

**Casey's Comments**

**By Casey McCormick**  
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 There seems to be a lack of balance in the stories we get. Last week the networks were a buzz with reports of Southern cook Paula Dean's past use of the "n" word. Around the same time rapper Lil Wayne used the American flag as a rug while filming his music video "God Bless Amerika." No, that's not a newspaper misspell. I'm not going to make a judgment call on which of these two acts was worse. Plenty of folks can find displeasure with

either or both. My beef is, why did Dean deserve to be crucified by the press while Wayne's act of "free speech" went hardly noticed? Yes, we all should be respectful of other people. But shouldn't we be equally courteous to the symbol of freedom that so many have fought and died for? Obviously big media has an agenda which controls what information is going to be spoon fed to the masses. It just makes me wonder where our society's sense of priorities lies.

**Day camp**  
 Camp Tree-Mendous Day Camp will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday June 28, at the park behind the courthouse in St. Francis. For more information, call the Extension office at 332-3171.

**Veterans' Affairs**  
 Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veteran Administration claims work on Wednesday, July 3. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

**Hospice volunteers**  
 Anyone interested in being a hospice volunteer is urged to come to a potluck meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, July 1, at the Home Health office meeting room located in St. Francis on U.S. 36.

**Fair board tonight**  
 The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday (tonight) in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Note the change of day as the regular meeting night would have fallen on July 4.

**Senior pot luck change**  
 Due to the Thresher Show falling on the week of the Sr. Pot Luck, the Birthday party for July 8, will be combined with the Pot Luck at 12:00.

**Community yard sale**  
 The Tri State Thresher Association is sponsoring a community yard sale on Thursday July 25. Lots of room and everyone is welcome. For information contact Rod Klepper 785-734-7369.

**Lions will take**  
 St. Francis Lions Club collects used glasses, glasses cases, hearing aids, and used cell phones. Collection boxes in St. Francis are located at: Bella's Market, Cheyenne County Clinic (Health Nurse's Office), courthouse, Krien Pharmacy, Dr.

Tim Poling's Office, senior center, and Thrift Store. Collection boxes are also located in Bird City at the Hometown Market and the Senior Center. Questions? Call 332-3119 or 332-2950.

**Water aerobics**  
 Water aerobics are held Monday through Thursdays from 5:15 to 6 p.m. There is a small cost per session. Questions - call Tina 734-7141.

**Wellness Center**  
 Cheylin Wellness Center new hours will be 9 to 11 a.m. Monday - Thursday. Ashley Raile is available during this time to assist.

**Swim lessons**  
 Free swim lessons- Second session will start Monday, July 1, to Friday, July 12. Kids can still sign up for the second session by calling Jessica Turner (785 821-4636) or Tina (785 734-7141). Lessons are free.

**Death notice**  
 Helen Howk, 94, Bird City, died Friday, May 3. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City. Memorials may be made to Dundy County Hospital, Benkelman, Neb., or Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City, in care of Knodel Funeral Home, Box 606, St. Francis, KS 67756.

**City hall hours**  
 The hours for city hall are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

**Theater hours**  
 The summer hours at the Cheyenne Theater are in effect. The ticket booth will open at 7:30 p.m. and the movie begins at 8 p.m.

**Cheyenne County Amusement volunteers**  
 The Cheyenne County Amusement Authority is looking for men and woman to be a part of the organization. Volunteers will help with fair setup and put away afterwards. If interested or have any questions, call Bill Ehrman at 332-2784 and leave a message.

**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 phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

**Obituary**

**Jacob Ben Andrist**

Nov. 5, 1925 - June 1, 2013

Ben, the second of five children, was born to Christian and Olive Doggett Andrist on Nov. 5, 1925, on the family farm south of Wheeler, Kan. He died peacefully on June 1, 2013, at the Cheyenne County Hospital with his children at his side. Ben attended country school where he and his siblings, Bill and Wilma, rode a horse to school. While attending St. Francis high school he enjoyed playing football and having a winning season in 1941 and placing second in the league. He graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1943. Following graduation he attended Kansas State University for a semester and then returned to help on the family farm. Ben was drafted into the Army Air Corp in 1945 and was put in pilot training and then air traffic control. He served in Prestwick, Scotland. On Sept. 18, 1949, Ben married Aerial Lucille McDaniel. Two children were born to this union, Randy Dee and Tina Marie. Ben farmed and raised cattle, but also had a love for horses and always wanted to raise them. After retiring from farming he continued to keep busy helping Randy when he needed extra help on the farm. Ben enjoyed building and working with wood. He had done all the remodeling in their home in the country that burnt to the ground in 1966. Each home that Ben and Aerial lived in always had some remodeling done or an

addition added. He made sure that he made each grandchild a barn or doll house. He served as a county commissioner for one term, was on the Prairie View Country school board until it closed in 1962 and was a 4-H swine superintendent for several years. Ben was the St. Francis City Judge from 1986 - 1998. He enjoyed this job and said most of the kids he had in court were good kids, they just made the wrong choice. He was preceded in death by his wife Aerial, his parents Christian and Olive, brother Bob and Bill and his wife Gerri, sisters Lilly Marie who died in infancy and Wilma "Sis" Crum and husband Fred and his mother-in-law and father-in-law Ralph and Eva Coffey McDaniel. He will be missed by his son Randy and wife Denise, daughter Tina Sager, grandson Dustin and wife Sharissa, granddaughters Kelsey Andrist and Tia Sager, great-grandsons Andrew Ben and Tysson Thomas Andrist, special nephew Frosty Crum, brother-in-law Kenneth Dean McDaniel and wife Joyce and a host of family and friends. Graveside services were held June 19, 2013, at the St. Francis Cemetery with Norman Morrow officiating. Memorials may be given to the Cheyenne County Hospital or the Good Samaritan Village.



Schrader-Cox

**Couple plan to marry**

Roy and Karen Shrader of Bird City announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Shrader, to Jared Cox, the son of Clayton and Cathy Cox of Norton. The bride-to-be is a 2008 Cheylin graduate and graduated in May 2012 from Arizona State University with a bachelor's degree in Management (Entrepreneurship). She is currently pursuing a dance career and working as an administrative associate at U.S. Airways Express. Jared is a 2008 Norton graduate and graduated in March 2012 from DeVry University with a bachelor's degree in 3D Graphics and Simulations Programming. He is working as an Arizona Regional Sales Trainer at U.S. Jesco International. The couple met through Camp Lakeside in Scott City where they were junior high counselors. They plan to marry on Aug. 10 at the First United Methodist Church in Norton.

**Letter to the Editor**

There is an interesting bit of Bird City news happening in Emporia. There are currently three employees of Emporia High School that have close family ties to that little town in the northwest corner of the state. Lindsey Dorsch, granddaughter of Keith and Hulda Dorsch, teaches in the foreign language department. Cami Ridlett from Wamego is in the family and consumer Science department - Cami is soon to be wed to Lee Zimelman. Lee is the grandson of Wally and Yvonne Underwood. Last but definitely not least, is Troy Chapman. Troy is in the counseling department and is the grandson of Max and Mildred Chapman. It would be extremely rare that three with that background would land in the same district let alone the same school. Kent Chapman Emporia

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*You're invited to a Bridal Shower*  
 for **Mindy Antholz**  
 Bride elect of Quinton Crow  
**Saturday, June 29**  
 3:30 p.m.  
 Federated Church Education Building  
*Mindy is registered at Walmart and Target*

**MAGNANI FIREWORKS**  
 (RAY, CARRIE, DANE, DALTON)  
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