

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

Last Thursday, Dec. 7, marked the 65th Anniversary of the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. In tribute to the "Greatest Generation," High Plains Public Radio played the popular music from that time. What music it was! This was the era of the Big Bands. Americans were listening to Benny Goodman, the Dorsey brothers and Glenn Miller and their orchestras. I know a little about this because it was the music my dad loved. In fact, Pap was quite the Jitterbugger. He would brag about how he had won several trophies in Jitterbug contests. However, while he was in the Navy in World War II, his parents moved and much of his childhood treasures remained in the attic.

I'm sure that's where they ended up. I never saw Dad in action with a partner but he would do his signature Camel Walk for us kids whenever we asked. He put his hands in his front pockets and began walking like his feet were touching scorching hot sand. While this went on he would shift his weight and bob his head. I share my Dad's build. In other words, McCormicks are not built for speed. But Pap sure had the moves. Although I never saw it, I've always imagined Joe McCormick in his white Navy uniform at a U.S.O. Show. He probably had the crowd in awe as he twisted and threw his partner around to a bouncing Benny Goodman tune.



JOHN DAPRON is the only person celebrating his birthday at the senior center. Times staff photo by Melinda Basnett

Recycle Bins New Site

Due to development of the property owned by the Living Water Fellowship, the recycle bins are being moved to the property of Noel and Tabetha Ketzner at 3rd Street and Demick Avenue, north of the Methodist Church.

80th birthday

Stop by the Police Department in St. Francis from 9 to 4 on Thursday to wish Norvin Anderson a happy 80th birthday.

Storytime presentation

The Cheylin High drama class will present a storytime at the Bird City Public Library on at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14. For preschool children. Call 734-2203.

Customer Appreciation

An Open House and Customer Appreciation is being held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15, at Peoples State Bank in McDonald.

Home Circle Club

Meta Dankenbring will be hosting the annual potluck/gift exchange of the Home Circle Club. It will be held Thursday, Dec. 21 at noon at the Lebow Manor.

Cheyenne County Hospital sponsors free dance

The Cheyenne County Hospital will be holding a free dance from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday at Riverside Recreation.

Bird City Santa Day

Bird City's annual Santa Day will be held on Saturday at the Bird City Legion Hall. The Community Club will serve lunch at 11 a.m. Check ad for program time.

Christmas in McDonald

Christmas in McDonald will be held Dec. 23 beginning with the Lion's Club Pancake Dinner Check Ad for full schedule of events.

Special meeting planned

A special meeting of the governing body of Bird City will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 8 at the city hall with the object being a public hearing concerning the proposed improvements, to provide the public a current engineer's cost estimate and address the impact on sewer user charges. Check ad in this issue.

The next Bird City City Council meeting will be held after the public hearing on the 8th.

Dribbling/BBall Handling Camp - note time change

Dribbling/Ball Handling Basketball Skills Camps for students in grades kindergarten through fifth will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday. The camp is sponsored by Cheylin Recreation Commission and held in the basketball gym in McDonald. Walk-in and register at the door. Call (785) 538-2370 if you have questions.

Address change

Dave Roberson has a new address

as he continues recovery in Denver. Send greetings to him at Berkley Manor, 735 S. Locust St., Denver, CO 80224.

Late publication

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will publish one day later during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The newspapers will go to the post offices on Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 instead of Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. The staff of The Herald and Times wish everyone a happy holiday.

Farm Bureau open house

A Christmas Open House will be held at the Farm Bureau office in St. Francis during normal working hours on Wednesday. Ad in classifieds.

Christmas Open house

A Christmas Open House will be held at Girlfriends & Guys too on Dec. 21 and Dec. 22. Ad in classifieds.

Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 15.

Hospital Board

The next meeting of the hospital board will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28, in the meeting room in the clinic basement, St. Francis.

Installation of officers

St. Francis Lodge will hold a closed Installation of Officers for 2007 at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at the St. Francis Lodge Hall.

