

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
I love a parade!

I've seen some big ones in some big towns. But I don't think I've ever enjoyed one as much as the Cheyenne County Fair Parade last Saturday.

Granted, there were no giant helium-filled Barneys or Garfields and numerous uniformed marching bands. But there were many floats, music and animals.

The theme was "There is no Place Like Home." Ever since I moved to Kansas I've been looking for Dorothy and her pals. Well, I certainly got my fix.

There were young ones and some that looked a lot like Judy

Garland's character. The Scarecrows, Tin men and Lions were very convincing.

But the best were probably the witches. I saw one very scary Wicked Witch. But by far, the most entertaining person was Glenda, the good witch, on the St. Francis First National Bank float.

Other fun sights were the Hilltop General Store-Hometown Market float that actually brought back the Darlin's band from Andy Griffith fame.

It was great fun and spectators had plenty to enjoy. It just goes to show, you don't have to be in a big town to find quality entertainment.

Auto Club Queen announced at show

Helene Ruth Magley Landenberger of St. Francis was crowned the 2006 Tri-State Antique Auto Club Queen in Bird City.

Born into a Bird City farm family, on July 15, 1938, Helene was truly a farmer's daughter. She grew to womanhood on the farm, 10 miles southwest of Bird City, acquainted early on with the operation of what are now antique models of vintage vehicles and farm machinery.

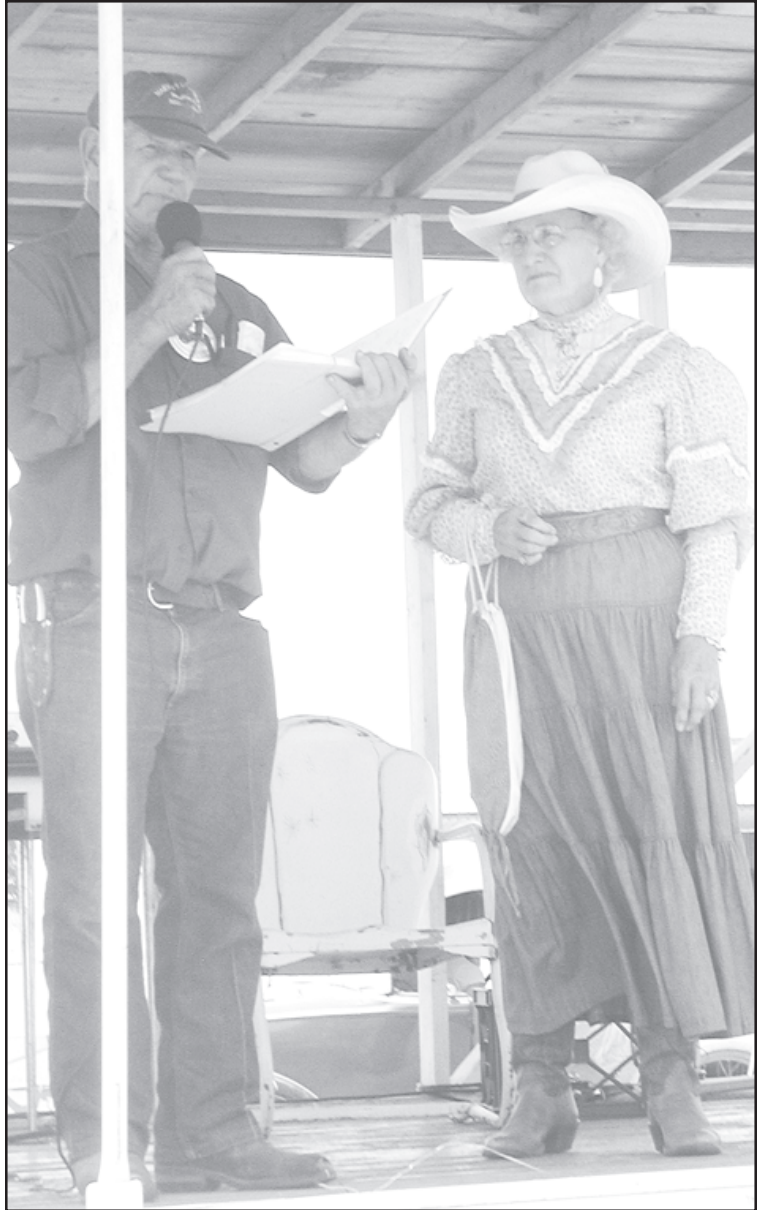
Her first recollection of a family car was a 1936 Ford owned by her parents, Arnold and Vera Magley. Next, was a 1940 Ford the family drove to the Black Hills of South Dakota, in 1946, a vacation trip

