

# Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Baseball is America's game and I'm not embarrassed to say I love each. Both might be going through some hard times, but I have hope that our country and the sport will survive. There is too much good in both not to.

With the fall of Alex Rodriguez, Ryan Braun and a handful of other players, major league baseball is finally addressing the mess of steroids. By handing out heavy suspensions and hitting athletes where it counts - their wallets - real change can occur. Years of individuals cheating while others stayed clean may finally come to an end.

It's like the alcohol or drug abuser who eventually hits bottom, realizing that life will continue to get

more difficult and never better as long as poison keeps entering the system.

But, just as the addict can turn life around living "clean & sober," so will the great game of baseball be able to get back on track.

For decades men like Young, Ruth, Williams, DiMaggio, Musial, Mantle, Mays, Clemente, Yastrzemski, Jackson, Brett, Boggs, Ryan, Smith and Glavin played the sport by the rules and with their God given talents. Those are the names that gave the game dignity and honor. Many current players do it the same way and future participants will restore the norm.

It is good to see things getting back to basics and fairness returning to the diamond. It's been a long time coming.

# Obituary

## Naomi Elsie (Nash) Boyson

June 28, 1920 - March 18, 2013

Naomi Elsie Nash Boyson was born on June 28, 1920, in Toledo, Wash. She died on March 18, 2013, in Atwood, Kan.

Naomi never sent or received a tweet. She never used a cell phone or received a text, but what she did have was far above rubies.

She learned to cook on a wood-fired cook stove at her mother's apron strings. She could prepare a sumptuous feast with the wave of her hands.

She, her family said, had a direct line to God, it seemed, and when she prayed, she expected and received an answer.

She was fiercely faithful to her husband, Bill, of 66 years and worked side by side with him in the family business of photography along with raising their three sons.

She never received a new coat until after the age of eight since she was the third of three girls in the age of hand-me-downs.

The fifth of seven children, Naomi's nickname was "Dolly." She had two older brothers, two older sisters and two younger brothers.

# Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Darlene Lauer, St. Francis; Florence Peacock, St. Francis; Charles Merklin, Bird City; Fred Lewis, Wittier Ark; Patrick Webber, Oakley; Randy and Marcey Neff, Emporia; Donald D. Ayre, Redfield; Sheryll Behn, Evergreen, Colo.

## Memorial service

A funeral service for Nora Jean (Carstens) Wilson, age 60, formerly of Bird City, will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at her church in California. A memorial service will be held in Bird City at the St. John Lutheran Church on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m. A potluck dinner and fellowship will follow the service.

## Auxiliary meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9.

## August birthdays

August birthdays will be celebrated at the Bird City Senior Center on Monday, Aug. 12 at 3 p.m.

## Steam engine show

The steam engine show post-assessment meeting has been set for 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23, at the Bird City Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to attend; share your thoughts on this year's Show!

## Cards and visits requested

Meta Dankenbring fell on July 18, had surgery in Denver, and is now recuperating at her home. She would love to have visitors. Cards can be sent to her at P.O. Box 295, Bird City, KS 67731.

## Cheylin events

August 12, 7 p.m. Board of Education meeting.

August 19, First day of JH FB/VB practice, JH/HS cheer practice.

August 20 6:00 p.m. Back to School Barbecue for community

and staff. Food furnished.

August 21, First day of school attendance, Kindergarten half day.

August 29, Booster club meal 5:30-7:30 p.m., VB scrimmage 6 p.m., FB scrimmage 7 p.m.

August 30, 9 a.m., VB Tournament Healy

August 31, Flag Football call Tina Sager 734-7141 for information.

## Food Pantry

If your family is struggling to make ends meet, and you are a resident of Cheyenne County, you are eligible to pick up a box of food from the food pantry once per month. Distributions are made on the third Saturday of each month from 9 - 11 a.m. at the west entrance of the county courthouse in St. Francis. The food pantry relies 100 percent on donations to provide this service. Cash donations to provide assistance can be made by contacting Candi Douthit at 332-0068. In-kind donations of non-expired, nonperishable food items can be made through many of the local churches in the county or by contacting Carol Sloper at 785-829-3679.

