

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

Last weekend Lezlie and I made a quick, unscheduled trip to Topeka to see our daughter, Lexi. Before heading back west we stopped for a little breakfast at a McDonalds on Topeka Blvd.

After placing our order, the girls found a booth while I waited near the counter. My eyes spotted a frame on the wall with a large plug of wood inside. You know me, I had to investigate.

It was a cross section of an old flag pole that stood in front of the Topeka High School which was built in 1931. What made the round, split cross section of timber interesting is where it originally came from.

A request was made in the early 1930s that a spar be used for the flag pole. The spar, for us landlubbers, is the upper most portion of a mast on a sailing ship. The ship that was contacted was

"Old Ironsides," otherwise know as the U.S.S. Constitution.

It probably did not hurt that the asking was made by then vice president to Herbert Hoover, Charles Curtis, who happened to be an alumni of the original Topeka High.

The first spar stood from 1931 to 2004, when years of dry rot and woodpecker damage finally took its toll. The second 61-foot-tall spar from the same ship went up but was damaged by lightning shortly after.

In 2008 the current pole, with the wise addition of a lightning rod, became the third to stand in a 77-year-span.

All three spars were donated by the U.S.S. Constitution, however the last was shipped from Boston to our state capitol for the price of \$21,000.

You never know what you might find at a McDonalds in Kansas.

Gospel quartet in park
On Saturday, August 31 at 5 pm in the Bird City Park; the churches of Bird City are sponsoring the Gospel Quartet - The Down East Boys, followed by Pastor Todd Burpo, and praise and worship by Becky Burpo. If bad weather, it will be held in the Legion Hall. Please invite everyone and pray!

Funeral service
A funeral service for Glenn Neitzel, who died on Monday Aug. 12 in Manhattan, will be held on Friday, Aug 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis.

Cards and visits requested
Meta Dankenbring is being transferred to the nursing home in St. Francis on Aug. 12 for rehabilitation. Her temporary address is now 820 S. Dennison, room 127. She would appreciate cards and visits to help her along.

Memorial service
A funeral service for Nora Jean (Carsten) 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.

Home Circle club correction
Hollis Dapron will be the hostess for the August potluck of the Home Circle Club. It will be held on Thursday, the 15th at the Manor.

Steam engine show post assessment meeting
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!

Cheylin events
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 eligible to apply for the Herman Antholz Memorial Scholarship. Each applicant will be given an application and required to be interviewed by the Cheyenne County Conservation 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 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.

Wellness Center
Ashley Raile 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.

School Menu

School Menu
Aug. 18 - Aug. 24
Welcome back!
Monday
No School
Tuesday
No School
Wednesday
Breakfast: Blueberry scones, boiled egg, one-half banana, cereal and milk.
Lunch: Beef and cheese enchiladas, potato wedges, cheesy broccoli, salad bar, fruit and milk.
Thursday

Breakfast: Aloha muffin square, yogurt, grapes, cereal and milk.
Lunch: Chicken wrap, Spanish rice, steamed carrots, whole wheat tortilla, salad bar, fruit and milk.
Friday
No kindergarten.
Breakfast: Star spangled pancakes, sausage links, juice, toast and milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, seasoned peas, French garlic toast, salad bar, fruit and milk.

County waste cleanup scheduled for Aug. 24

The household hazardous waste fall cleanup for Cheyenne and Rawlins County will be held Saturday, Aug. 24. In Cheyenne County, the cleanup will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the landfill east of Wheeler. Rawlins County collection will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Rawlins County landfill.
At the cleanup, each county will accept old paint, herbicides and


pesticides, batteries, used oil and anti freeze.
This is part of the ongoing program of each of the above counties to provide a means of proper disposal of hazardous substances commonly found in the home.
Those having questions should contact the landfill at 785-332-8842.

2nd Beginnings Sack Sale

Friday & Saturday, Aug. 16 & 17
Clothes and Shoes
Large bag \$5
Miscellaneous household
50% OFF
309 S. Bird Ave. • Bird City



We thought you were the sweetest baby brother God ever created.
And, we were right!
Happy Birthday
Marshall Cary Squires II
August 20 - 20 x 3
Much love,
Shirley, Marsha, and families



HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT TODAY!

(for 3, 5 or 10 months)



Pablo from Spain, 17 yrs. Loves soccer and would like to learn to play baseball. Pablo is a boy scout and enjoys the outdoors.



Julie from Denmark, 16 yrs. Enjoys gymnastics, swimming and photography. She's positive, fun loving and easy to get along with.

Make this year the most exciting, enriching year ever for you and your family. Welcome a high school student, 15-18 years old, from Italy, France, Norway, Denmark, Spain, Germany, Brazil, Thailand or China as part of your family for a school year (or less) and make an overseas friend for life.

For more information or to select your own exchange student please call:
Jan Busse at 785-734-7031
Marcy at 1-800-888-9040 (Toll Free) or e-mail us at info@world-heritage.org
For privacy reasons, photos above are not photos of actual students

www.whhosts.com
World Heritage is a public benefit, non-profit organization based in Laguna Beach, CA.

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. **1 hr. 36 min.**

Turbo 3D

Aug. 16, 17 & 18
Ryan Reynolds, Paul Giamatti, Samuel L. Jackson
A freak accident might just help an everyday garden snail achieve his biggest dream: winning the Indy 500. PG

CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$4 **All Others: \$6**
3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$6 **All Others: \$8**

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

The Cheyenne County Clinic will be offering free sports physicals.

Please call the clinic to set up your appointment at (785) 332-2682.

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You Dont' Want To Miss

Sat., Aug. 31 - 5 p.m.
at the Bird City Park

5 p.m. - Gospel Quartet - The Down East Boys
7 p.m. - Pastor Todd Burpo, author of "Heaven Is For Real"
8 p.m. - Becky Purpo leads in Praise & Worship
Hamburgers & Hotdogs will be provided. Please bring your lawn chairs.
Brought to you by the churches of Bird City

HEALTH FAIR

Friday, Aug. 23 — 2-5:30 p.m. MT
General Health Panel being offered for a discounted price of \$40
PSA is an extra \$10
Blood draws to be held prior to the health fair in your community.

Please call Dundy County Hospital at 308-423-2204 if you have questions.

Car seat inspection held from 2 - 5 p.m. MT

KIOD on Location w/spin and win wheel

AirCare flight-for-life helicopter available for tours

Dundy County Hospital
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