



Casey's Comments

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What was it that Winston Churchill said after the British 8th Army finally got a victory over the Nazi army at El Alamein? It's not the end of anything, but perhaps it is the beginning of the end.

That is how it felt today watching our youngest children go off on their first day of school. For Joey the second to last one of these days, as he is a Junior. But for Lexi this was the final first day she will have in high school.

I know, I know, we're not the first parents to watch our little chicklings start moving to the outer edge of the nest. This whole thing is just a part of the big picture of family life.

But it still makes one stop and wonder.... how did this happen so fast?

Wasn't it just yesterday that Joey and Lexi were sitting side-by-side in a laundry basket watching TV? Aren't these the same two who looked up in the stands to see if we were there to see them in a dance or athletic affair?

When did they get to be so grown up? Of course, looking in the mirror, I wonder when it was that my father decided to start showing up in our home.

So while I'm trying to figure this out, I'll also be busy enjoying the last times we see our kids do the many things that make up their high school lives.

School Menu

Monday
No School - Labor Day

Tuesday
Breakfast: apple wrap
Lunch: quesidilla, rice

Wednesday
Breakfast: breakfast bites
Lunch: turkey noodles, mashed potatoes, roll

Thursday:
Breakfast: breakfast bites

Lunch: sausage gravy, biscuit, cheese chunk

Friday:
Breakfast: polish sausage supreme
Lunch: grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup

- Breakfast is served everyday with cereal, toast, juice and milk.
- Lunch is served everyday with salad bar, fruit and milk

Family members attend reunion held at park

Saturday, Aug. 27, was the reunion of the Burr-LeBow families at the park in Bird City. The day was spent renewing relationships and eating. Families came from Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas.

It was decided by attendees to change the date for the 2013 reunion to the first Saturday in June, hoping this will help more family members to attend.

Helpful Tips

Flexible vacuum
To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Reducing Static Cling
Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks -- static is gone.

Death notice

Harlan (Butch) Bakke, Bird City, died Friday, Aug. 26, after a long illness. Services will be held at a later date. Cards of condolence may be sent to Kim Jimenez, 1157 Syracuse St., Denver, CO 80220.

American Legion Auxiliary
The American Legion Auxiliary meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Legion hall in Bird City. It is membership day.

Papers will be a day late
The St. Francis Herald and *Bird City Times* will arrive at the post office and rural boxes one day late next week because of the Labor Day holiday. The office will be closed on Monday. Ad and copy deadline will be Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Beecher Island Reunion
The 112th Beecher Island Reunion has been set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18. There will be a variety of entertainment during the celebration. Look for more information in upcoming issues of *The Herald*.

Disc golf tournament
Roadkill Rendezvous disc tournament has been set for Saturday, Sept. 17, at the roadside disc golf course, south of the museum on U.S. 36. The tournament proceeds will be given to benefit Zero's Youth Center. For information call 785-332-0308.

Historical society programs
Mark your calendars for two upcoming programs which will be presented by the Cheyenne County Historical Society on Sunday, Sept. 18 and Sunday, Oct. 23.

Rod Laird, "Grandfather of the modern rebirth of alat use," will speak on Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. in the Old Country Church on U.S. 36. He will be talking about the Megafauna (large animals, mostly now extinct) of the Pleistocene (Ice Age), the Paleoamericans of Cheyenne County who hunted them, the weapon they used (the atlatl), and how a classroom learning activity in a Wyoming middle school became a worldwide sport. Rod plans to bring a Clovis biface found by his Uncle Chase Dunn on South Fork after the great flood of 1935. A biface

is a flaked blade of stone that furnished flakes for tool-making. He'll also have lots of tools and artifacts, including atlatls. This presentation is open to everyone interested.

Sunday, Oct. 23, the Historical Society will host Audrey Kalivoda, at the St. Francis Public Library. She will preview her newest DVD, "Kansas, the Center of it All." This event will begin at 2 p.m. with a reception following.

Card shower
The family of Betty Childers would like to honor her with a card shower for her 90th birthday on Sept. 6. Cards can be addressed to her at Box 308, Bird City, KS 67731.

Center Day
Center Day festivities will start at 10 a.m. on Labor Day, Sept. 5, at the Center Church grounds southeast of Bird City.

City council
Bird City City Council meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 6, at city hall.

