



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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I've been tossing around some thoughts and Father's Day seemed like a good time to try to put them on paper.

The topic in my head is: "What does it take to be a man?"

When I was younger the answer seemed pretty obvious. A man was someone who was tough and could boss people around if needed. Also, you had to be old enough to grow a beard.

As with many things in life, the older I get, the more confusing the world around me becomes. Being strong and in control are some good

qualities during times of conflict. But what about the every day, day-to-day moments that make up most of our lives?

So, as well as being the protector, a man has to be able to do more. A lot of it seems to be about just being there. Being there for whatever your wife and kids are doing.

It may not always be the most fun doing the things others want, but the neat part is you're with the ones you love.

I guess being a man has something to do with being involved and having a presence in the days of others.

And having a beard can be a nice bonus.

Obituary

Roy Walden Troutt Jr.

Aug. 24, 1944 - June 13, 2011

Roy W. Troutt was born on Aug. 24, 1944, in San Diego, Calif., to Roy Troutt Sr., and Vicky Runyan Troutt. He died on June 13, 2011, at the Colby Care Center in Colby, Kan.

Roy was a retired electrical engineer specializing in computer science. He was employed for 20 years as the senior engineer for Unisys Corporation at the San Diego, Calif., branch. Due to health reasons, Roy retired in 1993.

Roy was baptized on June 24, 1945, at St. Anne's Church, San Diego, Calif. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith on Jan. 24, 1999, at St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City.

After graduating from San Diego State College in 1968, Roy joined the U.S. Navy and became an electrical warfare specialist. During his six years in the Navy, Roy saw duty on a destroyer in the gun line off the coast of Vietnam. A normal hitch in the Navy was four years but because of the Vietnam War and his hard-to-fill position, his tour was extended two years.

Roy and his shipmates also visited ports in Hong Kong, Philippine Islands, Hawaii, Japan, Okinawa, Pakistan, South Korea, Midway Islands and Wake Island.

As a child he also passed through the Panama Canal with

his parents when Roy Sr. (a career Navy Chief Petty Officer) was being transferred to another duty station.

During his employment with Unisys Corporation, Roy traveled to many places in the United States representing his company. On one memorable trip he was sent to London, England.

Being very athletic, Roy played little league baseball and high school football and also played softball on his company team.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, backpacking and canoeing with his cousin Leo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy Troutt Sr.; mother, Vicky Runyan Troutt; grandparents, Frank and Irene Troutt, Grover and Maria Runyan; half brother, Richard Cuthbert; cousin, Robert Runyan; and aunt, Arline Mazon.

Left to grieve are cousins Leo Mazon, Angela Mazon, Carol Jones and Anthony Runyan.

Funeral services were held at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City, Kan.

Inurnment was in the Bird City Cemetery. There was a military graveside service conducted by the Navy Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the National Ataxia Foundation.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Radean Wright, Bird City; Kathy Hertel, Bird City; Doug Bolyard, Wilson; Kay McFee, Holcomb; John Dorsch, Derby; Norman Dorsch, Bird

City; Pat Traffas, Merriam; Don and Pat Helton, Pueblo, Colo.; Mrs. Kay Davis, Broomfield, Colo.; BC Century II, Bird City; Jamie Miller, Clarksville, Ark.; Ada Connett, St. Francis.

Book Review

The Brave

By Nicholas Evans

There's little love in eight-year-old Tom Bedford's life. His parents are old and remote, and the boarding school they've send him to bristles with bullies and sadistic staff. The only comfort he gets is from his fantasy world of cowboys and Indians. But when his sister, Diane, a rising star of stage and screen, falls in love with one of his idols, the suave TV cowboy Ray Montane, Tom's existence is transformed. They move to Hollywood and all

his dreams seem to come true. Soon, however, the sinister side of Tinseltown casts its shadow and a shocking act violence changes their lives forever.

What happened all those years ago remains a secret that corrodes Tom's life and wrecks his marriage. Only when his estranged son, a US Marine, is charged with murder do the events resurface, forcing Tom confront his demons. As he struggles to save his son's life, he will learn the true meaning of bravery

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Offices closed on Monday, July 4

The deadline for ads, pictures and stories for the July 7 issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, as the offices will be closed on the Fourth of July. The newspapers will be published and delivered one day late that week.