which Helene and her older brothers, Fred and Arnold Jr., fondly recall. As a teenager, she began assisting with the family farm and field work, feeding and working livestock, driving pickups, wheat trucks and tractors.

Helene attended grade and high school in Bird City. She was a cheerleader, attended Girl's State and was active in many school activities, graduating in 1956. Shortly thereafter, on Sept. 30, 1956, she married, at the Methodist Church in Bird City, to Ruben Raymond Landenberger, son of John and Lydia, of St. Francis. Four children: Kathy Lynn, Lesa Dawn, Lex Dan and John Ruben, were born to them, all of whom are married and have children of their own. Helene has nine grandchildren at this time.

Her father's love of horses naturally influenced Helene's own love of horses and she became an expert rider at an early age. Beetle Bomb, a Welch pony, was her favorite during the 4-H years. Barrel racing and other timed contest events enabled her to hone her skills on horseback and earned her many awards. Her husband, Ruben, was an expert rider, also, and both of them were members of the Bird City (Northwesterners) Saddle Club, as were all members of the Magley family.

In 1956, concentrated horse practices, held where the LaBow Manor in Bird City now stands, culminated in the club's appearance and success at winning the American Royal at Kansas city. In later years, the Landenberger children were active in Little Britches and other rodeo events; and it took a wall full of shelves in the



HELENE LANDENBERGER, 2006 Tri-State Antique Auto Club Queen, was announced during the Thresher Show in Bird City the end of July. Her brother, Fred Magley, is making the presentation.

Photo courtesy of Kelly Basnett

Landenberger living room to house their numerous awards and trophies.

Several years ago, Helene began composing her own original prose, poetry, melodies and son lyrics. She is a published writer and an accomplished entertainer known as "The Wild Rose Poet"

in cowboy poetry circles, and has recently recorded her third, professionally produced, audio taped album.

An active member and trustee of Tri-State Antique Auto Club, Helene is a community supporter through her activities at Peace Lutheran Church and several other organizations. St. Francis Music Club, 'Western Plains Arts Association, Cheyenne County Historical Society, Cheyenne Valley Cemetery Association and Red Hatters being among them. She recently appeared at the Kansas Sampler Festival as a member of a community choir composed of Cheyenne County residents.

Helene is the owner of a well preserved 1978 Chrysler New Yorker.

After receiving her crown, she began her reign as the 2006 Tri-State Antique Auto Club Queen.

Bulletin Board

100th birthday on Friday

An open house is being held to help Lucile Long celebrate her 100th birthday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 11 at the Prairie Senior Living complex in Colby. No gifts please if you are unable to attend, cards may reach her at Prairie Senior Living complex, 1625 S. Franklin, Colby, KS 67701

Cards needed

Jason Barnhart is a patient in Swedish Medical Center. He and his family would appreciate cards sent to him at Swedish Medical Center, 501 Hampton Ave., Englewood, CO 80110. At this time, he cannot have flowers, gifts or phone calls.

Senior Center monthly birthday party

The Bird City Senior Center will hold the monthly birthday party at 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 14. JoAnn Klie, physical therapist, will attend to demonstrate the Nu-Step exercise machine. All seniors welcome.

Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will meet at Lebow Manor on Thursday, August 17 at noon for potluck. Joy Anderegg will be hostess.

