#### **Casey's Comments**

By Casey McCormick

mccormickcasey@rocketmail.com The Fourth of July offers us a moment to see and remember what our unique nation is all about. Seeing the stars and bars waving in the breeze should evoke something deep within your chest. If not, that's too bad because we live in a special land and pride is not always a bad thing.

We have a tradition of honoring our local warriors, past and present, with our Freedom Special Section that comes out in the two Cheyenne County papers the week that Independence Day is in. Take a few moments to read this publication and reflect on the sacrifices these individuals made for the betterment of us all.

A couple weeks ago I received a letter from an old family friend in Dayton, Ohio. Faith Rosenthal is her name.

Faith was close to my father's first cousin, Jack Thacker. I got to know Jack better the last few years of his life as they were the first of my new life of recovery. He had spent over 60 years being clean and sober and he sure helped me through a time of change.

Anyway, Jack and his brother, Kelly, were among the "Greatest Generation" of American fighters

27, 2012, at the Sarah Ann Hester

Charlotte was born on Aug.

13, 1913, in North Central

Rawlins County to Charles Henry

(Harry) and Susanna Marie

(Reeh) Wilkinson. She attended

grade school at Red Top District

81 Country School in Rawlins

County and graduated from

Atwood Community High School

in 1932 as valedictorian of her

class. Following high school, she

taught school for two terms in

country schools near her family

home before joining Clement J.

Wahrman in marriage on May

7, 1935, at St. John's Catholic

married life on a farm 3 miles

Church north of Beardsley.

County Hospital.

Memorial Home in Benkelman.



in W.W.II. Jack served in the Army Air Force, teaching others and manning machine guns himself on B-24s. Kelly was a Marine. Jack came back from the war. Kelly lies buried on the Island of Guam in the Pacific along with this brother Marines who didn't come home.

Back to Faith's letter, a few years ago I requested photos of the brothers from when they were in the service. With the letter came a shot of Jack with palm trees behind him. I'm assuming in California before heading to or coming back from the war zone. Kelly's picture is of a kid in a sharply fitting uniform on the front porch of his parents home in Ohio.

Both brothers are gone now, but their gift of freedom will not be forgotten. That goes for the veterans who have graced our Freedom section over the years.

As it's said, thank a vet ... because freedom isn't free.

**Obituary** 

**Charlotte Marie Wahrman** 

Aug. 13, 1913 – June 27, 2012

Charlotte was particularly proud

of all her grandchildren and their

families. While her special joy

was in hosting and participating

in family events, she especially

enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving

dinners, her surprise 88th birthday

party and those other magical

moments that drew the family

together. She was the glue that

held the family together and will

Theresa S. Knapp and husband,

Dean, of Bird City, and Patricia M. Carter and husband, Dan, of

Alpine, Wyo.; a daughter-in-law,

Eileen M. Wahrman Riemann,

Jeanette Vernon, C. J. Wahrman

785-332-2104

Survivors include two daughters,

by family members.

be missed.

Clem and Charlotte began their of Hill City; 10 grandchildren,

west of McDonald in Rawlins III, Elizabeth Anschutz, Robert

County. In 1945, they bought Wahrman, Deborah Smith, Deana

a farm near there in Cheyenne Miller, Darla Ellis, Gregory

County where they raised their Brewster, Michael Brewster and

three children, Clement J., Jr., Christopher Carter; 19 great-

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Cheyenne County Hospital 785-332-2104.

**CHEYENNE COUNTY** 

Charlotte Marie Wahrman, 98, lived until February of 1976 when

Benkelman, Neb., formerly of they moved to Atwood. That farm

Atwood, died Wednesday, June continues to be owned and farmed

## **Bulletin Board**

**Entrepreneurship camp** 

Entrepreneurship Camp will be held in July at Robertson-Griffin-Bacon Memorial Building, Bird City from 9 a.m. to noon. On July 16 and 17, camp for upcoming fifth through eighth graders will be held. Upcoming second through fourth graders will have camp July 17 and 18. For more information, contact Century II. Organized by Jessica Turner. Look for the registration form on page 6 of this weeks issue.

