



## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Hope you had a memorable Independence Day. Did you enjoy fireworks, friends and food? And did you hear any music? How about "The Stars and Stripes Forever?"

I can't imagine July Fourth without that particular tune. Did you know that it is the official march of the United States? It says so under U.S. Code, Title 36, Section 304 in our laws.

John Philip Sousa wrote it, and some 135 other marches. Born in 1854 in Washington, D.C., he lived, and entertained up until his death in 1932.

Sousa had early ties to military music, as his father was a

musician with the Marine Corps Band. When the younger Sousa tried to run away and join a circus band his father enlisted him as an apprentice with the Marines. The boy was 13 years old.

With time Sousa served his country and left the service, later returning to conduct the U.S. Marine Band. In 1892 he organized his own civilian band which began 40 years of touring. The Sousa Band was considered the most famous musical act in the world in the first third of the 20th Century.

A more complete definition of an American would be hard to find. Just listen to his music.

## Bulletin Board

### Cheylin School Board

The Cheylin School Board meeting will be at 7 p.m. July 18 instead of July 11 in the Board of Education room.

### Mommy and Me

Mommy and Me swimming classes started July 1. Classes are for mommy and children up to 4-years of age, and will be held on every Friday through the month of July. Mommy and children may attend one or all five lessons. For times and more details call Tina Sager at 785-734-2478.

### Death notice

Edna Rieb Kuhlman died Sunday, July 3, 2011, in Pueblo, Colo., at the age of 88. She is a sister of Deloris Knorr. There was cremation, services are pending.

### Help needed

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

### Fair coming

The Cheyenne County Fair is set for Aug 3, 4 and 5. The Amateur Variety Show will be held Friday in front of the grandstand. Talent is needed. Contact Ruth Milliken, 785-332-3421 and enter today.

The fair parade will be held Saturday. The theme is "Reach for the Stars; Lasso the Future."

### Bird City Historical Association

The Bird City Historical Association will meet Friday, July 8 at the Bird City Senior Center at 2 p.m. The program will be a time of sharing. Members are asked to bring information on a book on history that they have enjoyed reading. Also bring information on a craft or recipe that has been passed down from generation to generation. Project - Development of new ideas.

### Fair board

The fair board will be meeting tonight (Thursday) at the fair grounds.

### Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 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.

### Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Sunday nights at 8 p.m. and Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

### Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-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 1-800-794-4624.



Brody Alec Weitzel

## Introducing

Brody Alec Weitzel

Corey and Allisha Weitzel announce the birth of their son, Brody Alec Weitzel at 12:11 a.m. on June 11, 2011. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21-inches long. Brody was born at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho.

Grandparents are Dennis and Sonja Weeden, Saint Francis, Kan., and Terry and Audrey Weitzel of Johnstown, Colo. Great-grandparents are Mary Glad, Green Valley Ariz., Gaylen and Dorothy Weeden, Saint Francis, and Joe and Maryetta Moore, Greeley, Colo.



GOOD SAMARITAN VILLAGE demolition is almost halfway done. The completion date is scheduled for December.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## New voting booths displayed at meeting

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on Thursday, June 30, was relatively short as there was little business.

Terry Miller, clerk, started off the meeting by showing one of the new voting booths. The booth has three different booths, with a lower shelf for people in wheelchairs. The booth ordinarily costs \$799 but the state is offering counties a chance to buy them at a 90-10 match.

Since the booth will cost only \$79, the commissioners agreed that the clerk purchase three of them - two for St. Francis and one for Bird City.

### Noxious weed supervisor's report

Justin Lohr, noxious weed supervisor, presented a plan regarding weed control within the county. He said farmers spraying the ditches was a problem as some sprayed with

a chemical that killed grass and weeds. However, there is a problem of having enough time to spray the county right of ways and ditches as well as spraying for noxious weeds in pastures.

Farmers, he said, should treat their grass as a crop. We will never get rid of all the noxious weeds, but I would like to see there is control of the weeds.

The commissioners agreed that the county is responsible for getting rid of the weeds in ditches and also that, by spraying private pastures, they were competing with private businesses.

It may get to the point, Dale Patton, commissioner, said, that we will need to have a resolution so farmers will be fined if they don't take care of their weeds.

Absentee landowners, Mr. Lohr added, need to visit their property to see what is going on.

The matter was tabled until a future meeting.

Mr. Lohr had been to a meeting

in Alma but had also gone to Hays for a workman's comp matter. The commissioners reviewed the mileage he had, noting that the trip to Hays was unnecessary as the matter could have been handled over the phone. They agreed to pay for the mileage to Alma but not to Hays.

Mr. Lohr had two other meetings he thought important to attend. One was the annual weed director's meeting in Meade. The other meeting, held in Oakley, was for the disposal of the new plastic products being used including the huge plastic tarps covering the wheat bins.

The commissioners approved of the meetings in Meade and Oakley but cautioned Mr. Lohr that the money was tight and they will be looking closely at the necessity of meetings, especially when they include paying for the mileage. Meeting may be one area where, toward the end of the year, the commissioners may cut.

### Attorney's report

Kari Gilliland, county attorney, updated the commissioners on

several cases. She said the child-in-need case had been settled and had been expensive for the county.

She had the right-of-way agreement as well as a memorandum that will be filed in the Register of Deeds office. The documents were sent by Dean Jarrett, land-man for Branch Systems, a subsidiary of Rosewood Resources.

Mr. Jarrett had the commissioners' approval for the use of the county right-of-ways. Rosewood will pay the county \$10 per rod for a total of \$8,240.

### In other business

- A wage agreement was signed for Ben Killingsworth

- Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, asked for 10 minutes executive session. No decision was made upon coming out of the session.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, July 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Dave Jensen, Blair, Neb.; CW Antholz, McDonald; Heidi Ketzner, City; Mabel Carstans, Bird City; Russell Starnes, Andover; Terry Wilson; Bruce Bolen, Bird City;

Herb Bacon, Grand Junction, Colo.; Neitzel Insurance, St. Francis.



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Kansas small business development center

The Fort Hays State University Kansas Small Business Development Center (KS-BDC) seeks a Business Consultant for the Bird City Outreach Center.

If you value small businesses, enjoy working with the public, and have strong business knowledge & skills, then consider joining the FHSU KSBDC team. The Business Consultant will provide counseling and training to existing and prospective business owners from the Outreach Center in Bird City, in cooperation with the regional center office in Hays. The position requires frequent day travel for on-site business assistance to the northwest counties and occasional overnight travel.

There is tremendous opportunity for personal and professional growth. Final candidate will have consented to and successfully completed a criminal background check. A complete position description can be found at <http://bigcat.fhsu.edu/positions/admn.php>. FHSU is an AA/EEO Employer.

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### Last Public Meeting Community Input for Action will be discussed

Website with information is [www.krhw.net](http://www.krhw.net)

**Wednesday, July 13**  
**Serving lunch at 11:40**  
**Meeting starts at Noon**  
**and will last one hour.**

RSVP to hospital 785/332-2104 or Tom Keller email: [tomekeller48@gmail.com](mailto:tomekeller48@gmail.com)  
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