



Casey's Comments

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Sports are more than just the players on the field. There are the referees, coaches and fans who also make each event come together. Without them, athletic events would be on the same level as pick-up games in the park.

A good example of how an individual who is not a player can have a gigantic effect on a game is Ernie Harwell.

More than just a broadcaster and play-by-play caller, Harwell was the voice of the Detroit Tigers for over 40 years. He died last week at the age of 92.

Born in Georgia, he had a smooth, southern drawl and a gentleman's style that endeared him to all he met. On television, while announcing for the New York Giants in 1951, he called Bobby Thomson's "Shot heard 'round the world.'" While with the Tigers, from 1960 to 2002, he was the voice of their World Series titles of 1968 and 1984 as well as hundreds of games.

But what really made Harwell

stand out was that he is the only team radio man to be traded for a player.

In 1948, the Brooklyn Dodgers were in Pittsburgh to play the Pirates and their announcer, Red Barber, was enjoying a day off with a round of golf. But he became nauseous and made it to the club house before vomiting from a bleeding ulcer.

Branch Ricky, who owned the Dodgers, called his friend Earl Mann. Also a baseball owner, Mann had the Southern Association Atlanta Crackers and their radio personality, Ernie Harwell.

As the story goes, Ricky needed Harwell and the Crackers needed a catcher. Cliff Draper, who had appeared in only eight major league games years earlier, completed the deal.

So a southern gentleman replaced the Dodger's announcer and the rest is sport's history.

Harwell's Georgia drawl has been described as "a smooth ride on the river of baseball's heritage." I couldn't say it better myself.

Maximum score in fitness reached

C4C Kendra Miller, who attends the Air Force Academy, has achieved the maximum possible score of 500 for the Physical Fitness Test (PFI). This is a remarkable feat considering less than 5 percent of each graduating class attains a 500 Physical Fitness test score during their entire 4 years at the Academy.

The performance level required of Kendra to score 500 points was to do eight pull-ups, a 7-foot, 2-inch broad jump, perform 95 sit-ups, 48 push-ups, and run 600 yards in 1 minute 53 seconds. Each exercise had

to be completed in 2 minutes with 1 minute of rest between each exercise.

As a result of joining this select group, Kendra's name will be mounted on a permanent display board in the Cadet gymnasium. She will also be given a 500 Club T-shirt to keep as a memento of her outstanding achievement.

Kendra is the daughter of Don and Deana Miller of Strasburg, Colo.; and the granddaughter of Dean and Theresa Knapp of Bird City and Bobbie Miller of Atwood. Her great-grandmother is Charlotte Wahrman.

Rent at fairgrounds discussed at meeting

By Karen Krien

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The rent for the building at the fairgrounds was discussed Thursday when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met.

There is a deposit plus the rent charged for the building. It is used for a number of events from tool sales, to after-prom parties, to wedding receptions, to class and family reunions, just to name some.

However, there have been problems. Sometimes, the renter forgets to turn down the heat, or clean up, or turn in the key.

A recent circus had given checks which bounced.

The board decided, after considerable discussion, to have a deposit of \$150 and the rent would be \$100 for that day and for each day the key is not turned in.

Anyone from out-of-town or who might be questionable must reserve the building with a check

or cash two weeks ahead of time. This would give the board time to have the check cleared. It was noted that there are people from out of town who have proven they are reliable and it would not be necessary for them to reserve with a check two weeks ahead.

Mark Mills, board member, pointed out that, while there is no charge for school activities, there had not been a charge for the after-prom party. He said that this event is put on by parents, not the school. The same is true for the sixth grade promotion party.

The board finally agreed that, while it is not specifically school, it is school related and keeps kids occupied and off the streets. There would not be a charge for these activities. Karol Lohman, board member, takes care of renting the building. She said she will call other members if she has a question about who is renting the facility.

60th anniversary

Sixty years of marriage will be celebrated by Norman and Mary Dorsch on May 14.

A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on May 16 at the United Methodist Church in Bird City. A smile and greetings are their gift. Join them to celebrate this milestone in their lives.

Home Circle Club

Carol Peters, club vice president and historian will be the hostess for the May meeting. It will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at the Manor

80th birthday

The family of Leon Merklin is holding a card shower to help him celebrate his 80th birthday. Send greetings to him at Rt. 2, Box 11, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Story time

This is the last week for Bird City Story Time until school starts in the fall. Pre-schoolers through first grades are welcome to enjoy an hour of games and reading. Fun begins at 10 a.m. on Friday.

Floats needed

Float entries are needed for the 125th celebration in Bird City on June 12. Call Karen Flemming at 785-734-2463 or 785-332-8830.

Common Threads Quilt Guild

Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at Sainty Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, May 14, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 20, 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.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with E, F and G should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

Club Clip

American Legion Auxiliary - May

The American Legion Auxiliary met on Friday, May 7, with 12 members present.

For roll call, they each shared a memory about May - it could have been about Mother's Day, Memorial Day or anything that meant something about May.

