



Casey's Comments

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You never know what might be under that returned rock.

My dad, the original Joe McCormick, was a member of what has become known as "The Greatest Generation" of Americans. Although he entered service late in World War II, being born in 1927, he was always proud of his time in the U.S. Navy.

Pop was on a couple different ships during the war, but the one I heard most of growing up was the destroyer, D.D. 729 Lyman K. Swenson. But there was a question I never got a chance to ask my old man. Who was the person the ship was named after?

Through the power of the Internet I soon found an answer.

Like so many who have come to our nation's call, Lyman Knute Swenson grew up in a small community called Pleasant Grove, Utah. A clerical error upon entering the Naval Academy changed him forever from a "sen" to a "son." Graduating with the class of 1916, Swenson saw duty as an officer on both ships and submarines during the World War I, remaining with the Navy into the World War II.

When our men were trying to turn the tide in the Pacific Theater, using both land and sea attacks in conjunction, Captain Swenson was in command of the light cruiser, U.S.S. Juneau.

The ship earned distinction in several combat appearances, however she took heavy damage while protecting the Marines during the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal. As she and two other ships were limping back to friendly waters for repairs she was struck by two torpedoes from the Japanese sub I-26. Before the crew had time to react the cruiser was below the surface.

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Student Graduates

David Robert Banister graduated from K-State-Salina on Dec. 9. He earned a bachelor of science degree in technology management.

David lives in Westmont, Ill. He is currently employed as a field technician in the Planter

Division by Case-New Holland at their plant in Burr Ridge, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

A 2006 graduate of Cheylin High School, David is the son of George and Kathy Banister of McDonald.

School Menu

Monday
Breakfast: pancakes
Lunch: pizza burger, curly fries

Tuesday
Breakfast: bagel with cream cheese, boiled egg
Lunch: ham and cheese squares, vegetable

Wednesday
Breakfast: omelet with sausage and cheese
Lunch: fish patty, macaroni and

cheese, rolls

Thursday
Breakfast: scrambled eggs, sausage links
Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, dessert
Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.
Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk.



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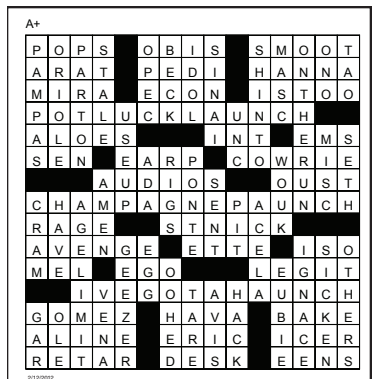
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Cards and letters can be sent to: Ivalee Mears, Rm. 106, Citizens Memorial Hospital, 1500 N. Oakland, Bolivar, MO, 65613. For more information call Beth Klepper.

Get well cards
Get well cards can be sent to: Myra Miller, Villa Rehab Center, 7950 West Mississippi Ave., Lakewood, CO, 80226, Room 49.

Get well cards
Sharon McCann had open heart surgery last Thursday, and is doing well. She will be home sometime this week. Calls and cards can be sent to: 216 W Second St. 785-734-2471.

Home Circle
Cheryl Lee will be the hostess for the February meeting of the Home Circle Club. It will be held at the Manor on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. Be sure to wear red!

Emergency number
The new phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

Recycling
The Bird City City Council is requesting that all recycling rules be followed especially breaking down cardboard boxes before they are thrown in the bin.

Library books
While doing your cleaning, check under your bed for any overdue library books. The Bird City Public Library is not charging any fines for 6 months in an attempt to recover items. So please help out by returning items from months or years back. If we are not open please leave items in the outside return.

Free popcorn
The Cheyenne Theater Committee is asking, that the first weekend of the month, those at-

tending the movie bring a canned food donation for the Food Pantry and they will receive a free sack of popcorn.

Tag deadline
All residents with last names beginning with "A" 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.

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

Stroke and osteoporosis screenings coming to Sainty

Residents living in and around the Saint Francis community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or bone fracture. First Baptist Church will host Life Line Screening on Feb. 29 at 420 South Scott St.

Four key points every person needs to know:

- Stroke is the third leading cause of death and a leading cause of permanent disability.
- 80 percent of stroke victims had no apparent warning signs prior to their stroke.
- Preventive ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke.
- Screenings are fast, non-invasive, painless, affordable and convenient.

Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also of-

Grief support group
Confidential Grief Support Group, for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, to be held in a safe place of mutual help and comfort. Information sessions will be Monday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City. Questions call 785-734-2739.

Narcotics Anonymous
Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building

on 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.

ferred and is appropriate for both men and women.

All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

For more information regard-

ing the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Health questions answered at meeting

McDonald Senior Citizens President Joan Tongish welcomed 24 guests to the February 6th meeting at the McDonald Senior Center. Nurse Rose Whitehurst was present to take blood pressure and answer health questions. Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Phyllis Wingfield had decorated in a Valentine theme with a sweet treat at each place setting. Elmer Kellner of St. Francis gave information on the Driver Safety program which will be in April at the St. Francis Senior Center. Owen Wingfield read some humorous Baxter Black stories, and then led the mealtime prayer. After enjoying the covered dish meal, Bingo was played with Annie Antholz the black-out game

winner. At the business meeting, Joan thanked everyone for their help. The reports were accepted as given. The final plans for a rummage sale will be made in the March meeting.

March 5 Committees: Poem and Prayer - Emma Threlkel Bingo - Phyllis Wingfield Prizes - Lavina Waters - Kitchen Duty - Phyllis Wilkinson, Joan Tongish, and Eleanor Swihart



Club Clip

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met at the St. Francis Senior Center on Monday, Feb. 6, with 18 members present. Cheryl Lee from the Good Samaritan Home Health, presented a very informative program. She shared that

Home Health serves five counties. She also explained the levels of care they provide.

Hostesses were Lucille Price and Wilma Lampe.

The next meeting will be March 5 with "Lunch with Les."

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. Sunday Matinee 2 p.m. 2 hr. 5 min.

Red Tails
Feb. 17, 18 & 19
Action/Adventure/War
Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding Jr., Nate Parker, David Oyelowo, Elijah Kelley, Ne-Yo PG-13

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Blood Lab Draws: Monday, April 16th, Tuesday, April 17th, Wednesday, April 18th
7 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day in St. Francis at the Cheyenne County Health Department (no appointment needed for lab draws)

Blood Lab Draws: Tuesday, April 17th and Wednesday, April 18th
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. each day in Bird City at the clinic (no appointment needed for lab draws)
Lab Fee: \$45.00 due at time of service!

Men and Women Exams also available
April 18 - 20th - must make an appointment.

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