



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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I don't know why as humans it takes the power of the weather to get our attentions.

Last Sunday evening, as the skies churned dark grey and ominous, Lezlie and I were glued to the television. Desperate for information we jumped from channel to channel to find breaks in the regular programming.

Between the networks and Weather Channel we could follow the progress of large yellow and red blobs that moved from the south towards us.

As the storm alerts were replaced by Brooks and Dunn's 20th Anniversary, Lost, CSI and Great Moments in Weather, we would poke our heads out the front door to see the live shots.

Our son made it home, while the daughter was hunkered down at her work, so when the siren went off, the three of us grabbed dogs, a flashlight and my eyeglasses

and headed to the safety of our basement.

Since I have lived in Kansas this is only the second occasion we have had to wait out a storm down there. It is a strange place and time to be.

The dogs know something is wrong as they nervously sniff around and look to us for reassurance. As the wind and rain beat on the creaking structure we're in, our ears strain to hear the oncoming train-like rumble that is said to precede a tornado. Uncertainty whirls around as the minutes seem to loose meaning.

Looking at our home that has stood for 93 years at the corner of Spencer and Francis, I know that it has not been the target of a twister strike. And this time it withstood what turned out to be another late spring storm.

But once again we are humbled by the weakness of man against the fury of nature.

County good place for wind mill farms

By Karen Krien

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Giant wind mills are appearing more frequently across the county and, with Kansas' winds, especially in Cheyenne County, it seems like this would be an ideal place for the wind farms.

Chuck Kribs, Cheyenne County Development coordinator, said he had three or four calls from wind energy contractors who were interested in putting towers in this part of the county.

Sometime ago, he said, there was an announcement to put together a program for a high-voltage transmission link but, not

very close to Cheyenne County as it follows I-70.

We need to stay on top of the project, Mr. Kribs said. We need to see what it will take to put a leg in this part of the county if we want wind energy.

"If we had a transmission line and, if a transmission company wanted to put a wind farm in the county, it would be a good thing," Mr. Kribs said.

I have a gut feeling, he said, that the county that holds out the most pay inducement will get the farms. The transmission links will probably not be built until 2013 or 2014. This could give time to collect money for wind energy.

Actually, he said, the bottom line is, if we get transmission lines, the wind farms will follow.

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, had been at a meeting and felt there was two sides to wind farms -- that when a wind farm was put up, there would probably be some people staying in motels and eating in restaurants, but the companies brings their own concrete plant, their own equipment, and when they are done within a couple of months, there are only two or three jobs in the county.

It was pointed out that two or three jobs are two or three jobs that the county doesn't have now. Plus, the farmers, whose land is leased to put up the wind farms, would have more money.

Helpful Tips

- Ants, ants, ants everywhere ... Well, they are said to never cross a chalk line. So get your chalk out and draw a line on the floor or wherever ants tend to march. See for yourself.

- Use air-freshener to clean mirrors. It does a good job and better still, leaves a lovely smell to the shine.

- When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter, then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily.

Jesus, let me not be deceived in thinking that I am closer to you than I really am and help me to walk in the beauty of holiness.

Matthew 7:21-23

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Bird City Community Club

Bird City Community Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 7, at the Senior Center.

Bird City American Legion Memorial Service

The Bird City American Legion Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Bird City Cemetery. If the weather is inclement it will be held at the Legion Hall.

Swim team practice

The first Cheylin swim team practice will be held on Monday. Times are 7 a.m. or noon.

Death notice

Hope (Miller) Bressler, 94, died Sunday, May 23, 2010. Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis, and prior to service Saturday at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City. The service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Thresher Association, the Cheylin School Foundation through Century II Foundation, Bird City, or the Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis.

Offices closed on May 31

Ad pictures and story deadline for the June 3 issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, as the offices will be closed on Memorial Day (Monday, May 31). The newspapers will be published and delivered one day late that week.

Spring Livestock Show

The Cheyenne County 4-H and FFA Spring Livestock Show will be held Saturday at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in St. Francis. Weigh-ins are scheduled in the morning. Showmanship begins at 10 a.m. The public is welcome.

Musical concert

On Friday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. The Cornerstone Bible Institute Singers and Hand Bell Choir will hold a concert at the St. Francis band shell. The public is invited. Refreshments will follow.

Baby-sitting clinic

K-State Research and Extension is hold a baby-sitting clinic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, June 11, at the Cheyenne Manor. Lunch will be provided. Students fifth grade and up, as of August are welcome. Please contact Cheyenne County Extension Office at (785) 332-3171, by Monday, June 7, if you are interested. There is a small fee.

Cheyenne Valley Cemetery

The Cheyenne Valley Cemetery Association's annual Memorial Day Service, 1 mile south of Wheeler, will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Monday. This year's Spotlight is on the Willt family.

Bring a sack lunch and a chair. There will be a brown bag lunch picnic and election of association officers at Jean Loyd's house (530 East Whittier, St. Francis) following activities at the cemetery.

Bird City history play

Actors and actresses are needed to perform the play, "A History Detective Finds Bird

City," on June 12, at the 125 Bird City Celebration. For more information or to act in the play, call Pastor Dan Carson, 785-626-2076.

Odd Fellow-Rebekah Ceremony

Rising Star Rebekah Lodge, 675, will conduct a Memorial Day ceremony honoring local deceased members, on Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Monument in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Floats needed

Float entries are needed for the 125th celebration in Bird City on June 12. Call Karen Flemming at 785-734-2463 or 785-332-8830.

Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 342-0028 or (785) 332-8607 for more information.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

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

Obituary

Raquel Ann Brunswig

Jan. 24, 1935 - May 20, 2010

Not only that, she loved to sing the songs. Her giggle and laugh were contagious.

Since her mother's death, Raquel has lived in assisted living in St. Francis and Goodland, and Brush and Fort Collins, Colo.

Her continued faith in God and the power of prayer has been a shining star to those whose lives were touched in knowing her.

Raquel died on May 20, 2010.

Raquel's family includes: brothers, Charles (Cathy) and Ronald (Cheryl); sister, Connie Lane (George); nephews, Carl (Julie), Mike (Lori), Paul (Kyung OK), Scott (Marcia) and Jeff (Trisha); nieces Jodi Kidneigh and Lori Kidneigh; seven great-

nephews and seven great-nieces. Raquel always had appreciation for all the goodness in her life.

The family expresses great gratitude for the loving attention by the personnel at Good Samaritan through the many years, and to the compassionate caretakers of Pathways Hospice. She was blessed with happiness and joy in knowing them.

Interment will be in Bird City on May 28. A memorial service will be held at the Fort Collins Good Samaritan Chapel on June 1 at 1 p.m. A reception will follow. Memorials to cerebral palsy or the Pathway Hospice may be sent in care of Bohlander Funeral Home.

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If you have not broke out with the Chickenpox Disease and had only one chickenpox (Varicella) vaccine — a second dose is available. Two doses recommended by the ACIP for all ages.

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