

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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The mind is a funny thing. On a recent trip to Denver my wife and I drove by my childhood home. It was a strange image that contrasted with my memory. Sights weren't as I remembered, with many objects looking quite different from what I expected.

Trees and shrubs were much larger, which reason says they should be from the 25 years since I was last there.

Perhaps this added to the perception that everything else was smaller.

From the moment we turned on the winding road that crossed the bridge over the ditch my brothers and I played in, past the first cul de sac and houses where our

neighbors once lived, all the way to the old home near the end of the street, the picture seemed to shrink from what my mind recalled.

The distance to and the size of the house were dwarfed with time.

Many remembrances flooded in as I described how this and that happened. Surely it didn't make much sense to Lezlie. Like the saying goes, "You had to be there."

But then again, it was a different place that had changed so much over the years. Or is it me that has been transformed?

Memory probably isn't the best gauge for accuracy.

"Upon those who step into the same river, different waters flow." Heraclitus of Ephesus



JUNE BIRTHDAY— Lily Ruth Edmondston enjoyed her birthday at the Senior Citizens' monthly party in Bird City.

Times photo courtesy of Edna Roesener

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Lynn and Rita Officer traveled to Colby Saturday to watch their granddaughter, Alexi Regier, participate in the Northwest Kansas Horse Association competition.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children, and Ote, Ellen and Linda Dewey attended the Kogl family reunion in Bird City Saturday.

Saturday overnight guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children were Travis and Kelly Kogl of Topeka and Justin and Michelle Kogl of Lawrence. They were all Sunday lunch guests of Ote, Ellen, and Linda Dewey.

Ami Torrey of Rutherford, N. C., was a Sunday evening and supper guest of George and Kathy Banister and family.



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Death notice

Clyde Edson Smith, 88, St. Francis died on Saturday, June 26, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. He was born Nov. 16, 1921, in Cheyenne County. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 30, at Knodel Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Cheyenne County Hospital or the Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Technicians.

Help needed

Fair time is fast approaching and a number of volunteers are still needed to run the booths and rides. Please call DeEtta Knorr at 785-332-2551 or 785-332-4073, if you can help in any way.

100th birthday

The family of Amelia Banister is holding a come-and-go reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 4, at the McDonald Federated Church. You are welcome to join her family in celebrating the occasion.



E.J. Query

Celebrates birthday

The family of Evelyn (E.J.) Query is honoring her with a card shower to help her celebrate her 90th birthday on July 3.

Address best wishes to her at the Good Samaritan Village, 820 S. Denison, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Honor Roll

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Offices closed on July 5

Ad pictures and story deadline for the July 8 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6. The offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of the Fourth of July. The newspapers will be published and delivered one day late that week.

Library closing for holiday

The St. Francis Public Library will be closed on Saturday, July 3, and Monday, July 5, in honor of the Fourth of July.

Calling all singers

Community Chorus rehearsals will be held from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

each Sunday until the fair at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis.

The performance will take place during the Talent Show at the fair on Friday, Aug. 6.

Call Neala at 332-8996 for more information.

Fair Board

The next meeting of the fair board has tentatively been set for 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the fairgrounds.

Farmer's Market

The St. Francis Farmer's Market will open on Saturday at 9 a.m.

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) 342-0028 or (785) 332-8607 for more information.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7day-a-week service 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 1-900-794-4624.



ENCOURAGING CUSTOMERS to try the lemonade is an important part of the business. Above Sydney Busse and Andrew Schields (front) purchase the drink from Gregor Burr and Elsa Burr. Below are Reece Leonard, Alex Hazuka and Michael Barnett.

Times photos courtesy of Darci Schields



SHOWTIME: 8 p.m.

2 hr. 20 min.

Karate Kid

July 2, 3 & 4

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the
Cheyenne County Clinic

and the
Cheyenne County Hospital

9 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Clinic Conference Room, 221 W. First Street
Saint Francis, Kansas

The goal of the Cheyenne County Clinic is to increase access to care for a challenged segment of Cheyenne County residents minimizing the utilization of the emergency room, acute care and other more expensive avenues of care.

This program exemplifies the ideals of the Community Connections Award and will be awarded a \$1,000 contribution from the Kansas Hospital Association, as well as statewide recognition through publications and upcoming events.

The Kansas Hospital Association established the Community Connections Award to recognize hospitals that have distinguished themselves through innovative efforts to improve the health and well-being of their communities.

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