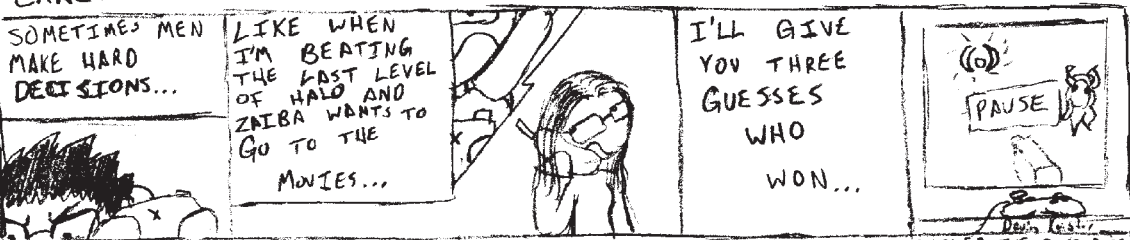


Bulletin Board



Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club Christmas luncheon and gift exchange will be held at noon, Thursday, December 16 at the Blue Bird Junction. Cheylin Christmas Concert will be performed on Sunday, December 12 at 3:30. Students in the show need to be in the music room by 3:10 p.m.

Christmas in McDonald

Celebrate Christmas in McDonald on Saturday, December 18. Enjoy a pancake feed, visit from Santa, games and gifts for all. The McDonald Lions will hold a trap shoot contest for turkeys and hams. Don't miss it.

Community Club

The Bird City Community Club will meet Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Lebow Manor.

Cheylin Recreation

There will be a Cheylin Recreation Commission meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at the high school library.

Worldwide Candle Lighting

The Cheyenne County Chapter of Compassionate Friends will celebrate the eighth annual Worldwide Candle Lighting at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. This is part of a 24-hour remembrance of all children who have died. Bring a picture and a candle.

No Alzheimer's Support meeting

There will be no Alzheimer's Support Group in December. The next meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 10.

Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging

The board of directors and the advisory council of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Holiday Inn, Cody Room B, in Hays. For more information, call 1-800-432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

Cheyenne County

Historical Society

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will meet at the Cheyenne County Museum, located on US 36, St. Francis, on Tuesday, Dec. 14. The board will meet at 4 p.m., the general meeting will be at 5 p.m.

Little Kids Wrestling

The first practice for Little Kids Wrestling will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Grades kindergarten through third will meet from 6:15 to 7 p.m., while wrestlers in the fourth through sixth grades will practice from 7 to 8 p.m.

There will be a club meeting held at 7 p.m. For more information contact Clay Keller at 332-3108 or Shawna Blanka at 332-2875.

Doric Chapter Christmas Party

Doric Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Christmas Party will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 at the lodge hall. Bring finger foods and white elephants for game prizes.

MAC Attack

The 14th annual MAC Attack youth basketball tournament will be held in McCook the weekend of Jan. 22 and 23. The tournament is for grades fourth through eighth. You may pick up entry forms at McCook Sports Shoppe or online at www.geocities.com/macattackbb. For more information contact Greg Larson (308) 345-5185.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. central time at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Thursday, Dec. 16. If you are unable to contact Ms.

Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Public Meeting

The Cheyenne County Airport Authority welcomes members of the public to a meeting about Airport Improvements on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Check ad for time and place.

Christmas Open Houses

Christmas Open Houses' will be held at Businesses in Bird City on Wednesday, Dec. 15

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13.

AARP

Dec. 13 is the day of the AARP potluck to be held at the Manor at 11:45. Meat, potatoes, gravy, stuffing and drinks will be provided.

Don Love will lead the sing-along.

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Alcoholic Anonymous /Al-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2078.

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.

Funding changes for group

The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group has had major funding changes.

As of Jan. 1, the Group will charge a \$50 "letter of intent" fee which is similar to a permit fee. The fee will be good for only one year.

The letter of intent is required on the installation or modification of all septic systems within the

Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group area.

The Group will continue to offer free private water testing to private individuals only. Those who sell, purchase or refinance any property that requires an inspection will be charged a \$90 inspection fee. This inspection includes site evaluations on well

and septic systems and testing the water. The Group will also charge a \$25 fee for child care and foster care inspections.

For more information, call the local health department or either of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group offices at Hill City, 785-421-2769 or Colby, 785-462-8636.



