

Casey's Comments

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Another legend has left us.

I don't imagine there is a radio listener from the past seven decades who wouldn't recognize the familiar voice of Paul Harvey. For years he was a welcome companion who always had something unexpected to say.

The great thing about him was how he would draw you into a piece by giving the story and then telling the actual person's name. Sort of like the television show Jeopardy that gives the answer and expects the contestant to provide the question.

One of my favorite stories was of Ivan Poppo. After describing his military exploits with the Russians, Harvey tied in this little known facet of history with the American naval hero John Paul Jones.

He had a way of digging up the most interesting information that

few seemed to already know.

Mr. Harvey began his radio career in high school in Tulsa, Okla., and worked up to Chicago, a hub of national broadcasting, as a news man.

In 1968 he began his program, Paul Harvey Comments, which ran uninterrupted for 20 years. In recent years he could be still be heard on the radios across the country.

I would never put myself on the same level as a person like Paul Harvey, but I would hope that some of the entertainment value that his career had might come through occasionally in my writing.

Jim Robinson, the president of ABC Radio Networks, had this to say about Mr. Harvey's passing.

"His voice became a trusted friend in American households." How true.

And now you know ... the rest of the story.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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Sometimes I really need to get away from wanting to fix the world and its problems. Last Thursday, I got my chance. I went and participated in the excitement and energy of an elementary basketball game, specifically to watch my oldest grandson, Ivan, play in the second game.

I had a great time. I started the evening by helping my sister, Pam and Joseph, my grandson, eat their chili dogs. Then I helped my husband, Brad, eat a large cup of cheesy potato soup and nachos. To be followed by two bags of popcorn.

Of course, I did not go off my diet since I didn't buy anything for myself — not really. After that we

won two German chocolate cakes — burp.

Then I lost 5 pounds cheering for three hours for all the teams, I mean who would you cheer for if you knew the kids on each team? And I was not alone, there was a lot of cheering going on.

During the game, I had the thought, "I wonder what the poor people are doing right now?" I don't mean poor in wealth, I mean "the poor people" who cannot get out, have some fun and leave the world's problems to someone else for a time.

Anyway, I had a great time with the family and the next day I was able to get up and try to fix the same world problems that I had left from the day before without missing a beat.

School Menu

Check out what the second graders have chosen for lunch on Wednesday

Monday, March 9

Breakfast: banana wrap
Lunch: pizza stromboli, ice cream

Tuesday, March 10

Breakfast: tornado
Lunch: chicken patty, au gratin potatoes, roll

Wednesday, March 11

Breakfast: scrambled eggs
Lunch: sloppy joes, french fries, strawberries with bananas, pop-sicles

Thursday, March 12

Spring break!
Breakfast is served with toast, cereal, juice and milk
Lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk



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Bulletin Board

Bird City Community Club

The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Senior Center.

Legion Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday at the American Legion Hall.

Senior Center

March birthdays will be celebrated at the Senior Center at 3 p.m. on Monday.

Three-on-three basketball

Cheylin FFA will be sponsoring the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at 10 a.m. on Saturday at McDonald gymnasium. Starting with second grade and under and up to eighth grade. Come and cheer favorite team.

Seminar planned

An Improve Your Life and Relationships seven-week DVD seminar is being planned based on Greg Baer, A Real Love book. The seminar will be held at 7 p.m. on Mondays beginning next Monday at the St. Francis Community Church and is open to both men and women. There is a small cost for materials. Call Kay at 332-3342 or Bonnie at 332-2156 to enroll. There is a classified ad.

Divine Mercy Morning of Recollection

Divine Mercy Morning of Recollection is from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 14, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City. It will be given by Father Tony Stephens, Light lunch will be served. Check classified for additional information.

Taking A Walk Together for Walk Kansas

Interested persons should meet at 3 p.m. on Sunday in front of the courthouse if they are interested in taking a walk together to kick off the 2009 Walk Kansas Program. For more information call 785-332-3171.

Hospice volunteers needed

Hospice Services is seeking volunteers to join the hospice team in providing comfort, compassion and end-of-life care. Hospice volunteers and staff help people and their families grapple with difficult decisions and situations every day. Cheyenne County is planning Hospice Volun-

teer Training from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 4 and 5. Consider this opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact Edie Walters at (785) 332-2280, or the Hospice office at 1-800-315-5122.

