

Casey's Comments

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When we grow up it seems we're less likely to idolize individuals and have heroes. I suppose that's because with time we see more of the flaws we all carry.

But looking back at my childhood in Colorado, I had a next door neighbor that was truly larger than life.

John McCormick, no relation, lived beside us with his wife, Gail, and children; Robin, John and Michael. Two things made Mr. McCormick seem so big.

First he was a professional football player who stood well over six feet tall. Second was that he played quarterback for the beloved Denver Broncos.

There were periods when my siblings and I would spend about as much time at the McCormick's next door as the McCormick's of our parents. John McCormick was always ready to throw us passes. Or he would have us go to the cul de

sac up the street on Carmel Drive as he punted footballs which we were never brave enough to catch. When his good friend Mick Tingelhoff, the All Pro center for the Minnesota Vikings, was in town all the area kids would gather and the men would each quarterback a team.

There are so many more stories to tell, but this newspaper just couldn't hold all my memories of that time.

Today some of my most cherished items are the football cards of him and the Bronco publicity photo that is signed "Casey, Best always, your neighbor, John McCormick."

Sadly, last Friday, word traveled to our neighborhood now in northwest Kansas that Mr. McCormick passed away.

Along with the sorrow of losing a friend and knowing a family is saying good-bye to a loved one, there is an emptiness that one of my heroes is gone, never to be replaced.

Donations due soon

The deadline for dropping items into the box for Support Our Soldiers is Monday, Dec. 2. Donation boxes are located at Hometown Market in Bird City; and at the post office and St. Francis Super's in St. Francis..

Items most needed are beef jerky, nuts, peanut butter, hygiene items, socks, and handmade Christmas

ornaments and stockings. Gifts of money are also needed for postage to send thousands of boxes to those serving our country and unable to spend Christmas with their families.

For more information, call Hulda Dorsch, 785-734-2792, or Christy Wurm, 785-332-2650.

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Community Club

The Bird City Community Club meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 25, at the senior center to finalize Santa Day meal, yearly projects and special activities. Followed by the meeting popcorn will be served and the National Geographic movie "March Of The Penguins" will be shown. Everyone is invited to attend.

Bird City Community Thanksgiving service

The Bird City Thanksgiving Service will be held on Monday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. at the St. John Lutheran Church. Refreshments to follow. Everyone welcome.

Home Circle Club

The Nov. meeting of the Home Circle Club will be held at the Methodist Church on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. Carol Marsh will be the hostess. 47

Diabetes Education

A diabetes education management meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the Cheyenne County Clinic basement in St. Francis. Presenter is Kirsten Angell, dietician and diabetes educator. For more information, contact Mila Bandel, county health nurse, 785-332-2381.

Chili Bowl Supper

The Cheylin School Chili Bowl Supper will be held on Friday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. The auction of the Shed begins at 7 p.m. Proceeds are to go to landscaping the Wellness Center.

Legion Auxiliary Thanksgiving Dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be held Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Legion Hall, 5 p.m. The Armouaires Quartet will perform at 7 p.m.

Senior's Christmas dinner

Cheylin's Senior Citizen's Christmas dinner will be held Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Cheylin High School Gym, at noon. Call 734-2351 for reservations, which must be made by Nov. 25. Open to all Cheylin Senior Citizens.

Senior's birthday party

The Bird City Senior Citizens birthday party has been combined with the potluck and has been set for noon on Monday, Nov. 25, at

Cheylin school security

All visitors must enter the west entrances for the elementary and high school buildings after 8:30 a.m. All other doors are locked for security purposes. Please report to the office upon entering building. There is visitor parking available in front of the high school west entrance and on the north side of the elementary building. Thanks for your cooperation.

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. Cash donations to provide assistance/ 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.

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 gives confidential support in a safe place of mutual help and comfort to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

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.

School Menu

Nov. 25 - Nov. 29 Monday

Breakfast: Pumpkin chocolate chip square, sausage links, fruit juice, toast, milk.

Lunch: Hamburger on bun, potato triangles, corn, garden spinach salad, peaches, pears, milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Blueberry scones, yogurt, fruit cup, fruit juice, cereal, milk.

Lunch: Turkey supreme, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, cranberry jello salad, romaine and tomato salad, citrus applesauce, tropical fruit, milk.

Wednesday and Thursday NO SCHOOL

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Sunday afternoon visitors of Marlene Johnson were her daughters, Dixie Bethell and Connie Sabatka.

