



Casey's Comments

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 Nothing lasts forever on this planet. We live in a constant state of flux, whether you like it or not.
 That's why I enjoy being able to give a little tribute and recognition to people, places or things that have left us. Today's subject is television actor Fess Parker.
 Looking back from today, he was one of those larger-than-life individuals who exemplified the American dream.
 A big man, 6-foot, 6-inches tall, Mr. Parker wanted to be a naval combat pilot in W.W.II. Since he couldn't fit in the cramped cockpit of a plane, he transferred to the Marine Corps. Although he was shipped to the South Pacific, the atomic bomb saved him from combat.
 With the G.I. Bill he was able to attend college and landed in the southwest, earning his masters of Theater History at the University of Southern California.
 This placed him where his

size and rugged good looks made him a natural for film and television.
 As a kid, boys like me loved watching him play Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone.
 Two things came from my personal experience.
 First, we learned a couple of songs that every youngster knew by heart! "Born on a mountain top in Tennessee.... Davy, Davy Crockett, king of the wild frontier." And "Daniel Boone was a man, was a big man...." I'm sure other children like us came up with alternate words to these tunes also (which I can't share in this paper.)
 The other influence these shows had was to teach us some history. Although Walt Disney's approach was folksy and some liberties were taken, it still introduced a generation to the American frontier. I know for me, Mr. Disney and Mr. Parker sparked an interest that has lasted my whole life.
 Oh, and as for the famous coonskin cap, my older brother sure wore one around.

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider
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 You can stop holding your breath now, the health reform bill passed. But you already knew that.
 And depending on which news station you listen to, it is either a fix-it-all solution to America's health insurance problems or a packaged deal that was trumped up in the back rooms and during secret meetings that promises to bust our nation's already bulging budget.
 We do not really know yet who is going to benefit from this "health reform overhaul." In addition, we don't really know when this health reform will take effect. These are just two questions that have gone unanswered or skirted around, and that should have been red flags to anyone.
 One take on how great this reform will be came from Representative Patrick Kennedy, late Ted Kennedy's son, in an interview right after the passing of bill. He said that this health reform is what his father worked his whole life for and added he believes it will change the health industry. Oh yeah, he is

not running for re-election in November. He is just one of several.
 But you know, this is not a Democratic thing or a Republican thing or Independent thing, there is enough blame for this downright arrogance from the highest offices in our country to go around from each party.
 I think we Americans have learned quite a bit in the last year, whether you voted for President Obama or not, or whether you agree with the health reform or not. One thing we learned is what many of our older and wiser citizens have been saying for years, "America is going to hell in a handbag."
 There is something in the air, I will call it change and for those who are serious about how their vote counts November is the time to make your voice heard. Really heard, let's vote every single senator and representative incumbent out and let the new in.
 Radical move maybe, so what if Donald Duck wins in your district, we will still have the same temper tantrums to watch on C-Span.

School Menu

School Menu
Monday, March 29
 Breakfast: donuts.
 Lunch: chicken patty, buttered noodles, roll.
Tuesday, March 30
 Breakfast: omelets.
 Lunch: cheese enchilada.
Wednesday, March 31
 Breakfast: sausage patty, hash browns.

Lunch: turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, roll.
Thursday, April 1
 Breakfast: egg cheese biscuits.
 Lunch: sloppy joe on bun, 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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Bulletin Board

Community forum
 Tonight (Thursday), Cheylin will be holding the second Community forum in the McDonald gymnasium at 7 p.m. The topics will be school finances and budget. Communities are welcome to attend.
Cheylin track
 The Cheylin Cougar track teams will be holding their first meet on Friday, on the Cheylin football field. The junior high team will begin at 10 a.m. The high school team will begin at 3 p.m.
Story time
 There is no Story time on Friday due to the Cheylin track junior high meet.
Cheylin music department
 Regional Music Festival will be presenting solos and small ensembles in Oberlin on Saturday. Check online at www.cheylin.com for information.
Cheylin golf
 The Cheylin golf team have begun practicing, look for dates and times in the Bird City Times calendar or check online at www.cheylin.com and click on calendar.
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.
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.
Installation of officers
 Doric Chapter 404 Order of the Eastern Star is having Open Installation of officers at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday). To be installed is Worthy Matron Sharrisa Andrist and Worthy Patron, Tom Stevens.
Retirement open house
 A retirement open house is being held for Carol Gamblin from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Cheyenne County Courthouse.
Wildlife banquet
 The 25th Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet has been set for Friday at the fairgrounds in St. Francis. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. There will only be 300 tickets available this year.
Burlington Coin and gun Show
 The Burlington Coin and Gun Show will be held April 17 and 18 at the community building. Check classified ad for times and additional details.
Fair Board
 The Cheyenne County Fair

Board will meet Thursday night, April 1, at the courthouse.
Cheyenne County Hospital Guild
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet on Monday, April 5, for a "Lunch with Les" (Les Lacy) at the Cheyenne County Hospital.
Cheyenne County Commissioners
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.
Tumbleweed Chorus
 The Tumbleweed Chorus of Colby will hold their annual show on Saturday at the Frahm Theater in the Cultural Arts Center of Colby Community College, will again be the site of this year's show.
 The Tumbleweed Chorus presents their show, "Malt Shop Barbershop," with the help of Prairie Rose Harmony, a ladies' chorus singing A Capella four-part harmony.
Free tax help
 Rowland Roelfs, the local AARP tax aide person, will be helping

the taxpayer with federal and state tax returns, recommending E-filing with direct deposit of any refunds. He will be at the St. Francis Library on Wednesdays, hours 2 to 5 p.m., and at the St. Francis Senior Center on Thursdays 2 to 5 p.m. Please bring all W-2s (earned wages), 1099s (interest, dividends, retirement annuities, and all other income), along with your property tax statement. With direct deposit refunds can be deposited within two weeks. Personal appointments can be arranged by calling 785 332 3490.
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.
Correction
 • In the recent Home and Garden special section, the caption under a photo of two people planting flowers had the names misspelled. It should have read that Mike Marino and Shirley Marino were putting together a flowering container. It should also be noted that the Goodell Greenhouse ad which was scheduled to appear in the section was inadvertently omitted.

