

Casey's Comments

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 Ten years ago, on Sept. 11, 2001, my partner and I had worked an all night shift updating the computer and telephone systems in the City Market grocery store in Glenwood Springs, Colo. We returned to our hotel room to unwind and catch some sleep before returning to finish the job that evening. As my buddy called his wife, I turned on the television to watch the horror of that day unfold. I imagine you recall where you were and what daily routine was being preformed when our world stopped at that moment. A decade later the images that we saw of the World Trade Center, Pentagon and a smoking field in Pennsylvania are played repeatedly. Personally, there is a surreal quality to the

photographs and videos of 9-11. Has it really been ten years? Did all those people actually perish? Was it possible for terrorists to bring down the twin towers? Yet it happened. The sucker punch that still seems too hard to fathom did land square on the face of our nation. But much like the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, that initial blow did not take our country out but brought the full might of America together. Those cowards who planned and executed the vicious act upon innocent civilians did little to accomplish much more than unite those who embrace the freedoms they so wanted to destroy. So after ten years many of those behind the attack are also dead, the victims are remembered and liberty stands firm.

Club Clip

Historical Society

Members of the Bird City Historical Association were privileged to learn some of the stories of keepsakes at the Aug. 12 meeting in the Bird City Senior Center. Something as mundane as an antique heart-shaped cookie cutter to an exquisite pendant were the historical program of the meeting. Here are the keepsakes that were presented:

- This one antique cookie cutter led to a collection of many different designs including a train, stars, angel, animals, Jack-o-lantern, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and a

cutter in the shape of Texas, plus many others. These cutters made many cookies to take to school parties.

- A beautiful iris pendant was designed and made to honor a beloved Mother from the grandmother's wedding rings.
- A lovely blue churn dash pattern quilt was displayed by the quilter's granddaughters. This was a wedding gift to their parents.
- A leather ledger of business transactions which belonged to a great-great grandfather, who died

in 1852.

- A totally hand-written book of a member's great-grandmother's Cherokee family history, including trials and tribulations.
- An unusual deerskin bag or purse with beautiful blue seed beading and a silk braided drawstring, also from the great grandmother.
- Another special keepsake was a member's grandmother's miniature porcelain tea set that is over 100 years old.
- A lovely 1898 doll dressed in a lacy, old-fashioned costume over the leather body and porcelain head, shoulder plate, arms and legs. The dress was further adorned with a porcelain cameo pin that was made by the aunt - who was the original owner of this unique doll.
- A very large ceramic nativity set which was also made by this aunt, who had gone out in search of certain clays with which to make the under-glazes to paint on each piece before they were fired, glazed and then fired in a kiln again. This she had probably done around 1945.

The members were then asked to take a picture of these heirloom keepsakes and to write up a story about these for the development of a journal.

Bulletin Board

Home Circle Club

Joy Anderegg will be the September hostess for the Home Circle Club meeting. It will be held at the Manor on Thursday the 15, at 2:00 p.m. We will have "Show and Tell" time, so bring something fun, pretty, unusual, or interesting to share.

SOS Hugs program

Due to the earlier shipping date, the American Legion Auxiliary is now collecting food, personal items and donations for our troops in harms way. A full list of acceptable items is listed in the window of the Bird City Legion hall. For any questions call: Joy Anderegg 785-734-3001.

Commissioners

Cheyenne County Commission-

ers will meet at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15, in the commissioners room at the courthouse.

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 Times.

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. 35-37c

Orchestra starts new season
 The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is starting a new season. The first meet-and-greet and practice will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12, at the Colby Community College Frahm Theatre. All musicians encouraged to attend.

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 world-wide 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.

Bird City Center meeting
 The Bird City Senior Center will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday at the center for the election of officers. Following the meeting will be the monthly birthday party.

Community Club
 Bird City Community Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the senior center.

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.

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 Stimbart at 785-772-5033 for more information.

Cheyenne County ambassadors

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!

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.

Correction

• Wanda Dowdy did not volunteer to serve on the at-large board for the Bird City Senior Center.

Airport runway project begins soon

A pre-construction conference for the Cheyenne County Airport's runway extension project was held on Aug. 31 in the Grace Flying Service office. The meeting was chaired by the project engineer, Diane Hofer of Olsson Associates. Attending were several Airport Commission members; Dave Flemming, the county engineer, and the contractors for the \$1.88 million project.

The first phase of construction - the dirt work - will begin around Oct. 3. The dirt work for the planned 2,062-foot extension of runway - the existing hard-surface runway - is extensive, totaling 150,000 cubic yards, due to rising terrain to the south-east.

The airport runway will not be closed during this phase. By doing the grading now, the dirt will be allowed to settle over the winter, providing a more stable base for the 6-inch concrete which will be poured next spring.

In April 2012, the final dirt work will be finished and the concrete will be poured in three 25-foot-wide strips. When the project is finished in June 2012, the runway will be 5,200 feet long and 75 feet wide, making it comparable to other regional airports.

In addition to the concrete, airport boundary fencing will be installed, and the present runway lighting will be extended to the new length. A city water line will be moved so that future line maintenance will be simplified.

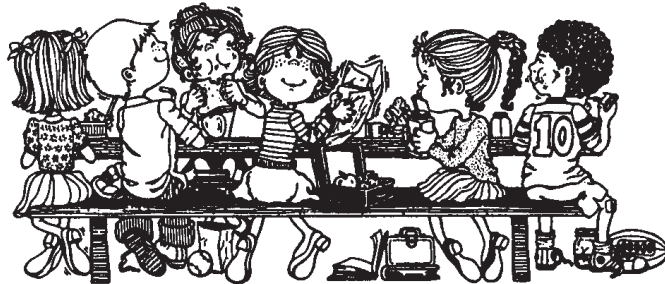
The estimated completion of the project is mid-June 2012, and the existing runway will be open during construction except for one week when the new paint is applied. During some of the project, the runway's length will be slightly reduced, but most operations, including air ambulance, will be possible.

Dave Yost is the Airport Commission president, and Olsson Associates are the contracting engineers. Others present were Rick Rogers, Ron Loudon, Richard Grace and Robert Grace, as well as representatives from the local gas company, as they have lines under the new runway.

School Menu

Monday
 Breakfast: Biscuit, boiled egg
 Lunch: fish, macaroni and cheese, roll
Tuesday
 Breakfast: waffles
 Lunch: hard-shelled taco, rice
Wednesday
 Breakfast: Breakfast quesadillas
 Lunch: pig-in-a-blanket, ice cream

Thursday
 Breakfast: sausage and cheese scones
 Lunch: pizza burger, potato wedges
 Breakfast is served daily with cereal, toast, juice and milk
 Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk
 No school on Friday



Accidentally Omitted

Premium Sale SHEEP

Taylor Archibald — Stevens Ranch/
 Donna's Gift Palace, \$450.00

Premium Buyers

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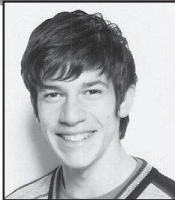
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Saturday, Oct. 1
11 a.m.

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Dr. Reeves	Sept. 21
Dr. Curtis	Sept. 22
Dexascan	Sept. 14
Nuc Med	Sept. 13, 20, 27



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