

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

This column will not win me points on the home front, but here goes.

Having not been raised in rural Kansas, there are many things that I still need to learn. To survive in the country, a city boy must adapt. This includes driving on dirt roads.

Since I learned to drive, each year brought months of driving in rain, sleet, ice, mud and snow. This I can do.

But driving country roads is quite different.

When I still had my Jeep, even with four-wheel drive, when dirt turned to mud I often found myself in the ditch. As soon as moisture found these dirt trails they became the texture of a Marie Calendar's silk pie.

When they are dry the country roads still want to control my way. It will seem as if I'm moving at a good pace when suddenly my rear tires want to swerve sideways.

What make this worse is when I ride along with my wife and mother-in-law. They sense my unease and for some reason this forces them to drive faster.

As I clutch an arm rest, press my foot against an imaginary brake pedal and close my eyes, we rocket down twisting and turning paths of fear.

"You just need to find the grooves," Lezlie tells me.

Coming back from a recent Historical Society outing in the country we were traveling in Margaret's Jeep. I'm pretty sure she was going a little over the speed limit and driving in the grooves. We reached a hill and her groove was taking us up on the wrong side. I later asked Lezlie what happens when a vehicle comes along the same groove from the other direction?

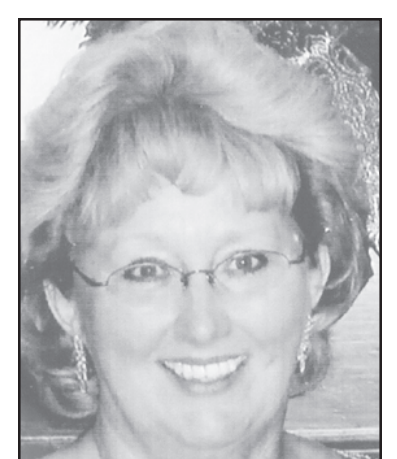
She laughed and said, "You just skid a little and go around each other, Silly."

At least I'm still the champion when it comes to city driving!

Eastern Star hosts school

Under the supervision of N. Eilene Nolan, District Aide, Donna Stevens and A.J. "Sparky" Nolan, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, Doric chapter, 404, Order of Eastern Star, St. Francis, was privileged to host the 2006 District 11 School of Instruction on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Other District 11 chapters in attendance were: Hays, 228; Oberlin, 106; Goodland, 122; Radiant, 229; of Atwood; Pleiades, 168, of Phillipsburg and Colby, 442. Nancy J. Zook, Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas, of DeSoto Chapter, 78, DeSoto, accompanied by Don R. Flickinger, Worthy Grand Patron of Kansas, of Phoenix Chapter, 159, Wellington, presided over the afternoon session, which convened at 1 p.m. in the Lodge Hall. Several additional Grand Chapter



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Bowling News

Ladies Nite Out 9-14

Team standings: Wray Meat Packing 9-3, Jersey Maids 9-3, Bankwest Alley Cats 7-5, Dundy Ag 6-6, Stockman Strikers 4-8, Wright Carpet 4-8, Mel's Gals 3-9

High series (scratch): Terry Yost 510, Jeanne Dunn 485, Marsha Kechter 471; (handicap): Linda Olsen 650, Stephane Workman 644, Rhonda Olson 619

High game (scratch): Yost 201, Olson 197, Kechter 192; (handicap): Olson 253, Yost 237

Ladies Nite Out 9-21

Team Standings: Wray Meat Packing 11-5, Jersey Maids 11-5, Bankwest Alley Cats 11-5, Dundy Ag 9-7, Cheyenne Bowl 7-9, Stockman Strikers 6-10, Mel's Gals 5-11, Wright Carpet 4-12

High series (scratch): Kathy Blecha 525, Tammy Zimbelman 487, Marsha Kechter 463; (handicap): Linda Olsen 640, Jennifer Hoffman 639, Blecha 633

