

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Here's a little heads up to all the men out there. Don't forget your dear Ma (and wife) this Sunday, May 8. Mother's Day is not one of those optional holidays like Ground Hog's or Columbus. Consider yourselves warned. For the dads and kids who are not sure what to get her, I have a suggestion. Give her a night off by having a Movie Night at home. Get one or two of her favorite films for the DVD or cas-

sette player, some popcorn, sodas and candy then turn down the lights. It's a cheap evening that she will enjoy with her family. Another idea, with the nice weather returning, is packing a basket and taking her out for a picnic. But whether your love comes in a card, flowers or interpretive dance of praise, just remember one thing; Mother's Day this Sunday! It's the least you can do for all she has done for you.

Promenade

Cheylin Promenade will be held on Saturday, May 7 at the Cheylin High School, Bird City, at 6:30 p.m.
American Legion Auxiliary
The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Friday at the Legion lounge. Mary Dorsch will be the hostess.
Senior Citizen Birthday Party
The Senior Citizen Birthday Party will be at 3 p.m. on Monday, May 9.
Community Club
The Bird City Community Club

meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9, at the senior center.
Weight watchers walk
Come one/come all at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, to the United Methodist Church for a 5K Weight Watchers walk with friends and family. Watermelon will be served following the walk. For more information, call Vickie Schliep at 332-2479.
Kansas Rural Health Works education program meeting
The next meeting of the Kansas Rural Health Works education

program will be held at noon on Thursday, May 12, at the Legion hall in Bird City. This meeting will discuss a health service directory for Cheyenne County.
3-on-3 basketball tournament
A Colby 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament will be held on Saturday, May 7. Deadline to register is May 3. Find registration forms at www.cityofcolby.com. Check ad for age divisions.
Bird City Alumni
The Bird City Alumni will be held on Saturday, May 28, at the Bird City Legion hall. Tickets can be purchased until May 21 at First National Bank, Bird City, and Hometown Market. See classified for more information.
Veterans Affairs
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 10:30 to 11:30 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.

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet tonight (Thursday), at the courthouse.
Commissioners
The next meeting of the commissioners will be held on Monday, May 16. They will meet with the St. Francis City Council at 7:30 a.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 8 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous
Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Sunday nights at 8 p.m. and Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.
Northwest Kansas Family Shelter
Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-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 1-800-794-4624.

County airport runway in final phase

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners are looking at the final phase of the airport runway completion. At the Friday meeting, Dave Yost, representing the Airport Commission, reported that four bids had come in to put the final length on the runway. When completed, the runway will be 5,200-feet long. Mr. Yost said the bids were a

little lower than expected but the 95-5 matching federal government grant would still pick up its share of \$1,656,320. The county's share will be around \$94,000. This year, the county will need \$30,000 which was in the budget. The commissioners agreed that the airport runway completion was needed. Mr. Yost said that, at this point, the federal government is still paying the 95-5 match but in

the future, it is predicted to be 90-10. When completed, the Cheyenne County Airport will have a \$2 million concrete runway and save for medical flights coming in with larger planes. Mr. Yost said the ramp area needed cracks filled. He said the job had been a poor job to begin with but the cracks still needed to be filled by fall. The cost is estimated to be around \$2,000. There is concern about the possibility of new buildings going up that might be built in the fly zone. Mr. Yost asked that the commissioners consider passing a resolution to restrict certain structures within a radius of 5 miles. The commissioners asked Mr. Yost to get copies of resolutions used by other airports and bring them back.

about a bridge west of St. Francis that needed replaced. He will get bids to see what the cost to replace it will be. He also reported on the Armknecht corner in the far southwest corner of the county. This corner will be fixed. The commissioners agreed that now was not the time to purchase a road grader. He gave his annual report then asked for 15 minutes of executive session to discuss personnel. No decisions were made coming out of the special session.

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Award winning author to sign books at concert

Award-winning author, Janice Hanna Thompson, will be in St. Francis to sign books and meet with readers on Sunday after the Eternity Focus concert and dinner in Sawhill Park. The dinner and concert begins at 5 p.m. Books will be available for purchase at her book table following the concert. Her St. Francis stop is a part of a multi-state book tour connecting with readers and teaching writing. Ms. Thompson writes under the pseudonym Janice Hanna as well as Janice Thompson. She got her start in the industry writing screen plays and musical comedies for the stage. Janice has published over 50 books for the Christian market, crossing genre lines to write cozy mysteries, historicals, romances, nonfiction books, devotionals, children's books and more. Titles include *Love Finds You in*

Poetry, Texas, Love Finds You in Camelot, Tennessee, as well as her popular *Weddings by Bella* series. Ms. Thompson was named the Barbour/Heartsong Author of the Year in 2010 with three books on the top ten list for Barbour. In 2008 Janice was voted Mentor of the Year for the American Christian Fiction Writers. She is active in her local writing group, where she regularly teaches on the craft of writing. She is passionate about her faith and does all she can to share the joy of the Lord with others, which is why she particularly enjoys writing and connecting with readers. For more information about Ms. Thompson, go to www.janiceathompson.com/ www.janiceathompson.com.

