

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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This year's "Mid-Summer Classic" is less than a week away. Today, it is hard to imagine baseball's All-Star Game without black or Latin players. But that is the way it used to be.
Last weekend we visited the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum at 18th and Vine in Kansas City, Mo. Not only does it tell the history of the black baseball teams, but it relays the story of our country. How individuals were expected to perform, and even fight for their nation, but were given less than equal rights.
There was so much more to see and learn of the neighborhood that became the center of the African American culture in a major city.

Seeing the struggles and success that individuals and groups met with dignity and perseverance is a testament to the human spirit. And their struggle helped the American democracy become what it should be: fair to all people.
Back to baseball, looking at the All-Star rosters shows how far we have come. Of the National League's nine position starters, five are either black or Latin American. On the other team, the American League has six of their nine players.
It is easy to take for granted the sacrifices of Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Elston Howard, Roberto Clemente and so many others. But their crossing the line of segregation made the sport, and our country, much better.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Marlene Johnson was a 4th of July weekend guest of Mr. Mrs. Ted Bethell and family of McCook.
Gilbert and Janice Antholz were Saturday evening guests of Craig and Jeri Antholz, and Heath. Mila LeValley was an additional guest. They celebrated Craig's birthday.
Karlyne Atchison was a Tuesday evening and supper guest of

Kent and Joan Banister. They celebrated Karlyne's birthday.
Eleanor Swihart was a Saturday evening guest of Kelly and Diane Simmons for the 4th of July.
Doug Tongish and granddaughters, Mikayla and Katelyn were Saturday lunch guests of Joan Tongish.
Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended McDonald Senior Citizens Monday noon.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
First, I'd like to thank Rodney Neitzel for his forward thinking and high hopes to unite Cheyenne County even though it seems that many people in both Saint Francis and Bird City are still not ready to let a 100+ year-old feud rest. I know his heart and efforts for an alternating host of the July 4th Celebration were for the benefit of the entire county.
I'm not sure most people today even know what the original discord was regarding; instead they just continue to follow behavior that was modeled by generations before that they should dislike the people from that "other" town (whichever side that may be).
I grew up here for 18 years before moving off to college, and I never even knew there was a "feud" between the two cities. Naively, I just thought we had spirited competition between rival schools. It wasn't until I moved back 30 years later, to find the delicate feelings between the two cities were more than a school rivalry and are still quite strong. So, I did some digging.
According to "Kansas Trails" on genealogytrails.com, agitation started in 1885 between the two towns. On April 1, 1886, Gov. John A. Martin issued a proclama-

tion declaring Cheyenne County organized and designating Bird City as the temporary county seat. On February 26, 1889, an election was held to determine the permanent county seat with the town of St. Francis receiving the majority of the votes. Discord continued regarding the matter with questions of the legality of the election and in 1891, the legislature passed an act, which was approved by Gov. Lyman U. Humphrey, declaring the election legal and the permanent county seat to remain St. Francis.
In this time of dwindling rural population, I find it unfortunate that not all residents of both cities are willing to openly work together to improve the quality of life for all people in Cheyenne County. The census in 2010 for our county was 2,726 - which is the second lowest since 1890 when the population boomed at 4,401.
Isn't it time we let an act that was passed by a long dead Governor rest with the past?
Rodney, I hope you'll not let the current discord keep you from trying again.
In thoughtful regard,
Carol Sloper
St. Francis

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Bulletin Board

July 14-24. Call Mary Ann at 734-2553 to sign up. 28
Community Yard Sale
A community yard sale is scheduled on the Thresher Show grounds during the show, July 31, and Aug 1 and 2, so dig out all those unused treasures you have been wanting to get rid of and turn them into cash. To reserve a spot contact Rod Klepper (785-734-7369). 28

Senior Birthdays
July birthdays will be celebrated at the Bird City Senior Center on Monday, July 14 at 3 p.m. 28.
Mud Volleyball
The pre-registration sign-up deadline for the Cheyenne County Fair co-ed mud volleyball is July 31. Teams will consist of 3 men and 3 women with a limit of 8 team members. For more information contact Kelsey Andrist 785-332-6025 or Dennon Flemming 785-

332-6126. 28
Art Exhibit
Folleh Tamba's exhibit "A Grunt's War Diary" is open for viewing at 500 S. Benton, St. Francis, (formerly Assembly of God Church, now known as Calvert L. Evins Memorial) Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., or for an appointment call 785-332-3569. 28
Quincy Gallery
"What is War" exhibit of art by veterans on display at Quincy Gallery through Aug., 109 N. Quincy, St. Francis. Thursday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. For viewing any other time, call 785-332-3569. 28
Cheyenne County Museum
Cheyenne County Museum open Wednesday through Friday 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment 332-3939, 332-2528. 28.

downstairs, both evenings. Saturday, serving in the the dining room 6-9 p.m., full menu. Come join us! 785-332-3401. 27
Lions club
The St. Francis Lions club collects wheelchairs, bicycles, and bicycle parts that are then taken to the correctional facility in Norton for repair. After being repaired, these items can be brought back to St. Francis for use here or distributed to persons needing them in the US or other countries. Persons wishing to donate for this purpose, please call: 785-332-3119 or 785-332-2950. 26.
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.
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.

Introducing

Jessie Smith is proud to announce the birth of her daughter, Charlotte Rose Butler. She was born April 20, 2014 at 8:48 p.m., at Ransom Memorial Hospital. Charlotte weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Ned and Deb Smith of Bird City. Great-grandparents are Dean and Theresa Knapp and Dean and Joan Smith of Bird City.



Charlotte Rose Butler

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning
Lynn and Rita Officer were Wednesday supper guests of Randy and Melissa Regier. They celebrated Rita's birthday.
Michael and Erin Officer, and children, and Mark and Marilee Gundlach and children were Friday through Sunday guests of Lynn and Rita Officer. Michael brought Luci, Seth, and Gracie home from Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je Saturday afternoon. They all visited Ratha Lea Loker Saturday in St. Francis. Everyone returned home Sunday.
Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the 4th of July activities in Atwood Friday and Saturday.

Tom Carrow was in Colorado Monday through Wednesday. He saw his oldest granddaughter Sierra play in a softball tournament.
Alan Goltl and friend Sandy and children Hank and Lydia of Wichita were weekend guests at the Goltl farm. Bethel Goltl joined them on the 4th of July in Atwood. They all enjoyed dinner at the MOJO and visited over lunch with Marty Goltl, Jack and Sophie, Lonnie Frick, and Marty's two sisters and a cousin.
Bethel Goltl, Don Bruder, Alan Goltl, and friend Sandy and children enjoyed supper at Big Eds Saturday evening. Alan and Sandy and children returned to Wichita Sunday.

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