

Casey's Comments

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 How often do we have a crusade?
 I suppose as individuals we can have one whenever we choose. However, as a society they do not seem to happen daily.
 Last week a business trip took me to the Eastern side of our state. Since I had about an hour to burn, I got off I-70 at Abilene. After driving through the small town, I found what I was looking for.
 In what looks like a large park area stands three buildings, a home, and a statue. The structures are the Dwight D. Eisenhower visitor center, museum, and presidential library. The home is where Ike grew up. And the statue is of General Eisenhower during World War II, in his own short cut jacket and army cap.
 70 years ago, next June 6, marks the anniversary of what Eisenhower

er called the "crusade" the Allied soldiers would undertake to rid the world of Nazi Germany.
 On that day, seven decades ago, over 5,000 ships carried 160,000 troops from England to Normandy, France. It was the largest armada in man's history. Also supporting the invasion were 13,000 aircraft.
 A heavy price was paid to turn the tide of war. Along the 50 miles of coastline, 9,000 men were killed or wounded in the assault. But the foothold established allowed 100,000 of our soldiers into France and the push to reach Germany had begun.
 Standing before the statue of Eisenhower on that gray and chilly morning last Friday brought so many visions of that horrible and wonderful day. I'm grateful we had a leader and brave men willing to take up that great crusade, and they will be in my thoughts this Memorial Day.

South of McDonald *By Sandy Binning*

Weekend guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer were Charlene's cousin, Johnny Neill, and Jane Leche of Denver. Additional Saturday evening guests were Diane Shay and children of St. Francis.
 Joe and Charlene Kramer attended the 16th birthday party for Kailey Shay in St. Francis at the bowling alley Thursday evening.
 George, Kathy, and David Banister attended the Cheylin Graduation Ceremonies Saturday morning in Bird City and afterwards attended the reception for Ty Carmichael at the home of Wade and Tammi Carmichael.
 Brandon and Amanda Winter and children were weekend guests of George and Kathy Banister. They also attended Cheylin's Graduation Ceremonies and Ty Carmichael's reception. The Winter family returned home Sunday after church.
 Kathy Banister attended the Awards Night Thursday evening in Brewster for their Junior High and High School students.
 Rusty and Chris Rogers of St. George were weekend guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard. They all attended the Cheylin Graduation Ceremonies and receptions Saturday.
 Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey. Tom and Kelly Dewey and

children joined them for Sunday lunch.
 Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the graduation and Pinning Ceremonies for Ashley Warman from North Central Kansas Technical School Saturday in Sheridan Hall at Fort Hays.
 Tom and Kelly Dewey and children enjoyed the fireworks Friday evening in Atwood.
 Bethel Goltl and Don Bruder joined Paul and Edna Roesener, Jaylene Schrader, and Lynn Swayne of Sterling for lunch at the Bird City Diner Saturday.
 Don Bruder and Bethel Goltl attended the dinner Sunday for Tilynn Bell's Campus Crusades Mission Trip.
 Thursday evening, Lynn and Rita Officer traveled to Randy and Melissa Regier's home for supper. They celebrated Randy's birthday. Robbie and Ariel Custer of Siloam Springs were at the Regiers also.
 Rita Officer attended the Cheylin Graduation Saturday morning, and Lynn and Rita attended the receptions for Susannah Jones, Rusty Purubsky, and Shayla Hubbard in McDonald afterwards.
 Robert and Sandy Binning attended the Rawlins County High School Graduation Ceremony in Atwood Sunday afternoon.

Bulletin Board

Memorial Day holiday schedule
 Due to Memorial Day, the St. Francis Herald/Bird City Times office will be closed on Monday, May 26. The papers will be published on Wednesday, May 28, and be available on Thursday, May 29. The ad and news copy deadline has been moved to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27.
Community Club annual meeting
 The Bird City Community Club annual meeting and election of officers will be held on Saturday, May 31 at the Shelter House in the park. Lunch will be at noon after the community cleanup. Meeting and elections will be at 1 p.m. 21.

Memorial service
 A memorial service for Jack Abendschan will be held on Sunday, June 1 at 2 p.m. at the St. Francis United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to the St. Francis Senior Center or to a charity of your choice. 21
Birthday celebration
 Bethel Ochsner Goltl is turning 80 on June 3. Please join her in celebrating by sending birthday wishes to: Bethel Goltl, 1738 Rd L, McDonald, KS 67745. 21
Bird City High School alumni banquet
 The Bird City Rural High School alumni banquet will be held on May 24 at 6 p.m. at the Legion

Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the Hometown Market and The Bank. Call 785-734-2100 for more information. 20.
40th wedding anniversary
 Glenn and Betty Krebs are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on May 24. Cards may be sent to them at 740 Plainview Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376. 20.
"Remember and Honor"
 "Remember and Honor," a Memorial Day service, will begin at 10 a.m. at the St. Francis Cemetery on May 26. All are invited. 20.
Cheyenne Valley Cemetery
 Memorial Day Service will be held at Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, south of Wheeler, on Monday, May 26 at 11:30 a.m. There will be a dedication for the new veterans memorial. 20.

