

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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The other day I had an interesting talk with our chocolate lab, Cain.
Me: "Hey buddy, when I was a kid in Denver there was an organization that took care of dogs and cats who needed new homes. It was called the Dumb Friend's League. Do our four-legged pals get worked up over politically correct names?"
Cain: "Your kind calling my kind 'dumb?' Now that's a laugh! Since we're touching on your past once again, why don't you tell me about your 'decent haircut' story?"
Me: "Ouch! Yea, not one of my brighter moments. It was Lezlie's and my wedding week. Luckily she is a talented barber and gives me wonderful haircuts at a very good rate. Smart guy here thought he'd give her a break and allow one of the local professionals a chance to provide me with a 'de-

cent" cut before the big day."
Cain: "Nice move. So how long was it before she took the scissors to your noggin again?"
Me: "Some time. I looked like Howard Hughes in his later years when she finally gave in. Let me tell you, I was a little nervous to see what she might carve on the back of my cranium. How did you hear about that anyway? That happened before you were even born."
Cain: "You forget about the Dalmatian and Scottie that were here before me? When ever they needed a good chuckle that one would come up."
Me: "I see. So I would do well not to mention the DFL or 'decent haircuts' in the future?"
Cain: "Gee, and they say you can't teach us new tricks! And back to the politically correct mumbo-jumbo, what a waste of energy. We stick to the basics: Gravy Train, Beggin' Strips and fire hydrant."

Obituary

Charles M. Merklin
April 4, 1937 - May 27, 2012

Charles M. Merklin, 78, lifelong Bird City resident died Sunday, May 27, 2012, at his home. Charles was born April 4, 1934 to Lemuel and Myrtle Merklin in Cheyenne County, Kan. He graduated from St. Francis high school with the class of 1951. On June 9, 1973 he married Barbara Ogden in St. Francis. He spent two years in the United States Army and spent his lifetime as a truck driver, retiring in 1998. He enjoyed golf and was a lifetime member of the VFW.
He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Dale and sister Nadine Miller.
He is survived by his wife of the home, daughters Belinda (Frank) Serrano of Bird City, Sonja (Jody) Turner of Douglas, Stacey (Dale)

Hazuka of McDonald, and son Steven Merklin of Benkelman, Neb., brothers Leon (Darlene) of St. Francis, Bill of Meade, Gary (Peggy) of Malvern, Iowa, Marlin (Peggy) of Hutchinson, sisters Janice Dey of Lawrence, and Len-na (Fred) Studer of Goodland, and 10 grandchildren.
A memorial service will be held Friday, June 1, at 11 a.m. at the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 E. 2nd Street in Bird City, with Pastor Tom Bailey officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has been chosen. Memorials will be directed to the church or hospice services.
Bateman Funeral Home of Goodland is handling the arrangements.

Area student named Governor's Scholar

At the invitation of Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, Tily Bell, St. Francis Community High School senior, was selected to attend the 29th Governor's Scholars Awards Program on May 6 in Topeka.
The recognition ceremony honors the top academic 1 percent of Kansas high school seniors. Scholars are selected from accredited public and private schools in the state.
"These high school seniors have shown dedication in their studies and a commitment to learning. They've earned this honor and I want to congratulate them on this achievement," Governor Brownback said. "We also should recognize their families, teachers, and mentors for helping these outstanding students achieve their academic goals."
This program is coordinated for

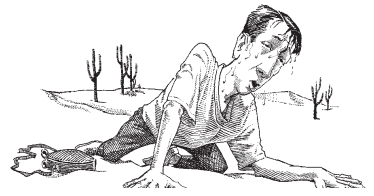


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the Governor by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force. It is funded by donations from private sector businesses in Kansas.

Thank You

Words cannot express our deep gratitude for the many kindnesses shown in the loss of our mother and grandmother, Mabel Carstens. Thank you to all who sent cards and flowers; brought food; offered kind words and hugs; helped move furniture; those who were always there; and staff at Good Samaritan Village.
Thank you Hospice Nurse, Tammy Church. You were Mom's Angel and ours; Jim Gleason, another Angel among us, for the beautiful words spoken at the funeral; and Hal and Becky Antholz for your precious gift of song. Thank you Pallbearers Troy Burr, Gary Brubaker, Ned Smith, Eric Churchwell, Dave Hickert, Loren White and Rod Young. You all held a special place in Mom's life.
Thank you St. John's Lutheran Women for providing lunch and Knodel Funeral Home for caring and compassionate arrangements.
We were blessed with a wonderful Mother and warmed by the outpouring of love from those whose lives she touched.
The family of Mabel Carstens.