**Summer reading** 

Summer reading featuring "Dream Big" at the Bird City Library on Monday from 10-11 a.m. July 9, 16, 23, 30.

Senior birthdays

Bird City Senior Center birthdays are on Monday, July 9, at 3 p.m.

Volunteers need for fair

Volunteers are needed to run rides and booths during the Cheyenne County Fair, Aug. 1-4. These jobs are only for twohour shifts (more if the volunteer requests). Not only do local residents volunteer to run these events but people coming to visit at that time often sign up. People can call Connie Wilger 785-332-2835, to volunteer or get more information.

great-grandchildren.

Cemetery.

Charlotte was preceded in

death by her husband, Clement J.

Wahrman Sr.; her son, Clement J.

Wahrman Jr.; her parents; three

brothers, Charles R. Wilkinson,

Edward J. Wilkinson and Francis

M. Wilkinson; and a sister, Lucille

A funeral mass was held

on Monday, July 2, at Sacred

Heart Catholic Church, Atwood.

Interment was in Mount Calvary

Memorials are suggested to

the Mount Calvary Cemetery

E. Wilkinson Scheve McKee.

Volunteers are also needed to help get the carnival ride and grounds ready for the fair. Workers meet each Thursday evening - just show up. For more information, call Greg 332-3486.

**Blood drive** 

Amercian Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, at the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 111 W. Bressler, Bird City. Go online to redcrossblood. org or call 800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

**Public meeting** public meeting will be

held by the Cheyenne County Development Corporation at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 16, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse in St. Francis. The meeting will determine if a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan should be adopted.

Veterans' Affairs claims

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis at 10:30 a.m. at the County Clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Va clams work on Thursday, July 5. 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)

Free popcorn

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.

Wesleyan service

The Wesleyan Community Church of Bird City is having evening services, starting at 7 p.m. We will have Praise Contemporary Worship, followed by interactive preaching and Bible Study.

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

**Swimming lessons** 

Second Session of Swim Lessons begins Monday July 2 to Friday July 13. To sign up call; Jessica at. 785-821-4636

Level 4: 8-8:50 a.m.; Level 3: 9-9:50 a.m.; Level 2: 10-10:50 a.m.; Level 1: 11-11:50 a.m.

**Water Aerobics** 

Water aerobics are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 5:15 to 6 p.m. Mommy and me

Mommy and Me classes will be held on Friday's from 5:30-6

Night golf

Night golf at the Bird City Golf Course every first and third Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**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 are available for women and 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.

**Emergency number** 

The new phone number Cheyenne County Communications (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-

**Northwest Kansas Family** Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 daya-week service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-

Correction

Carl and Mayna Dishman have only been coming to Bird City for

## Hospital administrator to resign in October

Les Lacy, Cheyenne County Hospital Administrator, has accepted a position as vice president for regional operations for Great Plains Health Alliance. He resigned from his position as healthcare in Cheyenne County administrator effective Oct. 1 at the Cheyenne County Hospital regular board meeting on Thursday.

Mr. Lacy originally came to the community as a traveling nurse in February of 1992 and transitioned to the administrator position in to be involved in the community. May of 1993.

he will be assigned to Cheyenne County Hospital as one of his responsibilities.

Mr. Lacy said he is pleased that

"I believe in the future of and hope this transition will help me to be of more value to the hospital and the community," he

He said that he has no plans to relocate and he plans to continue

### endowment fund. mornings, call Coach Blair. Many Thanks to You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the doctors and staff for the excellent care I received during my stay at the Cheyenne County Hospital. Thanks, too, to my family and friends for the phone calls, visits, flowers, cards, and prayers given in my behalf. At last, but certainly not least, a big, big thank you to Bonnie, Troy and Cindy Burr. After many unanswered phone calls, Bonnie knew there was a problem. Through their persistence, they were able to get into my locked house and called the ambulance. Thanks everyone, you are the best. Vernetta Haack

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2 hr. 3 min.

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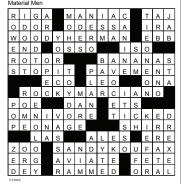
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