

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

I wasn't sure if I could write this week's column or not. I've been out of action with an injured left pinkie.

That might not sound like much, but for a newspaper person a hand injury sure makes it tough to write.

Last weekend the cyst I had been carrying on the last joint of my little finger began to give me trouble. I had not given it much thought until the pain began. Thank goodness for Lezlie as she went into "action" mode.

The next few days were filled with visits to the clinic, hospital and a hand specialist in Denver.

The doctors and nurses worked together to fight infection and save my finger.

Things look better now, though I'm a little blurry from pain killers. But it does seem that I will keep my pinkie. One more week of IVs, bandage changes, pinkie therapy and I'll be able to return to the specialist in Denver.

It is hard, especially for a man, to admit that he may not be right or in control of the world around him. My thanks go out to my wonderful wife, Dr. Miller and the great ladies at the clinic and hospital and Dr. Britton's office. I knew from the start that my pinkie was in good hands.

85th birthday card shower requested

Friends and family will help Richard Brubaker celebrate 85 years of life on March 14. He shares the birthday with his brother Robert Brubaker, but there is two years difference in their ages.

Richard served in World War II and is very proud to be a veteran. This picture the family calls his "Hollywood picture" was taken in Hollywood, Calif., when he was sent there for military schooling. Mr. Brubaker is a retired farmer living in Bird City who is still very active in the community. Well wishers may send a card to P.O. Box 399, Bird City, KS 67731.



Brubaker

School Menu

Monday, March 13

Breakfast: oatmeal, bananas, cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: ham and cheese stromboli, chips, fruit, salad bar, milk

Tuesday, March 14

Breakfast: sausage gravy and biscuits, cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: Frito chili pie, salad bar, vegetables, fruit, dessert, milk

Wednesday, March 15

Breakfast: donut or long john, cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: second grade menu: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, spinach, carrots, kiwi,

mandarin oranges, dirt pudding, milk

Thursday, March 16

Breakfast: pancakes, cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: hamburger sandwich, baked beans, salad bar, fruit, milk

For the Record

Feb. 7, 2006

Robert Jensen reported the theft of an Optima Battery valued at \$150 from the intersection of Co. Rd. 26 and Co. Rd. J.

Community Club to meet

The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the fellowship hall.

Cheylin Recreation Commission

The Cheylin Recreation Commission monthly meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Cheylin High School library.

Bird City Century II information

Bird City Century II Development Foundation annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 20. Check ad for details.

Annual preschool and pre-kindergarten screening

Cheylin School District, in conjunction with Early Childhood Services Staff, will be sponsoring Hearing, Vision, Language and Developmental Screening for all children from birth to school age on Wednesday, March 15. Though children entering kindergarten next fall must participate, parents are encouraged to bring all children not already in school.

The screenings are free of charge but appointments are needed and can be made by calling Cheylin elementary School at (785) 734-2351.

Advocate deadline

The deadline for the Country Advocate for the week of March 20 will be noon on Thursday, March 16. Ad-

ditional details in ad.

Cheyenne County Historical Society

The Historical Society will held their regular monthly meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Museum. You are encouraged to bring a friend and come for the fellowship. Those attending will be touring the Museum and seeing the remodeling that was done with the money donated by Ray and Vergie Rogers.

Health Lab Test Fair

Cheyenne County Health Department is sponsoring a Health Lab Test Fair on Monday, March 20. Check hospital ad for additional information.

First National Bank hours

First National Bank will close at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15. Check ad for details.

Personal Property Assessment

The last day for Personal Property Assessment is March 15. Check ad for additional information.

Nine County Memory Walk

The Alzheimer's Associations Nine-County Memory Walk to raise funds is being planned for Saturday, April 1. Registration begins at 1 p.m., the opening ceremony will be at 1:25 p.m. and the walk begins at 1:30. Residents of nine northwest Kansas counties,

Program stresses safety on the farm

Ag safety week is March 5 through 11 and Farm Bureaus across the nation are making safety a priority this spring through the Agricultural Safety Awareness Program.

