

New editor takes over *Times* duties

Casey McCormick has taken over the position as editor of the *Bird City Times*. He replaces Peggy Horinek. Instead of having an office downtown, Mr. McCormick will be working out of his home at Rich Avenue, Apartment 10. The phone and fax number will be 785-734-2659.

Mr. McCormick will be trying to cover all community and school events but noted, he may need people to remind him of events coming up. He would also like to do some feature article but, there again, it would be nice if people would tell him about some of the talents, hobbies and about other people who do or have done interesting things.

"I'm new in the community and I am always interested in leads to articles about Bird City and the surrounding area," he said. "I like people and have a natural curiosity about what goes on."

Mr. McCormick came to Bird City about a year ago to be closer to his son Joseph who is a second grader in the Cheylin Elementary. He had done some substitute teaching in the schools along with picking up some "handyman" jobs. When he took the *Times* editor position, he was helping remodel the Bird City Market building. He and Joey's interests include golf, fish-

ing, and baseball.

Mr. McCormick graduated from Wheat Ridge High School, Wheat Ridge, Colo., and went on to attend Arizona State University, Southwest Louisiana University and Metro State in Denver where he earned a bachelor's degree in English.

"I like working with kids so have especially enjoyed working in the school system," he said.

"We are happy to have Casey in the Bird City office. His connection with the school and with the townspeople will be helpful in making the *Bird City Times* more interesting and informational," said Karen Krien, publisher.

If anyone has a news item, wants a subscription or to renew a subscription, or needs a word classified ad, contact Mr. McCormick at 785-332-2659 or e-mail him at bctimes@nwkans.com. Regular display or box classified ads may be directed to Claire Jeanfreau-Hilt at *The St. Francis Herald*. If unable to contact Mr. McCormick, call *The St. Francis Herald* at 785-332-3162 or e-mail sfherald@nwkans.com. Signing up for nwkans internet is also available by contacting Mr. McCormick or *The St. Francis Herald*.



A CHANGE OF command takes place as out-going editor, Peggy Horinek of the Bird City Times hands over the reigns to new comer Casey McCormick. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien.

Haigler News

Haigler Woman's Club

The Haigler Woman's Club met Feb. 5 in the United Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m. President Helen Woods called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Collect. Roll call, "Mention someplace you would like to go" was answered by all present. Reports were given.

President Woods read a letter concerning rights on the road. JoAnn Tafoya passed out some leaflets from the Postal Department. Virginia Harford was lesson leader and Laura Pearl Wall was hostess during the social hour. The next meeting is March 5 and will be election of officers.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met in the church on Feb. 7 at noon for the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program. Sally Leinen was the leader, with others taking part. Songs were sung, with Myrna Mulligan as pianist. A soup luncheon was enjoyed by 10 members. A special offering of \$44 was taken. A short business meeting was called by President Laura Pearl Wall. Secretary's report was given. The Reading Program was discussed; also the ABC baby quilts and caps. Eunice Haskell gave the Mission Report. Sally Leinen received a corsage for missions for her birthday. Thirty-six calls were made in January.

The next meeting in March 7. Melba Harford will be program leader and Virginia Harford will be hostess.

Birthday celebration

Birthdays were once again celebrated at the Harfords. On Sunday evening, family members joined Karen in her home to celebrate Don's 86th birthday and the 17th birthday of Natalie and Nicole.

Those who helped with the festivities were Don and Virginia Harford, Melba Harford, Gail, Wanda, Natalie and Nicole Harford, Vicky Harford, Dorothy Clegg, Janet McQuay and Gene and Linda Jones.

Barbara Neville of Denver and her cousin, LaNeta Carlock, visited

Thursday afternoon in the home of LaVoine and Opal Collicott. The following morning, LaNeta took Barbara to Denver to return to her home. Barbara had spent the past week in Haigler visiting with her mother, Velma Neville and other relatives.

Betty Myer and Velma Neville visited in the home of LaVoine and Opal Collicott on Saturday morning, Feb. 8.

Visitors in the Gerald Myer home during the week were Barbara Neville of Denver, who came to see her mother, Velma Neville; and Grace Adams, who was a visitor on Thursday.

Heather Klein had surgery in Longmont on Wednesday. Her parents, Carol and Jay Fleming accompanied Heather and Greg to Longmont. They reported that the surgery was successful and Heather returned to Yuma on Thursday.

Elsie (Collicott) Applebey is a patient in the Hillcrest Nursing Home where she is undergoing therapy as a result of a recent fall. She would enjoy hearing from friends and relatives. Her birthday is coming up on March 6 and she will be 93. Cards will reach her at Hillcrest Nursing Home, 309 West 7th Street, Room 403, McCook, NE, 69001.

LaNeta Carlock visited with her aunt, Elsie Applebey on Tuesday at

the Hillcrest Nursing home in McCook.

Sally and Dan Leinen and Richard and Laura Pearl Wall enjoyed dinner with Rex and Florence Daniels on Thursday.

Florence Douglass returned to her home on Sunday, Feb. 9, from the Wray Community Hospital, where she had been a patient the past week. She was brought home by her daughter, Gayle White and Cade and Mike Parker.

Kenneth Stute of Sidney, Neb., visited last Tuesday in the home of Eunice Haskell.

Richard and Laura Pearl Wall visited in the Jay and Carol Fleming home on Tuesday. Other supper guests were Heather and Logan Klein and Blaine Lee.

