Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

mccormickcasey@rocketmail.com One of my most valued possessions is a 1963 Topps baseball card. Two players are featured on the front; Stan Musial and Willie Mavs.

When I lived in Denver I had the chance to see Mr. Mays at an old-timers game when the city was pushing for MLB. As luck would have it I got close enough for him to sign on his side.

At the same time I found an acquaintance in St. Louis who took the card to Stan Musial and Biggie's steak house. Stan "the Man" was often there and he gladly autographed the other half for my friend.

This last weekend Stan Musial passed at the age of 92. His career numbers and achievements on the field made it easy for him to enter baseball's Hall of Fame on the first ballot. But what set this athlete apart was his compassion and respect for others.

Two of the other players who dominated baseball during the 1940s and 50s were Joe DiMag-

gio and Ted Williams. Both were a mixture of raw talent and unabashed snobbery to other players, fans or the press. Their relationships with the public were ald Senior Citizens building. very conditional.

Not so with Musial. In fact throughout his playing years and beyond the former St. Louis Cardinal was able to avoid controversy and had a positive impression on many. While scores of professional athletes leave dirt behind them it is difficult to find negatives associated with his ball player.

Back to Musial and Mays, when the "Say Hey Kid" was asked about the other he said, 'I knew Stan very well. He used to take care of me at All-Star games, 24 of them. He was a true gentleman who understood the race thing and did all he could. Again, a true gentleman on and off the field -- I never heard anybody say a bad word about him, ever."

I'll think of that each time I look at my prized card.

Congressman to hold town meeting

Kansas First District Con- these upcoming events as well,' gressman Tim Huelskamp will be in St. Francis from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, in the courthouse.

The meeting is one of six town hall meetings held during the week of Jan. 28. Upon completing these meetings, the congressman will have hosted 150 town hall meetings since taking office in 2011.

"We had tremendous turnout at the first four town halls of the should contact Huelskamp's year – more than 200 folks combined, and I expect that we will hear from many more Kansans at 309-0572.

Mr. Huelskamp said. "There is a lot of concern about the direction of Washington right now, and I am glad to hear from as many people as possible about where we need to be headed."

Also on Jan. 31, Mr. Huelskamp will be in Atwood for a town hall meeting from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Rawlins County Courthouse.

Constituents with questions Dodge City office at 620-225-0172 or his Salina office at 785-

Bulletin Board

McDonald Post Office meeting

A public meeting concerning the future of the McDonald Post Office will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the McDon-The number of people attending and the surveys returned will show how interested people are in keeping the post office. Note: Surveys must be in Omaha, Neb., by Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Thresher Association meeting

Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association will be holding a special meeting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Bird City senior center to discuss what plans and preparations need to be done for the 60th anniversary.

Wildlife banquet

The Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet will be held Saturday, April 6, at the Bird City Legion hall. Doors will open at 6 p.m. The price of the ticket includes membership dues. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Check with a Wildlife member for more information.

Television program speaker

Dr. Jimmy Sites, host of the television program, Spiritual Outdoors for the Family, will speak at the First Christian Church in St. Francis at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28. A free dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Junior hoops

Sign up for Cheylin Recreation Commission Junior Hoops 2013,. Dates are Jan. 26 and 27 and Feb. 2 and 3. Ages include 5 through the fifth grade. Call Tina at 734-7141 and leave message.

No visitors at hospital

Due to high volumes of sickness, the hospital is not accepting any visitors in hopes this will help control the spread of the flu.

Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Information needed To better serve the cattlemen of

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning Tom and Kelly Dewey, JR Hahn and Linda Dewey, and Jaun and Bobbie Robles all enjoyed the

Chevenne County, the sheriff's office is requesting landowners and stockmen provide locations, brands, descriptions and a contact phone number pertaining to livestock in pastures, grazed stock residue and CRP within the county. The officers will compile the contact numbers and locations, giving a copy to the county communications dispatch office to be used when stray livestock are found on the roads. The contact numbers are for officers' use only and will not be provided to the general public. Call the sheriff's office at 785-332-8880.

Yearbook photos

The Cougar yearbook staff at Cheylin welcomes the public to share any photos taken at school or community events that might be usable in the yearbook this school year....a limited staff will make covering all events difficult. Sports, clubs and organizations, assemblies, banquets, class activities including pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. Meeting place is the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 E. Fourth, Bird City. For more information, call 785-734-2739.

The group is a confidential support to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one in a safe place of mutual help and com-

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 daya-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 as-

Several file to run in general election By Karen Krien have filed. The position held by karen.k@nwkansas.com

Tuesday and people filed for all

the positions except a seat on the

St. Francis Board of Education.

