



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Radovan Karadzic, one of the most wanted men in the world, has been captured. So why should we care?

Karadzic is the former Bosnian Serb President who led his government during the Bosnian War of 1992-1995. Under his leadership a policy of "ethnic cleansing" was carried out. Countless Muslims and Croats were forced from their homes or were slaughtered. Karadzic is thought to be directly responsible for the deaths of 7,500 men and boys.

Today he is being held in a prison in Belgrade, Serbia (formerly Yugoslavia) awaiting extradition to The Hague to be prosecuted for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

So what difference does this make to us?

When Allied armies entered areas that had been controlled by Nazi Germany, near the end of

World War II, they made a grizzly discovery. Unknown to the outside world, the Germans had been operating camps with the objective of exterminating members of their society that were considered undesirable.

Thousand upon thousands of Jews, Gypsies and political dissenters had been rounded up and became victims of Adolph Hitler's "final solution."

Amazingly there are people today who will argue that the Holocaust never happened. I suppose the same people would think that Karadzic is innocent of blame.

Why should we care? Because if we stand by idly while the weak are victimized, how long will it be before our turn comes up?

"I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." Thomas Jefferson, Sept. 23, 1800.

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider

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This is my first Thresher Show year and I have been at the thresher grounds quite a bit this past week talking to the guys and gals who have been busy getting this event together.

It has been some kind of feat repairing, inspecting, painting, mowing and dusting off a year's worth of dirt and dust from buildings and equipment. This year I was not much part of all the cleaning, but I did donate my grandson, Ivan, to help with getting the steam engine tractors ready. No, really, he begged his grandpa and me to go and help Gerald Wright and his crew. When he came home that night, he was blackened from the top of his head to the very bottom of his shoes and loved every minute of it!

I wrote a little article this week and took some pictures of

the clean up and set-up for the show. Because of limited space, I am not able to give the recognition all the men and women who have been working down there and that is something I enjoy doing.

Recently, I was taking some pictures at the show grounds and had some kids with me. After taking the pictures we rode around and talked to some of the workers, as we drove by some equipment, Jade Ketzner, 5-years old, pointed and went on about a piece of equipment I had no clue about. I asked him how he knew so much about it, he said, "My daddy told me."

I am expecting to have a great time at the show and if I happen to stop by an exhibit and start talking your ears off with questions, I apologize early. But, if I ask how you know all that, I am sure I will hear, "I learned it from my daddy."

Chatting With Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

Where has the summer gone? Where has 2008 gone?

I actually have started my Christmas shopping - I have only purchased one present so far, but I can say I've started.

As we reflect on what we have, and have not, accomplished this year, we are going to stop and reflect on 2007 for just a moment. The 2007 Annual Report for the Bird City Century II Development Foundation is completed, printed and available in our office and on the website for you to review. The annual report each year gives you information about the Foundation that many people think is confidential,

such as the financial statement, the board of directors and staff, scholarship recipients and grants given. Please feel free to stop by the office at 107 West Bressler to pick one up, or give us a call and we'll get one in the mail to you. If you would like, the current and past annual reports can also be found on the website at <http://www.birdcity.com>.

I will also have annual reports at the Thresher Show this weekend, so stop by our booth to pick one up and "chat" a bit with me.

Kids! Stop by our table at the Thresher Show and dig for some great prizes in the corn dig! I hope to see you this week!



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Bulletin Board

Community Club

The Bird City Community Club will be having a supper at the Legion hall at 5 p.m. before the entertainment at 7 p.m.

Saturday Entertainment

Mandy Walden, winner of the 2008 Cheyenne County Junior Miss will be giving a performance in Building 8 at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show at 11 a.m. on Saturday. There is other entertainment scheduled at that time also.

Red Hatters

The Red Hatters will be performing at 11 a.m. on Friday, at the Eggers Building 8 at the Antique Engine and Thresher Show.

School registration

School registration will be held at 2 p.m. through 7 p.m. on Tuesday and at 1 p.m. through 3 p.m. on Wednesday at the Cheylin High School Library. Kindergarten and new students need a certified birth certificate, immunization record and current health assessment.

Location changed

The location of the 4-H Fashion Revue has been changed to the St. Francis Community High School. The Revue is at 8 p.m. on Monday.

Old-Fashioned Country School Literary

At 7 p.m. on Thursday evening, July 31, an Old Fashioned Country School Literary will be held at the school house on the thresher grounds. Bring poems or stories to share.

After-Harvest Movie Night

The public is welcome to attend a free "After-Harvest Movie Night" to be held beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Fri., Aug. 1, at the St. Francis Community Church, 204 N. Quincy St.

"Bella," one of the most honored films of 2007, will be shown on the big screen for adults and teens.

A children's movie, "Charlie, The Lonesome Cougar" will be shown at the same time, in the fellowship hall.

