

Casey's Comments

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This week I celebrated my first 50 years spent roaming and stopping on this earth. The occasion was shared with my twin-brother in Colorado.

The funny thing is that I sure didn't feel that old. I actually felt more like a boy doing what I loved back in my youth.

Growing up, our next-door neighbor would take his sons, me and my brothers to Denver Bear's baseball games.

Last Saturday I went to Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. with my wife, our oldest son and his fiancée.

As a boy, my neighbor talked about his favorite team, the Boston Red Sox, and with time, they became the squad I related to.

Sure enough, the club that came

to play the Royals was none other than the Red Sox!

Watching David "Big Papi" Ortiz, Kevin Youkilis, Dustin Pedroia and Josh Beckett was too good to be true. Behind the plate was Jason Varitek, who highlighted the evening with two home runs.

You know the old saying, "You're only as old as you feel?" Well, I was a 12-year-old all over again that night. I sat there grinning and took in the unique sights and sounds of a major league ball park.

But the kids brought me back to reality when the scoreboard flashed "Happy 50th Birthday Casey McCormick."

It was a special evening and spending it with 37,501 other baseball fans, and three loved ones, made it that much better.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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I sure enjoyed the weather last weekend here in the farthest northwest corner of Kansas. And I had the opportunity to sit and watch my grandsons and their friends play in the backyard.

While I was watching all that fun and frolicking, I thought those kids just don't have a worrying in the world. With all that is going on, they just don't get it. They don't sit and fret over bills, they don't criticize, they don't preach, and they don't stay mad or angry for long. And on the other hand, they are subject to all the rules of the house, have to listen to everyone, required to be obedient all the time, and have to hug Great-Grandma, Auntie, and Uncle Louie.

Again I began thinking, why can't we all be like children? My youngest grandson, Joseph, age 7,

is what I call the "low man on the totem pole," because everyone tells him what to do. Yet, he is the one who smiles and does a dance while he has to spray weeds, gets everyone a glass of water with a giggle, and rolls his eyes and thinks saying "fart" is hilarious.

The older I get the less I find fun in daily living. I want to be like a child. You know, I have heard it said "that unless you (I) become as a child, you (I) shall never enter the gates of heaven." Yeah, Jesus said that.

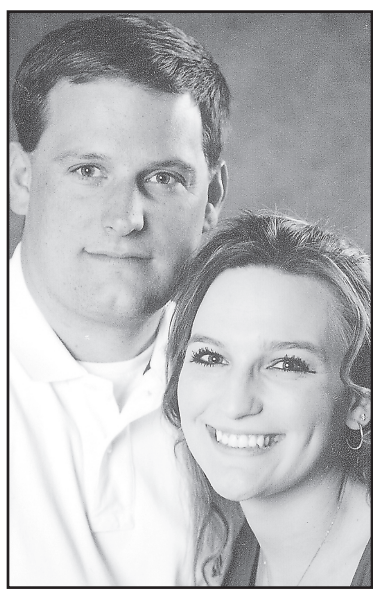
So, I think I will smile and dance while I do the dishes, giggle watching my grandsons spin around in their go-cart, ride my bike more, and roll on the floor laughing with Joseph while we say fart. And not worry about what tomorrow will bring, because it has enough worries of its own. Yeah, Jesus said that too, and I think the kids do get it.

Couple to exchange their wedding vows

Tiffany Anderson and Robert Ochsner, both of St. Francis, will exchange wedding vows at 5 p.m. on May 22 at the United Methodist Church in McCook, Neb.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Todd and Cindy Anderson of Grand Island, Neb., formerly of Palisade, Neb. Grandparents are Ted and Carolyn Anderson of Wauneta, Ron Buck of McCook, Donita Clark of Benkelman, Vivian Kompus of Stratton and Judy Stone of McCook.

The prospective groom is the son of Robert Ochsner and Carol Northrup of St. Francis. Grandparents are Charles and Dixie Curry of St. Francis, Nettie Ochsner of Kingman, formerly of St. Francis and the late Leonard Ochsner.



Ochsner — Anderson

Recycling meeting scheduled for Tuesday

The Kansas State Research Extension and the Cheyenne County Extension Office is presenting "It's Easy To Be Green" at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the County Extension Office. RSVP to the Extension Office at (785) 332-3171 by Monday, April 19.

Become an advocate for recycling; from cereal boxes to light

bulbs, or batteries to yard waste. Stop buying items that cannot be recycled. Take time to rethink, reuse and recycle and do your part to get others to join you. This program will share the alarming statistics of trash filling our landfills.

Ideas on how to start recycling in your home will be shared. For those who already are actively recycling.

Death notice

Harley William James Antholz, son of Webb and Meagan Antholz of Minden, Neb., was born at rest in Hastings, Neb., on April 6, 2010. A full obituary will follow next week in the Herald and Times.

Cheylin golf

Today (Thursday), Cheylin golf team will travel to LaCrosse, tee-off is 3 p.m.

