

Casey's Comments

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This last Memorial Day my thoughts were once again with Kelly Thacker.

Most of you have never heard that name before. But Kelly Thacker is one of our family heroes.

There are a few on the list. Beal and James Kelly both fought the British and Indians during the Revolution. Several Kellys, Thackers and McCormicks saw service during the Civil War.

Raleigh Thacker, who we all called Uncle Zazzie, had three ships shot out from under him during World War I. He "crossed the pond" with the Navy while taking troops to fight in the trenches of Europe.

Back to Kelly, he went with his brother, Jack, and my dad and Uncle Bob to join the military

after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

But he gave something to his country that went beyond service. You see, he was a Marine and was involved with pushing the enemy back from island to island in the Pacific Ocean. It was on Guam where Kelly laid down his life so others could be free.

After recently watching a group of young people graduate from high school, it is still hard for me to imagine what Kelly did at that age. His life had barely begun when he died. He never had the opportunity to go to college, get married, have kids or live the "American dream."

But his sacrifice help ensure those simple things for us living in a democratic society. So Kelly Thacker isn't just a hero for our family. He's yours, too.

Club Clip

Red Hot Mamas

On Tuesday, May 18, the Red Hat Mamas of Bird City/McDonald went on an adventurous excursion to Parks, Neb.

Nestled in a quaint rolling pasture filled with sagebrush plants, overlooking the meandering Rock Creek was the ladies destination of the Sage Hill Vineyard and Winery. The winery resembles an Old West general store. The tasting room, gift shop and a special climate-controlled space for producing wine is on the lower level with an upstairs area that will accommodate 4 to 6 people for overnight visits.

Owners, Hal and Carol Walker now have 1,300 vines in the two-acre vineyard, just 100 yards west of the building. One ton of grapes would produce about 160 gallons of wine. All grapes are juiced starting with a crusher and going through a press before beginning the fermentation process in a 250-gallon stainless steel container. The last process is racking from one barrel to another and may take up to five times to get the clarity desired.

Wines tasted while the ladies enjoyed their sack lunches

were: Seyval Blanc, Caguga White, LaCrosse, Leon Millot, Chambourcin and Rowdy Rhubarb. With the concluding Rowdy Rhubarb taste, an added delicacy was the dessert tray, of chocolate covered strawberries, lemon bars and cheese cake prepared by Kate Partch.

Members quest continued on down the road to Rock Creek Fish Hatchery. This facility, situated near the headwaters of Rock Creek was built in 1924 and is the second oldest hatchery in Nebraska. It is an ideal location for fingerling trout. Currently there are 217,000 rainbow, brown and brook trout varieties with 10,000 babies in each of the tanks.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission welcome visitors to the 50-acre lake.

Red hatters attending were: Bonnie Burr, Bethel Goltl, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Edna Rosesner, Margaret Voorhies, Connie Rooney and Marlene Young.

On June 12, members will be in Bird City for the 125th anniversary celebration parade.

Bulletin Board

Bird City Community Club

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

Memorial service

A memorial service for Wendell Kite will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 12, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis.

Open house

There will be an open house to honor Marji Peter on her retirement on Friday, June 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the courthouse lobby.

Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the McDonald Federated Church in McDonald. All in the communities are welcome to join in prayer, fellowship and learning as members work together to provide "Life for All."

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.

Rednecks and Red Dirt

Music Festival

Rock County Entertainment LLC is presenting Rednecks and Red Dirt Music Festival on Saturday, June 12. The festival takes place 4 miles south and 2 miles east of Wheeler. The gate opens at 1 p.m. on the day of the show. Check ad for additional

information.

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.

Stearman Fly-In

The 28th annual Stearman Fly-In will take place in St. Francis on Saturday and Sunday, June 12-13, at the Cheyenne County Airport.

For additional information go to www.stearmanflyin.org

Historical Society News

The Historical Society will be serving a brat lunch at the picnic area next to the Cheyenne County Museum at noon on June 19 during the Alumni Weekend. alumni, friends and locals looking for lunch are welcome. Free-will donations will be accepted.

Alzheimer/Dementia

support group news

There will be no Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group Meetings during the summer months. Watch for announcement of meetings next fall.

Cheyenne County

Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15.

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.

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.

Corrections

• In last week's grade school track story, Trent Howland's name and placing was inadvertently omitted. He came in second in the kindergarten-first grade 200 meter dash.

