Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

scmccormick@nwkansas.com Last Monday, Feb. 23, marked the 64th anniversary of an important event. Although none of us were there to see it, most will recognize the image immediately. For on that day a photograph was taken of five Marines and one Navy corpsman raising the United States flag on the island of Iwo

The famous picture was actually taken hours after the first flag was planted high on Mount Suribachi. A Marine photographer, Louis Lowery, captured the first raising.

But a larger flag was sent up the 550-foot mountain to replace to be remembered. the original banner. This time Joe

Rosenthal of the Associated Press took the picture that we associate with the epic battle.

Years ago I went to Washington, D.C., to be in a college buddys' wedding. When we had some free time we drove to Arlington National Cemetery.

Seeing the statue that was created from the moment in history was amazing. The thing is huge!

But it should be. The war against the Axis-power tyrants called upon common, freedomloving men to perform major acts of heroism. Whether it is through a photo, statue or shaking the hand of a veteran, their sacrifices need

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

dublinls@hotmail.com Of course vou realize I have to comment on the chimpanzee editorial cartoon, and I have a lot to

Number one, every past president has been in unflattering cartoons, even film clips. They have been drawn as women, as presidential running mates sleeping together, even chimpanzees. If you haven't seen any of these examples, you must go to www. JibJab.com.

Even President Obama during his campaign said, "If you put lipstick on a pig, it is still a pig." Of course, many came to his defense saying he was misrepresented in that quote and that it had nothing to do with Sarah Palin. Sure Mr. President, I think they call that an ambiguous statement.

Let's move on. Newspapers say that soon after the cartoon hit the stands, Rev. Al Sharpton and many black opinion makers cited the editorial as racist, even comparing President Obama to a chimp, which as Rev. Sharpton pointed out, blacks have been compared to chimpanzees for a long time.

Rev. Sharpton even said, "They think we are a bunch of chimpanzees, we will show them we are lions. Who are 'they' and who are

I find it most interesting that our president should be labeled black when he was carried for nine months in a white woman's womb and raised by a white mother. I have to mention that because President Obama is an American and we are a nation of color. It is really time to stop the labeling of race, don't you think? I believe in less than 100 years, most of our citizens could be a blend of all colors and nationalities, and then what will people like Rev. Sharpton have to protest about?

Back to the subject of comparing chimpanzees, why would Rev. Sharpton be so offended at the comparison when Evolutionary Scientists have been comparing mankind to monkeys, chimpanzees, apes, whatever, for over a 100 years saying that somewhere down the evolutionary ladder we are related to primates. This is even taught in our schools!

Finally, it is time to knock that "black" chip off your shoulder Rev. Sharpton and start thinking what will unite, not divide our na-

Bulletin Board

Lenten services

St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City will be having Lenten services at 6 p.m .every Wednesday beginning with communion on Ash Wednesday. Pastor Rossbach will be leading all services. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served afterward except on Ash Wednesday.

Sunday school is at 9:30 and church is at 10:45 every Sunday with Pastor Rossbach leading services three Sundays a month and a guest speaker one Sunday. Pastor Rossbach is also in the church office on Monday mornings and his door is open to anyone.

Divine Mercy Morning of Recollection

Divine Mercy Morning of Recollection is from 9 a.m to noon on Saturday, March 14, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City. It will be given by Father Tony Stephens, Light lunch will be served. Check classified for additional informa-

Spaghetti dinner

An after-church spaghetti dinner will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, at the Cheylin cafeteria, sponsored by the St. Joseph Catholic Youth Organization.

Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at Solid Rock Baptist Church, located at 412 S. Denison. Members of the community are welcome to join them in prayer, learning and fellowship as they work toward providing "Life for All."

Seminar planned

An Improve Your Life and Relationships seven-week DVD seminar is being planned based on Greg Baer, A Real Love book. The seminar will be held at 7 p.m. on Mondays beginning March 9 at the St. Francis Community Church and is open to both men and women. There is a small cost for materials. Call Kay at 332-3342 or Bonnie at 332-2156 to enroll. There is a clas-

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. today (Thursday), in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Commissioners

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

Tri-State Engine and Thresher Show annual meeting

The Tri-State Engine and Thresher she moved to Oklahoma to be with

(now City) of Atwood, Rawlins County Kansas.

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Show annual meeting will be held mous musical Bye Bye Birdie at at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, at the show grounds shop, Bird City. This year's Thresher Show will be held July 30 through Aug. 1.

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will hold their March meeting on Monday at noon at the Cheyenne County Hospital where they will enjoy a "Lunch with Les.'

Walk Kansas

Walk Kansas starts on Monday, March 8, and runs through May 2. Anyone can participate by calling (785) 332-3171 or stopping by the Cheyenne County Extension Office for more information.

Western Plains Arts Association Bye Bye Birdie

On Sunday, March 1, the Windwood Theatricals will present a large productions show of the fa-

Esther M. Studer, 86, died Tuesday,

Jan. 20, 2009, at Sterling House in

She was born Esther Mable An-

derson on Dec. 10, 1922, at the

family farm south of Wheeler, the

daughter of Ross Will and Rhoda

Elzina (Wieck) Anderson. In 1941,

she graduated from high school in

On May 14, 1942, she went to

work for the Adjutant General's

Office in Washington, D.C., after

passing the civil service test. Dur-

when both brothers were drafted

She and Raymond J. Studer were

In 1985, she retired from the

National Weather Service, after 40

years of service as a meteorologist.

