

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

More proof that we live in strange and imperfect world. Steve Irwin's death has shocked many of us. Not only was the "crocodile hunter" hugely popular in the United States, but he was an icon in his native Australia. He used humor and daring to introduce many fans to a world they may not have known otherwise. Irwin and his wife, Terri, had a way of welcoming us into the outside to learn about wild animals. The irony of him dying by a stingray barb is unthinkable. It would be like me being suddenly electrocuted writing this story at the newspaper office. I've been a certified scuba diver since I was 18-years-old. Most of my diving was done around Grand Cayman in the Caribbean Sea. There are a lot of stingrays there.

In fact one of the most popular tourist attractions is called Stingray Alley. Each day boat tours bring dozens of people to the site where they can stand on sand bars while dive masters coax stingrays in with chum (bait). The stingrays glide around and brush the visitors. To my knowledge nobody has ever been injured there. Back to Steve Irwin. He reminds me a lot of an American icon. Will Rogers used his country wit and demeanor for political satire during the first half of the 20th Century. Like Irwin, Rogers never took himself too seriously. And both died too early. In 1935, Rogers went down in a plane in Alaska with famed pilot Wiley Post. Imagine Australia is in the same state of shock and morning that our country felt back then.

Garage sales galore set for Sept. 15 -17

By Karen Krien

The Great U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt is coming on Sept. 15 through 17. All along U.S. 36 will be sales featuring antiques, collectibles, stuff and junk. In Cheyenne County, both St. Francis and Bird City will be hosting garage sales. Maps have been made and copies will be available in several different places including the Cheyenne County Museum, Empire Motel, Hilltop General Store and Saint Francis Herald in St. Francis and on Bird Avenue as you come into Bird City. There are 30 sites listed on the St. Francis map and 21 on the Bird City map. However, people do not have to be listed on the map to participate in the Treasure Hunt. The map does take the buyers and lookers to the site of the sales. Shirley Sherlock reported that

there are numerous items listed on the St. Francis map including antiques a kerosene range, church pews, tools, quilts, furniture and just "old stuff." Carol Marsh said the Bird City map had a variety including antique toys such as pedal cars and tractors as well as antique salt cellars, dishes, and antique bed and dresser and patio furniture. "We are excited about the Treasure Hunt and, since we hold an annual city-wide sale each year, people have been collecting items through the year and getting ready," Mrs. Marsh said. There are other such events held in other states. This is the first year for the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt and it is expected to continue. "We are looking for lots of people to stop by and see what we have," Mrs. Sherlock said. "It should be lots of fun."

For the Record

Between June 10 and Aug. 17 a 1977 Datsun belonging to Luther Jensen was taken from 214 W. Whittier. Aug. 19, a vehicle driven by Shaun Spike of St. Francis was traveling North on Rd. 13 when it left the road and struck the ditch. Aug. 27, Cheyenne County EMT's in Bird City reported the criminal trespass and burglary of the ambulance. Items stolen include a glucometer and case, needles, two tubes of glucose, IV

bag of saline flush, and a bag of saline fluid. Sept. 5 a vehicle driven by Willard Gienger was northbound in the K-store parking lot when it struck the open door of a vehicle parked northbound owned by Vernett Zuege of Wray, Colo. Correction • Bailey Merklin was not given credit for being the Junior Champion Lifeskill Judging at the Cheyenne County Fair.

Book Review

Digital Fortress

By Dan Brown

When the National Security Agency's invincible code-breaking machine encounters a mysterious code it cannot break, the agency calls in its head cryptographer, Susan Fletcher, a brilliant, beautiful mathematician. What she uncovers sends shock waves through the corridors of power. The National Security Agency is being held hostage...not by guns

or bombs, but by a code so complex that if released would cripple U.S. intelligence. Caught in an accelerating tempest of secrecy and lies, Fletcher battles to save the agency she believes in. Betrayed on all sides, she finds herself fighting not only for her country but for her life, and in the end, for the life of the man she loves.

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Home Circle Club

Home Circle Club will meet Thursday, Sept. 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the Manor. Arlene Bruder will be hostess.

Card Shower

A card shower is requested for Alila Carpenter's birthday. See ad for details

Birthday Brunch

The family of Barbara Ewing is holding a Birthday Brunch to help her celebrate her birthday. It will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the St. Francis Senior Center. The family is requesting a reply to either Missy Hunt, 970-278-0052 (mmhunt5@juno.com) or Mrs. Ewing at 785-332-2210. Cards would be appreciated but no gifts please. Her address is P.O. Box 343, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Health Fair

Dundy County Hospital's Health Fair will be held from 6-10 a.m., Sept. 14 at the Bird City Legion Hall. Check ad for more details.

Back-to-School Bash

The Back-to-School Bash will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the St. Francis Community High School. Lunch will be provided. Kids, grade school through junior high, will have an opportunity to be entertained by comic/mime Tommy Toombs and also win door prizes.

