



## Casey's Comments

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The end of the school year is a special time. Students and teachers are happy to be through and parents are trying to figure out how to keep their children busy the next few months.

For the graduating seniors and their parents it is also a time of great change. The youngsters have been given the tools to leave the nest.

But these tools have not come easily. Years have been spent matriculating each individual from grade to grade. Through lessons and studies the pupils have reached their goal of earning a high school diploma.

Does this make each kid unusually intelligent? Perhaps not. However it does prove one thing. They showed up and did the work

and completed the tasks needed to graduate.

And does this mean they did it on their own? Certainly not. It took teachers, coaches, cooks and administrators. Support also came from families, neighbors and churches. Ever notice how few kids drop-out in your little town? It's not that way in the city.

In addition, not a single kid could have made it to where they are without a loving parent, or two, or guardian.

So graduates, thank the people in your community and at home who have made you shine. And Mom, Dad, grandparents or foster parents, give yourselves a little pat on the back for it's a "job well done" for you too.

Good luck to the Class of 2010. You're off to a great start!

## Representative set to visit St. Francis

A staff member of Congressman Jerry Moran will be in Cheyenne County on Tuesday.

Chelsey Gillogly, district representative for the First Congressional District, will be in the commissioner's room of the courthouse in St. Francis from 2 to 3 p.m. to meet with area residents. Individuals who wish to voice their opinions about the federal

government or are experiencing difficulties with Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Affairs or other issues are encouraged to attend.

For further information, or to speak with a district representative, please contact Ms. Gillogly or Rachel Robben at (785) 628-6401.

## More entries needed

The 125th celebration of Bird City is just three weeks away and the committee is still looking for entries in the parade. They want residents to put on their thinking cap, use their imagination and plan an entry!

Some suggestions are: floats, individuals, horses and antique vehicles just to name a few.

The 125th Celebration will serve as the theme and there will not be any judging of the entries.

The committee encourages

families, businesses and organizations to have an entry.

Pre-registration is encouraged along with a brief description of the entry to be given to the parade chairman at the Cheylin football field at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12.

The parade route will begin at the water tower at 10:30 a.m. and proceed down Main Street, ending at the First National Bank.

Call Karen Flemming (734-2463) with the entries.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Have you had your home tested for radon? The Surgeon General has warned that radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States today.

Radon is a cancer causing radioactive gas. You cannot see, smell, or taste radon, but it may be a problem in your home. There are no immediate symptoms that will alert you to its presence. The age of your home makes no difference either. ANY HOME CAN HAVE HIGH RADON LEVELS. Testing your home is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk of radon exposure.

It is very easy and inexpensive to test your home. The county extension office has radon testing kits that you can buy for less than \$5. Should you find that you do have high radon levels in your home they can easily

be fixed by having a mitigation system installed in your home by a certified radon remediation specialist.

We had always thought that radon was rare in northwest Kansas. We were wrong. We had our home tested and found our levels to be quite high. Since then, we've had a radon mitigation system installed and our levels are now safe.

We wish we would have known about the risks of radon in our home years ago as Royce has lung cancer and has never smoked. We encourage you to have your home checked today. It is easier to deal with the problem now than the results later. It is a precious gift you can give yourself and your family. Please have your home tested today. (www.radon.com)

Royce and Darci Kehlbeck  
Bird City

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### Offices closed on May 31

Ad pictures and story deadline for the June 3 issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, as the offices will be closed on Memorial Day (Monday, May 31). The newspapers will be published and delivered one day late that week.

### Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening

The Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of the new Bird City Outreach Office of the Fort Hays State University Small Business Development Center will take place at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at 2835 U.S. Highway 36 (upstairs of Frontier Ag Building) in Bird City. You are welcome to attend.

### Senior Center

The Bird City Senior Center will hold its monthly potluck at noon on Monday, May 24.

### Schlepp reunion

The Schlepp reunion for the descendants of Jacob and Christina (Lauer) Schlepp will be Saturday, May 29, at the St. Francis Senior Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. for the coffee hour. The potluck dinner will be held at noon and there will be an evening meal for everyone. Wear the designated color to depict your family.

Hosts are the Christina (Schlepp) Zimbelman and Lena

(Schlepp) Miller families.

Friends and extended family are most welcome to attend any or all of the day's activities.

### 1935 Flood program

At 10:30 a.m. on Saturday The National Weather Service will present a carefully documented program at the Cheyenne Theater in St. Francis commemorating the 75th anniversary of the 1935 Republican River Flood. After the program, NOAA will present a plaque to Gary Rogers at the St. Francis Power Plant. This plaque will be placed on the power plant to serve as a permanent reminder of the high water mark of the 1935 flood.

### Floats needed

Float entries are needed for the 125th celebration in Bird City on June 12. Call Karen Flemming at 785-734-2463 or 785-332-8830.

### Common Threads

Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Sainty Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

### Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, May 28, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

### 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.

### Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

### Recovery Today

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.

## Cheylin student earns scholarship

Lance Leonard, a 2010 graduate of Cheylin High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Yost Ford Mercury and Ford Motor Company.



Leonard

Leonard's parents are Merle and Laurie Leonard of McDonald. Lance plans to study agricultural communications at Kansas State University.

The Built Ford Tough Trucks FFA Scholarship program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their future academic achievements.

The scholarship is one of 457 scholarships awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor company Fund and Ford dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2010, as well as current collegiate students. This program is a part of Ford's overall commitment to

the National FFA Foundation.

Additionally, five \$1,000 national scholarships are being awarded on behalf of Ford Motor Company. Ford Truck sponsors these five scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Ford has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. To date, the program has awarded more than \$6,056,000 in scholarships to more than 6,056 FFA members throughout the country.

Ford knows the value of hard work and believes that hard work should be rewarded. Educating aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

The National FFA organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of American, is a national youth organization of 506,199 student members, all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brubaker

## Couple celebrates 60th anniversary

Richard and Darlene Brubaker are celebrating 60 years of marriage. They were married on Mother's Day, May 14, 1950, at the Methodist Church in Goodland.

After a wedding breakfast, hosted by the groom's parents at their home in Bird City, the couple traveled to Goodland for the ceremony.

Following the wedding ceremony, Richard and Darlene returned to Bird City, where they presented each of their mothers with a dozen red roses in honor of Mother's Day.

Their daughters welcome anyone wishing to extend congratulations to send them to: P.O. Box 399, Bird City, KS 67731.

The couple's children and spouses are Paula and Gary Groff, Bellevue, Neb.; Darla and John Deeds, Bird City, and Kayla and Chris Ochsner, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Grandchildren are: Tara Kaldahl, Erika Likens, Adam Deeds and Drew Ochsner.

Richard and Darlene have six great-grandchildren.

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**Baby Sitting Clinic**

Friday, June 11, 2010  
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Lunch provided  
Students 5th grade & up,  
as of August 2010  
(Even if you already baby sit, please join us for a refresher course)

*Plans for the day include:*  
-Review CPR & First Aid  
-Menu Planning & Making Snacks  
-Food Safety  
-Ages & Stages  
-Games & Activities  
-Make & Take Crafts

Please contact Cheyenne County Extension Office at 785-332-3171 by Monday, June 7, 2010 if you are interested in joining others to review baby sitting skills. Cost of the program is \$15 to pay for meals and supplies.

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