ABC Preschool Chili Feed

ABC Preschool Chili Feed will take place beginning at 5:30 on Monday, Dec. 18, during the Christmas on Us drawing in front of the Jaqua Abstract. Ad elsewhere in this issue.

AARP

AARP will be having their Christmas Get-together at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Heritage Corner Cafe in Bird City. Call Clarence Liff 332-8958.

Country Christmas Songfest

The Country Christmas Songfest will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Salem Lutheran Church. Check story for activities planned for the day.

Mid-Winter Conference

The Department of Kansas, Veterans of Foreign Wars and it's Ladies auxiliary will hold their State Mid-Winter Conference and Council of Administration meeting Jan. 5 through Jan. 7, at the Holiday Manor in McPherson.

MAC Attack

The 16th annual MAC Attack Youth Basketball Tournament will be held in McCook the weekend of Jan. 20 and 21. Grades fourth through eighth will be participating. Deadline for entering is Jan. 8. Entry forms can be picked up at Sports Shoppe in McCook or online at www.geocities.com/macattackbb. For more info contact Greg Larson

at (308) 345-5185.

Bicycles still being collected

The Lions Club is still collecting bicycles to take to the Norton Correctional facility to be repaired. The bicycles made be taken to the Saint Francis Herald office for later pickup. Please bring to front door of Herald.

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) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

Sainty Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous

Sainty Serenity Seekers open

meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-6542 for more information

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour 7 day-a-week services 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 if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.



SHERRY SCHULTZ is holding the antique collar box that was left in the bin. The box will be going up for silent auction. Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Antique collar box is discovered at store

By Karen Krien

Once in a while, a treasure is found where it is least expected. That is what happened when the volunteers at the United Methodist Thrift Store opened a box of stuff that had been left in the bin.

They discovered an antique collar box which is in excellent condition. The top is hand painted with a horse and rider. There is a brass clasp and the lined inside is formed to keep the collars in shape.

Collars came into fashion in the 1830s and it is believed that the boxes soon followed. Some were more elaborate than others, some were leather and others were cardboard.

Sherry Schultz said the collar box will be put up for silent auction with \$75 being the starting bid. Bidding will end in February. For more information or to see the collar box, stop by the Thrift Store on Main Street, St. Francis.

Women to start a quilting guild in St. Francis

By Karen Krien

A group of women are forming a quilt guild in St. Francis. Dorothy Smestad, owner of Saintry Stitches, along with Mary Ruth Burkett and Nancy McCumber, St. Francis, and Darlene Burr and Treva Henry, Bird City, have organized the guild and named it "Common Threads." They plan to meet at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the quilt shop. There are other quilting groups in the area and hopefully,

these ladies will find time to join Common Threads.

The ladies will not bring quilts to be worked unless they have a problem. They may also want to bring a quilt to show.

"We are meeting to help each other in quilting projects — give inspiration," she said. "As the guild grows, we will be adding ideas."

There are many quilters in the area and many "wanna-be" quilters.

"Everyone is welcome, whether they are beginners or seasoned

quilters," Mrs. Smestad said. "The guild will help members stretch themselves instead of building a stash of fabrics."

"The guild will be 'community' oriented and there are several projects which they are considering," Mrs. Smestad said. "The first is to make a quilt for the Kansas Ambassadors for Music."

The kids associated with the Kan-

sas Ambassadors for Music will be traveling to Europe this summer and are holding money-makers. Mrs. Smestad said that the group will give the quilt to the kids and they can use it however they want to raise money.

For more information about the Common Threads quilt guild, stop by Saintry Stitches on Main Street, talk to any of the members, or call 785-332-2339 or 785-332-2150.

DON'T MISS Bird City's Annual Santa Day!

Sat., Dec. 16 at the Bird City Legion Hall.

The Community Club will be serving lunch at 11 a.m. Program starts at 12:30 p.m.

- Blizzard Money Machine
- Numerous Prizes
- Every Kid Wins

— Free-Will Offering —



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The Cheyenne County Hospital would like to invite you to a FREE Dance at Riverside Recreation on Saturday, Dec. 16 8 p.m. to midnight.

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