

## Casey's Comments

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Summer break changes the game for parents. We get to see our kids quite a bit more. Their lunch breaks are the same as ours and there aren't as many evening activities too. So more time together allows for more new experiences and shared time.

One such adventure is our daughter Lexi's new, ambitious hobby: fondant cake decorating. For those out there who don't know what fondant is either, the icing is rolled into sheets that cover the entire cake. It comes from the French word for "melting" and has the same English root as "foundry."

First, a little background. I wouldn't say Lexi doesn't have a great deal of a cooking background to build on. She has gotten very good at opening cans of

Spaghetti-Os and heating frozen pizzas. So her desire to tackle this type of project came as a bit of a surprise.

Two things have come out of this enterprise. First, she has turned out to have not just a little talent in making beautiful and delicious cakes. Second, it has given us a nice opportunity to help her along, picking up some of the supplies needed and Mom working along side her when needed. Other items, such as frosting tips, have come from other family members. Lexi has had a big rooting section behind her in the baking and decorating exploit.

Above all, it is exciting to see a kid pickup something that will bring happiness to others. And, as a kitchen, quality-control tester, I hope she keeps it up for a long, long time.

## Obituary

**Emma Lillian Desilet**  
Dec. 17, 1924 - June 13, 2011

Emma Lillian (Ellis) Desilet, 86, a retired teacher and mother of Cynthia Haynes of Oberlin, died Monday, June 13, 2011, at Mount Joseph Senior Village in Concordia, Kan.

She was born Dec. 17, 1924, in Dardanelle, Ark., the daughter of Jeff and Pearl (Miks) Ellis. She graduated from Dardanelle High School in 1941 and from the Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway (now the University of Central Arkansas) in 1945 with a bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry.

She married Buford Marcel Desilet in Dardanelle in 1945 and the couple moved to Concordia, where she lived the rest of her life. With a severe shortage of teachers in the early 1950s, she started teaching first in country schools and then, after consolidation in the 1960s, at Notre Dame High School and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Grade School.

After the closing of the Catholic schools, she taught at the Concordia Middle School, retiring after 32 years. She was a member of Our

Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, the Catholic Daughters and the American Legion Auxiliary. She moved to Mount Joseph after suffering a stroke about eight years ago.

Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia and Steve Haynes, Oberlin, and Marcella Marie and Rick Cairns, Concordia; a brother, Jeff Ellis Jr., Newport, Ark.; five grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a step-grandson, Russell Cairns; and two sisters, Madelyn Curtis, Dardanelle, and Adele Crocker, Russellville, Ark.

Mass of the Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with Father Larry Letourneau officiating. Burial will follow in St. Concordia Cemetery.

A rosary and vigil will be held at the Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home in Concordia at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials to the church, cemetery or hospice can be sent in care of the funeral home, 325 W. Sixth, Concordia, Kan., 66901.

## Four girls vie for title of Young Miss

**By Karen Krien**  
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Four seniors will be vying for the title of Cheyenne County Young Miss on Saturday, June 25, in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium.

This year's participants are Christina Schoenrogge, Caitlin Northrup, Kaitlin Figgins and Jacquelyn Ketzner. Look for more information on these young ladies in next week's *Herald*.

The theme for the program is "Winter Wonderland." A grueling week of practice will start Sunday.

On Saturday, a parade down

Washington Street will be held at 2 p.m. The program will begin at 7 p.m.

Last year's Young Miss, Mikaela Grace, will be entertaining the audience with several numbers.

Along with the individual talent numbers performed by the contestants, the girls will be dressed in evening gowns for the "Poise and Elegance" category and will be performing for the "Endurance" category.

The program enables incoming senior girls a chance to develop themselves in the areas of scholastic, interviews, talent, physical fitness and poise.

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**School board**  
The Cheylin School Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. June 20 (note correction). July's meeting will be on the usual second Monday.



