



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Last week I wrote about the tower at the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City that honors the soldiers of World War I. An interesting story goes along with the place.

Housed in one of the stone halls there is a portion of Le Pantheon de la Guerre. What the painting is and how it arrived in the American mid-west deserves a moment.

The word panorama comes from the Greek "pan" meaning all and "horama" view. Before the advent of motion pictures panoramas were used to tell a story to the viewer. While Paris was being bombed in October 1914, 130 French artists began work on the Pantheon de la Guerre. It would not be completed until after the Armistice four years later.

The final work was 45 feet tall with a length of 402 feet. It represented the Allied nations, 28 in all, and depicted over 6,000 individual leaders, heroes, martyrs and common soldiers. The original cost was said to have been \$500,000 in early 20th century dollars.

A special round building was

constructed in Paris to display the pantheon until American individuals purchased it. After first being displayed in New York City, the painting hung at the Chicago Worlds Fair in 1933 to 1934.

But interest in the Great War waned and the giant panorama was rolled up and stored in the outdoors of a warehouse in Baltimore, seemingly forgotten until 1953.

Eventually it was purchased by William Haussner, a Baltimore restaurateur. He was contacted by a Kansas City artist, Daniel MacMorris, who convinced him that the Pantheon should be donated to the Liberty Memorial.

For better or worse, MacMorris cut and pasted the art work to condense it from a primarily French piece to one that featured the American war effort.

That explains how the Pantheon de la Guerre made it from battle ravaged France to modern day K.C. It is just one of the unique objects that makes the National World War I Museum a must see location.

Pedal pull planned for Thursday night of fair

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The Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday night of the Cheyenne County Fair in front of the grandstand. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. in front of the stands.

There are nine classes for ages 4 to 12 years, boys and girls divisions. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third places in each class. However, all the contestants are winners as they each receive a treat from the Shriner's Candy Wagon, compliments from the fair board.

The tractor pull winners will be eligible to participate in the state pull held in Hutchinson at the state fair.

If there is enough time, there will also be an adult tractor pull contest (they are not eligible for the state fair). The adult tractor pull will be just for fun, said Shawna Blanka, organizer.

Running the tractor pull this year will be Duskin and Missy Siruta from Colby. They have worked with Bill VandeCreek and are helping him out this year.

Sponsors for the pull include: Cheyenne County Cruisers, Ross Manufacturing, Thrift Store, Grace Flying, Goodland Greenline, Frewen Insurance, Western State Bank, Pizza Hut, Donna's Gift Palace, Western Auction, UptownMarket, Milliken Law Office, Yost Farm Supply, Sainty Liquor, Bumper to Bumper, Abe's Repair, Bankwest, Knodel Funeral Home, Just Teazn' Hair and Nails, Lampe Auto, Krien Pharmacy, The Flower Shop, Cornerstone Real Estate, Wheeler Equity, First National Bank, St. Francis Equity, Cuppa Joe, St. Francis Tire, Republican Valley Vet, and Republican Valley Automotive.

For more information, contact Mr. Blanka, 785-332-5363.



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Bulletin Board

Glassware needed

Collectible glassware is needed to fill the new glass display cases in Eggers No. 8 at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show grounds. Bonnie Burr and Vernetta Haack are looking for people who will share their items during the show, July 26-28. Call Mrs. Burr, 785-734-2784 or Mrs. Haack, 734-2575.

Election places

The primary election is set for Tuesday, Aug. 7. Voting places will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. The election place in St. Francis is at the United Methodist Church (not Peace Lutheran). In Bird City, the election place is at the Immanuel Methodist Church (not the Legion hall).

Landfill closed

The Cheyenne County Landfill will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 4.

Community Potluck

Wednesday 6 p.m. Thresher show grounds Building, No. 1. This potluck is for everyone in the community.

Country church

Thresher show Country Church service Sunday 9-9:30 a.m.

Thresher show schoolhouse

Bird City Historical Association is sponsoring Wagons Ho! For Guys and Gals ages 8-13 daily from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the school house during the thresher show.

Learn why windmills were an important part of the history of this area when the settlers first came in the early 1800's and make a craft to take home.

There will be a drawing for a special prize each day of the show for those who participate in the craft.

Blood drive

American 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 redcross-blood.org or call 800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

StoryTime hour

Beginning in August, the Bird City Library Story Time Hour will be held on the second and fourth Friday of the month. This will be throughout the year unless there is school or due to the

weather. The time will be 10a.m. through 11a.m. Ages two through five are welcome and parents are invited. Come and see what the library has to offer.

Volunteers needed for fair

Volunteers are needed to run rides and booths during the Cheyenne County Fair, Aug. 1-4. These jobs are only for two-hour 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.

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.

Cheylin school enrollment

Cheylin Schools enrollment will be Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 7:30 a.m. -6:30 p.m. in the high school library. The first day of school is Aug. 15.

Girl Scout National s'mores day

Northwest Prairie Girl Scout unit is celebrating 100 years of service with a National S'mores Day on Aug. 11 at Atwood Lake in Atwood from 3-7 p.m.

Bring a sack or cooler supper and wear clothes that can get a little wet. No flip-flops, sandals, tank tops or short shorts. There is a small charge.

For more information or to register by Aug. 6, go online at Kansasgirlscouts.org or with Heather Horinek, Atwood, 308-340-1587, Kendra Hespe, Bird City 785-332-6517.

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.

Wesleyan service

The Wesleyan Community Church of Bird City is having Sunday evening services, starting at 7 p.m. We will have Con-

temporary Praise and Worship, followed by interactive preaching and Bible Study.

Water Aerobics

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

Night golf

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

Grief Support Group

The 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.

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.

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

Knights to give meat bundle at fair

The Cheyenne County Knights of Columbus are giving away a meat bundle during the fair. The bundle consists of 70 pounds of hamburger and approximately 40 pounds total of T-bond, ribeye and sirloin steaks.

Knights members will be selling tickets before the fair and also during the fair where they will have a booth in the evenings. Proceeds will go toward their scholarship program as well as other Knights programs.

Annual barbecue

On Saturday evening, the local Knights of Columbus members will be serving the barbecue prior to the demolition derby. The plate will consist of all-you-can-eat barbecue beef along with baked beans, potato chips and iced tea.

Come out and support the Knights and county fair, said Mike Antholz, Knights member.

South of McDonald

Sunday evening and supper guests of Lynn and Rita Officer were Mark and Marilyn Adams, Ronnie and Cherry Bell, and Tom and Dee Carrow.

Mark and Catina Montgomery and children, and Jared and Collins Zimmer and children were weekend

guests of Craig and Diane Cox.

Kristina and Braxton Springer were Wednesday through Saturday guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children.

Merinda Binning and Devon and Trinity Crayton were weekend guests at the Binning Ranch.

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