



## Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**  
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 If you're a baseball fan your world has gotten a little smaller. If you're a fan of unique people, the same can be said.

George "Sparky" Anderson died last Thursday at the age of 76. A mediocre player, he managed World Series champions in both leagues. First with the Cincinnati "Big Red Machine" teams in 1975 and 1976. Later in 1984 as skipper of the Detroit Tigers.

Again, as a baseball fan, I had the very special opportunity to attend a couple World Series games in 1985. That was the year the Kansas City Royals beat the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games. My tickets were for the third and fifth games which were

played at the old Bush Stadium. The color commentators for the TV network that carried the series were two of the best and most outspoken managers of that time: Tommy Lasorda and Sparky Anderson. I had the good luck of meeting both between broadcasts. Two of my cherished objects from that time are a picture of Anderson interviewing George Brett and a baseball that was signed by the two managers.

My writing can't do justice to a man like Sparky Anderson. So I'll let the words on his Hall of Fame plaque do it for me.

"Reverend and treasured by his players for his humility, humanity, eternal optimism and knowledge of the game."

## Bird City City Council discusses broken pipes

Deb Smith, city housing authority director for the Lebow Manor was in attendance of the Nov. 8, City Council meeting. Topic of conversation was switched from what to do about the broken pipes to: What to do about the infestation of drain flies from the broken pipes. Smith reported a problem in mid July when they were doing some remodeling in Apartment 10. When they removed the drain thousands of these little black flies swarmed out.

These flies are tiny little black flies that look like fruit flies but come from the drain system and when there is an abundance of them they swarm out of the drains. They do not bite like flies, nor are they harmful only annoying and hard to get rid of. The concern is, they are

developing from the sewer lines and these open pipes being dug up are like heaven to them and eventually they could possibly transmit a disease.

After Smith first reported it to the city the city workers flushed out the drain system for the Ledow Manor apartment complex. This didn't work, and when she noticed a swarm of them in her own house she contacted an exterminator. He recommended some products Smith tried and they did not work. The flushing is important and plain water flushing will not work, it must be done by using a chemical product. Oakley had the same problem and it took over 3 months to rectify the problem. What they did was to insert a bullet in the boiler room to give the liquid product they used a boost.

The cost of the bullet for the drain system would be \$440 and the product to treat the drain system would be \$750. Deb Smith offered to split the cost of the bullet for Ledow Manor. Council members were in agreement that this problem should be handled as soon as possible before the flies develop a bigger problem. City Council approved to do a one time treatment as an experimental process to see if it will work. City workers will start with treating the housing units first and from there go East until they have covered the complete city system. They should know in 30-60 days if it will work before continuing with the 4 recommended applications.

## Celebrates birthday

The family of Manette Henderson welcomes you to join them in celebration of her 90th birthday. An open house will be held Sunday, Nov. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Church of Christ, 502 W. Spencer in St. Francis.

Cards may be sent to Manette at P.O. Box 251, St. Francis, KS 67756.



Henderson

## School Menu

Nov. 15-18  
 Menu subject to change  
**Monday**  
 Breakfast: Donuts.  
 Lunch: Taco salad and rice.  
**Tuesday**  
 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs.  
 Lunch: Ham and cheese Stromboli and dessert.

**Wednesday**  
 Breakfast: Banana bread.  
 Lunch Thanksgiving meal, turkey supreme, mashed potatoes, gravy and roll.  
**Thursday**  
 Breakfast: Bacon and biscuits.  
 Lunch: Pizza burger, fries.

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## Bulletin Board

**Fall sports celebration**  
 Cheylin Cougars Fall Sports Season celebration is being held on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.. See ad for additional information.

**Senior Citizens Dinner**  
 Senior citizens dinner at Cheylin High School gym at noon on Dec. 8. Make reservations by Dec. 2 by calling Cheylin Elementary Office at (785) 734-2351.

**Cheylin play/musical rescheduled**  
 The fall play/musical dinner theatre originally scheduled for Nov. 4 and 6, has been rescheduled for Saturday Nov. 13. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the play starting at 7:30 p.m. Another performance could possibly happen on Friday evening the 12, depending on the status of the Cheylin High School football team. For more questions, call the high school office at 734-2341.

**JRHOOPS league basketball**  
 JRHOOPS League basketball is back. This is for ages 5 through fifth grade. Camps will be held Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. These will be held at the gym in McDonald. The league games will be held on Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12. For a registration form and more information, please contact Brenda at (785) 626-6267.

**Bird City Food Pantry**  
 There will be a Bird City Food Pantry Drive from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Leave your porch light on. See ad.

**Home Circle Club**  
 Club secretary, Dorothy Chipperfield, will be hostess for the Nov. 18 meeting of the Home Circle Club. It will be held at the manor at 2 p.m.

**Early deadline**  
*The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* will be published a day early Thanksgiving week (Nov. 25 issue). The deadline for ads, articles and pictures for that paper will be Friday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m. The paper will be in the St. Francis Post Office on Tuesday, Nov. 23, and on the routes on Wednesday, Nov. 24, so everyone will have the information concerning the activities and the specials for the Christmas opening as well as the Treasure Hunt numbers..

**Harvest of Holidays**  
 The Sunflower District Family and Consumer Science agents are offering Harvest of Holidays, an evening full of holiday cheer, suggestions for gift giving, snacks and fun. It will start at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis. Those planning to attend need to tell the extension office personnel by Friday, Nov. 12. Diann Gersiner, Thomas County agent, and Melinda Daily, Sunflower District agent, will be conducting the class which will have food tips as well as demonstrations on making a warm and fuzzy scarf.