Cheylin track

Cheylin junior high track will have a meet in St. Francis on Tuesday, beginning at 2 p.m.

Cheylin fourth graders

On Wednesday, the Cheylin fourth graders will be participating in the third Annual Kids Conservation Round-up in Colby. For current information on Cheylin programs and events, visit www.cheylin.com.

Story time

Story time at the Bird City Library will be on Friday at 10 a.m.

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 Quasquicentennial store now in the Senior Center. Visitors can catch up on the latest information about scheduled events that will lead up to the 3-day celebration beginning on June 11. The store is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays. Stan and Dee Dorsch will be on hand to assist.

E-waste pick ups

E-waste pick up is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, at the recycling center in St. Francis. There are only two free e-waste pick ups left, the one on Tuesday and another on Tuesday, Aug. 24. These pick ups allows residents of the county to bring in microwaves, televisions, computers, radios and other electronic equipment to be disposed of for no cost.

Lions Club to collect used items

The St. Francis Lions Club will be receiving used eyeglasses, hearing aids and used cell phones at

the Health Fair in the elementary gym from 6:30 to 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday). These items will be refurbished and used to help people throughout the world.

Cemetery District 2

Cemetery District 2 Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

CYO Fish Fry

The CYO Fish Fry will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Catholic Church hall in Bird City. Check classified in this issue.

Bereavement Support Group.

The open grief support group is planning sessions for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one with the meetings to be held at the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, 808 South First Street Highway 25 in Atwood. Enter the east door at the church.

The events are planned for 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month beginning on April 19 and running through Nov. 15.

Please call Tara Bowles at (785) 626-3211 or Maralyn Cooper at 1-800-315-5122 to register.

The April 19 topic is Introduction to the process of grief.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. today (Thursday) in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

All-terrain vehicle program

All-terrain vehicle (ATV) safety program will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds. Youth riders are to pre-register at the extension office, 332-3171, by April 12. Bring your ATV, helmet and safety equipment.

Yard Beautiful

The K-State Extension and Master Gardeners are presenting a series of programs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the St. Francis Equity meeting room. This Tuesday's program deals with Trees for Northwest

Kansas. It will be presented by Jim Strine, Kansas State Forester.

Sappa Valley Shootout

The Sappa Valley Shootout 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held in Oberlin on April 24. Boys and girls in grades 1-8 are eligible. It will be played in the junior/senior high school gym.

Entry forms are available for download at www.sappavalley-shootout.com and will be available at area schools. For more information, the visit the website or contact J.D. Johnson at (785) 475-8926.

Recognition banquet

The Northwest Kansas Retired Senior Volunteer Program will hold their 37th annual Recognition Banquet and dance on April 21 at the City Limits Convention Center in Colby. The dance is open to all area senior citizens from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information contact the Retired Senior Volunteer Program office at (785) 462-6744.

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

Stamp and Coin Show

The Fort Hays Stamp Club will hold its 20th Stamp and Coin Show on April 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, 3603 Wine Street, Hays. Admission and parking are free. For more information, please call (785) 625-3066 or (785) 628-2341.

Historical Society

The Historical Society is sponsoring a special presentation and tour of Heaton Crossing. The tour will meet at the museum at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Those who don't know about this spot will have a chance to catch up on some local historical lore.

Keep May 22 circled in red on the calendar. This is the date that the National Weather Service of Goodland presents a program for the community at the theater recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Flood of 1935.

More details will follow.

Western Plains Arts Association

The K State Brass will present a

lively concert of varied selections at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 25 at the Hoxie High School auditorium. The program is part of the Western Plains Arts Association schedule of events.

Wray Community Health Fair

The Wray Community Health Fair will take place April 24. Check ad for dates and times for blood draws and other details concerning costs and appointments needed. Call (970) 332-2245 if you have questions.

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.

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, April 19

Breakfast: muffin, boiled egg.
Lunch: hamburger patty on bun, baked beans.

Tuesday, April 20

Breakfast: hash browns, sausage link.
Lunch: ham and cheese stromboli, dessert.

Wednesday, April 21

Breakfast: french toast.
Lunch: corn dogs, nachos with cheese.

Thursday, April 22

Breakfast: cheesy scrambled eggs.
Lunch: Mexican casserole, roll.
Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.
Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk.



LINDA SCHNEIDER celebrates her April birthday at the senior center. Photo courtesy of Lee Amsberry

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How To Train Your Dragon

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Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler, America Ferrera, Jonah Hill, Craig Ferguson

CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747

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

The new Fifth Street Apartments in Bird City, Kansas, will have four 2-bedroom duplex apartments for rent and two single family 3-bedroom homes for rent to own. Applicants must income qualify for this property. Please contact N.W. Kansas Housing, Inc. at 785-421-2151 for more information and application, or see Century II in Bird City for applications.

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

Diabetes Support Group meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

1:30 p.m.

Cheyenne County Clinic Basement

Topic: Exercise & Diabetes
Shara Johnson, CCH - Physical Therapist to be the guest speaker

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

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