MASONIC AMBASSADORS FROM SCOTLAND: (left to right) Tom Bell, David Brown, Jimmy Murray, Billy Brown and Gordon Bell celebrate at Brooklyn's in Denver. Gordon Bell lives in Denver but the other Scots travelled over 5,000 miles for the occasion. Not pictured is Kenneth McCalden.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Obituary

Michael Charles Trulove

Sept. 19, 1944 - Nov. 13, 2004
Michael Charles Trulove, 60, of Arvada, Colo., died at home on Nov. 13, 2004, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born Sept. 19, 1944, in Herington, Kan. Mike was the only child of Louis Charles and Florence Hattie Trulove.

Mike graduated from Herington High School where he grew up. He enlisted in the United States National Guard in April 1967, and received his basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Most of the remainder of Mike's National Guard and Army Reserve time was with the 891st Engineer Co.

(LE) in Salina. He received an honorable discharge from the United States Army Reserve on Jan. 31, 1972.

On May 2, 1969, Mike and Janice Wright were united in marriage in the United Methodist Church in Wichita. They had one daughter, Michelle, who was his pride and joy.

Mike drove transports for several independents before being hired by Consolidated Freightways in St. Francis in February 1978. He drove for them until he was diagnosed with cancer in 2000, at which time he took early retirement. He often commented he felt so fortunate to be able to enjoy the beauty and freedom of the

road while driving 18-wheelers.

Mike enjoyed working on his vehicles, riding motorcycles and camping with his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Louis, and his step-father, Van Pratt.

Survivors include his wife, Jan and daughter, Michelle, of Arvada and his mother Florence Trulove Pratt of Herington.

Cremation took place at Aspen Mortuary in Arvada, Colo. There will be a private scattering of the ashes.

The family requests memorial contributions be sent to Mike's memory to Heartland Hospice, 2655 W. Midway Blvd., Suite 335, Broomfield, CO 80020.

Sympathy cards may be sent to Mrs. Trulove at 6060 Everett Street, Arvada, Colo.

Casey's Comments By Casey McCormick

The next best thing to traveling out of the country is having visitors from a foreign land. Last Saturday my twin brother Kelly was given the honorary title of "Worshipful Master" of the Highland's #86 Masonic lodge in Denver, Colo. Six of his guests were from Scotland.

All of them wore kilts made of their families tartan and they spoke with thick Scottish brogues, which the American hosts had to sometimes struggle to understand. But their message of brotherhood and respect did not need translation.

Also hearing them speak took me back to Scotland. Unfortunately, in this world, people all to often group strangers in stereotyped packages. For years I heard that the Scots were cheap, frugal and generally unfriendly folks. This could not be further from the truth. When I visited

there in my mid-20's, many of the people I met in passing would invite me to stay with them in their homes for a few days. I was traveling with a college group and our itinerary was already set, but their generosity was clear.

Much was the same with Jimmy Murray, Kenneth McCalden, Tom

Bell, David Brown and Billy Brown, who all live near or around Glasgow, Scotland. The sixth member was Gordon Bell, who has lived in Denver for about eight years. My brother is lucky to have such wonderful ambassadors as his friends and I was enriched by meeting them.

School Menu

December 13-16

Monday: breakfast: scrambled eggs, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: tacos, salad bar, vegetable, fruit, dessert, milk

Tuesday: breakfast: ham casserole, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, bread, salad bar, fruit, milk

Wednesday: breakfast: tornadoes, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch (Christmas Dinner): ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, salad bar, fruit, dessert, milk

Thursday: breakfast: sausage biscuit, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: hamburger sandwich, tater triangles, salad bar, fruit, milk

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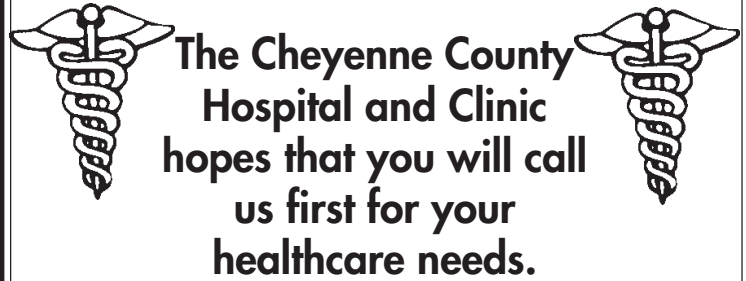


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