

Casey’s Comments

By Casey McCormick
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With Andy Rooney’s passing so goes another chunk of America. I hope you were a fan of his for he was one of the last pieces of quality on television these days. Rooney always had something to say about many different things. When his last segment was broadcast a few weeks ago, it notched the 1,097th closing opinion for “60 Minutes.” Perhaps it was his Irish roots, but he always reminded me of a grumpy uncle who showed up at a family get-together. Something would be around that could bring a bit of humor from him. One of his qualities was admit-

ting when he was wrong. One particular instance was his opinion of the United States entering World War II. As a pacifist, Rooney thought we should stay out. But when he became a reporter/writer for *Stars and Stripes* he saw the horrors of war first hand. Whether this happened flying on the second bombing raid over Germany, landing in Normandy a couple days after the first Americans set foot on French soil or entering the concentration camps after the Nazis were defeated, his view of the war was that it was just. I hate seeing a man like Andy Rooney exit. He sure got it.

Area church receiving reports on film team

The Wesleyan Community Church of Bird City has been receiving reports of how the Jesus Film team is doing in Zambia, Africa. A group of eight people from Bird City and McDonald traveled to Zambia in February to do some training for the Jesus Film teams to take the Jesus Film throughout Zambia. The Wesleyan Church has sponsored two Jesus Film teams in Africa; one in Zambia and one in Sierra Leone. That means that the money given to support the teams provides for training, equipment and financing for the teams to operate for the following year. A report was received just a few weeks ago, describing the amazing ministry that has taken place through the work of the two Jesus Films teams that are now working in Zambia. In April

and May, the two teams showed the Jesus Film to 22,526 people with 4,097 responding and praying the sinner’s prayer. With the follow-up ministry that happens after the team goes into a village, 45 cell groups (discipleship groups) were formed and 629 people attend these groups. The most recent report that the church received was for the months of June to September. During that time 59,925 people have viewed the Jesus Film, 21,934 people have responded and prayed for salvation in Jesus Christ. One-hundred and seven cell groups were formed with 1,481 people joining the groups. “It has been so wonderful to see what is going on there. To think that we, here in Bird City could have such an impact in people’s lives around the world is incredible!

School Menu

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| Monday Breakfast: blueberry muffin, yogurt. Lunch: country-fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy. | Thursday Breakfast: boiled egg, English muffin. Lunch: sausage pizza, vegetable, dessert. |
| Tuesday Breakfast: scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls. Lunch: hot or chili dogs, potato triangles. | Friday Breakfast: breakfast quesadillas. Lunch: barbeque pork rib sandwich, curly fries. Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk. Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk |
| Wednesday Breakfast: sausage cheese scones. Lunch: potato soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, vegetable. | |

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Bulletin Board

Aerobics
Aerobics started up last Monday at the Cheylin grade school gym. To continue weekly from 5:10 – 5:50 p.m. until December. For more information call Tina Sager at 734-2478

90th birthday celebrated
Eleanor Swihart will celebrate her 90th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the fellowship building, McDonald Federated Church, McDonald. Everyone is encouraged to come visit and enjoy birthday cake. Those unable to come can send a card to her at P.O. Box, 2, McDonald, KS 67745.

Community Thanksgiving service
The St. Francis Ministerial Association is sponsoring a special Community Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17. The service is hosted by Peace Lutheran Church. Everyone is urged to attend and bring canned goods for the local food pantry. The offering collected will be given to the food pantry as well.

Death notice
Former Bird City resident, Ardis M. Boersma, 95, died in Colby on Nov. 5. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City. Inurnment will be in the Bird City Cemetery.

Diabetes support group
Diabetes Support Group meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Cheyenne County Clinic basement in St. Francis. The topic will be about diabetes and nutrition for the holiday season. Brandie Ihrig, dietician for the Cheyenne County Hospital, will be the guest speaker. For more information contact Mila Bandel, RN, county health nurse 785-332-2381.

Community Christmas Chorus
The Community Christmas Chorus practice will be held each Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. until Sunday, Dec. 11. The chorus will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, at Peace Lutheran Church, St Francis.

Commodities distribution
Cheyenne County commodity distribution of government surplus will be from 5 to 5:30 p.m., on Thursday at the Church of Christ in St. Francis.