Obituary

Doris Byers Lane
Feb. 21, 1913-March 9, 2010

Doris was born in Bird City, Kan., to Earl and Ilone Byers. With her siblings, Phyllis and Willard, she had an idyllic, all-American childhood and her tales of adventure with friends in Bird City have entertained generations of family members.
 She excelled on the varsity basketball team which played in the National Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Championships in 1929.
 Her lifelong best friend, Maude Elliot, 96, was her constant companion and co-adventurer.
 After graduating from Bird City High School in 1931, she taught in a one-room Kansas schoolhouse. She then moved to Denver and there she met and married Edward A. Lane in 1941.
 While raising their family, they ran the photo studio at Lowry Air Force Base. Later she worked at Colorado General Hospital, and she travelled the world with the Ports of Call travel club. In recent years, some favorite trips were to Bird City for alumni banquets.
 Doris truly had a zest for life, an adventurous nature, a vibrant spirit and a wonderful sense of fun and good humor. She cherished her family and friends above all else.
 Her tenacious character carried her through periods of adversity with grace and strength and her generosity of spirit was a rare gift to all those fortunate enough to know her. She was a beacon of love and

light to all. A true lady, a treasured mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, she leaves behind a devoted and grateful family to carry on her legacy of love and adventure: children Edward (Marge) Lane, Barbara (Les) Volpe, and Janice Lane, nine grandchildren and four

great-grandchildren.
 Doris died in Denver at age 97 after a brief illness.
 Contributions in her name may be made to Bird City Century II Development Foundation, P.O. Box 593, Bird City, KS 67731.

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek
 Last Monday, visitors of Ray and Marlene Johnson were Connie Argabright and June Beamgard.
 Raydene Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Knapp were Saturday morning visitors of Ray and Marlene Johnson.
 On Saturday, the family of Ray and Marlene Johnson brought pizza and treated Ray and Marlene Johnson to a pizza luncheon to celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary. Family members who came were Brian and Connie Sabatka, Les and Tish Loker, Ray and Carrie Magnani and Danae, Brandon Sabatka, Jalyn

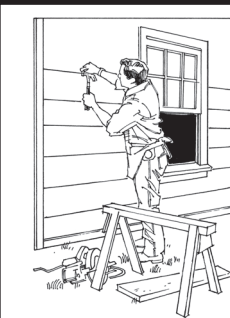
and Jalissa, and Dana Howard, Mitchell and Kyla.
 Bruce, Shirley and Addie Swihart of St. Francis were Friday lunch guests of Eleanor Swihart.
 Jerry and Betty Knapp spent from Thursday to Sunday in Hutchinson visiting Eleanor Swihart. They had Sunday lunch with Brenda Knapp in Colby. Enroute to Hutchinson, they stopped in Ellsworth to visit Vernon and Roberta Davis.
 Sharon Barenberg of Benkelman, Neb., was a Tuesday visitor of Gail and Kay Miller.
 Gail and Kay Miller were Sunday visitors of Howard and Lila Runge of Culbertson, Neb.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hr. 18 min.

Shutter Island

March 26, 27 & 28 *R for disturbing violent content, language and some nudity.*
 Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo, Ben Kingsley, Michelle Williams, Max von Sydow
 Action/Adventure, Thriller and Adaptation

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

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Cheyenne County Health & Safety Exhibit Booth Fair
Tuesday, April 15
St. Francis Grade School Gymnasium
6 - 7:30 p.m.

Come & Go – Walk Through Event
 The fair exhibit booths will have "hands on experiences" for kids and adults of all ages.
Open to the public – Free of Charge
 Grand Prize drawing for:
 Toshiba 19 inch HD LCD Television
 (Must attend the fair to win the grand prize)
 For more information contact Mila Bandel, RN County Health Nurse 785-332-2381

Losers Needed!!!
Cheyenne County Biggest Loser Challenge
April 2-July 2
 Registration: 5:30 p.m. April 2, 2010
 Van Doren Park, Bird City
 Sponsored by: Bird City Diner, Nancy Semler and Portraits by Darci
 For more information call 734-7105 or check us out on Facebook!

Cheyenne County Wildlife Banquet
Friday, March 26
Dinner from 6:30-8 p.m.
Cheyenne County Fairgrounds, St. Francis
 Tickets available at *Bumper To Bumper *Owens True Value
 *Frontier Equity *Republican Valley Auto Parts
 * Mobe's Archery Supply *C.C.W.I Board member
Only 300 tickets will be sold – there will be no more available and none at the door.
 At the banquet will be a Diamond Grade 12 ga. shotgun along with 16 other guns with the 25th CCWI logo engraved on the stock.
 Stop by Ross Mfg., 301 W. Washington, St. Francis, to view the 48-gun Liberty Safe.
 Gun cabinet, made by Cliff Semler, on display at First National Bank.

Check your renewal dates
 — Current Rates —
The Saint Francis Herald
 Area - \$38 KS - \$42
 Out-of-State - \$48
Bird City Times
 Area - \$33 KS - \$36
 Out-of-State - \$40

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