



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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It's hard not to admire anything consistent these days. I'm speaking of Queen Elizabeth II's 60 years on the throne. Not to many folks hold the same job for that long.

Part of me is pulled from giving it much notice. First, being an American, we colonists broke from "mother England" years ago. Also having Irish blood makes it hard to forget some of the history between the two countries.

But let's give credit where credit is due. While the British Empire has gone through incredible changes in the last six decades, the lady at the helm has kept the ship on a steady course.

The monarchy has an indirect influence on how the government of our English cousins is run. But having a king or queen leading the country is something the Brits have expected and desired

for centuries.

It is hard for a non-subject to grasp the relationship between Queen Elizabeth and her people. The love and respect they show sure is different from how we see our top dog. Obviously it has worked for them for a lot longer than our United States have existed.

I wouldn't swap our freedoms for what they have on the other side of the pond, but I admire their consistency.

Years ago I was wandering around the English city of Chester. Once a Roman outpost, the old wall still makes up the basic design of the town. At the East gate stands an enormous clock that celebrates Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, erected two years after in 1899. I imagine Liz-2 will get her own big time piece somewhere or another in the lands she rules over.

God save the Queen.

McDonald alumni gathering goes well

By Sandy Binning

Midst returning graduates and community members the annual alumni dinner at the McDonald Grade School gym was well attended and renewed conversations left all in prime spirits. In keeping with tradition, the honored 50 year class spokesman, Jerry Frisbie, presided.

Class of 1962 members and their spouses seated at the honored table were: Bill and Susan Benkelman, Jerry and Jackie Frisbie, Doris Hartman and David Taylor, Larry Holub, Doris (Knapp) and Lowell Martin, Marty and Marilyn Kopriva, Ron Ribordy and Lynette Brown, and Mary Ritter Preston.

Members of the 60 year class enjoyed dinner Saturday evening in Benkelman. Those attending were: Carl and Sandra Antholz, Julianna (Harwerth) and Gene Layne, Joan Kemper Vontz, Ronald Moreland, Phyllis Officer Cass, and longtime class member,

Lois Weaver Morelock. All except Joan were on hand Sunday to support the 1952 class president, Ron as he recapped events of their high school years. Other recognized years present were 40, 45 and several earlier than 60 years.

All tables held door prizes, compliments of the Alumni Association, which were awarded to: Bianca Binning, Jazzmin Binning, Jerry Binning, Porsha Binning, Lynette Brown, Henry Cahoj, Penny Loker, Iris McIntosh, Lonell Nygaard and Lynn Officer.

In 2013, alumni day will be incorporated into the larger event of McDonald's 125th celebration. Diane Simmons mentioned a quilt will be constructed of 12 blocks from community members and tickets will be available from Penny Loker for a dollar each or 6 for \$5. Other events planned will be a chuck wagon breakfast, parade, cantata and various games for all ages..

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.

Senior Center monthly birthdays

Bird City Senior Center monthly birthday party will be at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 11.

Bird City Historical Association

The Bird City Historical Association will meet on June 8 at 2 p.m. at the Bird City Senior Center. Remember to bring articles for the Keepsake Journal. The program will be a discussion of upcoming programs and projects. Also we will be discussing our new office.

Farewell

A farewell for the Barnett clan will be held Thursday, June 14. Starting at 7 p.m., there will be swimming at the pool and visiting at the park. Stop on by and say goodbye!

Bird City community club

The Bird City community club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on June 11 at the shelter house.

School board meeting

School Board meeting will be held on Monday June 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis at 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the County Clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Thursday, June 7. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in

St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

No American Profile

There will be no American Profile inserted in this week's issues of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times. Look for it in next week's issues.

Fair board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday (tonight) in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Congressman Huelskamp

Congressman Tim Huelskamp will be in St. Francis at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 15, in the courtroom on the second floor in the courthouse.

Commissioners

Following Congressman Huelskamp's meeting with the public, the Cheyenne County Commissioners will start their regular meeting in the commissioners' room.

Alumni banquet and dance

Reservations for the St. Francis high school alumni banquet and dance are due on Monday, June 11. Call Shirley Zwegardt, coordinator, 332-2286, for more information. The alumni celebration is set for June 18 with special gatherings of honor classes held from Friday through Sunday of that weekend.

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

Swim Lessons will be June 18-29 at the Bird City Pool. To sign-

up call Jessica 785 821-4636 or Tina 734-2478 or 734-7141 (leave message).

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:15 to 6 at the Bird City Pool.

Mommy and me

Mommy and Me Classes will be on the following Fridays: June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20. Call Tina 734-2478 for times.

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.

Introducing

Landyn Gage Wilson

Matt and Sara Wilson, Bird City, are excited to announce the birth of their son, Landyn Gage, on May 11, 2011. Landyn was 8lbs 5 oz and 19 inches long. Landyn is welcomed home by his big brother Carter.

Maternal grandparents are John and Mary Beth Kohake, Centralia. Great-grandparents are Virginia Koelzer and the late Elmer Koelzer,

Baileyville; Dan Kohake and the late Mary Kohake, Seneca.

Paternal grandparents are Troy and Cindy Burr, Bird City and Ron Wilson, St. Francis. Great-grandparents are Bonnie Burr and the late Willis Burr, Bird City; Libby Curry and the late Ronald Curry, Colby; and Larry and Louise Wilson, St. Francis.

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m.

1 hr. 33 min.

Madagascar 3D

June 8, 9 & 10

Comedy/Action/Adventure/
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Farewell Party for the Barnett clan
Thursday, June 14th... Come when you can!
Swim at the pool and visit at the park
Starting at 7 p.m., going after dark.
Stop on by...and say goodbye!

Your Vote for
Shelley L. Culwell
as Cheyenne County
Register of Deeds
would be appreciated.

Paid for by Andi Culwell, Treasurer

The Wesleyan Community Church
invites to join us Sunday,
June 10 at 5:30 for a potluck supper
followed by slides and a talk
of their trip to Israel.
Slides will begin at 6 p.m.
Kent and Joan Banister and Perry and Paula Keller
will be presenting.
Everyone is welcome!



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| 2002 Ford F-150 Lariat, #T3872C | \$6,900 |
| 2002 Ford Ranger 4x4, S-cab, 4x4, V-6, 128,000 #T9176B | \$8,500 |
| 2003 Buick Lesabre, 128,700, Leather, #T8153 | \$5,800 |
| 2004 Volkswagen Touareg, low mile, #T1726C | \$16,825 |
| 2005 Ford F-250 XLT, 124,000 Super Cab, #T1920A | \$16,900 |
| 2005 Ford F-250 Lariat, L. Box, 133K miles, #T9945A | \$17,500 |
| 2006 Ford 250, R/C, L. box, Local Trade, 100K, #T4374A | \$18,900 |
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| 2009 Nissan Altima, loaded, #22328A | \$17,000 |
| 2010 F-250 Super Cab Lariat, 10 K, 4x4, 6.4, #50842A | \$44,000 |
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American Profile

The American Profile will not be inserted in this week's issues of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

Look for two American Profile in next week's issues.

Sorry for the inconvenience!