The St. Francis City Council has

three positions open and five

people filed. In that case, said

Terry Miller, election officer, the

three people with the most votes

case on the Cheylin Board of Ed-

ucation as only four people are

needed and there are five running

and on the Sunflower Extension

Board which only needs two po-

Those filing for St. Francis

City Council are incumbents,

Carla Lampe, Paula Keller and

Bruce Swihart. Others filing for

the city council are Randy Wieck

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Through the dedication of blood

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save the lives of people like Da-

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home on his motorcycle when the

SUV in front of him lost control

during a lane change and flipped

onto its side, sending Zien nearly

350 feet. He was transported by

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and Bud Erskin.

Kelly Gienger for the last eight The deadline for filing for years is still open. seats up for election was noon on

On the Cheylin Board of Education, the positions of Hal Antholz, Janice Busse, George Louderbaugh and Anita Pochop are up for election. Mrs. Pochop, incumbent, has filed as well as Jane Brubaker, Kelly Leach, Kendra Hespe and Brian Miller.

In Bird City, the mayor, Troy will fill the seats. This is also the Burr, is up for election as well as council members, Wade Carmichael and Hal Sager. Hal Sager has stepped up to run for mayor. Wade Carmichael, incumbent, and Charles Ned Smith are running for city council

On the Sunflower Extension Board, District 6, there are two seats open and three people, Tammy Grice, Shawn Blanka and Danielle Holzwarth have filed.

It will not be necessary to have Education, the positions of Kelly a primary election. The general Gienger, Ed Marin and Derrick election will be held on Tuesday, April 2.

Blood needed to respond to patients

Like the emergency room of a Feb. 14, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at hospital, the American Red Cross Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College in St. Francis.

How to donate blood

Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit red crossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood

High school students and other helicopter to a hospital, where he donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.



Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Cheyenne County, Thursday,

All blood types are currently



Debbie Banister and a friend, Kristyn Morris of Topeka were weekend guests of Geroge and **CHEYENNE COUNTY** Washburn Sunday afternoon. HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS

School Menu

Jan. 28 - Jan. 31 Monday

Breakfast: Breakfast bake with salsa, grapes, toast and milk.

Lunch: Cowboy cavatini, corn, broccoli salad, garden spinach salad, mandarin oranges, tropical fruit, rice krispy bar and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Pumpkin chocolatechip square, sausage links, tropical fruit, cereal and milk.

Lunch: Beef and noodles, apple, fruit cocktail and milk. mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, omaine and tomato salad, jello made with fruit juice, apricots, pears, cinnamon rolls and milk. Wednesday Sixth grade lunch Breakfast: Pancakes on a stick, orange wedge, toast and milk.

Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, tater tots, dirt pudding, potato salad, taco bar, garden spinach

salad, fresh strawberries, peaches and milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Quick blueberry bubble bread, oatmeal, juice, ce-

real and milk. Lunch: Pork rib on bun, tritaters, green beans, oriental salad, romaine and tomato salad, pine-

Firemans Ball Saturday evening Kathy Banister. They returned to

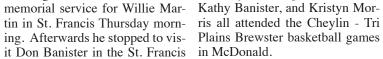
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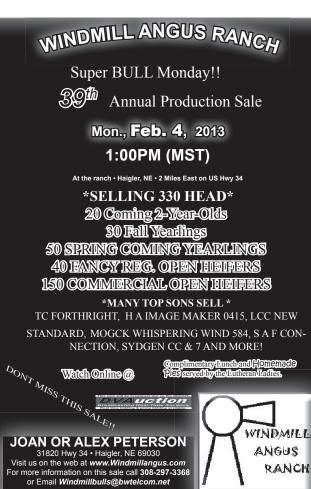
needed. For more information and to make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS nursing home.



SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hr. 30 min. Lincoln Adaptation, Drama, Biopic Jan. 25, 26 & 27 PG-13 (for an intense scene of war Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field, violence, images of carnage) **Tommy Lee Jones** St. Francis, KS CHEVENDER 785-332-2747 Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6 3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$5 All Others: \$7 Frontier Medical Rejuvenation IPL Hair Removal IPL Photo Facials Acne Treatments Laser Spider Vein Treatments Dr. Rebecca Allard 607 South Benton St. (785)772-1906 www.frontier-med.com St. Francis, Kansas 67756



Friday evening, Debbie and





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785-332-2381 – County Health 785-332-2682 – Clinic

Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year.

Good health habits include: covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu.

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