



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Talent isn't worth much unless it is shared.

I would be the last person to "blow my horn." But I do have one skill that others seem to enjoy. I love to cook.

There is something special about seeing an appreciative audience partake of a culinary creation. I know I'm not alone. Who out there doesn't like to hear a "thank you" or two come from around the dinner table?

What I have found is that my ability to cook has come from a couple places. One was my mother's kitchen, where I learned by observing and asking questions.

The other has come from traveling. I am very blessed to have been able to see and experience many places outside my place of birth.

One example would be my Cajun Boil. I have Mike Arabie of Lafayette, La., to thank for that lesson. In the late 1980s I was studying at the college in that town when I met Mike.

A local boy, who worked in the oil business, also owned a little restaurant with an unusual name: The Stop and Shop. Although it sounded like a corner convenience store, it was a casual spot that offered regional food that the locals loved. And out of this little hole-in-the-wall, Mike would cater crawfish boils for parties in the area.

On weekends I would join him as we hauled his trailer with massive pots and butane cookers to wherever the meal was needed. We'd dump huge amounts of potatoes, corn, onion and sausage into seasoned, boiling water.

The crawfish came in large mesh bags that each little crustacean wanted out of. But inevitably they would wind up cooked and spread out on long tables for the Cajuns to enjoy.

When I left Louisiana it was with a large kettle that has a lid and strainer pail and it has been used often. These utensils came with the knowledge of that Southern treat, which is shared upon request.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

My, my, what a nice job the people of Bird City did in recently planning and celebrating the town's 125th birthday. For what it is worth, I was so impressed with the whole weekend. Even the lousy weather did not dampen the spirit of the event. It all could not have been accomplished without the community working together, something they have always been

able to do. It has been several years since I have seen the town look as clean and picked up. Now, if something could be done about the corner building housing the old drug store, Big Ed's, and etc. before it falls in, it would make the town look even better! Congrats Bird City!!!!

Kent Chapman
Emporia, Ks

E-waste pick up is scheduled for Tuesday

By Karen Krien

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An e-waste pick up will be held on Tuesday in both St. Francis and Bird City. The Bird City pick up will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the city shop. From 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., there will be people at the St. Francis recycling center behind the museum on U.S. 36 helping collect e-waste.

If items are heavy, said Roger Jensen, country representative on the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization board, there will be people to help unload them.

For years, people have questioned what to do with their old televisions and radios. Then computers came along and practically every family had a computer that much of it was obsolete by the time it was taken out of the box.

Items taken

E-waste item pick ups are free to households, government

offices and educational institutions located in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Scott, Sheridan and Thomas counties.

There is a charge for items brought in by businesses, organizations and out-of-region recyclers. The charge is \$5 for computer monitors; \$10 for televisions; \$2 for microwaves or 10-cents a pound per items for all other e-waste items.

There will be only one more free-to-residents collection.

Some of the items considered for e-waste collection are: computers, parts and accessories, printers, scanners, fax machines, copy machines, telephones, cellular phones, answering machines, televisions, stereos, DVD and VCR players, speakers, radios, tape recorders, satellite receivers, toner and ink-jet cartridges, computer games and rechargeable batteries.

The next collection will be Aug. 24.



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Bulletin Board

Death notice

Vivian Gail Seymour, 90, Bird City, died Friday, June 11, 2010, at the Good Samaritan Society in Atwood. She was born Feb. 4, 1920, in Bird City.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City. Visitation is from 1 to 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis.

Memorials may be made to the church or the Bird City Senior Center.

Death notice

Annabelle Lea Nelsen, 84, died, Saturday, June 12, 2010, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis. She was born on Jan. 10, 1926.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City. Visitation is from 1 to 7 p.m. June 16 at Knodel Funeral in St. Francis.

Memorials may be made to the Annabelle Nelsen Memorial Fund.

Card Shower

A card shower is being held for Rocky Diederich, Thursday, June 17. Send cards to 1185 S. Sunflower, Oberlin KS 67749.

Offices closed on July 5

Ad pictures and story deadline for the July 8 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, as the offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of the Fourth of July. The newspapers will be published and delivered one day late that week.

Epicenter Conference

A Philadelphia Epicenter Conference 2010 Webcast is being held at Peace Lutheran Church on Friday night, June 25 and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 26. Check ad in this issue of *The Herald* for additional information.

4-H car wash

The Cheyenne County 4-H'ers enrolled in shooting sports will hold a car wash from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday at Brunk's Machine and Service on U.S. 36 and Benton Street. For more information, see the ad located in this paper or call the Extension office, 332-3171.

Toy Museum

The David Clark Memorial Toy Museum will be open this Father's Day (Sunday) from 1 to 8 p.m. The museum is located in Bird City on the Tri-State Thresher grounds. There is no admission.

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 Saturday, June 19 (Alumni weekend). Free-will donations will be accepted.

Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group, for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, will meet at the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, 808 South First Street, Highway 25, in Atwood. Enter the east door.

The events are planned for 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month (June 20). Please call Tara Bowles at (785) 626-3211 or Maralyn Cooper at 1-800-315-5122 to register.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday) 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.

Common Threads Quilt Guild

Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Saintry Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Dane G. Hansen Museum

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum is proud to present Fragile Nature, photographs by Joel Sartore, scheduled to open June 25, 2010, and run through Aug. 8, 2010.

The photographer takes the viewer on assignment with the National Geographic.

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-7day-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 1-900-794-4624.



CLASS OF 1985 gets together for a backyard luncheon.

Class celebrates 25 year reunion

The Cheylin class of 1985 met on Saturday to celebrate 25 years since they graduated. At noon, they met for a backyard luncheon

of brisket and a variety of salads. For dessert, they enjoyed a cake that had a picture of the class at their senior prom. The picture was highlighted by the class colors, lavender and silver.

There were 23 classmates graduating and eight were able to come to the reunion. Those attending were Brent Wilkens, Doug Waters, Dawn (Ambrosio)

Miller, Cheryl (Knapp) Colson, Jennifer (Dorsch) Erickson, Tammi (Banister) Carmichael, Debby Johnson and Vickie (Peters) Harshbarger.

Following lunch, the group headed out to enjoy the Bird City Quasiquincentennial activities.

There was so much going on, said Dawn, but it was fun to get together.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times honor roll: Gary Lillich, St. Francis; Warren and Eilene Peterson, Bemidji, Minn.; Leo Mazon, Bird City; Ed Carson, Bird City; Troy Burr, Bird City; Laurie Leonard, Bird City; Bird City Century II, Bird City; Kay Davis, Broomfield, Colo.; Beth Meyeres, Ellinwood; Roger Sawyer, Bailey, Colo.; Keith Sanders, Bird City; Don and Patt Helton, Pueblo.; Genie Payne Cornellison, Greeley, Colo.; Jamie Milel, Clarksville, Ark.; Betty Lee Hitchcock, Burlington, Colo.; Bonny June Salrin, Columbus, Ohio.

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The adolescent project has started at the Cheyenne County Health Department. The Second Varicella Vaccine (Chickenpox Shot) is now available!

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

Call the Cheyenne County Health Department for more information at 785-332-2381

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