Refreshments will be served during the films. Child care will be available at the church facility for babies and toddlers.

Historical Society

The Board of the Cheyenne County Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the Museum. At 5 p.m. on Aug. 12, the Historical Society will meet at the band shell for an Insider's Tour.

4-H shooting competitions

New this year is the 4-H Shooting Sports Contest Events during the Cheyenne County Fair. Archery competition will start at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, at Gun Club

south of St. Francis on River Street, south of U.S. 36, St. Francis. The shot gun competition will also be held at the Gun Club but on Sunday, Aug. 2, starting at 6 p.m.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. today (Thursday) in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. today (Thursday) in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Teff Field Day

Fields of growing teff, unique

harvesting equipment and the latest research on the benefits of no-till farming will be showcased at the Aug. 1, Teff Field Day hosted by the Solomon Valley Resource Conservation and Development area and the Kansas Black Farmers Association. The program will begin at 8 a.m. at the Graham County 4-H Building in Hill City when the bus will depart to visit Teff Field in Phillips and Graham counties.

Contact the Solomon Valley by July 29 by calling (785) 425-6647 or e-mail teresa.webb@ks.nacdn.net.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Com-

mission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the county clerk's office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Carnival volunteers

Volunteers needed to help with carnival cleanup and painting before the fair. Meet with others at the fairgrounds each Thursday at 7 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed to help with games and rides during the fair, Aug. 6-9. Get your name on the list by calling DeEtta Knorr, 785-332-2551.

Letter to the Editor

To the editor,

A politician endorses another politician for a job based in Goodland. Not much of a surprise. However, what is surprising is the choice.

I attended the forum at the Goodland High School auditorium introducing candidates running for election in primary elections Aug. 5. Ms. Wyrick concluded her remarks by stating, you can check my records at District Court Clerk's office.

Ms. Wyrick has "served" Wallace, Logan and Thomas counties as their County Attorney. In

January 2005, she was quoted by Editor Julie Samuelson in the *Western Times* as stating, "I can't imagine pleading a felony to a misdemeanor." However, in her first year she did this 50 times in Thomas County alone. In the *Colby Free Press* before she took office she was quoted by reporter Tisha Cox as stating "I am ready to take on the role of being proactive again - too many diversions are being handed out with plea bargaining which has minimal consequences for committing a crime." Again, in her first year, 80 cases ended in dismissal in Thomas County alone.

Recently, it was revealed in the July 16th edition of the *Colby Free Press* that Ms. Wyrick had funneled thousands of drug forfeiture dollars to Heartland Christian School

in Colby; a school her brother serves as principal. All this while leaving the Colby School District and Sacred Heart School high and dry. A blatant conflict of interest. Should a county attorney who has such a disregard for the rights of victims be elevated to District Judge?

Jim Morrison states, that experience is not necessary for a District Judge. He feels we need a new "unspoiled" face to fill the position. Does he really think inexperience is such an asset, especially since he is an incumbent politician himself. Would you use such standards when you pick a doctor or a lawyer?

Perhaps more thought should be given before endorsements are handed out.

C.C. Frankenfeld
Goodland

New look in park

The classic Works Project Administration Shelter House at the Van Doren Park recently received a new look. The Community Club purchased 10 new white tables and 56 grey coordinating chairs; replacing the 1930s projects and benches.

The new look is awesome and comfort is the name of the game with backs on the chairs. Decorations of sunflowers and wheat complement the new look.

Over \$1,800 was spent for the new look. Various Community Club members donated tables and chairs and a couple of civic-minded families donated tables.

To use the Shelter House, contact the city clerk. There is no charge for the use. Feel free to use and enjoy the Van Doren Park.

At 40 & 60—Ten Years ago



We can hardly believe it, but it is so!

Happy Birthday —
Kathy, 12th of Aug.
Helene, July 15th

Elect David Warren Cheyenne County Sheriff



The right kind of person with the right kind of law enforcement experience for all the people of Cheyenne County.

Pol. adv paid for by David Warren for Sheriff, Brenda Warren Treas.

Meet & Greet with coffee!

Carl Jenkins

(Republican Candidate for Cheyenne County Treasurer)

Sat., July 26th
Heritage Corner Cafe
Bird City
9 - 11 a.m.



Sat., Aug. 2
Main Street Coffee
St. Francis
9 - 11 a.m.

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SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 1 hr. 50 min.

Hellboy 2: Golden Army

Aug. 1, 2 & 3

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I would appreciate your vote in
the Primary Election on Aug. 5th.
Thank you for your support.

Terry Miller,
Cheyenne County Clerk

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August 5
Scott Showalter
Republican

District Judge, Position 2
Life long resident of NW
Kansas, 10 year Sherman
County Attorney, 14 years as Court Trustee for the
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Write-In Candidate Steven C. Orth

Democrat for Magistrate Judge

I would appreciate your vote on Aug. 5th

A native son with community values!

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