This is really a busy time of year for all of the members. Some of them shared about graduation of grandchildren. Others talked about Mothers' Day - what they were going to do this year. Others talked about some highlights with their children or grandchildren. Hulda read a story about "Why God made Mothers," which was really cute and each member related to this. Wanda Dowdy read a story about, "Remember Me - I'm still the same Old Flag."

Rose Gordon shared that members can still cast votes for the Pepsi contest - Refresh Everything. Last month, the Operation Comfort Warriors finished in first place, but there is another contest on right now.

Any member can vote each day for the American Legion Scholarship which will be given for children who have lost their Mother or Dad in the ongoing war to help them with their college. You can vote by going to <http://www.refresheverything.com/theamericanlegionlegacyscholarship/>

For the program today, Mary Dorsch gave a report on the article that was in the American Legion magazine about Shoshana Johnson, who wrote the book, "Still Standing." Shoshana was among those captured in Iraq at

the same time that Jessica Lynch was captured. She, however was rescued after 3 weeks of being a Prisoner of War. She tells about the time that they were captured and how she was treated by the enemy. She was injured in both of her legs, but is "still standing." This was a grim reminder of what our soldiers go through every day in order to preserve the freedoms that American's have. In her book, she also shares what it was like to grow up in a military family. Shoshana has a young girl and her story tells how her thoughts kept going back to her little girl and her family after she was hit and captured.

The next meeting, which will be in June, members will again discuss going as a group to Goodland, to visit with Ruby Tracy and E.J. Query, who are members, but are now living in assisted living or nursing home in Goodland.

Today was the day for election of officers. It was moved and seconded that the current officers keep their office for the next year. This motion passed. Co-chairmen are Hulda Dorsch and Rose Gordon, secretary is Wanda Dowdy, treasurer is Joy Anderregg and chaplain is Mary Dorsch.

If any one is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary, members would be glad to have them. The auxiliary meets on the first Friday of the month at the American Legion Hall.

Driver's License needs to be presented or entered on form at time of renewal.

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 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."

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

Talent show to be Friday during fair

By Karen Krien

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Some of the plans for the Aug. 4 through 7 fair were discussed when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met on Thursday.

The talent show which will be held in front of the grandstand on Friday night is coming together, said Gary Cooper, board member. The fair board is working with the Music Club in putting on the show. He had talked to Ruth Milliken, Music Club member, and she was wanting to know what the gate fee would be and if there would be a piano?

The board agreed that the fee would be \$5 per person and children under 5 are free. They also agreed that there would be no piano.

Mrs. Milliken said that, while the judges are making the decisions on the winners, Neala Carmichael and a group of singers will be entertaining.

Mr. Cooper said the stage had been pulled out of the weeds and it is 12 by 28 feet. At one time, there were wings which made it larger. It will need 2 by 4s and plywood along with some steps to get onto it. Sam Miller will take care of the electrical work and Robert Bell will provide and operate the sound-system equipment.

Roping

The board turned to the roping competition set for Wednesday

night. Mr. Cooper said he had talked to Rodney Shay who agreed that Shay Realty will help with sponsoring the event. This year, the cattle for the roping will be leased and Mr. Shay said he is OK with giving the money to help with the cattle or wherever it is needed.

The Shay business also has a color printer with produces large copies. The Shays will provide colored fliers to post in county businesses as well as in towns in the area.

"They look really professional," Mr. Cooper said.

After discussion, the board agreed that they would need about 40 head of roping cattle and a portion of the entry fee will go toward the cost of the cattle. They also voted to support the event so arrangements could be made for the cattle leasing.

The roping contest is called the Grice and Keller Memorial Roping, which recognizes Gary Grice and Carl Keller. Mr. Cooper said he had been contacted by Tom Grice, father of Gary Grice, asking that the board consider changing the name of the roping to Grice, Keller and Grice Memorial Roping. He said his brother had died and he wanted to add his name to the title. After discussion, the board agreed to leave it as it was, Grice and Keller.



SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 28 min.

Date Night

May 14, 15 & 16

PG-13 for sexual and crude content throughout, language, some violence and a drug reference.

Steve Carell, Tina Fey, Mark Wahlberg, Taraji P. Henson, Jimmi Simpson

Comedy and Romance

CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3

All Others: \$5

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

Diabetes Support Group meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

1:30 p.m.

Cheyenne County Clinic Basement

Topic: Dehydration & Diabetes
Kristle Raile, Physician Assistant
at the Cheyenne County Clinic
to be the guest speaker

For more information contact:

Mila Bandel, RN

County Health Nurse at 785-332-2381

Sheriff's Report

Undersheriff Cody Beeson presented the sheriff's report. He explained that deputies had patrolled over 138 hours in the city of Bird City. The department, he said, had received several citizen complaints of drivers disobeying stop signs in the school zone. He said the area is patrolled often which resulted in several citations being issued to residents. Other citizen complaints concerned four-wheelers. The deputy said that although the actual speed of a moving vehicle can be deceiving due to size, he will be making an effort to determine if any traffic violations are occurring.

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