**Tag deadline**  
 All residents with last names beginning with T.V and W 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. A driver's license needs to be presented or entered on form at time of renewal.

**Safety notice**  
 Cheyenne County Wildlife will need to close the pistol and

rifle range until further notice. Pipeline construction behind the burn is underway. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**Courthouse notice**  
 The Cheyenne County Courthouse will be closed today (Thursday) in observance of Veteran's Day.

**Holiday Community Chorus**  
 Rehearsals for the Holiday Community Chorus will take place every Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. Singers from the entire northwest Kansas area are welcome to attend. The chorus, under the direction of Neala Carmichael will sing a selection of Christmas favorites. Auditions are not required.

Performances are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Yuletide Festival at the St. Francis Community High School; Saturday, Dec. 18, at Salem Lutheran Church and Sunday, Dec. 19, at Peace Lutheran Church, this one will benefit the food pantry.

For more information call Neala at (785) 332-8996.

**Veterans' Day Service**  
 The seventh annual Veterans' Day Service at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at WaKeeney will be held on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Sgt. 1st Class Denis Brogan, U.S. Army. The Chaplain is Fr. Donald Pfannenstiel; The Ellis Veterans of Foreign War Post 9139 will be the honor guard.

Immediately following this service, there will be a Ceremony for the Disposal of Unserviceable

United States Flags.

**Veterans Affairs**  
 Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18, 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.

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

**Common Threads Quilt Guild**  
 Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18, at Sainty Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

**Hospital Board**  
 The next meeting of the board has been changed from Thursday, Nov. 25, to Tuesday, Nov. 23. Meeting time is 3 p.m. in the basement room at the St. Francis Clinic.

**Support Our Soldiers**  
 There are only 10 days left to remember our military personnel overseas with a Christmas gift. They need a large variety of items as well as money. So shop for bargains now for Support Our Soldiers (SOS). Boxes have been placed at various businesses for your convenience. American Legion Auxiliary and Lawn Ridge 4-H.

**Peace of Mind AA**  
 Peace of Mind AA will meet at the St. Francis Public Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Contact Kris D. at (785) 332-4410 or (785) 772-5090.

## Club Clip

**Red Hat Mama's**  
 Heading east on US Highway 36, Oct. 12, the Bird City/McDonald Red Hat Mama's were destination bound for Atwood. Bonnie Smith, Atwood County Club Manager, served up a fine chicken breast lunch complete with German chocolate cake.

Queen Margaret, handed out tickets purchased by members for the 7:30 p.m. Cheylin Dinner Theatre dinner and play at the school in Bird City. This will be the November meeting on the 6th. Other business discussed by the queen, was a possible day trip to Denver on Nov. 14, to see the New York City Rockettes and have lunch at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company. Dec. 4 will be the Christmas dinner at the Atwood Country Club and an afternoon of bingo. In lieu of a gift exchange, a monetary gift offering will be collected.

Ken and Shirley Ruda, graciously guided the ladies through their state of the art "green home." The original plans of this elaborate structure were featured in the Farm Journal magazine many years ago. Most impressive features were the use of woods, stability in construction, tornado shelter and stone fireplaces. Any guest would feel "royal" with the accommodations, including handicapped accessible areas. The unique "extras" such as the pantry door with the automatic on and off light switch, are found throughout this magnificent home.

Members absorbed with the perfect fall day were: Ana Antholz, Florence Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll, Bethel Golt, Vernetta Haack, Beverly Higgins, Betty Lewis, Carol Mears, Edna Roesener, Connie Rooney, Margaret Voorhies, LaVina Waters and guest Rita Officer.

## Support group to meet on Wednesday

The Diabetes Support Group will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the clinic conference room located in the basement of the Cheyenne County Clinic. Brandie Ihrig, registered dietician for the Cheyenne County Hospital, will talk with participants about diabetic nutrition and the holidays.

Eating well is one of life's greatest pleasures. Fortunately, having diabetes does not prevent you from enjoying a wide variety

of foods even around the holidays. People with diabetes have the same nutritional needs as anyone else. Learn to eat well-balanced meals in the correct amounts, stay fit, and take your prescribed medications and you can thrive with diabetes.

This meeting is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, contact Mila Bandel, RN, County Health Nurse at (785) 332-2381.

**SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 28 min.**

**Alpha and Omega**  
**Nov. 12, 13 & 14**  
*PG for rude humor and some mild action*  
 Justin Long, Hayden Panettiere, Christina Ricci, Danny Glover, Dennis Hopper  
*Kids/Family and Animation*

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 785-332-2747  
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**Black Friday Christmas Specials**  
**Nov. 26 - Dec. 31**  
*All discontinued bows up to \$200 off.*  
**Come early and save!**  
 8 miles west of St. Francis, north on Road 6.  
 Contact 970-630-1196 for more information

**Bird City Food Pantry Drive**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 17**  
*from 7 - 7:30 p.m.*

Leave your porch light on.  
 Items will be picked up by the Teens For Christ members

**Cheylin Cougars**  
**Fall Sports**  
**Season Celebration**  
**Soup Supper and Dessert Bar**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.**  
**Cheylin Cafeteria**  
*All community and kids are welcome!*  
 Sponsored by the Cheylin Booster Club  
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**CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL**  
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**Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**Cheyenne County Clinic Basement**

**Topic: Diabetes Nutrition & the Holidays**  
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**For more information contact Mila Bandel, RN - County Health Nurse 785-332-2381**