

Casey's Comments *By Casey McCormick*

I was asked recently about our calendar and whether AD was when Christ was born or died. This required a little research (thank goodness that college training still pays off.) Here it is. AD stands for "anno Domini" which is short for "anno Domini Nostri Iesu Christi" which translates from Medieval Latin into, "in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ."

BC basically is defined as "be-

fore Christ." So the Julian and Gregorian calendars begin with the birth in BC 1 and Christ turning one-year-old in AD 1. This system was not developed until the early 6th Century, 500 years after the events, when the pope wanted to designate the correct date for Easter. The calendar's use still did not really take off until around 800. Some confusion lies in the mistake of translating AD as "af-

ter death." The problem with this notion is that it would not take into consideration the 33 years that Jesus was here. Common thought now is that Christ was actually born between 4 or 5 BC and that the time of His crucifixion was in AD 30. My thanks to Dale Patton and Kelly Hilt for providing inspiration for this week's column.



DONNA JOHNSON wears her birthday cake hat and admires Karen Flemming's popcorn cake at the Sr. Center birthday bash. *Times staff photo by Norma Martinez*

January birthdays celebrated

Twenty-seven Seniors attended this month's birthday celebration. Donna Johnson had fun with her birthday cake hat. She also cut a cake for both her

and Ned, who wasn't present for the birthday celebration. Karen Fleming cut her popcorn cake. Freida Belding sent her cake but was unable to attend.

Bonnie Burr presented Dee Dorsch with a check for \$930 from Century II's Matchmaker Funds day.

Bulletin Board

Free Throw Contest
The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest will be held on Sunday, January 19, at the St. Francis High School. Doors open at 1 p.m., and the contest begins at 2 p.m. There are girls and boys divisions for ages 9 through 14. 03

Rough Writers Read
The Rough Writers Read will be hosting writers of the Bird City History Project on Sunday, Jan. 26 from 2-3 p.m. at the Old Country Church in St. Francis. Free will donations are requested to help with up keep of the church. The Cheyenne County Historical Society sponsors the series of readings. 03.

Cheyenne County Historical Society Annual Meeting
The Cheyenne County Historical Society will be holding its annual meeting on Monday, Jan. 20 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center in St. Francis. Coffee and dessert will be served and new board members will be elected. A program featuring local history will follow. Support the Museum of Cheyenne County by becoming a historical society member and/or friend of the museum for 2014. See ad for more information. 03

Home Circle Club
Phyllis Wright will be hostess for the January Home Circle Club meeting. It will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Methodist Church. 02

Community club pot luck
The Community Club Annual Pot Luck and fun game night will be held Jan. 27, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. Everyone is invited, so bring some friends, enjoy the great food and fellowship prior to the meeting. 02

Cheylin school security
All visitors must enter the west entrances for the elementary and high school buildings after 8:30 a.m. All other doors are locked for security purposes. Please report to the office upon entering building. There is visitor parking available in front of the high school west entrance and on the north side of the elementary building. Thanks for your cooperation.

Junior Hoops
Cheylin Recreation Commission 2014 Junior Hoops Basketball clinics and league play start Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18 and 19, Jan. 25 and 26 & Feb. 1 and 2. Call Tina Sager @ 785-734-7141 for more information and/or to sign-up.

Narcotics Anonymous
Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on 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.

Club Clip

Go-Getters 4-H Club

The Bird City Go-Getters 4-H Club met at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 12, in the Cheylin Grade School cafeteria. The meeting was called to order by Joseph Augusta, alternative president. The pledge to the American flag and the 4-H pledge were led by Joseph. Roll call was answered by what is your favorite color by five members and three adults. The treasurer's report was read and approved. New members that

were present were recognized. They were Kaylynn and Matthew Hendricks. Ideas for the 2014 Cheyenne County Fair theme were discussed. A motion was approved to accept the Century II \$400 Matchmaker donation. Old and new business was discussed. The next meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Feb. 9. Alternative secretary Dylan Ketzner

South of McDonald

Chuck McNull of Holdrege, Neb., was a weekend guest of Ote and Ellen Dewey. Tom and Kelly Dewey and children joined them for Sunday dinner.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Weskan-Cheylin basketball games in McDonald Friday evening.

McDonald News

Art Atchison of South Fork, Texas was a Monday through Wednesday guest of Karlyne Atchison. Bruce and Shirley Swihart of St. Francis were Friday evening and supper guests of Eleanor Swihart.

Red Hot Winter Specials

MONDAY - Chicken Fried Steak with Homemade Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Veggie.

TUESDAY - Small pizzas are 1/2 price all day long. 5-7 p.m. - WAFFLES. Have them with bacon, sausage, ham or eggs. Or order off the menu.

FRIDAY FUNDAY - All bowling is \$1 per game. Every Friday from open until close.

SATURDAY - Cosmic Bowling from 10 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. \$10 per person includes bowling, shoes and a fountain drink.

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Mark Your Calendars:

FLU VACCINE CLINIC
Thursday, Jan. 16 and Thursday, Jan. 23
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Cheyenne County Health Department

No appointment necessary - open over noon hour

Elevator Available
785-332-2381 - County Health Dept.

It is not too late to get your influenza vaccine for this flu season!

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hrs. 5 min. PG-13

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Jan. 17-19
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