



## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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The baseball championship of 2008 ended last week with a victory for the Philadelphia Phillies in five games. This marks the second title in the team's 100-plus year tradition.

The last time they won was in 1980. The pitcher who got the final out on the Kansas City Royal's Willie Wilson was a character named Tug McGraw.

I didn't notice if the network that carried the games mentioned it, but before the first game of the series that was held in Philadelphia, Tug McGraw's son, country singer Tim McGraw, came to the pitcher's mound to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. Before doing so, the son sprinkled some of his father's ashes on the dirt of the mound.

No one can say that was what won the series for the Phils, but it couldn't have hurt.

Baseball players are known for their unique sense of humor. Tug was a funny man among grown up boys who liked to laugh.

My younger brother, Mike, and I had the pleasure of meeting him at a major leagues alumni gathering in Denver back in the 1990s. We got into this event because of a

friend of ours who owns a sport's memorabilia business.

The first night was a dinner at a posh, downtown hotel. We were ushered in and were the only guests at a table with Al Oliver, Bill "Mad Dog" Maddlock and Len Barker. Also at the dinner were such greats as Bob Feller, Brooks Robinson, Robin Roberts, the original "Big Cat," Johnny Mize and many other former players.

A couple of times over the weekend of get-togethers, Mike and I ran into Tug. He always seemed to have a few ball players around who enjoyed his jokes.

When we were driving home after one event, we pulled up next to Tug and Sparky Lyle, another famous pitcher, at a stop light. They were in a red, Chevy convertible and my brother and I were in a old Ford Escort. As they recognized us, Mike rolled down his window, revved his engine and hollered "Pink slips Baby." He got a good laugh out of them!

"Ten million years from now, when the sun burns out and the Earth is just a frozen iceball hurtling through space, nobody's going to care whether or not I got this guy out." Tug McGraw

## Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider

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As of this writing, the election has not occurred. However, by the time this newspaper is delivered, we should have a new president, maybe. And I can make a bet that some of you are upset with the outcome. Well I am not and I will explain why later.

Elections bring out the best and worse in people, and whoever our president will be for the next four years, I would like to say, "may God bless him, the newly elected vice president and their families." I believe they need it, because before their term is done they will find themselves out of favor with the media and public polls.

At the beginning of the year, I casually commented that I sensed a change in the air. Again, I will say

change is not the finished product. Change is the process, or journey, of reaching a goal. In addition, during the changing process, a lot of patience is required.

Now for the reason I will not be upset with the election outcome: I believe in Divine Providence and Sovereignty, and Truth. And in the next few years, I believe we will experience the journey of change.

Our nation is in dire need of a people united. A famous saying from our nation's founding father during the Revolutionary War was, "United we stand, divided we fall." After all, we are the United States of America.

No other country in the world makes that claim and guess where it came from — the Bible. Jesus said it in Mark 3:24, "And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." (King James Version). Something every one of us should stop and think about.

I have two questions to ask: "What is the Constitution?" If you don't know the answer, Blanca Ponce, new American citizen, knows: it is The Supreme Law of the Land. The second question is, if supreme means highest in ranking, then why does our Constitution need amending. My answer is no two people can agree on what defines the pursuit of happiness.

## School Menu

Monday, Nov. 10

Breakfast: white chocolate raspberry scones.  
Lunch: cheesy potato soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Breakfast: breakfast burritos.  
Lunch: hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, roll.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

Breakfast: bagels.  
Lunch: ham and cheese stromboli, dessert.

Thursday, Nov. 13

Breakfast: french toast.  
Lunch: chicken patty sandwich, french fries.  
Every breakfast is served with toast, cereal, juice and milk.  
Every lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk.



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### Fair Board meeting changed

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet on Thursday, Nov. 13 instead of Nov. 6.

### Veterans Day

The St. Francis Public Library will be closed on Tuesday in observance of Veterans Day.

### Veterans Day program

The fourth, fifth and sixth grade music students at St. Francis Elementary School will present their eighth annual Veterans Day program entitled "This is America" on Monday. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the grade school gym. There will be a dress rehearsal that morning at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Concert for Ye Olde Country Church

A fund-raising concert will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 9 at the United Methodist Church to help purchase new siding for Ye Olde Country Church on U.S. 36 next to the county museum. At 7 p.m. on Nov. 8, an old-fashioned hymn sing will be held in Ye Olde Country Church. Free-will offerings will be supplemented with funds from Thrivent Financial. Find related article in this paper.

Turn to KLOE, 9:30 a.m. mountain standard time, on Saturday, for Curtis Duncan's live interview

of The Ransom Notes, a family of three children from Boulder, Colo., who will spotlight the Sunday afternoon concert for Ye Olde Country Church.

### Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, an old-fashioned, hour-long hymn sing will be held in Ye Olde Country Church. Thrivent Financial will supplement funds received from a free-will offering. Everyone is welcome.

### Wear/bring Purple

It has been suggested that you wear or bring something purple when attending worship service at the United Methodist Church on Sunday.

### Diabetes workshop

A diabetes workshop will be held, with the organizational meeting being held from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12, in the basement conference room in the St. Francis Clinic basement conference room. For more information, call Mila Bandel, 332-2381, Susie Walz, 332-2104 or Erika Zimbelman, 332-2682.

### Commodities

Government surplus commodities will be distributed from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the St. Francis Co-op community room. They may be picked up in person or

send a signed permission note with another individual. Cheyenne County address is required.

Please bring a strong sack or box for your items.

### Mother's Group

The Mother's Group will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at the Peace Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Burn workshop at Bird City

A Conservation Reserve Program Prescribed burning workshop will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the American Legion Hall in Bird City. Call Sunflower Extension District 6 at (785) 332-3171. The registration fee covers the cost of the materials.