Hal, Becky, and CJ Antholz hosted a "Surprise" birthday party for Megan Antholz Saturday evening. Guests were Cort, Megan, Hallee, and Lane Antholz, Craig, Jerri, Heath, and Tiffany Antholz, Mindy and Quinton Crow, and Gilbert and Janice Antholz.

Eleanor Swihart attended the McDonald Garden Club luncheon Wednesday.

Eleanor Swihart was a Friday overnight guest of Bruce and Shirley Swihart in St. Francis.

Peggy Sager of Salina was a weekend guest of Lois and Jim Morelock.



ANDREW SMITH

Resident's son runs in tough race

Andrew Smith, son of Scott Smith of Bird City, competed in the World's Toughest Mudder Race at the Englishtown Raceway in New Jersey on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Mr. Smith has always been physically fit, having a black belt in karate, and has ran in several other marathons. However, this is only his second Mudder Race.

The World's Toughest Mudder Race is an obstacle race designed by the British Special Forces. The race raises money for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Mr. Smith finished 199 out of 857 competitors, running 50 miles in less than 24 hours.

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Emery Rose Weiser

Dr. Marcus and Meghan Weiser would like to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Emery Rose. She was born on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 1:02 p.m.; weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 1/2-inches long.

She was welcomed home by her big sister, Lillie, and her big brother, Gavin.

Emery's grandparents are Brenda and Mickey Weiser of Grinnell, and Marsha Bergman of Onaga and the late Bob Bergman. Great-grandparents are Henry Kricke, Denver, Colo.; Wade Carmichael, Bird City.

and Floris Weiser of Oakley and the late Viola Weiser, and Rose Bergman, Onaga.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Ron Haack, Lutz, Fla.; Gary Brubaker, Bird City; Brent Wilkins, Gunter, Texas; Christopher Howard, Bird City; Martin Burton, Bird City; Bob Kricke, Denver, Colo.; Wade Carmichael, Bird City.

Chili Bowl Cook-Off

Nov. 22 - Legion Hall

5:30 p.m.

Auction of Garden Shed

7 p.m.

Quiz Bowl follows with students competing against parents, teachers and community

This is a fund raiser for landscaping, future exercise equipment and upkeep of the Cheylin Wellness Center



Bird City Match Day

Wednesday, Dec. 11

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.


Century II Development Foundation office

Contribute gifts of cash, check or grain to your favorite local organization and Century II will match them up to \$10,000.

Contact the Foundation office at 785-734-2556 to get answers to any questions you may have about ways to support your local organizations on BIRD CITY MATCH DAY.



HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY
Mom, Gma, Great-grandma!!
LOVE YOU LOTS!!!!
Hope you have a wonderful day!!
Pam, Dave, Dan and families



Rogene (Jean) Johnsen

SUPPORT THE ARTS!
Become a part of the Cheyenne Center for Creativity (CC4C), the newest arts council in the state of Kansas! Participate in and support the many events it provides!

Membership Levels		Membership Forms are available at Quincy Gallery Cuppa Joe Espresso or from any CC4C board or committee member. JOIN TODAY!	
Individual	\$30		
Family.....	\$50		
Business Patron.....	\$150		
Business Sponsor.....	\$300		
Benefactor	\$350 & above		

Donations of any amount appreciated!

Looking for a unique shopping experience? Come to the

Young Entrepreneurs Marketplace

Saturday, November 30, 2013
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Rural Young Americans Center for Financial Education
32415 Hwy 34, Wray, CO 80758
(1 mile east of Wray)

For more information, visit HYPERLINK "http://www.yacenter.org" www.yacenter.org or call 970-332-3150.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hrs. 45 min.

Last Vegas PG-13
Nov. 22-24
Starring: Robert De Niro, Michael Douglas, Morgan Freeman

Three 60-something friends take a break from their day-to-day lives to throw a bachelor party in Las Vegas for their last remaining single pal.

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

Mental Health First Aid

Course will review the common mental health issues, how to approach persons in crisis, and ways to manage them effectively and safely. Appropriate for healthcare, civil, service, ministerial, and legal professionals, and anyone impacted by someone with a mental health issue.

Cheyenne County Clinic Conference Room
210 W. 1st St., St. Francis, KS
Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013
8-5 p.m. with working lunch (included)
Class fee: \$60 (includes book)

RSVP Candi Douthit, 785-332-2104 or cdouthit@cheyennecountyhospital.com

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