

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

A couple years ago I was working for a farmer a few miles north of McDonald. As we were walking across the yard outside his shop he pointed out a mother killdeer. The two of us were getting close to her nest and she was diverting our attention by pretending to be injured. The mother bird let one wing go limp, turned around in circles on the ground and moved in the opposite direction from her young.

That got me to think of the sacrifices mothers make, both in the animal kingdom and as human beings. Many mothers juggle busy sched-

ules to fulfill their role as a provider. Whether it is working in or out of the house, organizing and shuttling kids around or attending programs or sports events, most mothers are constantly putting themselves after the needs of others.

There is nothing as strong as a mother's love. When children succeed and fail, no one shares the experience with them like a mother.

I'm sure you know someone like this. It may be your mother, grandmother or just a good friend. Remember them this Sunday. And if she is far away, be sure to send her a card and call. She deserves it!



Jensen Moyer Underwood Krien

Students receive scholarship money

Cheylin students Jacob Jensen, Joshua Moyer and Kori Underwood will be receiving a \$1,000 scholarship and Afton Krien will be receiving a \$750 scholarship from the Pete Henry Foundation. The Foundation gives some renewable scholarships for each semester for either four or eight semesters, and also gives scholarships for \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$750.

Pete Henry was a farmer for many years in the Brewster area. He had an inquiring mind and knew the value of hard work, thrift and good

management. He died in 2002 and his dream was to assist local students to furthering their education.

Mr. Henry established a foundation to award academic and technical training scholarships. Students who are self-starting, determined individuals with leadership and work experience from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties are able to apply.

A total of six renewable scholarships and 59 one-time scholarships were awarded this year.

Hospice is type of care

Hospice isn't a place. It's a type of care that focuses on living. It's about living as fully as possible, up until the end of life. There are many misconceptions regarding hospice care.

• Misconception 1) Hospice is where you go when there is nothing more a doctor can do.

Hospice is a type of care designed for persons with a life-limiting illness. Hospice is not where you go to die. Hospice professionals are trained to assist persons in living their lives fully, completely, and without pain until the end of their lives.

• Misconception 2) To be eligible for hospice care, I have to be in the final stages of dying.

Ideally, hospice patients and families receive care for an appropriate amount of time, depending upon the course of the illness. There is not fixed limit on the amount of time a patient may continue to receive hospice services if they remain appropriate for care.

• Misconception 3) Quality care at the end of life is very expensive.

Medicare beneficiaries pay little or nothing for hospice. For those ineligible for Medicare, most insurance plans, HMO's, and managed care plans cover hospice care.

• Misconception 4) Families are not able to care for people with terminal illnesses.

Family members are encouraged, supported, and trained by hospice professionals to care for their loved ones. Hospice staff is on call to the patient and families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to help family and friends care for their loved ones.

• Misconception 5) Hospice care is only for people with cancer.

Fifty percent of hospice patients are diagnosed with life-limiting conditions other than cancer.

• Misconception 6) Hospice is just for the elderly.

Hospice is for anyone facing a life-limiting illness, regardless of age.

• Misconception 7) After the patient's death, hospice care ends.

Bereavement services and grief support are available to family members for up to one year after the death of a patient.

Hospice is not about how you die but it's about how you live, living life as fully as possible up until the end of life. The best time to learn about end-of-life care is before it becomes a serious issue. To learn more about hospice, please contact Hospice Services at 785-543-2900 or 800-315-5122.

Free public dance

There will be a free public dance Saturday, May 27 9 p.m. to midnight at the Bird City American Legion Hall. Music by Dan and Lori Harris

Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will be meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18 at Lebow Manor. Carol Peters will be hostess.

Cheylin High School Awards Banquet

Cheylin High School awards banquet and potluck will be held today (Thursday), in the McDonald gymnasium. Starting time to be announced.

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life teams are sponsoring a yard sale to benefit the American Cancer Society from 8

a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, at 212 E. Jackson, St. Francis.

Grant Writing workshops

Last time to experience Grant Writing Workshops by Dr. Don Udell. June 13-15, July 18-20; August 15-17. Contact Cheyenne County Development Corporation at 332-3508 for info.

Lawnmower clinic set

A lawnmower check-up clinic has been scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, May 22, at the fairgrounds building, St. Francis.

"Come and learn maintenance techniques to help your lawnmower run and perform better," said Tye Faulkender, Cheyenne County Extension Director.

The program will be presented by Randy Dinkel, mower technician, and Director Faulkender.

For more information, call the Extension office at 785-332-3171.

County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

A new chapter of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) has formed in this area. The chapter meeting is at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at the Good Samaritan Village activity lounge in St. Francis. More information about the chapter is available from Sharon Barnhart at 332-2531. You may also call 1-800-932-8677 or log on to the official TOPS website at www.tops.org

Bird City Cardinal Alumni Banquet

The Bird City Cardinal Alumni Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. on May

27 at the Bird City American Legion.