### AARP

AARP will have their November meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, at the St. Francis Senior Center. At 2:30 p.m., Leigh Ann Bandel of LA Accounting will be the speaker. Hostess is Annette Erskin. All are welcome to join them.

### Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group

The Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10, at the St. Francis Public Library.

### Board of Education

The St. Francis Board of Educa-

tion will meet on Thursday, Nov. 13.

### Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday) 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.

### 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., please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

## Concert includes local musicians

Sunday afternoon concert includes local singers and musicians

Cheyenne County Historical Society is asking everyone in the area to an enjoyable fund raising concert on at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the United Methodist Church. The benefit is to help renovate Ye Olde Country Church, located on U.S. 36 next to the Cheyenne County Museum.

Many people in the area have a personal connection with this church, having been baptized or married in it.

The afternoon program will also include a variety of musical numbers by local talent, including a piano solo by Pastor Jeff Landers; an organ solo, Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue in F Minor," by Debbie Fiala; and an organ-piano duet, "The Holy City," by Marlene Young and Gwen Boswell.

Group performances will include some numbers by the Heartland Harmony, consisting of Tema Trumbo, Natalie Knodel and Talley Morrow; Peace Lutheran Church choir will sing a couple of numbers, including "This Little Light of Mine," and the cast of Cheylin High School's musical "Li'l Abner" will present "Jubilation T Compone" and "It's a Typical Day." The St. Francis Advanced Music class will be singing "So Small."

The Ransom Notes, a family of three children from Boulder, Colo., will showcase the Sunday afternoon

concert with Blue Grass, classical, and religious music. People are urged to listen to Curtis Duncan's live interview with the Ransoms over Goodland, KLOE, at 9:30 a.m. mountain standard time on Saturday.

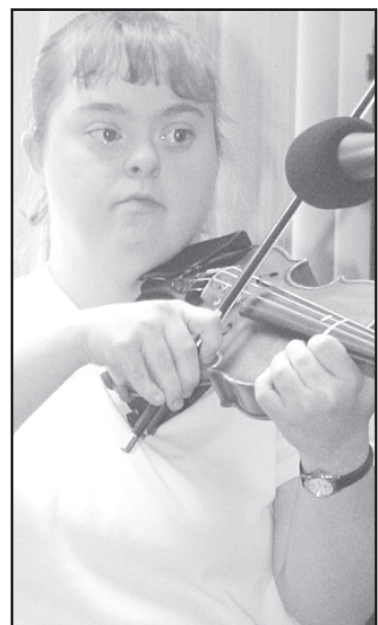
All in all, the concert promises a wonderful program of music for all ages and all preferences, said Lucille Rossbach, one of the coordinators. It will be a fun event for everyone, and the Ransom Notes have a surprise number the children of the community won't want to miss!

"Please come, bring the entire family, and invite a friend to come along," Mrs. Rossbach said. "Make a point to bring a shut-in or someone from the Good Samaritan Village."

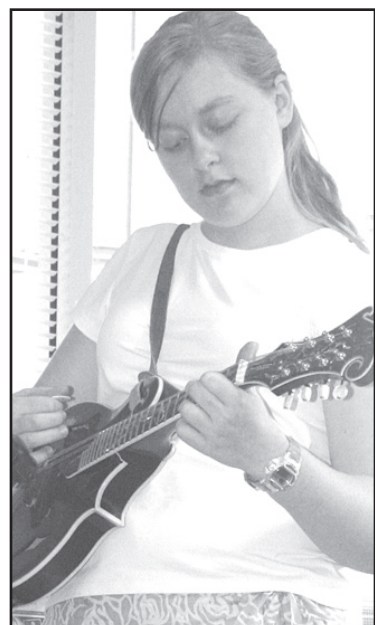
In addition, the Historical Society is hosting an old-fashioned hymn sing at 7 p.m. on Saturday in Ye Olde Country Church. The Ransom Notes will give a short preview of what they'll be playing on Sunday. Miriam Yonkey will play the old pump organ in the church to accompany some of the hymns.

Everyone, Mrs. Rossbach said, is also invited to this uplifting hour of hymn singing.

Free-will donations at both events will be supplemented with funds by Thrivent Financial. Thrivent members will also be serving refreshments Sunday afternoon. Call 785-332-8903 for more information.



Amanda Ramson



Amelia Ramson

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 31 min.

### Beverly Hills Chihuahua

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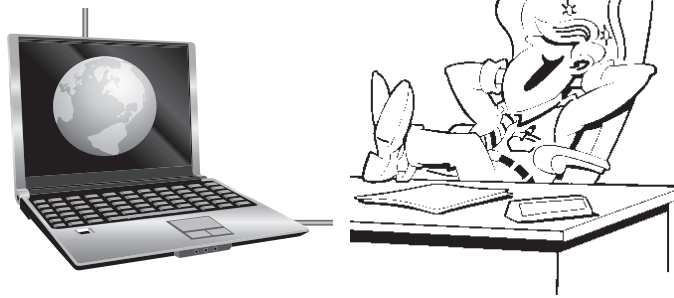
A Benefit Concert for  
Ye Olde Country Church  
November 9  
2 p.m.



St. Francis United Methodist Church  
512 S. Scott Street, St. Francis, KS

An afternoon of fun and fellowship with a concert that will include a variety of local talent as well as "The Ransom Notes" A talented group of young musicians from Boulder, Colo. A free-will offering will be taken, supplemental funds courtesy of Thrivent Financial. For More information, 785-332-8903 or email mcheyenne@att.com

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