Help needed at the museum

Lend a hand at Cheyenne County Museum's work day next Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come for the day, or just a couple of hours. Any help given is welcome!

The Historical Society board will meet at 3:30 that day to plan upcoming events and discuss business. Flip your calendars forward to April and circle Sunday, April 26. A festive open house celebration is planned for the museum from 2 to 4 that afternoon.

Alzheimer's/Dementia support group

There will be no Alzheimer's/Dementia support group meeting in March.

Cheyenne County Commissioners will be meeting on Friday, March 13, not Monday, March 16.

Walk Kansas

Walk Kansas runs through May 2. Anyone can participate by calling (785) 332-3171 or stopping by the Cheyenne County Extension Office for more information.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubs, 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.

Free tax preparation

Free tax preparation for young and old, Wednesdays at the St. Francis Public Library from 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursdays at the St. Francis Senior Center again from 2 to 5 p.m. Bring last year's tax return, and your property tax statement which you received last November. Or for an appointment call Rowland Roelfs, (785) 332-3490

Tax help in Bird City/ St. Francis/McDonald

For those 60 and older needing tax help in filing forms in Cheyenne

and Rawlins counties, help is available beginning Feb. 3: in Bird City on Tuesday mornings, St. Francis on Tuesday afternoons (1-4) and McDonald on Wednesday mornings. Call Johene Cheney at (785) 538-2526 for appointment or 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 Ed-

ucation 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 in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Senator to visit local communities

Kansas State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer with Kansas Representative John Faber will be visiting local communities on Saturday to seek people's ideas on issues being addressed in the 2009 Kansas Legislature. Information will be presented from many of the issues being considered and discussion will be held on anticipated issues and their impact on all Kansans. Everyone is urged to attend.

The senator and representative will be in St. Francis from 8 to 9 a.m. at Main St. Coffee, 216 W. Washington. They will travel east to Atwood, meeting with people from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at Williams Brothers Grocery Store. From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., they will be at the Decatur County Courthouse in Oberlin. At 1:45 to

2:45 p.m., they will be the Town and Country Kitchen in Norton.

With their tight schedule, the people at each location will have only an hour to talk to the legislators.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Dean Smith, Bird City; Paul Roesener, Bird City; Ted Burr, Bird City; Bonnie Burr, Bird City; Julia Brogan, Bird City; R. L. Partch, Bird City; Ken Kahle, Hoxie; Donald Kimmel, Bird City; Sherri Berndt, Monument; Ardis Boersma, Colby; Calvin Semler, Bird City; George Banister, McDonald;

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Taxable Items Include:

Pickups and trucks with 16 M or larger tags; boats; boat motors and trailers; golf carts, snowmobiles, jet skies and skidos; mopeds; campers and camping trailers that are not self-contained; mobile homes on rented or leased land; business equipment and fixtures. Real estate improvements or structural changes to buildings should be reported to the County Appraiser's Office.

Anyone having questions should contact the Appraiser's Office at 785-332-8830.

K.S.A. 79-1422: Penalty for late filing: 5% per month up to a maximum of 25%. Penalty for failure to file: 50%. Cheyenne County Appraiser's Office

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Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department Will Be Sponsoring a Health Fair.

Lab Draws

March 23, 24, 25, 7 to 10 a.m. in County Health Department
March 24, 7-10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic
No appointment needed. Please remember to fast for the Chem Panel Lab Test

The lab work includes:

1. Complete Profile \$40 includes the following lab tests:
 - CMP (complete metabolic profile) that will test your sugar, electrolytes, kidney and liver function
 - Lipid Panel that will check your cholesterol
 - TSH that checks your thyroid
 - CBC (complete blood count) that checks for anemia and possible infections
 2. PSA (prostate specific antigen) that checks the prostate, \$20
- Pap and prostate exams March 24, 25, 26, normal clinic hours at the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis & Bird City
Appointment required for pap and prostate exams. Please call the St. Francis Clinic at 785-332-2682 or 785-734-2200 to schedule. Cost is \$25. Lab results will be available at the Health Fair Exhibit Booth on Thursday, March 26 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the St. Francis Grade School.