



# Bulletin Board

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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I now know that spring has arrived.

Is it the green in the pastures, lawns and ditches? No.

Is it the song birds greeting the morning? Nope.

Is it the days getting longer? Not exactly.

It is the blister that I'm sporting next to my wedding band.

Both are symbolic: the ring is a reminder of the never-ending love that my wife and I share, and the blister lets me know that some work is required to keep that love never-ending.

Now don't go thinking that my wife is a "task master" like some ladies. It's just that, last weekend, she had some chores to do indoors

and mine were outside.

So in some old jeans and a T-shirt, I hit the yard to do a little mowing, weeding and picking up. But that was the easy stuff any kind of old husband could do.

The extra effort came in doing away with our old pond and preparing the garden. Rocks were moved, dirt was redistributed, grass and weeds were extracted and manure was applied.

Does it sound like I'm blowing my own horn? If so, then I must apologize for misleading my dear readers. My actions were humble and sincere.

For just as the plants need to have a little extra care to grow and flourish, so does our love. And a blister is the least I can do for that.

## Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider

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Dear Readers, I want to thank each and every one of you for the best 2½ years I had writing for the Bird City Times.

I have resigned to spend time with my family; we are grandparents caring for our grandsons, Ivan, sixth grader, and Joseph, first grader. And care giving for Dottie, Brad's mother.

During these 2½ years, I had the unusual experience of meeting people who I may have never had the chance to if I had not been writing for the newspaper.

I have become acquainted with Cheylin School on so many levels, their teachers, staff, and school policies that I may not have known about except by going to the Board of Education meetings. I encourage every parent to go to them; the board members have shown me to be a group of people who are concerned about the future of our school, students, and communities.

I have become a community minded citizen of Bird City because of the City Council meetings I have attended and think residents should take the time to sit in on a monthly

meeting or two to learn what is happening and the council struggles with this great, small town of Bird City.

We have one of the greatest business, school, and community opportunities here with Century II Development Foundation. Cathy Domsch and Darci Schields have always been a great source of information and encouragement for me.

Truly, the list goes on and on. I just do not have the space to thank all the residents of Bird City, McDonald and St. Francis for welcoming me, I know not everyone likes me, so be it.

But thanks especially to my co-workers at the St. Francis Herald, Karen Krien, Casey McCormick, Lezlie McCormick, Betty Jean Winston, and Peggy Horineck for helping me to build bridges, not walls.

And I don't want to leave out my Savior, Jesus, without whom none of this would have been possible.

Not a bad resumé for a woman who spent time in prison and was a drug addict for 28 years.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thursday, May 6, is the National Day of Prayer. Our Forefathers came to America with the goal and dream that everyone should have freedom of religion and the right to express this right at all times. The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance that invites people of all faiths to pray for the nation. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan permanently set the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year,

the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. A lawsuit has been filed saying this is unconstitutional. We all need to be praying for our nation, if a few can try to take away our right to pray together, and reverse all the freedoms that are granted to us in the constitution and that our military has fought for and many given their lives for. Join with others in the observances around your community to pray for our nation and our leaders.

Phyllis Carson  
Bird City

## School Menu

Mon., May 3, -Thurs., May 6,  
Breakfast: cook's choice  
Lunch: cook's choice  
With school coming to an end, the menu for the rest of the school

year will be cook's choice.  
Breakfast is served daily with toast, juice and milk. Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk.

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### Floats needed

Float entries are needed for the 125th celebration in Bird City on June 16. Call Karen Flemming at 785-734-2463 or 785-332-8830.

### Cheylin golf

Today (Thursday), the Cheylin high school golf team will travel to McCracken with tee off time 3 p.m.  
On Tuesday, the team will travel to Oakley and tee off time is at 3 p.m.

### Story time

Story time at the Bird City Library will be on Friday at 10 a.m.

### Cheylin prom

Cheylin junior/senior prom will be Saturday evening beginning with the promenade at 7 p.m. in the McDonald High School gymnasium. Parents and friends are asked not to park in front of the gymnasium because prom attendees will arrive to have their vehicles valet there.

### Cheylin track

On Tuesday, Cheylin high school track travels to Logan to compete. Start time is 3 p.m.

### Cinco de Mayo

Enjoy authentic Mexican food and whacking piñatas on Sunday in the American Legion Hall. Serving food begins at 5 p.m. through 8 p.m. Free-will donation for next year. Face painting will be provided by Bird City Go-Getters 4-H Club. (see classified ad)

### Kindergarten roundup

The 2010-2011 kindergarteners

will be visiting their classroom on Monday for a day to get to know their teacher and classroom.

### 125-Year support

The Bird City 125-Year Celebration Committee needs the support of the community to help raise funds for the June 11, 12, and 13 events.

On Thursday, May 6, in the Cheylin gymnasium there will be an elementary dodge ball game, and Cougar high school and Alumni basketball games played. This will be the last time to take part in helping raise funds for the only 125-year celebration that will take place in Bird City.