Bird City Community Club

Happy Birthday to you! The Bird City Community Club is publishing a 2007 Community Calendar with birthdays, anniversaries, school and community events. Jane Brubaker (734-2722), Barbara Waters (734-2635) and Marlene Young (734-2695) have made numerous phone calls to find the information to include. If you haven't been contacted, or haven't yet returned their call, please do so before Aug. 17. Don't worry, they won't include the year of your birth.

Horticulture Field Day

The Kansas State Research and Extension is presenting 2006 Horticulture Field Day from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24, at the

Northwest Research-Extension Center in Colby.

The program includes "Proper Irrigation Techniques for Trees, Shrubs and Flowers in the Home Landscape; "Drought Stress in Turfgrass - Recommended Maintenance Practices for the Home Lawn" and "Prairie Star Annuals - Selecting Star Performers for the Soils and Climate of the Prairie.

Relay for Life

Bank Nite for all relay team captains is from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at the St. Francis Equity meeting room. Please come and get your team shirts and turn in all your collected cancer funds.

For other information, please call Deb Lindsten, chairman, at (785) 332-2022.

Association to Benefit Cheyenne County

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

Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group

The Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group will not meet in August. The next meeting will be on Sept. 11

Drought Management Strategies

"Drought Management Strategies" will be held Aug. 29 through Aug. 31 at Scott City. See article elsewhere.

Birthday Luncheon

A birthday luncheon will be held Aug. 16 at Two Lee's

Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, at 9:30 a.m. central time on Thursday, Aug. 27, 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. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Turpin Tyme Ragsters

The Turpin Tyme Ragsters, a seven-piece ragtime music ensemble based in Kansas City, will perform in the band shell in Oberlin City Park at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 20. Call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 475-3329 for information and ticket information

U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt

Applications are available for vendors and businesses wishing to be on the Cheyenne County U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt Map. Contact Donna Johnson at (785) 734-2719 in Bird City or Shirley Sherlock at (785) 332-8945 in St. Francis.

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

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 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.

Letter to the Editor

To the editor,

I have been an emergency medical technician (EMT) three years now and a registered nurse (RN) for 12 years and I did not realize how critical it is for a trauma victim to be properly packaged before loading into an ambulance until I became an emergency medical technician. The possibility of life threatening injuries is tremendously increased without this critical step of proper packaging and caring for a trauma patient. I know everyone wants to help when they come upon a scene, but if you have not had the many hours of emergency medical service train-

ing then the best thing you can do is:

- Call 911
 - Stay calm
 - Do not move the victim
 - Keep the victim warm
- Thank you for trusting me to do my job!

Nancy J. Semler RN
Cheyenne County EMT B

Clayton Janicke and his family would like to thank all those who voted for him in the Primary Election last week.

Political ad paid for by Clayton Janicke

BIRD CITY COMMUNITY PICTURE CONTEST

Needed: Fun, interactive pictures of people, places and things in the community for the Bird City brochure and website.

**Prizes: 1st - \$25 in Bird City Bucks
2nd-\$15 in Bird City Bucks • 3rd-\$10 in Bird City Bucks**

Rules: Pictures must be submitted via e-mail or on disk to the BCCII office prior to Friday, Aug. 18.

E-mail to centuryii@bcks.net; mail to Bird City Century II Development Foundation, PO Box 593, Bird City, 67731 or drop by the BCCII office at 107 West Bressler.

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2007 Community Birthday Calendar

Will include special days — birthdays, anniversaries, school and community events.

Calendar cost - \$6.

There is no charge for family birthdays or anniversaries.

To list your family's special days, call Jane Brubaker 785-734-2722; Barbara Waters 785-734-2635; Marlene Young 785-734-2695 before Aug. 17.

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This is a department head level position with excellent benefits. Our ideal candidate will be capable of supervising up to 10 employees using professional verbal and written skills in a caring, high tech, highly regulated environment. Computer Skills (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), flexibility, initiative, and a commitment to service and quality are needed. Prior experience in health care and an understanding of financial statements is desired. Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest and a resume to: Les Lacy, Administrator at Cheyenne County Hospital, PO Box 547, St. Francis, KS 67756

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