Fire department needs
George Harper, St. Francis fire chief, had talked to Andy Beikman, commissioner, telling that there are two men interested in being a volunteer fireman but the gear would cost about \$1,000 a man. Most of the time, he said, there are enough firemen but there have been times when having a couple more would have been much better. There was enough money in the fire department budget to cover the costs. Chief Harper said during a practice using the extraction equipment (Jaws for Life), they discovered some worn spots in the hydraulic hoses. The equipment had been purchased in the early 1990s. The commissioners said the repairs on the equipment needed to be made. If the equipment failed while in use, it could take the life of the person in the accident and could also injure those people using it. There is also enough money in the department budget to cover this repair.

Next meeting
The next meeting of the commissioners will be held on Monday, May 16. They will meet with the St. Francis City Council at 7:30 a.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 8 a.m. The last meeting of the month has been changed from May 31 to Friday, May 27.

Road and bridge department report
Dave Flemming, in his road and bridge department report, talked about the county roads and the work done by the crew. He was concerned

only every other terrace were rebuilt, the old terraces, with their low capacity, would overtop. The overflow runs down the slope and is caught by the rebuilt terraces. Since these terraces are only designed to handle the runoff from the area above, the excessive runoff from the old terraces would cause the newly rebuilt terraces to overtop. If terrace spacing is a problem, an entire new system may help. Spacing can be adjusted by installing new terraces with wider channels. In certain situations, a new system can improve alignment and farmability. For more information about terraces, please contact the local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office or conservation district office located at west U.S. 36, St. Francis.

and cheese.
Wednesday
Breakfast: Sausage, scrambled eggs.
Lunch: Cook's choice.
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May 9-12 Monday
Breakfast: Sausage link, hash browns.
Lunch: Hamburger patty on bun, dessert.
Tuesday
Breakfast: Cook's choice.
Lunch: Corn dogs, with nacho

In other business
• Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce secretary, asked if the Chamber purchased all the material, if they could use the county's equipment to redo the signage at the Three-Corners area. Gary and Carol Rogers have offered to create the signs at no cost. The commissioners agreed to proposition.
• Ilene O'Leary, Carol Rogers, Walter Hill and Ken Loos, all representing High Plains Mental Health, talked about the organizations funding and work they had been doing.
• Mary Morrow, register of deeds, said all of her records had not been microfilmed. She had a company, CIC, who would microfilm the rest of the records and store them in the Hutchinson salt mines. The cost would be under \$3,000 and she had that covered in her department budget.
• Treasurer, Dolores Jenik's requests to attend the Kansas County Treasurers Association Spring meeting was approved.

things work, and Parker Brown with her mile-long legs-is no exception. But as a good friend of Parker's brother, Mal knows that moving from minor flirtation to major hookup is a serious step. No man has rattled Parker in a long time, but the motorcycle-riding, raven-haired Mal seems to have a knack for it. His passionate kisses always catch her off guard, much like her growing feelings for him. Parker's business risks have always paid off, but now she'll have to take the chance of a lifetime with her heart...

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library
Happy Ever After
By Nora Roberts
Parker Brown turned the quartet's childhood game of Wedding Day into their dream job's. And now she's the face of Vows-the one who meets every bride's demands; keeps every event on schedule; and brings Emma's romantic flowers, Laurel's delicious treats, and Mac's stunning photography together in one glorious package. She knows how to make dreams come true...
Mechanic Malcolm Kavanaugh loves figuring out how

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New questions about rebuilding terraces

By Craig T. Scheuerman
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Terrace rebuilding is a subject we hear a lot about, but lately some new questions have been raised. Do I need to rebuild every terrace in the field or can I just rebuild every other one? To decide about rebuilding you first need to know something about how a terrace system is designed. Terraces are designed to contain a 10-year rain without overtopping. This means they can hold the total runoff from a rain that would occur once in ten years for the drainage area above the terrace. When terraces are rebuilt, every terrace in the system needs to be restored to original design height for the system to have adequate capacity and work properly. If

only every other terrace were rebuilt, the old terraces, with their low capacity, would overtop. The overflow runs down the slope and is caught by the rebuilt terraces. Since these terraces are only designed to handle the runoff from the area above, the excessive runoff from the old terraces would cause the newly rebuilt terraces to overtop. If terrace spacing is a problem, an entire new system may help. Spacing can be adjusted by installing new terraces with wider channels. In certain situations, a new system can improve alignment and farmability. For more information about terraces, please contact the local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office or conservation district office located at west U.S. 36, St. Francis.

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Hours 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat.
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Register for \$100 gift certificate
Vegetable plants, bedding annuals, nursery stock and supplies

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hr. 1 min.
Water For Elephants
May 6, 7 & 8
Drama and Adaptation
Reese Witherspoon, Robert Pattinson, Christoph Waltz, Paul Schneider, Jim Norton
PG 13 for Moments of intense violence and sexual content.
CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104
2nd Public Meeting
Assessing Healthcare needs in Cheyenne County
*Data & Information briefs
*Work on Community Survey
Thursday, May 12
Serving lunch at 11:40
Meeting starts at Noon and will last one hour
Legion Hall, Bird City
Please RSVP by Monday, May 9 to:
Hospital Front desk at 785-332-2104 or
Email Tom Keller at: tomekeller48@gmail.com.
Diabetes Support Group Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2011
1:30 p.m.
Cheyenne County Clinic Basement
Guest Speaker:
Kristle Raile, PA
Topic: Diabetes & Dehydration
For more information contact
Mila Bandel, RN – County Health Nurse
785-332-2381

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