

Casey's Comments

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Life is constantly changing. Thank goodness we have some memory to hold on to what used to be.

When I was a kid, my family was lucky to have season tickets to the Denver Broncos. Although we got them in the mid-1960s, my twin brother and I had to hound our dad for years before we got to go.

Our first game was in 1968 when the Broncos got a rare victory over the Cincinnati Bengals. The score was 10 to 7 and I still have the orange ticket stub and felt pennant from that day with our father. In fact the field was still primarily a baseball park and had the name of Bears Stadium.

Those games at the old Mile High site are filled with the experience of wooden bleachers in

the east stands, mustarded Top Dog wieners and Floyd Little running the ball.

One of the now extinct sounds from that era came from the band that played in an alcove at the bottom of the south stands. They were called the Denver Bronco Jazz Ensemble.

We had a nice connection with the group as one of the trombone players was a classmate of my sister. Dick McGee would give us a wave as we walked by coming into the stadium. In those days you entered by the chain link fence that separated the playing field from the stands as you went to your section, rather than down these days.

If you ever attended those games in the the 60s to 80s you probably remember those tunes along with the rumble of feet when the fans wanted to make additional noise.

Letter to the Editor

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After the articles regarding the October Bird City City Council meeting were published, I was confronted by a couple of people who, I feel, misinterpreted the statements made by me during the meeting. I would appreciate the opportunity to clear up this misunderstanding.

The discussion referring to Roy's Carpentry was not an issue directed at Mr. Shrader or his business. The issue on the table was whether the city should allow its maintenance supervisor to continue to hire outside contractors for duties specifically assigned to our city maintenance employees. I believe Mr. Shrader charges a fair price for his services and does an excellent job for the city which I, and other council members, expressed several times throughout the discussion and I agree that his backhoe is currently needed for certain jobs that require digging. I just don't think the city should spend additional taxpayer money to hire anyone other than our current employees to install/repair water meters, repair water leaks, install

pipe, work a shovel, etc. That's what we already pay our employees to do. I sincerely appreciate Mr. Shrader's help with these things, but it's an expense to the city that I feel is unnecessary. And it bothers me when people in the community ask me what our employees are doing and I, as a councilman, don't have a clue because decisions were made outside of meetings, without involving the entire council.

As the newspaper correctly reported, \$14,597 was spent on the hiring of outside labor within a six month period. This is not the amount paid to Roy's Carpentry only. Between March and September of 2012, Roy's Carpentry was paid \$7,540, MiDe Connections (Atwood) \$1,256, Shaw Construction (Benkelman) \$470, and Linda Schneider and Pam Stevens (pool cleaning services) \$1,728.

Those payments were for extra help only. And most of those charges were not approved by the council until after the fact. With the exception of the temporary summer employee (\$3,604.50) and vacuuming help at

Trunk-or-treating

Wednesday Oct. 31, at 3:15 p.m., the spook parade will go down main street to the four-way stop. Come Boo ~ tifully dressed, and possibly include a trick or treat for 100 or less. If you would like to participate please call the school at 734-2351.

Speaker at Wesleyan Community Church

Mark Vanderput will be sharing about his recent trip to the Middle East at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Wesleyan Community Church, Bird City. Everyone is invited to come.

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 claims work on Thursday, Nov. 1. You can also

contact Ms. Tubbs at her Colby office any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Catholic Church benefit dinner

The annual St. Francis Catholic Church turkey dinner benefit for the St. Francis Senior Center will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4, at the St. Francis high school cafeteria.

The funds raised will go to help the senior center. Call 785-332-3454 for home delivery. See advertisement in this paper for more information.

Valet parking will be available.

Hospital guild

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5, at the St. Francis Senior Center. Program will be presented by Ken Loof, Great Plains Mental Health. Hostesses are Kathy Weber and DeEtta Knorr.