In Cheyenne County, Farm Bureau is reminding agricultural producers that, in a rush of completing their tasks on farms and ranches, they need to take time to act safely. They need to also repair or replace safety devices that protect them, their family members and employees from injuries and fatalities.

Nolan Ryan, Hall of Fame pitcher, rancher and Farm Bureau member, joins the effort nationally by asking everyone in agriculture and rural communities to make safety a part of their spring training.

The 2006 theme, "Step Up to the Plate for Farm Safety," celebrates the many positive steps the agricultural community is making in creating safer farms and ranches. Like

spring training in baseball though, preparation prior to the season and practice are essential in creating a more successful year.

In celebrating this annual event, Farm Bureau recognizes the rich tradition of the farming culture in producing the safest and most abundant food in the world and the involvement of all members of the farm family in age appropriate tasks.

The American Cancer Society recommends wearing sunscreen with a sun protection factor, or SPF, of 15 or higher, sunglasses with 99 to 100 percent UV absorption and a wide-brimmed hat instead of a baseball cap.

Earplugs are also an essential personal protective item when working in agriculture, due to prolonged exposure to loud noises from tools, equipment and animals.

For more information, contact the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau for more information at 785-332-3312.

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including Cheyenne County, will join the fight against Alzheimer's disease at the event which also raises public awareness and funds for local services for people with the disease, their families, and caregivers.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Public Library.

Association to Benefit Cheyenne County

The Association to Benefit Cheyenne County meets every third Thursday of the month at the Diamond R.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, in the commissioners' room at the courthouse. The commissioners will be reviewing the five-year plan for the road and bridge department.

Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, in the basement meeting room at the clinic in St. Francis.

Head Start

Your local Head Start is now taking applications for the 2006-07 school year. Children born between Aug. 1, 2001 and July 31, 2003, may be eligible. For more information, contact your local Head Start Center at 9785) 332-3110 or stop by the Cheyenne County Head Start classroom.

Relay for Life

American Cancer Relay for Life organizers will be holding a team captain meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the St. Francis Equity meeting room.

Anyone wanting to organize a team should plan to come to the meeting or call Deb Lindsten at 785-332-2022.

The Cheyenne County Relay for

Life will be held on Aug. 19 and 20 at Sawhill Park in St. Francis.

AARP

AARP will meet at 2 p.m. on today (Thursday) at the St. Francis Senior Center.

Guys and Dolls

Guys and Dolls, presented by On Stage Inc., will take place on March 25 and 26. On the 25th there will be 100 tickets sold for the dinner at 6 p.m. with the play beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for Saturday are available at Bankwest.

There will also be a matinee performance of *Guys and Dolls* on Sunday afternoon, March 26. Tickets for the matinee are available at First National Bank.

Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, at 9:30 a.m. central time on Thursday, March 16, will be at the county clerk's office in St. Francis to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Sainty Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous

Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-5536 for more information.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services 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 if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hour 25 min.

March 10, 11 & 12

The Pink Panther
Action/Adventure, Comedy, Thriller and Crime/Gangster

Starring: Kevin Kline, Steve Martin, Jean Reno, Emily Mortimer, Beyoncé Knowles

Rated: PG for occasional crude and suggestive humor and language.

Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747

Children 11 & under: \$2 12-18 yr.: \$3 Senior Citizens: \$3 Adults: \$4



BIRD CITY CENTURY II

DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION Annual Meeting

7:00 p.m. ~ Monday, March 20

Bird City Century II Development Foundation Meeting Room

Bird City and Cheylin Alumni is updating their address records. Please contact Cathy Domsch @ 785-734-2556; P.O. Box 593, Bird City, KS 67731. Email: centuryii@bcks.net

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

CHEYENNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. is Sponsoring a HEALTH LAB TEST FAIR

Monday, March 20th
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• CHEM-27 PANEL with TSH - \$20
(No food or drink after midnight for Chem-27 Panel)

• PSA (Prostate Test) - \$20

Payment is due at the time of the test. No insurance will be billed. Contact 785-332-2381 for more information

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