Fair board meeting
The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7:30 p.m., tonight (Thursday) in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.

Tag deadline
All residents with last names beginning with P, Q and R should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

Driver's license needs to be presented or entered on form at time of renewal.

Veterans' affairs
Jody Tubbs, Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday in the commissioners' office in the courthouse. Unable to attend, call her Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 785-462-3572.

Hunter education
Hunter education classes are set for Sept. 10. It will be an internet assisted course. Call Francis O'Leary at 785-772-7382 or Tim Stimbert at 785-772-5033 for more information.

Cheyenne County

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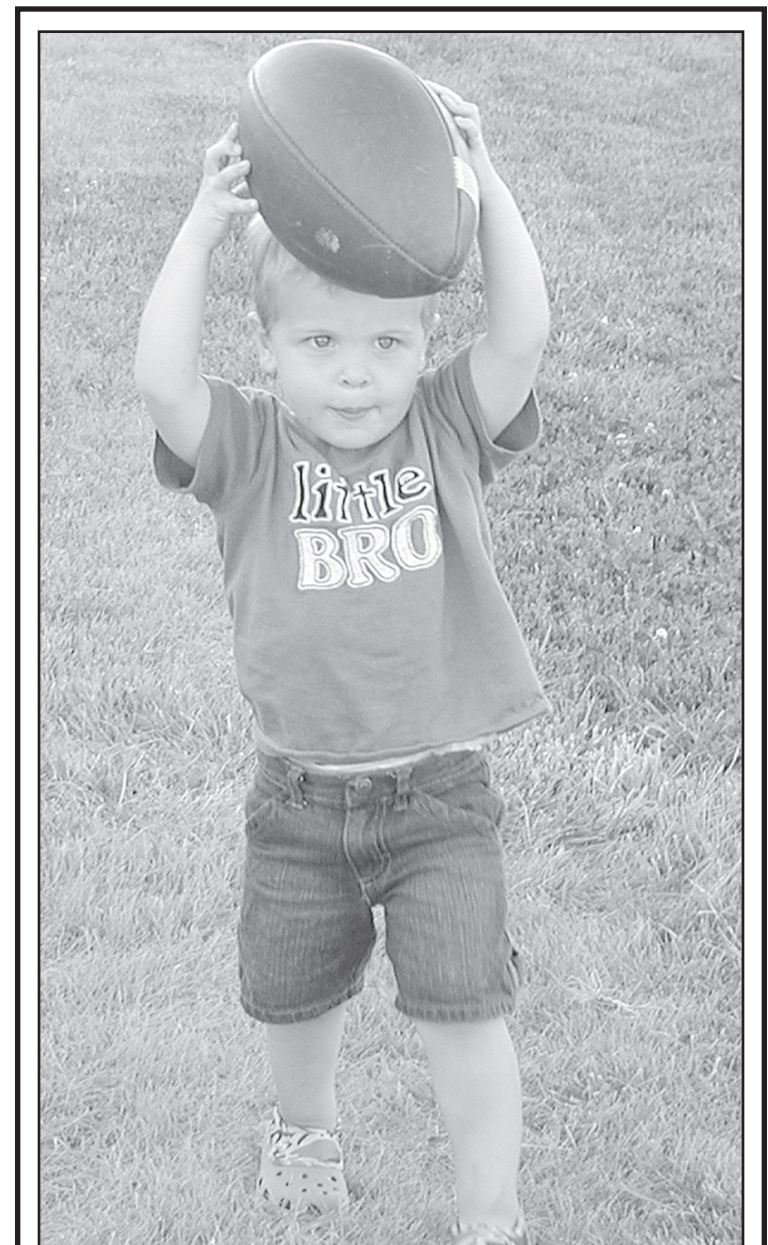
If you are proud of your community and your county and want to tell folks about it, stop by the Cheyenne County Development office at 107 W. Washington in St. Francis and pick up an "Ambassadors" package. Take one along on a trip or to an event. Let everyone know what a great place we live in!

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.



I CAN CATCH IT! Future football player Landin Hendricks was ready to play at the scrimmage.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center is looking for qualified professionals to join our staff for the 2011-2012 school year. We have the following opportunities available:

- Physical Therapist
- Interrelated Para-Educators (Grinnell, Oakley, Sharon Springs)
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in observance of Labor Day

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For more information or to schedule an appointment call 785-332-2104