The types of food vary and include vegetables, fruits, juices, meat, cereals, peanut butter, nonfat

dried milk and pastas. The food is shipped to the Church of Christ. It is supplied four or more times per year. To be eligible for commodities, the household’s total monthly income must be below: \$1,180 – household of one; \$1,594 – household of two; \$2,008 – household of three; \$2,422 – household of four; \$2,836 – household of five; \$3,663 – household of six; \$3,663 – household of seven; \$4,077 – household of eight. For each additional family member, add \$414.

Bird City Historical Association
The Bird City Historical Association, Inc. will meet on Friday, Nov. 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bird City Senior Center. All visitors are welcome. After a brief business meeting, the program will be the development of the December newsletter to the school, “Mystery of the Past.” This will be the last issue on the Native American Era. The January and February issues will be on the early cattlemen era. Dorthy has chosen for the December issue, the Sand Creek Massacre with the story of Chief Black Kettle and story by George Vent, the half-blood Cheyenne Indian. Remember your own category with a written article. Also keep in mind the heirloom keepsakes for our journal. Wanda Dowdy, 115 E. 5th St., PO Box 146, Bird City, KS 67731

Courthouse closed
The Cheyenne County Courthouse will be closed Friday in honor of Veterans Day.

County commissioners
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday in the commissioners’ room in the courthouse, St. Francis.

Senior birthdays
Bird City Senior Center monthly birthday party will be held on Nov. 14 at 3 p.m.

Thanksgiving benefit dinner
Save the date of Sunday, Nov. 20, for the Thanksgiving benefit dinner for the Dave Sowers family. Look for more information and ads in the future.

HOME Circle Club
HOME Circle Club will be meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the Manor with Club Treasurer Meta Dankenbring as hostess.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box
For those participating in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box

the pick-up dates are November 15-22.

Get well cards
Rita Officer is in the hospital and cards can be sent to Via Christi Hospital SICU, 929 N. St. Francis, Wichita, KS 67214-3821

Library books
While doing your fall cleaning, check under your bed for any overdue library books. The Bird City Public Library is not charging any fines for 6 months in an attempt to recover items. So please help out by returning items from months or years back. If we are not open please leave items in the outside return.

Free popcorn
The Cheyenne Theater Committee is asking, that the first weekend of the month, those attending the movie bring a canned food donation for the Food Pantry and they will receive a free sack of popcorn.

Tag deadline
All residents with last names beginning with S 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 a penalty.

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

Blue star banners
Do you have a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter serving in active duty military service? The Goodland Elks Lodge 1528 would like to present you with a “blue star banner” for your window to show your pride! Please call the secretary at (785) 890-6251 to visit with her about this.

Narcotics Anonymous
Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on 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.

Couple attends annual conference in Oakley

Stan and Dee Dorsch attended the Smokey Hill Trail Association annual conference in Oakley on Oct. 14 thru 16. Lecturers for the conference were Dr. Mann, Dr. Wilhelm, and Dr. Olivia.

Mark Berry from McDonald supplied a special treat on Saturday by portraying William Constock in full costume. Comstock had been stationed at Fort Wallace where he was involved in a Buffalo hunting contest with Bill Hickock, and won.

Tours were conducted on both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday’s tour went from south of Gove along the Smokey River. Most of this trail site is now on private land, so those on the tour were able to see things they normally wouldn’t get to see. The group also attended the Caryl Station and Monument Station.

On Sunday the tour went South of Oakley and visited other station sites. They were fortunate enough to receive permission to go to the North and South Fork

of the Smokey. The German Massacre included four of the German family’s that were murdered. Four other young girls were captured by the Indians. Two of them were too disturbing to the Indians as they cried all the time, so they took them out and turned them lose on the prairie where they were rescued. The other two were later freed by soldiers from Fort Wallace.

The Fick Museum and the Butterfield Trail Museum were also enjoyable. Another great site was Sheridan which is located south of Brewster on the Smokey. At one time Sheridan was one of the wickedest cities in America. Nothing is left of this city now except the burials in the hill to the north of the town site.

Bird City’s library is fortunate to have the pictures of the Smokey Butterfield Overland dispatch sites on display. On the tour they were only able to see the Butterfield Overland Dispatch markers that were placed on the trail.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 53 min.

Footloose

Nov. 11, 12 & 13

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Diabetes Support Group

Wednesday, Nov. 16
1:30 p.m.

in the Clinic Basement Conference Room.

Topic: Diabetes & Nutrition
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will be guest speaker

For more information , please contact
the County Health at 785-332-2381

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