

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Read any good books lately? Although this is not the weekly book review column, I do like to share thoughts on something worth looking at. First, because a quality read is hard to find and secondly, because I can.

The book, "Heaven is for Real," was recommended to me. After buying a copy, I had to wait for Lezlie and Lexi to get through it. When my chance came I found the story to be quick but very powerful.

The setting for the story is close to home. It tells of a family from Imperial, Neb., about two hours drive from our corner of Kansas.

Familiar towns like McCook and Benkelman are also featured. The true story is told by the father, Todd Burpo (and co-written with Lynn Vincent,) and focuses on his young son, Colton.

The boy, after becoming seriously ill from a ruptured appendix, experienced what some would call a "near death experience." After recovering from surgery, Colton shares bits and pieces of what he saw during his brush with the afterlife.

As the title of the book says, the boy has no doubt that Heaven indeed is for real.

It's an easy book to find and well worth your time to read and share.

Bulletin Board

Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading Program will be held Monday, July 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Late Nite Swim

On Thursday night July 21 and July 28 the Late Nite swim group will meet from 9 to 11 p.m.

Mommie and Me

There will be two more Mommie and Me classes, one on Friday July 22, and the other on Friday, July 29.

Bird City Blood Drive

Bird City Blood Drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, at the Legion Hall.

Park cleanup

Volunteers will be cleaning at the park on Thursday's from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Help is welcome.

Fair board meeting

The fair board meeting has been moved to 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday), July 21.

Public meeting

A public forum will be held on Monday at Bird City Legion at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, in the St. Francis high school auditorium at 7 p.m. The meetings are being held to discuss the community assuming control of the Good Samaritan Village facility which will be voted on in a special election on Aug. 2.

The meetings will include presentations from Good Samaritan Society management from Sioux Falls, S.D., local health care providers, local government officials, businesses and families of residents. There will also be a question-and-answer period. These forums are scheduled one week prior to the election, in order to provide the most current information.

Help needed

Fair time is fast approaching and a number of volunteers are still needed to run the booths and rides at the Cheyenne County Fair. Please call DeEtta Knorr at 785-332-2551 or 785-332-4073, if you can help in any way.

Cheyenne County ambassadors

If you are proud of your community and your county and want to tell folks about it, stop by the Cheyenne County Development office at 107 W. Washington in St. Francis and pick up an "Ambassadors" package. Take one along on a trip or to an event. Let everyone know what a great place we live in!

Fair coming

The Cheyenne County Fair is set for Aug 3, 4 and 5. The Amateur Variety Show will be held Friday in front of the grandstand. Talent is needed. Contact Ruth Milliken, 785-332-3421 and enter today.

The fair parade will be held Saturday. The theme is "Reach for the Stars; Lasso the Future."

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Sunday nights at 8 p.m. and Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week service 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.

Correction

• Wilma Lampe was the winner of the Harvest Countdown. It was stated as Wilma Floyd in the July 7 issue of The Herald and Times.

• Concerning the Bader obituary, Robert Michael Bader and Denise O'Dell Olson were married on June 21, 1953, in the front yard of his parent's country home instead of the front yard of her parent's country home.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Linda Dewey and Tom and Kelly Dewey and children were Sunday evening barbecue guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Rita Officer and Lois Morelock attended the Judy Coder Concert Saturday evening in Bird City.

Rita Officer attended the McDonald Ice Cream Social Sunday evening.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM — Deb Smith (right) helps Mitchell Howard, Dillon Ketner and Soledad Bermudez make their piggy banks.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Gilbert and Janice Antholz and Craig, Jerri, Heath, and Tiffany Antholz were Sunday dinner guests of Hal and Becky Antholz and family.

Janice Antholz called on Ray and Marlene Johnson Friday morning.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson visited with Laddie and Vera Kacerek Friday in Oberlin.

John and Amber Adams of Kansas City are visiting Friday through Wednesday this week with Pastor Mark and Marilyn Adams.

Betty Lewis attended the McDonald Ice Cream Social Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Gardner and their grandson, all of California had lunch with Ratha Lea Loker in Bird City Tuesday. Wilford is an old classmate of Ratha Lea. The Gardners were here visiting their uncle, Leonard Vyzourek.

Joan Tongish attended the McDonald Ice Cream Social Sunday evening.

Shelby Austin, Murfreesboro, Tenn., vacationed with Iris McIntosh and Myra Miller Wednesday through Saturday. While here she visited with classmates, friends,

and neighbors.

Dave, Nancy, and Alan Pallozzi, Lakewood, Colo., were weekend guests of Myra Miller and Iris McIntosh. Alan was a movie guest of Jay and Rose Gordon and Alejandro Martinez Saturday evening to see "Cars 2" in Atwood.

Eleanor Swihart was a Fourth of July lunch guest of Bruce, Shirley, Seth and Addie Swihart in St. Francis. Eleanor was a supper guest of Albert and Annie Antholz in McDonald.

Thursday afternoon guests of Ray and Marlene Johnson were Laura Brogan and Angela Brooks. Sunday afternoon guests of Ray and Marlene Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Sabatka and Lois Morelock.

Joan Tongish, Betty Lewis and Eleanor Swihart spent an enjoyable afternoon in McCook Friday.

Betty Lewis was a weekend guest of Glen Pickett in Greeley, Colo.

Larry Wilkinson of Wichita was a Saturday overnight guest of Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson. On Larry's trip home Sunday, he stopped in Oberlin for a visit with his aunt and uncle, Laddie and Vera Kacerek.

Plenty of time to plan a parade float

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade is just a month away, Saturday, Aug. 6 — Plenty of time to plan an entry, whether it be a float, an individual entry, horses, antique and derby vehicles, just to name a few.

This year's theme is "Look for the Stars, Lasso the Future."

"With this theme, people will be able to create amazing floats," said Carla Lampe, parade coordinator.

The parade is organized by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. The floats will be judged by three people. Criteria for judging floats include: 1) unique theme creation; 2) creative use of material; and 3) originality.

There is a grand champion overall winner and three divisions: Family; Organization/

Church; and Commercial. "We are encouraging every individual, family, business and organization to make a float," Mrs. Lampe said.

"People enjoy seeing the kids on bikes, four-wheelers or their own special creative float. They also like the horses, antique vehicles, derby cars and 4-H winners, just to name a few."

There is no pre-registration — just show up before the parade at the high school in St. Francis. The map showing the line up for divisions will be printed in the newspaper closer to parade time.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Lampe at 785-332-2145 or 785-332-2913 or Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, at 785-332-2961.

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m.

2 hr. 37 min.

Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D

July 22, 23 & 24 Action/Adventure, Science Fiction, Adaptation and Sequel
Shia, LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel, John Turturro, Tyrese Gibson, Rosie Whiteley, Patrick Dempsey PG-13

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