Alzheimer's/Dementia support group

The Alzheimer's/Dementia support group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis public library.

AARP

AARP will be meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Cheyenne County Museum. ErvaGene DeAragon will be the hostess.

Training for Licensed Childcare provider

Smart Start Northwest Kansas and Colby Community College Resource and Referral are sponsoring a training for anyone interested in becoming a Licensed Childcare provider. Check ad for details.

Kidder Massacre Tour

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will be holding a Kidder Massacre Tour beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10. Meet at the Bird City Library and join the group moving to the tour site. Be sure to bring your own water, wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately for walking through a grassy area. Even though you are

physically unable to walk on the tour, you may attend the program provided by guest speaker, Kent Chapman of Emporia. After the tour the Heritage Corner Cafe will remain open and you may order from the menu or visit the soda bar.

Conference planned for Sept. 26

The Kansas Corporation Commission's seventh annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Conference will be held at the Topeka Ramada Inn Sept. 26 and 27. The agenda is at <http://www.ksrenew.com/>www.ksrenew.com. Contact Cheyenne County Development



Czaja

Missions scheduled

"Come Encounter Jesus," a parish mission will be preached by Father Blaise Czaja, C.P., Sept. 17 through Sept. 20 at the St. Francis Catholic Church in St. Francis. Everyone is welcome to the missions which will begin at 7:30 each evening.

"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Christ came into the world to save sinners." (Timothy 1:15)

Honor Roll

New and renewed Bird City Times: Floyd Jensen, St. Francis; Walter Roesener, Bird City; Debbie Grace, St. Francis; Melvin Haack, Loveland, Colo.



Corporation at 332-3508 for more information.

Farmers market

Farmers markets are now being held both Saturday mornings and from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons next to the theater. Some of the items expected include peaches, cantaloupe, onions and tomatoes.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14.

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.

Two churches combine services in the park

A special Sunday is being planned for Bird City, according to Pastor Glenn Krebs of the Immanuel United Methodist Church and Pastor Shirley Daire of the St. John Lutheran Church.

Sunday, Sept. 10, will begin in an ordinary way for St. John Lutheran Church and Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City, with Sunday church school being held on the regular schedule from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. But then the day will become very special as the two congregations will enjoy a shared worship service in the Bird City Park beginning at 10:50 a.m.

A potluck dinner will follow the worship, and everyone is welcome to enjoy games and fellowship after dinner.

The worship service will celebrate Christian education, recognizing and honoring the teachers

and promoting the children. Children being promoted from third grade into fourth grade will each receive a beautiful gift Bible during the service.

The offering will be donated to the Cheyenne County Food Pantry.

"Everyone is welcome to worship with us on this special day," said the pastors. "Please bring lawn chairs, blankets, pillows, or whatever you need for comfortable seating during worship, as well as your own table service and a dish to share at the potluck dinner.

"The congregations of both churches are looking forward to seeing you there as we praise God in the great outdoors!"

For those who are unable to join the service in the park, an informal worship service will be held at St. John at 9:30 a.m.

Bowling News

Ladies Nite Out 8-31



Team standings: Stockman Strikers 3-1, Mel's Gals 3-1, Bankwest Alley Cats 2-2, Cheyenne Bowl 2-2, Wright Carpet 1-3, Wray Meat Packing 1-3, Jersey Maids and Dundy Ag have scores pending on make-up games.

High game (scratch): Mary Bier

176, Tammy Zimelman 176, Jeanne Dunn 169, Terry Yost 169

High series (scratch): Yost 464, Marsha Kechter 457, Zimelman 453

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

2 hours, 09 min.

September 8, 9 & 10

World Trade Center

True story of two Port Authority police officers

Starring: Nicolas Cage, Michael Pena, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Maria Bello, Stephen Dorff

Rated: PG-13 for intense and emotional content, some disturbing images and language.

Cheyenne Theater

St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

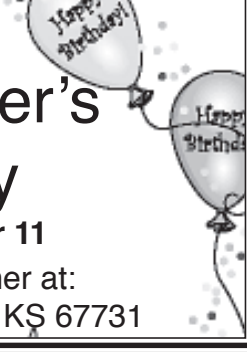
Children 11 & under: \$2 12-18 yr.: \$3 Senior Citizens: \$3 Adults: \$4

Card Shower

for Alila Carpenter's 39th Birthday

Monday, September 11

Cards will reach her at: P.O. Box 34; Bird City, KS 67731



CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

Cheyenne County Health Department Is Sponsoring A HEALTH LAB



TEST FAIR at the Bird City Clinic Monday, October 2

7 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

PSA - \$20

Payment is due at the time of the test. No insurance will be billed

Contact 785-332-2381 for more information

Correction to last week's doctors schedule: CT's available everyday.

We will be selling 12 more sections of sidewalk to make one more extension to the walking trail



This will be your last chance to be part of this community project!

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