## Scholarship

Any Cheyenne County junior or senior in college, majoring in wildlife or agriculture, is able to apply for the Herman Antholz Memorial Scholarship. Each applicant will be given an application and required to be interviewed by the Cheyenne County Conserva-

# Association ready for the next season

Western Plains Arts Association is gearing up for its upcoming 44th season. There is still time to become a member. The association brings a variety of entertainment to the northwest Kansas area.

Their shows vary from jazz, bluegrass, gospel, classical, pop, country and western music to programs of illusion theatre, dance, comedy and storytelling.

The Goldwing Express will give an exciting show of bluegrass, gospel and country music at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29, at the Goodland High School auditorium. The Wichita Children's Theatre will perform "Goldilocks" at the Goodland schools either on Monday or Tuesday, Oct. 14 or 15.

The first program of the year will be by the Pan Jumbies at the Colby High School on Sunday, Sept. 15. The Pan Jumbies is a

steel drum band that will perform sounds of the Caribbean.

Other programs will include traditional Swedish dances, comedy, illusion, drama, hammered dulcimer music, western music, pop and others.

The membership levels are benefactor \$1,500 or more; sustaining \$740 to \$1,499; patron \$350 to \$749; sponsor \$200 to \$349; family \$110; adult \$50 and student \$15. To join contact Eric and Roxie Yonkey at (785) 890-5877 or Curtis Duncan, Goodland board members. Memberships may also be sent with a self-addressed envelope to Pat Ziegelmeier, Executive Director, Colby Community College, 1255 South Range, Colby, Kan. 67701. Tickets may also be purchased online using PayPal or credit card at <http://www.wpaa.us>.

tion District Board 6. There will be two one-time scholarships for \$250 awarded each year. Deadline to submit an application is Aug. 28. For an application, please call the Conservation Office at 785-332-2341 extension 101 or stop by their office.

## 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 our 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.

## Wellness Center

Ashley Railey will no longer be at the Wellness Center for assistance. Once school starts the center will be open all day during the school hours. Check the

school for the times it will be closed for Cheylin classes only. You may purchase a key for a deposit of \$100 if you wish to use the facilities on your own time.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

# South of McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Kathy Banister's sister, Diane Heiman and husband Steve of Bellville, were Monday dinner guests of her and George.

David Banister was a Tuesday supper guest of his parents, George and Kathy Banister.

Debbie Banister and friend, Won Kim of Topeka arrived Thursday to spend the weekend with George and Kathy Banister. Debbie, Won, and Kathy all attended the Cheyenne Co. Fair Friday evening. David Banister was an additional Sunday dinner guest. The girls left for To-

peka Monday morning.

Alan Goldt brought Bethel Goldt's grandson, Jack Goldt of Wichita for a visit Saturday. Jack was an overnight guest Saturday evening in Atwood, and will be spending the week visiting with Grandma Bethel and Uncle Alan.

Saturday afternoon visitors of Bethel Goldt were Ellen Waters, friend Joey, and friend Erica of Cimarron. They attended the Cheyenne County Fair events. They were weekend guests of Grandpa and Grandma Doug and Karen Fleming.

# Photo Policy

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times wants to emphasize photos of people doing things in the community. If you know of an event or new happening that we should attend, please call 332-3162. Please be sure to allow a couple of days' notice so we can be there. Space in the paper is limited

and so is the time of our staff, so we may not be able to get to every event. Because space is so limited, we cannot run team or group photos, any pictures of people lined up or of people passing checks, certificates and the like. (We will always try to make room for a story about any of these events, however.)

We do run wedding and engagement pictures and "mug" shots with stories and obituaries, when they are provided to us. Please remember that we need a clear, sharp picture. Dark or fuzzy prints will not work.

We cannot return photos unless you submit a self-addressed, stamped envelope with clear in-

structions for return. Other photos submitted may be picked up at our office within two weeks. After that, they will be disposed of.

Laser prints of photos which have run in The Herald or Times are available, first come, first served. Special-order laser prints of photos will be available at \$3 each.

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3 p.m.  
Federated Church, McDonald, KS

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. 1 hr. 42 min.

**Grown Ups 2**  
Aug. 9, 10 & 11  
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