Wheeler Equity meeting

The Wheeler Equity Co-op meeting has been set for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the St. Francis high school cafeteria. Among the items on the agenda is the election of one director. If planning to attend, call 332-2281 to make a reservation.

Airport zoning hearing

The Cheyenne County Airport Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse in St. Francis. The purpose of the meeting is the adoption of an airport zoning ordinance affecting the real estate and airspace surrounding the airport south of St. Francis. For more information, see the legal notice in this issue.

Home circle club

Cheryl Lee will be hostess for the November Home Circle meeting to be held at the Manor on Thursday, the 15th at 2:00p.m.

Shakespeare, Socrates, Mark comes to St. Francis

On the weekend of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9 through 11, Patrick McWilliams, former teacher of literature and drama at The Phillips Exeter

Academy, will visit St. Francis. He will offer a series of workshops and performances, sponsored by the Cheyenne Center for Creativity. A schedule and more information will be published soon.

Fair board

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

Information needed

To better serve the cattleman of Cheyenne County, the sheriff's office is requesting landowners and stockmen provide locations, brands, descriptions and a contact phone number pertaining to livestock in pastures, grazed stock residue and CRP within the county. The officers will compile the contact numbers and locations, giving a copy to the county communications dispatch office to be used when stray livestock are found on the roads. The contact numbers are for officers' use only and will not be provided to the general public. Call the sheriff's office at 785-332-8880.

Cheylin alert

Sign up for school alerts on your cell phone or email! Emergency information, school closings, early dismissals, school event reminders. To sign-up visit: www.Cheylin.com, click on "Cougars alert." This is a SPAM-free application. Check your cell phone plan for any text message fees your wireless provider may charge.

Time to insulate

Now is the time to insulate residential and business water pits. The city of Bird City is asking for your cooperation.

StoryTime Hour

StoryTime Hour will be on the second and fourth Friday of each month. The time will be 10 a.m. through 11 a.m. Children ages 2 through 5 are welcome to come, as well as family and friends. The Times StoryTime Hour will follow school schedule and as weather permits.

Bingo

The American Legion Auxiliary in Bird City will be conducting bingo games the first and third Saturdays of the month. Due to the extensive remodeling at the Legion hall, Bingo will be held at Bird City Senior Center until further notice.

Wesleyan service

The Wesleyan Community Church of Bird City is having Sunday evening services, starting at 6 p.m. There will be Contemporary Praise and Worship, followed by interactive preaching and Bible study.

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.



Sara Jahay

Introducing

Sara Marie Jahay

Sara Marie Jahay was born on Aug. 20, 2012, in Great Bend, Kan., to Eleanor and Dustin Jahay of Ellinwood. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 1/2-inches long.

Grandparents are Randy and Sally Hudson of Benkelman, Neb., and Duane Jahay of Ellinwood. Great-grandparents are Marge Hickert of Benkelman, and Sammy and Helen Jahay of Ellinwood.

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2007 Honda Pilot, Fully loaded	\$20,250 \$18,000
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Nov. 12 - 14, 2012
Blood Lab Draws: Nov. 12, 13 & 14
from 6:30 to 10 a.m. in St. Francis at the Cheyenne County Health Department (no appointment needed for lab draws)
Blood Lab Draws: Nov. 15 & 16
6:30 to 10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic (no appointment needed for lab draws)
Lab Fee: \$45.00 due at time of service!
No food or drinks after midnight except water & your prescription medication!

St. Francis —
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EXAM: Monday, Nov. 19 - All Day; All day on Tuesday, Nov. 20, and All day on Wednesday, Nov. 21. In St. Francis - Call clinic for appointment 785-332-2682
Bird City —
Monday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. - noon; Tuesday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. - noon; Wednesday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. - noon. In Bird City - Call clinic for appointment 785-734-2200

Exam Fee: \$25 due at time of service!
For more information contact: Mila Badnel, RN County Health Nurse 785-332-2381. Sponsored by Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic & Health Department

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