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Bulletin Board

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.
Note: As of May 25, show time is 8 p.m.
Storytime
Storytime will be Friday at 9 a.m. -10:30 p.m. Parents are invited to bring 2-5 year olds for a time of reading and fun. Come for 10 minutes or the entire time.
Bird City community club
The Bird City community club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on June 11 at the shelter house.
Vacation Bible school
Vacation Bible school will be held June 4-8, 12:30-2:30. Lunch provided at Cheylin school. You can pre-register at Hometown Market.
Cheyenne County Kansans for Life
The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet Monday, June 4, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All in our community are invited to join in prayer, learning and fellowship as we work together to provide life for all.
Send cards
Val Coleman is home recovering from a full hip surgery. Cards can be sent to Val Coleman, P.O. Box 81, Bird City KS. 67731.
Weight lifting
Summer weight lifting program began on Monday May 14, will go till August from 6:30 am to 7:45 a.m. Monday -Thursday mornings, call Coach Blair.
Swimming lessons
Swimming lessons, June 18 - 29, Monday - Friday, repeated in July, call City Pool for times 734-2241 or Tina. These lessons are free.
Water Aerobics
Cheylin Water Aerobics begins May 29, then every Monday and Thursday, at 5:15-6:00 p.m. Call Tina 734-2478 to register.
Mommy and me
Friday, June 1, and June 15, time 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. call Tina to register.
Summer baseball league
Summer baseball league McDonald ball diamond, to play for

summer league call Kale Shield to sign up.
Grief Support Group
The next Grief Support Group will continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. Meeting place is the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 E. Fourth, Bird City. For more information, call 785-734-2739.
The group is a confidential support to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one in a safe place of mutual help and comfort.
Tornado Safety drills
The Cheyenne County Communications Center will conduct monthly siren testing starting the second Wednesday in April at 9 a.m. The testing will continue through the end of September.
Fishing clinic
The Tri-County Fishing Clinic will be held at Bellamy's Farm, south of Goodland, on Thursday, June 14. The clinic is open to all children, ages 7-12. They are welcome to bring poles and tackle, the bait will be provided.
Participants must pay a \$3 fee and have a completed waiver on file at the Extension office.
The staff plans on leaving the courthouse at 8:15 a.m. and returning between 3 and 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.
To register, call the Extension office at 332-3171 before June 12.
Emergency number
The new phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.
Recycling
The Bird City City Council is requesting that all recycling rules be followed especially breaking down cardboard boxes before they are thrown in the bin, also no trash, or items not designated on bins.
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

Sainty alumni set for June 16

By Karen Krien

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Those who have not made their reservations for the St. Francis Community High School alumni celebration need to do so by Monday, June 11. The celebration will be held Saturday, June 16, with many of the honor classes having additional parties on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
Shirley Zwegardt, corresponding secretary, reported reservations have started coming in for the Saturday evening meal. People can send in their reservations or, if it is getting late, they can call in and pick up their tickets on Saturday evening.
The \$20 collected for each reservation not only pays for the meal but is also used to help purchase items for the Sainty schools and community.
"We have been able to make some sizable donations back to the school and to the St. Francis community through the years," Ms. Zwegardt said.
After the banquet
Following the banquet, people are encouraged to go back to the gym for a "meet and greet" time from 7 to 9 p.m.
The alumni association is then hosting a dance from 9 to midnight

at Riverside Recreation with Scott King providing the music.
Golf tourney
Saturday morning, a golf tournament is planned at Riverside Recreation. This is the third year for the nine-hole, four-person scramble.
Registration is \$20 per golfer and the money can be sent with the reservations but Shirley would appreciate separate checks. People can also register the morning of the tournament between 8 and 8:30 a.m. Tee off will be around 9 a.m. and the tourney should finish around noon.
There will be prizes for designated holes and they will be awarded in the gym that evening prior to the banquet.
Other events
Other events planned in conjunction with the alumni celebration include a brat lunch at the Cheyenne County Museum on U.S. 36 from noon to 1 p.m. on Saturday.
On Friday, June 15, from 4 to 7 p.m., there will be an art walk, "Draggin' Main-A New Twist. People are urged to come downtown for art, live music, food and drink while visiting with old friends in town. Maps and the schedule will be located at the St. Francis Library.
Honor classes
Honor classes this year are 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2002.
Registration will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Saturday then everyone is to meet in the gym. This is a good time to visit with graduates and friends from other classes. Each honor class will have a designated area (years are posted on the gym walls) and a class photo will be taken by a professional photographer and by The Saint Francis Herald staff.
The alumni banquet will be served in the school cafeteria.
Look for the class plans in an upcoming issue of The Herald or for more information, contact Shirley at 785-332-2286 or e-mail her at sfchsalumni@hotmail.com.

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. 1 hr. 53 min.

Dark Shadows
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For more information or to get one installed call Shawna at Cheyenne County Hospital 785-332-2104.

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