Association to Benefit Cheyenne County

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

AARP

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

The program will be my Mrs. Fiala's high school music department.

The host for refreshments will be Clarence Iliff. All are welcome.

Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

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) 332-6542 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.

Report on Kansas wheat crop given

The Wheat Quality Council tour occurred last week. Jim Shroyer, K-State wheat agronomist, was part of the tour and had this report.

Participants on the tour saw plenty of dryland wheat in poor to fair condition, especially where wheat has been continuous cropped or planted into row crop stubble. Mild weather is helping a little, but most of western Kansas is extremely dry. Overall, the crop is about a week ahead of normal in development.

The Kansas wheat crop is suffering from drought damage in many areas. There has also been some scattered freeze injury, which is severe in localized areas. By far, the main problem has been drought and the period of hot, windy weather in mid-April.

In western Kansas, much of the dryland wheat is short, with small heads. Wheat streak mosaic is prevalent. Tiller counts are low because so many have been sloughed off due to drought stress.

Wheat in northwest Kansas is in the flag leaf to late boot stage, and could still benefit from rain. If the crop in this area gets rain, it could still increase both kernel numbers and kernel weight.

South of I-70 in western Kansas, there is some scattered freeze injury. As the season progresses,

freeze damage will become more apparent.

The overwhelming problem here, though, is drought. There will be some abandonment of dryland wheat in western Kansas, but the amount of abandonment will depend on the price of wheat and whether the area gets some rain.

This wheat is in the late boot to flowering stage at this time in most of southwest Kansas. If a good rain occurs soon in this area, it could still help improve kernel weights and possibly kernel numbers in some cases. Mild weather recently has stabilized the situation for the moment.

East of Dodge City, the wheat is still short, but a little taller than areas farther west. Head size is smaller than normal, both east and west of Dodge City.

East of Pratt and Kingman, height and head size are closer to normal. In the more southern counties, the hot windy weather in mid-April hurt the wheat in the early heading stage and yields will probably be reduced in many cases.

In north central Kansas, there has been some freeze injury from the April 19 freeze. Otherwise, wheat in this area is a little shorter and thinner than normal, but has better yield potential than wheat farther west.

Club Clips

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met on May 5 with 11 members present.

For the program, each told something about a veteran that they knew or knew about. This was very interesting and thought provoking as each one shared about brothers, dads, uncles, husbands and other relatives as well as other people that they knew who served their country. As members related some of the stories and saw what the men and

women gave up, it made everyone realize once again that freedom doesn't come freely. It really costs a lot and many of those present realized this first hand.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Memorial Day service at the cemetery on May 29.

After the meeting, members enjoyed a time of fellowship and delicious refreshments served by Hollis Dapron and Ruby Tracy.

Next month the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on June 2.

McDonald Area Development

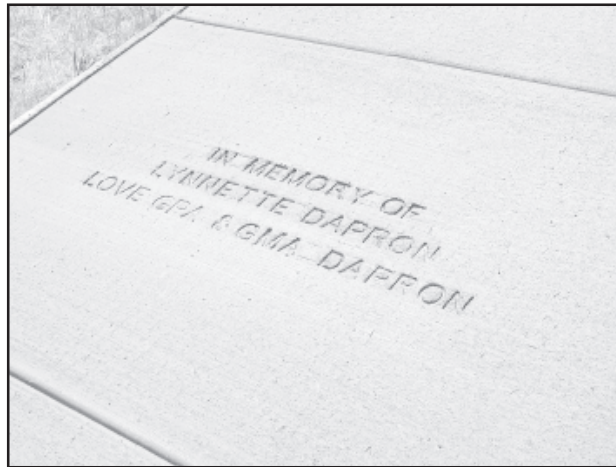
Tessa Davis called the McDonald Area Development meeting to order at noon on Wednesday, May 3, with nine members present. The minutes and treasurer's report were accepted as read.

Marlene Johnson reported on the Easter Egg Hunt. About 25 kids

hunted and found 350 eggs. The preschool children received stuffed bunnies. Ray Johnson reported on the City Clean-up.

The only new business was the July ice-cream social and program. Plans will be finalized at the June meeting.

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Sat., May 27 ~ 6 p.m. CT

Bird City Legion Hall

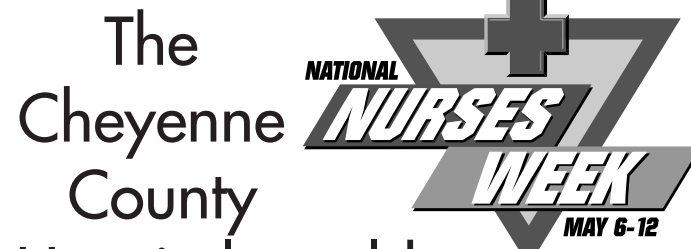
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Please look for our advertisement in this week's paper.