's/Dementia support group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Public Library.

### Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 15, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

### Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet tonight (Thursday) at the courthouse.

### AARP

AARP will meet at 2 p.m. on March 11, at the Senior Center. After a brief business meeting, members will all go to tour the Prairie Rose Floral in St. Francis.

ErvaGene DeAragon will be hostess.

### "Little Red Riding Hood"

A live musical adaptation of the Brothers Grimm Story, "Little Red Riding Hood" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, at The Gateway in Oberlin by the Wichita Children's Theater Professional Touring Company. Tickets are available at the door. For information, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

### Wildlife banquet

The 25th Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet has been set for Friday, March 26, at the fairgrounds in St. Francis. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. There will only be 300 tickets available this year.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

History and historic events are an important part of any culture, society, nation and people in small towns that celebrate their heritage. We can attest to this with all the preparations and beards sprouting out on the residents in and around the Bird City area in anticipation of the City's 125th anniversary celebration.

One of the foundations of any city is the educational facilities and their activities that the city revolves around. A part of Bird City's history that we are in danger of losing is the history of Bird City Rural School system and in particular Bird City Rural High School, the home of the Cardinals.

The legacy of Bird City Rural High School that was a part of many activities, and the center of Bird City for generations is now in disarray, languishing away in storage, not available to the public and is rapidly becoming a forgotten memory. Even as Bird City celebrates its history, it is the hope of the Bird City Alumni Committee that the history of Bird City Rural High School can be salvaged and returned to the light and its importance in the history of Bird City.

The urgency of rescuing this legacy is important, as the alumni and the memories of Bird City Rural High School are growing smaller and diminishing with each passing year. Now is the time to make an extra effort to bring this lost legacy back into the light, as it is a major part of Bird City's history, even as we celebrate the 125 years of the city of Bird City.

School days at Bird City Rural High School were some of the best times of our lives and it is important not only to celebrate those times and the friends that helped us through those formative years, but also to honor the school and our teachers who were instrumental in forming who we are today.

The 2010 Alumni Committee of Bird City Rural High School, along with planning with the

Alumni Banquet, is in the process of initiating a campaign with the goal of rescuing and relocating the pictorial and artifact history of Bird City Rural High School that remains. This rescue and relocation would be centered on raising the funds necessary to build a large enough building to allow the public viewing of not only the history of Bird City Rural High School, but the history and origins of Bird City. Some of this history has been misplaced and what remains is in need of a home.

The Alumni Committee is partnering with Bird City Century II Development Foundation in setting up a "Project Fund" to address this rescue and restoration of Bird City Rural High School and history of Bird City. This will allow anyone who wishes to donate to do so with a tax deductible donation under the Bird City Century II umbrella of tax deductible donation status.

The Alumni Committee members are Jolene (Linin) Estep; Marilyn (Shields) Eklund; Carol (Hilty) Gamblin; Lynette (Amsberry) Nolan; David Meyers, and Kent Voorhies.

It is our hope that tax deductible donations to a local project which will rescue and restore the history of Bird City Rural High School and Bird City will be easier than paying tax to an out of control government and will be high on your list of things to do this year, along with attending the Alumni Banquet.

Your tax deductible donation for the furtherance of this project can be made to, Bird City Century II Development Foundation, c/o Cathy Domsch, executive director, 107 W. Bressler, Bird City, KS 67731. Designate donations to BCRHS/BC Rescue and Restoration. For more information contact number is 785-734-2556.

Kent Voorhies  
Alumni Committee  
Bird City

## Notice

### Individual and Business Personal Property Assessment

Starts Monday, January 11, 2010 and must be completed by no later than March 15, 2010. The March 15 deadline applies to all people who render or list personal property. Assessments must be personally signed.

### Taxable Items Include:

Pickups and trucks with 16M or heavier tags; Aircraft; watercraft; Off Road Vehicles such as ATVs; Non-tagged motorcycles; Kit cars; Non-ag trailers; Golf Carts; Snowmobiles; Jet Skis and Skidoos; Mopeds; Campers; Camping Trailers that are not self contained; Micro Utility Trucks; Mobile Homes on rented or leased ground; Business and Industrial Equipment and Fixtures.

Real Estate improvements or structural changes to buildings must be reported to the county Appraiser.

Anyone having questions should contact the Appraiser's Office at 785-332-8830

K.S.A. 79-1422: Penalty for late filing:  
5% per month up to a maximum of 25%  
Penalty for failure to file: 50%.

**Cheyenne County Appraiser's Office**

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 42 min.

### Dear John

March 5, 6 & 7

Drama, Romance and Adaptation

Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried, Richard Jenkins, Henry Thomas, D.J. Coirona

PG-13 for some sensuality and violence.

## CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS  
785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3

All Others: \$5

## Tri-State Engine & Thresher Show

### ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, March 6

10 a.m.

Show Grounds Shop

This Year's Show Dates:  
July 29-31



## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

## The Cheyenne County Hospital

is accepting bids for shingling the Cheyenne County Clinic. Bids will be open until Friday, March 19.

If interested, please contact Bill Wilger at 785-332-2104