After retiring, Esther was very ac-

tive in Our Lady Of Perpetual Help

Catholic Church and Altar Society,

Business and Professional Women,

Lawnridge Garden Club and Veter-

She loved quilting and was al-

ways ready to help anyone. She

also loved to travel to all her chil-

dren's homes, not thinking twice

about hopping into her car and

After suffering a stroke in 2006,

driving across country.

ans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

married on Aug. 19, 1946.

Mustang, Okla.

St. Francis.

into the Army.

7:30 p.m. in the Oakley High School auditorium. The program is part of the Western Plains Arts Association schedule for this year.

Double D Wranglers

The Double D Wranglers will perform at 7:30 p.m. at The Gateway in Oberlin on Saturday, Feb. 28. The trio features yodeling, harmonies and instruments, all in one package. Call (785) 475-3557 or (785) 470-0218 for details.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 5, 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.

Free tax preparation

Free tax preparation for young and old, Wednesdays at the St. Francis Public Library from 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursdays at the St. Francis Senior Center again from 2 to 5 p.m. Bring last year's tax return, and your property tax statement which you received last November. Or for an appointment call Rowland Roelfs, (785) 332-3490

Tax help in Bird City/ St. Francis/McDonald

For those 60 and older needing tax help in filing forms in Cheyenne and Rawlins counties, help is available beginning Feb. 3: in Bird City on Tuesday mornings, St. Francis on Tuesday afternoons (1-4) and McDonald on Wednesday mornings. Call Johnene Cheney at (785) 538-2526 for appointment or more information.

Obituary

Esther M. Studer Dec. 10, 1922 - Jan. 20, 2009

Former Goodland, Kan., resident her two daughters.

Preceding her in death were one son, Keith Studer; her parents; two sisters, Darling Anderson and Vera Willt; and one brother, Ray Ander-

Surviving family includes two daughters, Janet Fikan of El Reno, Okla., and Jeanie Studer of Mustang, Okla.; five sons, Raymond Studer and his wife, Julie of Sarasota, Fla., John Studer and his wife, Leticia of Yuma, Ariz.; Marvin Studer and his wife, Anita of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Larry Studer ing the war, she was called back to of Parker, Colo., and Dan Studer the farm to help with the farming, of Superior, Neb.; brother, Kenneth Anderson and his wife, Marie

of Springfield, Ore.; 15 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Betty Anderson of Grand Junction, Colo.

Funeral services were held on

Jan. 24, at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with Father Norbert Dlabal presider. Casket bearers were Janet Fikan,

Jeanie Studer, Raymond Studer, John Studer, Marvin Studer, Larry Studer and Dan Studer. A Vigil and Rosary was held

Friday, Jan. 23, at Koons Chapel, Goodland. Interment was in Cheyenne Val-

ley Cemetery, Wheeler.

Menu

It is the first grader's favorite link. lunch menu on Wednesday,

Monday, March 2

Breakfast: yogurt, boiled egg. Lunch: pigs-in-a-blanket, des-

Tuesday, March 3

Breakfast: English muffin, egg, bacon.

Lunch: hamburger mashed potatoes, roll. Wednesday, March 4

Breakfast: biscuit with sausage

Lunch: spaghetti in meat sauce,

nanas, oranges, popsicles. Thursday, March 5

bread, corn, strawberries with ba-

Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: french dip roast beef

sandwiches, chips. Breakfast is served with toast,

cereal, juice and milk Lunch is served with salad bar,

fruit and milk

1 hr. 57 min.

Gran Torino

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

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Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department Will Be Sponsoring a Health Fair.

Lab Draws March 23, 24, 25, 7 to 10 a.m. in County Health Department March 24, 7-10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic No appointment needed. Please remember

> to fast for the Chem Panel Lab Test The lab work includes:

1. Complete Profile \$40 includes the following lab tests: CMP (complete metabolic profile) that will test your sugar, electrolytes,

kidney and liver function Lipid Panel that will check your cholesterol TSH that checks your thyroid

CBC (complete blood count) that checks for anemia and possible infections 2. PSA (prostate specific antigen)

that checks the prostate, \$20 Pap and prostrate exams March 24, 25, 26, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis

Please call the St. Francis Clinic at 785-332-2682 to schedule. Cost is \$25. Lab results will be available at the Health Fair Exhibit Booth on Thursday, March 26 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the St. Francis Grade School.

Appointment required for pap and prostrate exams.

CheyCoDevelopments courthouse.

By Chuck Kribs

economic downturn!

It had to come, sooner or later. several programs which we were you to help 'get er done.' counting on to help us move our local economy along.

help, they pretty much did it on them. It won't stop us either! their own. So must we!

There are a number of things We have been STRUCK by the which we have to find out about Cheyenne County in order to be able to "show our stuff." Diane The state of Kansas has de-funded and I will be calling upon a lot of

Sometime in the very near future, we will get together, define SO! What about Cheyenne what needs to be done, form some teams and go to work. The home-The folks that settled this part steaders and pioneers didn't let a of the country didn't have much little thing like lack of money stop



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