Memorial Day potluck
 The Bird City seniors will be hosting a potluck on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26 at noon, for all who care to join. Especially welcome are families returning "home" for the weekend to enjoy food and visiting at the Senior Center. 19
Cheyenne County Spring Livestock Show
 The Cheyenne County Spring Livestock Show is scheduled for May 24 at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds. Weigh in will be at 8 a.m. Pre-register at www.sunflower.ksu.edu or the Cheyenne County Extension office. Sheep, goats and cattle will show under the new arena cover. 20
On the move
 Jean (Forney) Dalinga, who graduated from Bird City High School in 1943, has moved to Apple Village Assisted Living facility, 2600 E. Highway 193, Layton, Utah 84041. 20.
Lions club
 St. Francis Lions Club collects used eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids and cell phones for refurbishing and use by those in need in 3rd world countries. Collection boxes are available at Bird City: Senior Center, and

McDonald News *By Sandy Binning*

Sunday afternoon, Brian and Connie Sabatka, and Marlene Johnson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Sabatka and family in Colby. They celebrated Joston's 4th birthday. Connie and Marlene also visited Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cline.
 Gilbert and Janice Antholz enjoyed the Cheylin Graduation and receptions afterwards.
 Saturday evening and supper guests of Gilbert and Janice Antholz were Wayne and Dinah Penner and Daniel of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Karlyne Atchison attended the Cheylin Graduation Saturday and Ty Carmichael's and Shayla Hubbard's receptions afterwards.
 Friday morning visitors of Jerry and Betty Knapp were Al and Becky Hatch of Kinsley, Doug and Rita Zeman of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Jim and Patsy McGlurg of Laramie, Wyo.
 Jerry and Betty Knapp attended the Cheylin Graduation Ceremonies and receptions afterwards Saturday morning.
 Althea Rogers was a weekend guest of Eleanor Swihart.

Club Clips

McDonald Senior Citizens
 President Joan Tongish welcomed 35 guests from Atwood, St. Francis, Bird City and McDonald to the May 5 meeting at the McDonald Senior Center.
 Emergency medical technician, Margie Hubbard was present to check blood pressure.
 Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Emma Threlkel recited a poem about Mother's Day. Eleanor Swihart told a story about the humorous questions children asked about Bible verses. She also gave thanks for the meal.

After the delicious meal, bingo was played with the prize game shared by Ilone Ketter, Emma Threlkel and Annie Antholz.
 At business meeting, Joan thanked everyone who helped. She reported that Bruce Nickel had done the mowing, and the center has been rented two days in May.
 June second committees include: Bingo - Tom Carrow; Poem and Prayer - Marlene Johnson; Prizes - Phyllis Wingfield; Kitchen - Phyllis Wingfield, Eleanor Swihart and Emma Threlkel.

May 24th 6PM
BCRHS Alumni Banquet
Food, Fun & Fellowship at the Legion Hall
 \$15.00 Tickets at Hometown Market and The Bank - phone orders (785) 734-2100
 Special Invitation to Local Graduates
DRESS UP IN RED & WHITE

Bird City Community
FREE Clean Up FREE
 Saturday, May 31st
 Please separate & place your items for pick up in the street **before 9:00 A.M.**

- Brush - Limbs - Leaves (No grass)
- Electronic - TV - Computer - Small Appliances
- Metal - Washer - Dryer - Frames - Iron
- Construction - Lumber - Drywall - Glass
- Chemicals - Pesticides - Herbicides - Oil
- Paint - Stain - Varnish
- Cement - Plaster - Bricks - Concrete

Community Cookout
 A community cookout for the helpers will be held in the park at noon.
 For information, contact Rod Klepper 785-734-7369.
Bird City Community Club Project

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 2 hrs. 22 min.
The Amazing Spider-Man 2 3D Rated PG-13
May 23-25
 Starring: Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Jamie Foxx
 3D showing Friday & Saturday evenings. Shown in 2D on Sunday, 2 & 8:00 p.m.
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
2014-2015
Free School Sports Physical Dates

Monday, June 9, 1-5 p.m. with Tyler Raile
Tuesday, June 17, 1-5 p.m. with Dana Jewell-Broughman
Friday, Aug. 1, 1-5 p.m. with Tyler Raile
Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1-5 p.m. with Kristle Raile

 Free Sports Physicals will be held in the County Health Department on the dates/times listed above. No appointment necessary. You must have a current sports physical prior to the first day of sports practice for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information contact Mila Bandel, RN County Health Nurse at 785-332-2381.

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Bridal Shower
 for **Melodie Bock**
 Francée of Col. Ted Glasco
Saturday, May 31 3:30 p.m. CST
 Living Water Fellowship Bird City

80th Birthday celebration
 Please join family and friends in celebrating Ken Beougher's 80th birthday at the United Methodist Church in Bird City on Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A brunch will be provided. Cards only, please.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE!
JUST REDUCED PRICE - MOTIVATED TO SELL! 1210 Road 7, St. Francis, KS, Ranch just west of St. Francis! Approx. 191 ac. of Grass, great storage buildings, spacious home! Large 100'x50' utility building, 80'x40' round top Quonset, grain storage & livestock handling facility, and more!
JUST LISTED! HWY 36 FRONTAGE in BIRD CITY: BIRD CITY DINER! - Own your own Business! Includes building, inventory & equipment! The 340'x195' corner lot situated on the center of Bird City, Ks city limits along excellent highway frontage. **Call for a tour today of this clean, turn key business!**
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