### Bird City 125-year store

Stop in the Bird City Quasiquincentennial store now in the Senior Center and get tickets for the Thursday, May 6 program in Cheylin gymnasium. It will be a time of watching games, eating delicious food, and just having a good old time and support the 3-day celebration beginning on June 11.

The store is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays. Stan and Dee Dorsch will be on hand to assist.

### Cheylin Spring Concert

The Cheylin bands, both elementary and high school will be performing on Tuesday, May 11 in the Cheylin High School gymnasium. Music begins at 7 p.m. For updates on current Cheylin

sports events and programs, go online to www.cheylin.com and click on calendar.

### Crafters wanted

For the Bird City 125-Year Celebration, crafters are needed to set up vendor tables on Saturday, June 12. Contact Carol Marsh at 785-734-2231, or Wanda Dowdy at 785-734-2383. (see classified ad)

### Community Food Bank

The Community (formerly Cheylin) Food Bank is located in the United Methodist Church of Bird City (upstairs) and the entrance is through the east door. The hours are 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

### Conservation Reserve Program burning deadline

Participants of the Conservation Reserve Program are reminded of the burning period deadline of April 30.

### Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will have a salad luncheon at noon on Monday, May 3. Darrell Reed, will present a Lab Update from the Cheyenne County Hospital for the program. Hostesses are Dolores Kincheloe, Elaine Owens and Joan Richard.

### Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the First Baptist Church in St. Francis. All in the community are welcome to join in prayer, fellowship and learning to work to provide "Life for All."

### Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet Thursday, May 6, at the courthouse.

### Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

### Yard Beautiful

The K-State Extension and Master Gardeners are presenting a series of programs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the St. Francis Equity meeting room. This Tuesday's program deals with Wonderful Water Gardens presented by Bonnie Zweygardt, Master Gardener.

### Bereavement Support Group.

The open grief support group is planning sessions for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one with the meetings be held at the

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, 808 South First Street Highway 25 in Atwood. Enter the east door at the church.

The events are planned for 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. Please call Tara Bowles at (785) 626-3211 or Maralyn Cooper at 1-800-315-5122 to register.

The May 17 topic is "The universality of the grief process."

### Wray Art Guild Exhibit

The Wray Art Guild Exhibit will be held at the Wray Rehabilitation and Activities Center from Thursday, April 29, through Sunday, May 2. Viewing hours for the public are 8 to 5 on Saturday, May 1, and noon to 5 on Sunday, May 3. Times are mountain daylight time.

The exhibit is open to all artists. Entry for all works is at the rehabilitation center from 1 to 7 on Thursday, April 29, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 30.

For more information, please call Patti Bohall at (970) 332-4387, or Cindy Musgrave at (970) 332-5015.

## Club Clip

### Red Hat Mamas

A few April showers fell on the Red Hat Mamas of Bird City/McDonald on Tuesday April 20, as they drove to Colby. The ambiance at Montana Mike's was enhanced when Bonnie and Vernetta added red tablecloths, purple candles and a floral centerpiece for dining pleasure.

A musicale performed by 20 kindergarten through fifth graders was the afternoon enjoyment. These students who attend Heartland Christian School in Colby, under the direction of music instructor, Kimberly Ball, performed and mingled with the red hatters. A tour of the school and a brief visit with Queen, Margaret Voorhies' daughter and granddaughter completed the visit.

Red hatters attending were: Ana Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Bethel Goltl, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Edna Rosensner, Joan Tongish, Margaret Voorhies, LaVina Waters, Phyllis Wingfield and guest, Rita Officer. The May 18 adventure will be at Parks.

## Obituary

Maude Grace Elliott  
Jan. 28, 1914 - April 25, 2010

Maude Grace Elliott, 96, died at Cheyenne County Hospital on Sunday, April 25, 2010.



Elliott

She was born on January 28, 1914, in Naponee, Neb., to William and Grace Murray.

Maude and her family moved to Bird City when she was 10-years old. She attended school there and graduated in 1931.

During her school years her girl's basketball team won the state championship. She attended normal training in Spearfish, S. D., and received her teacher's certificate. She taught in the rural schools in the area. In 1935 she married Irl Elliott in Bird City. Shortly after their marriage they moved to California. While in California their first daughter, Beverly was born. After moving back to Bird City a son, Bill and another daughter, Becky

were born.

Maude, Beverly and Bill moved to Florida for a short time during World War II while Irl was in the Navy. After the war was over they returned to Bird City.

During Maude's years in Bird City she was active in the United Methodist Church and American Legion Auxiliary and many other community activities.

She had a great love for her family, friends and life. She maintained her sense of humor and a sharp mind. She always had a story to tell.

Her parents, her brother and infant sister and her husband, Irl preceded her in death.

Survivors are Beverly, Bill and Becky, 10 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday, April 30, at 2 p.m. at United Methodist Church. Memorials in her honor may be made to the church or the Bird City Senior Center. Arrangements are being handled by Knodel Funeral Home in Saint Francis.

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### May Calendar

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