High game (scratch): Blecha 199, Jeanne Dunn 198, Linda Mahon 184; (handicap): Blecha 235, Dunn 234, Mahon 226



Flickinger

dignitaries were also in attendance: Isabel Adams, Associate Grand Matron, of Meriden, Chapter 399; Karen Adams, Grand Conductress, of White Rose Chapter, 297, Gridley; Trudy Riddle, Associate Grand Conductress, and Maxine Hartman, Special Projects Committee member, both of Ninesch Chapter, 423, Clearwater; Mary Ann Walters, Grand Warder, of DeSoto Chapter, 78, DeSoto; David Rake, Grand Sentinel, of Helena Chapter, 210, Topeka; Virginia Johnson, Past

Grand Matron of Kansas and Scholarship Committee member, Betty Cunningham, Registration Committee member, and Dolores Bodine, Introductions Committee member, all of Hays; Anna Tell, Grand Representative of Mississippi in Kansas, of Atwood; Arlene Williams, Grand Representative of New Jersey in Kansas and Worthy Matron at Phillipsburg. Other District 11 Worthy Matrons and Patrons attending were: Sarah Orr, Oberlin; Evelyn Schumacher, Hays; Peggy Hemmick, Goodland; and Walter Hafner, Atwood.

Special guests included: Marlene Flickinger, wife of the Worthy Grand Patron; Barbara Rake, wife of the Grand Sentinel; and Lisa Molstad, member of South Miami Chapter, 250, Miami, Fla.

There were 54 persons registered at the school, which was conducted in a timely, informative and gracious manner. A time of visitation and good fellowship followed, with refreshments served by the Doric Chapter members.

Bulletin Board

Classes set for emergency medical technicians

A class for emergency medical technicians (EMTs) will be held starting Oct. 9 at the Goodland Regional Medical Center. The Cheyenne County Commissioners have indicated they will pay for anyone from the county wanting to take the class. To enroll, call Bruce Gleason, EMS director, 785-890-3625 or the county EMS office, 785-332-8888.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will hold its election of officers at its regular meeting to be held at 8 p.m. Oct. 5, at the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Hospital Guild

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild meets at 2 p.m. on the first Monday of the month (Oct. 2). The program for the Oct. 2 meeting will feature Shara Johnson with "Update

Therapy Pool and Hospital Rehabilitation Department." Hostesses are Neva DeGood, Arlene Peter and Betty Louren.

Computer workshop

Anyone interested in a mini workshop on a lap top computer, please contact the St. Francis Public Library at 332-3292 by Oct. 10.

Prayer Walk For Life

The annual "Prayer Walk For Life" sponsored by the Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will be held in both Bird City and St. Francis on Sunday, Oct. 1. The Bird City team will begin at 2:45 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church and the St. Francis team will begin at 2 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, both teams will gather at 4 p.m. at the Wesleyan Community Church in Bird City for fellowship, refreshments and a brief meeting. All are welcome.

Gage Roesener Memorial Gymkhana

The Gage Roesener Memorial Gymkhana will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in St. Francis. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with the gymkhana starting at 1 p.m. See related ad elsewhere in the paper.

Sandzen and the New Land

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum is proud to present "Sandzen and the New Land" from Sept. 29 through Nov. 26. The traveling exhibition presents the art of Birger Sandzen, the founding father of painting in Kansas.

The Presence - Closer Than You Think

"The Presence - Closer Than You Think" will take place at 7 p.m. each night Sept. 29, through Oct. 3, at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Third and Adams.

Join Pastor Shawn Boonstra for an exciting look at last-day events as revealed in the Sanctuary. During these five nights, you will discover what the Old Testament says about the true nature of Jesus and why the Sanctuary has relevance today.

The Essentials of Real Love

The Essentials of Real Love by Dr. Greg Baer, an entertaining, non-denominational DVD/study on love and relationship, will be held for six weeks beginning at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 2, at the St. Francis Community Church. Related information in classified ad.

