

Magician puts on program for readers

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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It's a gift to live in Kansas and be at the geographic center of the United States. So many interesting places are easy to reach within a day's drive. For instance, the long, Fourth of July weekend allowed us to visit three of our kids, and their other halves, in the Kansas City area. Our second to oldest and his wife live in Excelsior Springs, Mo. to the north-east of Kansas City. As you might glean from the name, the town has grown around several mineral springs. During the 19th and 20th centuries it became a popular location for healing and recreation. Three railway lines joined there and many hotels sprang up

to house the flocking visitors. One of these, The Elms, still offers lavish accommodations and access to the mineral rich waters. One of my favorite nuggets of trivia is, this was the hotel incumbent President Harry S. Truman stayed the night of his re-election bid in 1948. Do you remember the famous photo of a victorious Truman holding the too quickly printed Chicago Daily Tribune that declared, "DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN?" Every time we drive past the beautiful drive that leads to the entrance of The Elms I have that moment imprinted in my mind. Excelsior Springs is just another one of the countless travel worthy spots not far from our Kansas home.

Letter to the Editor

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What a good thing that the Blea family from Denver has some excellent plans to save one of the cornerstones on the main intersection in Bird City. Frankly, I thought the building was doomed as it had become an eye sore to the community. Each visit showed more broken windows and unkemptness. We all remember it housed the drug store, post office, beauty shop, insurance office, basement that was several different things and the apartments on the second

floor. The hallway on that floor served as a racetrack on many occasions. Many memories abound involving that building for each of us. During the summer months a few of the "older gentlemen" in the community would sit on the post office steps in the evenings and shoot the bull. Many problems were solved I'm sure. Thank you Blea family for making something positive happen.
Kent Chapman
Emporia

South of McDonald

Rita Officer traveled to Ellinwood Tuesday and returned home Thursday. While there she visited with her brothers. Joe and Charlene Kramer helped Rhett Shay celebrate his eighth birthday, the Fourth of July, in Kanorado. Roland Query of Firestone,

has been visiting Joe and Charlene Kramer for a few days helping with harvest. Kelly, Tayten, and Tru Dewey participated in the qualifying swim meet at Imperial, Neb., Saturday. Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the Lake Atwood Fourth of July activities. David Banister and Boomer, and Lincoln Pochop and Silo were Sunday evening and supper guests of George and Kathy Banister. Fourth of July weekend guests of Bethel Goltl and Don Bruder were Alan Goltl and friend Sandy, Matt Goltl and friend Mandelyn, and Matt Casa. Isaiah and Kimberly Goodley, and Mathias Goodley joined them on the Fourth. Kenny Johnson joined them Friday evening. Everyone left for home Sunday evening.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Kathy Vandike, St. Francis; Brian Bleser, Elkhorn Wis.; Gary Leach, St. Francis; Glenda Hinz, Lakewood, Colo.; Winnifred Wamhoff, Ft. Collins, Colo.; Bruce Bolen, Sharon Springs; Dana Barnett, Broomfield, Colo.

On Saturday June 29, the Bird City Public library, Bird City Development Foundation, and Century II sponsored a magician show for the 45 readers who participated in the summer reading program, "Dig into Reading." The program was presented by the Century II Summer Intern, Mary Ann Orten and sponsored under the direction of Tammi Carmichael and Amy Hendricks. At the conclusion of the program, the public library sponsored a meal of shredded beef sandwiches for the readers, their families and anyone else who was into an evening of entertainment. Dan, Dan the Magic Man

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performed an hour of spellbinding magic after the meal. Mrs. Carmichael started the show off by raising excitement in the readers by asking them if they were ready for a magic show. "Here it was, almost time for the show, and all I saw in the audience was a bunch of seniors and adults," said Mrs. Carmichael. "Suddenly here came all the Diggin In Readers who filled up the empty tables." Dan Heath, the magician, is from Great Bend where he teaches high school theatrics. In the summer, he performs magic acts for the library readers programs. Mr. Heath said he felt honored to be performing for Bird City in the Legion hall as this is the first

time in 12 seasons of performing he had a stage to perform on. All the other performances have been presented in the library where there is limited room. Mr. Heath started performing magic acts when he was 10 years old. He performs as a family team and introduced his two sons as his assistant performers. Kuinton is 11 and has been performing since he was five, and Patrick is just starting up at 5. Mr. Heath's wife, Kim, tends to the sound effects and back stage antics. To tie his beginning act in with the theme "Dig into Reading" he called Haileigh Hickert to the stage and with her assistance pulled a regular sized shovel from a very small bag. After a performance

of going in the high seas on the Salty Dog who was enacted by Kuinton he performed with the Chinese linking rings, and had Patrick floating suspended in mid air. Several acts were performed with readers from the audience helping out with card tricks and handkerchiefs. The final act was performed by stuffing a large piece of material with a bunny painted on it into a box and turning it into a real live bunny. The reading children were then allowed to come to the front of the stage and hold the bunny. Sophomores, Diana Garcia, Kelsey Miller and Danae Magnani helped out by manning the "Gopher" A Good Books Readers Award Table.

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. 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.

Bulletin Board

Death notice

Alila Mae Carpenter, 96, died July 5 in St. Francis. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 9, at the Wesleyan Community Church in Bird City. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Home Circle Club

Hostess Meta Dankenbring will have the July Home Circle Club meeting at her home. It will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18.

Concert in the Park

The Creekside Bible Church Youth Group will be having a concert Friday, July 12 at the St. Francis BandShell. Free food starts at 6:30 p.m. and the free concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

Historical Association

The Bird City Historical Association will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 12, at the office. This will be a work day of making copies of completed projects.

Ice cream social

An ice cream social will be held 7:30 p.m. Sunday July 14, McDonald Legion hall. Sponsored by MAD.

Open meetings, open records seminar

The Kansas attorney general's office will conduct a free seminar on the Kansas Open Meetings and Open Records laws from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 23, at the Student Union at Colby Community College.

The seminar is designed for elected officials, reporters and the public, providing information on the basics of Kansas' open-government laws, the office said. It is open to the public, but space is limited and registration is first come, first served. Go to www.ag.ks.gov or call (785) 296-2215.

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.

Free books

Going on now: Bird City Public Library paperback book giveaway - absolutely free! The Bird City Public Library has a huge collection of paperback books. Mysteries, westerns, action, romance and many other areas of your interest. Countless authors. Some of your favorites are here! Come in to the library, browse, take as many paperbacks as you wish. Share them with others. No returns!

Collections needed

The Bird City Public Library would love to showcase your treasured collection if it fits in their enclosed and secure glass shelves display case for three to four weeks. Call Debby Bailey, librarian, at (785) 734-2203 for more information.

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.

City hall hours

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

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

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m.

2 hr. 23 min.

Man of Steel

July 12, 13 & 14

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Action/Adventure / Adaptation / Sci-Fi/Fantasy

PG-13

Summer Sunday Matinee: *Earth* at 2 p.m.

CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$4
3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$6

All Others: \$6
All Others: \$8

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS
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The Cheyenne County Hospital would like to thank the Cheyenne County Hospital Guild and United Methodist Thrift Store for their generous donation for the bladder scanner. We appreciate your continued support!

The Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department would like to thank everyone that made donations, participated and helped at the annual golf tournament. We raised \$5000 towards equipment. Thanks for your help and support!

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