Triathlon scheduled for Fourth of July

The Sainty Sharks are hosting a triathlon on Monday, July 4 starting at the St. Francis swimming pool. All entries are due by July 1. For more information call Margaret Poling at (785) 772-7374.

E-waste collection

E-waste collection is set for Friday, June 24. The collection will take place from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the city shop; in St. Francis, from noon to 2 p.m. at the recycle center south of U.S. 36. For more information, call Roger Jensen at 785-332-5011.

Fair Board

There will be a special fair board meeting at 6:30 tonight (Thursday) at the fairgrounds.

Hospital Board

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

County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8

a.m. Thursday, June 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Relay for Life

This year's relay will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 20, and run until 6 a.m. the following day at Sawhill Park.

Call Christy Wurm at (785) 332-2650 to find out how to start a team. For luminaries contact the committee, the teams or Tammy Grice at (785) 332-2368.

Health Task Force meeting

The fourth Health Task Force meeting will be held at 11:40 a.m. today (Thursday) at the Bird City Legion hall.

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held

from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at Peace Lutheran Church. It is being sponsored by the American Red Cross and the country music industry.

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.

Correction:

• The correct address for JD Hawkins.
PFC Jonathan Hawkins
D. Co. 1-10 Cav, 2BCT, 4ID
FOB WALTON, Camp Nathan Smith
APO AE 09367

Grain helps infants/toddlers

Tiny-k Infant and Toddler services is participating in a Bushels for Babies" campaign for harvest this year. The program allows farmers to donate grain to help better serve area families with infants or toddlers who have developmental

delays by enhancing access to a variety of services including: vision, hearing, nutrition, speech and other developmental supports.

It is easy! Simply notify the grain merchandiser at settlement time that you want to donate "x" number of

bushels to your local tiny-k network and the elevator operator will do the rest. Your tiny-k network is a not-for-profit organization committed to quality service for infants and toddlers with identified special needs.



RESIDENTS RECEIVE lap quilts. Cinda Dankenbring (l) gives Glenn Glasco a new quilt made by the Peace Lutheran quilters.

Herald photo by Louane Isernhagen

Lutheran quilters give robes

Recently, the Peace Lutheran quilters made and donated 38 lap robes to residents at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis. Cinda Dankenbring, one of the Lutheran quilters, brought them to the Village on Sunday, May 22, and residents were able to choose one to keep.

The Peace Lutheran quilters meet one Wednesday a month

to sew and tie quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief. Mrs. Dankenbring organizes the quilting sessions and nine women meet to piece and tie the quilts.

There are three women who sew the quilt tops at home, then bring them to the church. When the group meets, two women sew the quilt tops to the backs and four to five women do the tying.

The group will accept donations of fabrics, used blankets and sheets for their projects. Just drop them off at the church.

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m.

1 hr. 42 min.

Hangover 2

June 24, 25 & 26

Comedy and Sequel

Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Justin Bartha, Ken Jeong

R for pervasive language, strong sexual content including graphic nudity, drug use and brief violent images.

CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$4

All Others: \$6

Cost Share Funds Available

The Cheyenne Co. Conservation District will be accepting cost-share applications for conservation practices, June 13 - June 24, 2011 at the Conservation Office in St. Francis.

Conservation practices include: Terraces, Terrace Rebuilds, Diversions, Livestock Tanks, Wells and Pipelines, Cross-Fencing, Pumping Plant for Water Supply, Rangeland Seeding, Spring Developments, Windbreaks, (i.e. Trees, Fabric Weed Barrier, Drip Irrigation Systems), and Failing Septic System Replacement.

All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Conservation District Board of Supervisors and funded according to priorities recommended by the Kansas Water Plan. Cost-share assistance rates are 50-70%. Deadline to complete work is December 31, 2011.

Funding for the cost-share programs are provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriations from the Kansas Water Plan and administered by the Cheyenne County Conservation District.

If you are interested, please contact our office located in the USDA Service Center on West Highway 36 in St. Francis or call 785-332-2341, ext. 101.

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS
785-332-2104

Fourth Public Meeting Assessing Health Care needs in Cheyenne County

*Telephone survey results will be reviewed.

Thursday, June 23

Serving lunch at 11:40 Meeting starts at Noon and will last one hour. Legion Hall, Bird City

American Profile

Celebrating Hometown Life

See American Profile magazine in this week's issue of

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