PFC Jonathan Hawkins

## Address listed

JD Hawkins, son of Toni and Lex Landenberger and Bob Hawkins was deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan on June 6. He anticipates being there for about a year. Encouragement from friends at home is sure to make his stay seem a little less daunting. His address is:  
PFC Jonathan Hawkins  
Co, 1-10 Cav, 2BCT, 4ID  
FOB WALTON, Camp Nathan Smith  
APO AE 09367

For those interested the web site [www.give2thetroops.org](http://www.give2thetroops.org) contains a list of acceptable items that can be sent to troops serving overseas.

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Luella Pesco, Clyde; Winnifred Wamhoff, Bird City; Beth Meyeres, Ellinwood; Leo Mazon, Bird City; Barbara Woolverton, Yardley, Pa.; Roger Sawyer, Bailey, Colo.; Dawn Hornock, Centennial, Colo.,

**Triathlon scheduled for Fourth of July**  
The Saintry Sharks are hosting a triathlon on Monday, July 4 starting at the St. Francis swimming pool. All entries are due by July 1. For more information call Margaret Poling at (785) 772-7374.

**E-waste collection**  
E-waste collection is set for Friday, June 24. The collection will take place from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the city shop; in St. Francis, from noon to 2 p.m. at the recycle center south of U.S. 36. For more information, call Roger Jensen at 785-332-5011.

**Health Task Force meeting**  
The fourth Health Task Force meeting will be held at 11:40 a.m.

on Thursday, June 23, at the Bird City Legion Hall.

**Snake Avoidance Clinic**  
A Snake Avoidance Clinic for all dogs will be held on Saturday, June 18. Call Rex Murray for more details at (785) 332-0408.

**Blood drive**  
A blood drive will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23 at Peace Lutheran Church. It is being sponsored by the American Red Cross and the country music industry.

**Open house**  
Hackberry Wireless, Viera, will hold an open house on today (Thursday), from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Main Street Java, 216 W. Main, St. Francis.

**Narcotics Anonymous**  
Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Sunday nights at 8 p.m. and 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.



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS** - The June birthdays of Stan Dorsch and Doris Amsberry were celebrated on Monday at the Senior Center. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

## Students Graduate

**Fort Hays State University**

Audrey Kehlbeck of Bird City and Heath Owens of St. Francis are among the 1,293 Fort Hays State University students who completed requirements for an associate or bachelor's degree in the spring 2011 semester.

Kehlbeck received a bachelor of science degree in health and human performance.

Owens received a bachelor of science degree in biology education.



**Cost Share Funds Available**

The Cheyenne Co. Conservation District will be accepting cost-share applications for conservation practices, June 13 - June 24, 2011 at the Conservation Office in St. Francis.

Conservation practices include: Terraces, Terrace Rebuilds, Diversions, Livestock Tanks, Wells and Pipelines, Cross-Fencing, Pumping Plant for Water Supply, Rangeland Seeding, Spring Developments, Windbreaks, (i.e. Trees, Fabric Weed Barrier, Drip Irrigation Systems), and Failing Septic System Replacement.

All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Conservation District Board of Supervisors and funded according to priorities recommended by the Kansas Water Plan. Cost-share assistance rates are 50-70%. Deadline to complete work is December 31, 2011.

Funding for the cost-share programs are provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriations from the Kansas Water Plan and administered by the Cheyenne County Conservation District.

If you are interested, please contact our office located in the USDA Service Center on West Highway 36 in St. Francis or call 785-332-2341, ext. 101.

**SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. 1 hr. 30 min.**

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Dr. Rubinowitz	June 28
Dexascan	June 15
Dr. Saba	June 17
Nuc Med	June 28
Dr. Uyemura	June 22 - surgery
Dr. Curtis	June 23
Dr. Uyemura	June 16 - clinic

\*\* Mark your calendars for the school physicals offered July 25 thru 29th \*\*

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 785-332-2104