Trail Ride

The annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set for 2 p.m. on Oct. 8. The ride will start north and east of Wheeler and ride along the rolling hills of northwest Kansas. Look for more information in next week's paper or call Gary Cooper at 785-332-2904.

Bicycles still being collected

The Lions Club is still collecting bicycles to take to the Norton Correctional facility to be repaired. The bicycles made be taken to the Saint Francis Herald office for later pickup.

Western Plains Arts Association

The following Western Plains Arts Association presentations will

be taking place between now and Oct. 9: Wednesday, Oct. 4, *Measure x Measure*, a unique a cappella men's group, at 7:30 p.m. at Oakley High School; *Ron Radford*, a Flamenco guitarist, will do a public performance at Sunday, Oct. 8, at Sharon Springs High School with two school presentations at Brewster Schools the next day, Oct. 9.

Craft space available

The Holiday Arts and Crafts Show, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 25, at The Gateway in Oberlin, still has space available.

For registration and/or information concerning space, items not allowed and entry fee, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 475-3329.

Care Center address

Cards and letters may be sent to Dave Roberson at Kindred Care Center, 1920 High Street, Room 502, Denver, CO 80218.

Commissioner's meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 29, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse in St. Francis.

Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development

The 12th annual meeting of the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development has been scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, at Riverside. Entertainment will be provided by the Once Again Sound and St. Francis Singers.

Anyone interested in attending call (785) 462-2602.

Health Laba Test Fair

The Cheyenne County Health Department is sponsoring a Health Lab Test Fair at the Bird City Clinic on Monday, Oct. 2.

Hospital Board

The next meeting of the hospital board has been set for 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28, in the basement of the clinic 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.

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.

Years Ago

25 years ago - 1981

Members of the fourth grade class, Kasey Black, Melinda Jordan, Jamie Miller, Shannon Bolyard, Tish Sabatka, Heidi Ketter, Dustin Gilliland, Doug Wright, Jarrett Thummel, Bryan Loker, Mike Knapp and Heidi Ellis, visited the Bird City Times office.

40 years ago - 1966

The Bird City Cardinals chalked up a 25-13 Homecoming win against Grinnell by the score of 25-13. Outstanding in play was Martin Rinehart who had two touchdowns in the first half and a 40-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Hanks made the other touchdown.

As a result of the all-school election Friday, Linda Loomis was crowned Homecoming Queen. She was the junior class candidate. Attendants were Terry Burkhalter, Cathy Connett and Jan Howland. Their escorts were Larry Stunkel, Terry Chisham, Dennis Dye and Doyle Nelson.

The following officers were elected at the Happy Larks 4-H Club meeting: Vernon Shaban, president; Rex Linin, vice president; Patty Busse, secretary; Dorothy Pianalto, treasurer; Marsha Young, reporter; Steve Busse, song leader and Virginia Bolyard, recreation leader.

Mildred Wright of Bird City was installed last week as State Garden Club president. Those attending the installation from Bird City were Ada Eggers, Vivien Reed, Clara Welch, Mary Pete, Norma Wright and Melvin Wright.

Bird City FFA officers include Terry Burr, president; John Deeds, vice president; Darrel Kaufman, treasurer; Pat Cress, secretary; Larry Flemming, reporter. Mr. Darrell Duff is the adviser.

The junior class will be presenting "Papa Says No" on Oct. 25.

Harold Deeds, Glenn Glasco, Robert Jones, Willis Burr, Martin Burr and Robert Brubaker are members of the Bird City Board of Education.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscription: Lynn Query, Bird City; Lou Lamberson, Littleton, Colo.; Roland Query, Bird City; Linda Goodroad, Glendale, Ariz.; Roberta Linin, Bird City; Lila Lee Gotchall, Goodland; David Hendricks, Bird City.

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