• Names inadvertently omitted from those contributing to the fund raiser for the 125th celebration last week were: Bressler-Young Aviation, Rod and Jane Young donated the beef that Kerby Krien barbecued; Hometown Market, Brenda Johnson, buns and beans. Many others contributed with labor and talents, the 125th committee thanks all for their efforts and support.

Personal Property Auction

Saturday, June 5th VFW Hall, 824 Main, Goodland Starting at 10 a.m.

Sellers: Bob & Louise Moyer, Lloyd Studer Estate and others

PARTIAL LIST ONLY. Many boxes have been in storage, Lots of items not listed.

LAWN & SHOP EQUIPMENT

(most with manuals)
Craftsman riding lawn mower, 25hp Kohler, 48" deck, like new
Marty J 18hp mower
Craftsman self propelled walk behind mower
Troy Bilt 5hp sickle bar mower
Craftsman 22" cut wheeled weed trimmer, used one season
Craftsman 22" push mower
Gas string trimmer
Tractor Lift (use for riding lawn mower)
Craftsman 2400 psi pressure washer, 6hp Briggs motor
Air compressor
16ga finish nailer
Skill saw
Sauder 7" disc grinder
Bench grinder & vise
Wheel barrows
10' & 6' step ladders
Socket sets
Drills
Cement lawn ornaments
Set of Kitchen cabinets, works great for shops
Shade tent, 11'x11', complete

W/frame
Glider rocker
Recliner
Corner Curio cabinet
2 sets of tables W/6 chairs
Chrome Craft table W/2 chairs
Gun cabinet for 12 guns
3 TV's
Double bed
Dressers
Room dividers
Folding table
Coffee & end tables
Dirt Devil upright vacuum
Small stereo
Brothers sewing machine

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

Several radios
VHS tapes, (some Disney never played)
R.C. Allen Manual typewriter
Portable typewriter in case
Sunkist wall sign, lighted
Coors cooler
Set of 1930's oatmeal dishes
Large toy collection including many JD toys still in original boxes
Lots of unique Coke items
NFL collectables still in boxes
32 gal cooler FULL of McDonalds & other fast food happy meal toys

HOUSEHOLD

Oak china hutch
Upright freezer
Queen mattress & box springs

The hall will be full with something for everyone so come and enjoy the day. Lunch served by VFW Auxiliary

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LADIES AUXILIARY member, Wanda Dowdy, holds the award given to the Bird City group for their 65 years of service. Since 1945 the women have been active in this area.

Times staff photo by Sydney Busse

Veteran's group receives honor

On June 21, 1945, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the VFW Post 1528 was founded in Bird City. In May, all of their hard work over the years was recognized when they received an award from the National VFW Ladies' Auxiliary for 65 years of dedicated patriotic and community service.

Anyone is eligible to become a member of the VFW Auxiliary and be would welcome to join them in serving the military and the veterans. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the

month. The June meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on June 21, at Ruth Moore's house in St. Francis.



DRIVE SAFELY-SCHOOL'S OUT

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m.

1 hr. 34 min.

Shrek Forever After

June 4, 5 & 6

PG for mild action, some rude humor and brief language.

Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Antonio Banderas, Walt Dohrn

Kids/Family, Animation and Sequel

CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3

All Others: \$5

Do you need a ride to Sunday School or Church?
The Wesleyan Community Church will give you a ride; children and/or adults.
Call 785-734-2727 or 785-734-2697

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS
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June Calendar

Dr. Frankum	June 2, 16
Dr. Curtis	June 24
Dr. Reeves	June 23
Dr. Rubinowitz	June 8, 29
Dr. Saba	June 18
Mammogram	June 22
Dexascan	June 16
Dr. Uyemura	June 23, 28

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 785-332-2104



Bird City Quasiquintennial 125th Celebration

"ANYTHING ON WHEELS SHOW AND DISPLAY"



June 12 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in front of City Hall in downtown Bird City, Kansas

No registration fee

Everyone is encouraged to bring 'anything on wheels' to display. There will be parade on 10:30 a.m. for those wishing to participate. Covered protection will be available for vehicles if needed. Plaques will be awarded for:

- *Longest distanced traveled
- *Oldest drivable vehicle
- *Most Unusual
- *Shiniest Paint

*And one other

Food, refreshment, and fun activities will be available all day. For information contact Bruce Bolen, 785-734-2474 or Dennis Whitmore 785-734-2780.

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