Laura and Madison Perila of Westminster spent a few days with Robert and MerryLu Simmons. The Richard Walls, Quentin Simmons and Laurie Perila were dinner guests in the Simmons home.

LaNeta Carlock and Myrna Mulligan were Sunday night supper guests in the home of their sister, Galena Webster. The girls were together to celebrate and enjoy a belated Christmas gift exchange and get-together, which they have done annual for the last 16 years at various locations.

Dave McLinn was a visitor in the Russ and Karen Kreachbaum home

from Feb. 7 to Feb. 9. Steve and Wendy McLinn and their son, Nicolas, from Anocotes, Wash., arrived at the Kreachbaum home on Thursday, Feb. 6. Brenda and McLinn and Desiree from Benkelman were up for the evening dinner of salmon and shrimp, cooked by Steve. Desiree stayed overnight to play with Nicolas and her mother came to pick her up the next day. Steve, Wendy and Nicholas McLinn and Karen Kreachbaum went to see Karen's mother, Edna Zuege, at the Hester Home on Edna's 86th birthday, which was Feb. 8. The eighth birthday of Desiree on Feb. 3 and the 24th birthday of Nicholas on Feb. 12 were also celebrated. Steve, Wendy and Nicolas left on Monday, Feb. 10 for Arkansas City, to visit with Dave McLinn and allow Ruby McLinn to make the acquaintance of Wendy and Nicolas.

Junior varsity team is having success

By Betty Jean Winston

With just one game remaining on their schedule, Friday at Quinter, the junior varsity Ladies basketball team is having some success against area opponents. They posted wins against Cheylin, Wallace County and Atwood within the last two weeks. The Atwood game was especially interesting as they took a game from an undefeated team.

vs Goodland

The team visited Goodland on Friday, Feb. 7 and were on the short end of a 44-39 score.

Amy Grace contributed 12 points and Lori Faulkender 10 for the Indians with four other players also scoring.

"We got into some foul trouble the first half with the older girls, so I put some of the freshmen in who had already played one game," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "Needless to say, we were pretty tired and just didn't get things moving like we did in the second half. We played pretty well in the second half, just couldn't recover from the deficit we had at the end of the first half."

Scoring: Grace 12, Faulkender 10, Ashley Holzwarth 7, Meredith Knodel 5, Toni Rice 3, Hannah Sowers 2

vs Cheylin

This contest went on the win column for the Lady Indians as they scored 52 points and took the victory 52-36 over Cheylin.

"I was really pleased how we recovered from last night's loss to Goodland," Coach Dinkel said. "We really bounced back and hit some major shots. Cheylin picked the pace up in the second half, but we had too many points for them to catch up."

A number of players contributed to the victory.

Scoring: A. Grace 15, Meredith Knodel 8, Faulkender 6, McKenzie Grace 4, Amy Nicklos 4, Sowers 3, Maddie Knodel 3, Talisa Voorhies 2, Jade DeGood 2, Schuyler Coates 2, Chelsey Weeden 2, Sheryl Miller 2.

vs Wallace County/Sharon Springs

In the Wallace County game the teams only played two quarters. The Saintry Ladies took home the 16-4 win.

"I was very pleased with how I could sub a whole new set of girls in and still continue to have a flow in

the game," Coach Dinkel said.

"It's unfortunate we couldn't play a full game."

Scoring: A. Grace 6, Faulkender 4, Sowers 2, Weeden 2, Miller 2.

St. Francis 49, Atwood 41

St. Francis posted a 49-41 win over Atwood on Friday evening in their last home appearance.

"We didn't play very well the first half," Coach Dinkel said. "We were throwing the ball away and didn't shoot very well. We didn't handle their pressure very well and just didn't play well."

"We came out the second half and picked up play. I was impressed with how well the girls played in the second half and never quit. Atwood's junior varsity was undefeated until Friday night."

The improvement in the girls' junior varsity record is a good sign for next year.

Scoring: Faulkender, 15; A. Grace 14; Sowers 7; Meredith Knodel 6, Allyse Lampe 6; Weeden 1.

C-team girls win 29-26

The girls basketball C-team scored a 29-26 win over Goodland on Friday night, Feb. 7 in Goodland.

"We played pretty good defense throughout the game," Susan Dinkel said. "I was pleased with the way that they looked to shoot the ball and worked the ball around on offense."

Scoring for St. Francis were Jade DeGood 8, McKenzie Grace 8, Janessa Jordan 6, Maddie Knodel 4, Talisa Voorhies 3.

Bowling News

Wednesday Coffee 1/22

Team standings: Snyder's Hay Gals 6-2, The 3 G's 6-2, Cheyenne Bowl 4-4, Krien Steel Buildings 4-4, Sam's Electric 3-5, Windmill Restaurant 3-5, Flower Magic 3-5, Dairy King 3-5

High game (scratch): Marlys Poulignot 194, Barb Cobb 194, Barb Cobb 190

High series (scratch): Cobb 522, Cheryl Glidden 478, Janice Krien 455

School Schedule

Thursday: junior high wrestling, Atwood, here, 5:30 p.m.; junior high girls basketball, Oberlin, there, 4:30 p.m.; regional journalism, Hays

Friday: high school regional wrestling, Lakin (see related story); high school basketball, Quinter, there, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: high school regional wrestling, Lakin

Monday: junior high girls basketball, first round tournament

Tuesday: junior high wrestling, Northwest Kansas League tournament, Quinter, 2 p.m.

Thursday: junior high girls basketball tournament, seventh grade at Hoxie; eighth grade in Oberlin, 3 p.m.



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