

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

A safe haven during the storm. Thanksgiving is a time when we are with those close and familiar to us. But what happens when the unexpected interferes with our plans? For several hundred travelers, that is just what happened in Cheyenne County on the Sunday after the holiday. A severe storm blasted the area from the north, bringing icy conditions and blowing snow that made driving impossible. As the highways were closed these people were caught in an unfamiliar place. The few motel rooms in the area quickly filled, but where would the many others go? In Bird City the

Methodist church, school and Legion Hall opened up to them. In St. Francis it was the high school. Soon blankets and pillows were available. Hot meals filled hungry stomachs. Strangers became neighbors on gym room floors and church pews. People who never thought of staying in Cheyenne County knew they were in a place of immense hospitality and where folks have a desire to help others in need. I can brag because these are the same people that took me in a few years ago. And it ain't bragging if it's true! Just ask our unexpected guests!

For the Record

Real Estate

Rita L. Koros to Sam Crabtree, all of Lot 6 and the W1/2 of Lot 5 in Block 25 in St. Francis.
 Victoria R. Dorsch to Albert Mailloux, et ux, all of lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 1 in St. Francis.
 Geraldine Cress, et vir, to Bradley Waters, et ux, the SW1/4 of Sec. 13-3S-39W in Cheyenne County.
 Bryan W. Weems III, et ux, to Gary G. Gibson, et ux, all of lot 9 in Block 36 in St. Francis.
 Clifford A. Chipperfield, et ux, to Wilbur H. Merklein, all of lots 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 in Block 1 in Bird City.
 Jack W. Poore, et ux, to Karen L. Overy, all of lot 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Block 48 in Bird City.
 Ricky R. Rogers, et ux, to Kenneth D. Bracelin, et ux, lots 40 and 41 in Block 17 in St. Francis.
 First National Bank, St. Francis, Kansas to United Methodist Church, St. Francis, Kansas, lot 22 in Block 20 in St. Francis.
 Betty Lester to Phyllis M. Bexley, a tract in the SW corner of lot 4 in Block 43 in St. Francis.
 Alvin R. Hilt, et ux, to Mark Berry, et ux, the S1/2NW1/4, the NE1/4NW1/4, the NE1/4 and part of the SW1/4, all in Sec. 8-2S-38W; the N1/2SE1/4 and the SW1/4SE1/4 of Sec. 8-2S-38W; the SW1/4NE1/4 and part of the N1/2NW1/4 in Sec. 17-2S-38W in Cheyenne County.
 Christopher G. Andrist, et al, to Gary R. Taylor, et ux, lot 11 of Block 9 in St. Francis.
 Edward W. Dankenbring, Jr., et ux, to James J. Scharnikow, et ux, lots 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 in Block 2 in Bird City.
 Ronald L. Stuller, et ux, to John L. Amack, et ux, a tract of land in the NE1/4 of Sec. 10-3S-42W in Cheyenne County.
 Thomas C. Cummings, Jr. to Ronald L. Stuller, et ux, Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block 31 in St. Francis.

Ronald L. Stuller, et ux, to John L. Amack, et ux, Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block 31 in St. Francis.
 John L. Amack, et ux, to Ronald L. Stuller, et ux, a tract of land in the NE1/4 of Sec. 4-3S-42W in Cheyenne County.
 Calvin C. Semler, et ux, to Clayton Janicke, et ux, the SW1/4 of Sec. 3-4S-38W in Cheyenne County.
 United Methodist Church of St. Francis, Kansas to H. Keith Petersen, et ux, Lots 26 and 27 in Block 49 in St. Francis.
 Thomas M. Rooney, et ux, to Delmer Zweggardt, the SW1/4 of Sec. 34-4S-39W in Cheyenne County.
 Juanita W. Ruth to Melvin S. Carman, et ux, a tract of land in the NW1/4 of Sec. 1-5S-40W in Cheyenne County.
 Janessa A. Nelsen to Darol Johnson, et ux, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; T.R. Cave's Subdivision of Lots 16, 17 and 18 in Block 44 of Bird City.
 Stephanie R. Larsen, et vir, to Betty Lester, all of Lot 3 in Block 36 in St. Francis.
 Junior D. Knorr, et ux, to Anita L. Amack, a triangular piece of land lying partially within Block 31, in St. Francis and within the NW1/4 of Sec. 27-3S-40w in Cheyenne County.
 Rita L. Koros to Michael T. Gilliland, et ux, the N84° of Lot 1 and 2 in Block 14 in St. Francis.
 Sheriff of Cheyenne County, Kansas to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Lots 18, 19 and 20 in Block 5 in St. Francis.
 Ronnie Lee Jones, et ux, to Todd J. Delay, et al, the SE1/4 of Sec. 21 and SW1/4 of Sec. 22 in Township 1S, Range 38W; and the W1/2 of Sec. 19-2S-37W all in Cheyenne County.
 Sharon K. Pacheco, et vir, 1/2 interest to each Ted R. Partch, et ux, and Randy D. Partch, et ux, a portion of Block 33 of Bird City and a tract of land in the E1/2SE1/4 of Sec. 36-3S-38W in Cheyenne County.

Country Christmas

Country Christmas, sponsored by Center Church Association, will be held at 6 p.m. on Dec. 2, at the Bird City Senior Center. Bring sandwiches and finger food and items to share following the supper. Table service and beverage will be provided.

Christmas Lighting

Bird City houses will be judged Tuesday, Dec. 13. Have your lights on from 6-10 p.m. Country people should call 785-734-2722 if you wish to be judged.

Books Are Fun

Books are Fun selections will be available at the Bird City Public Library Nov. 14 through Dec. 3. Selections not only include books but CDs and other gift items and the purchase of these items will help the library earn books and DVDs.

The library is open from 2 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Volunteers man the library on Monday and Friday afternoons, so patrons may want to call and make sure the library is open.

Medicare Part D meeting

Medicare Part D will be the sub-



Laubhan - Blake

Wedding planned

Glenn and Sue Laubhan of Salina announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelly Anne, to Tim Blake, son of Dale and Robin Blake of Salina.

Grandparents of the bride are Rodney and Elizabeth Partch of Bird City.

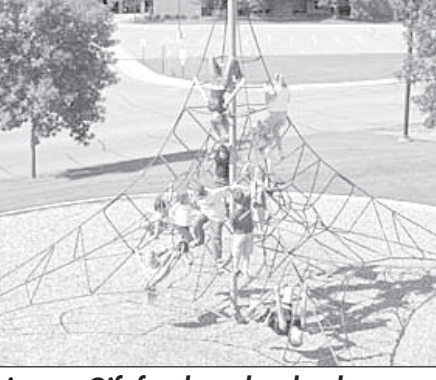
The bride-elect is a graduate of Salina South High School and Kansas State University with degrees in human ecology and mass communications. She is employed as a fundraiser for Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo.

The future groom, also a graduate of Salina South High School, graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in finance. He is a senior financial advisor for Community America Credit Union in Lenexa.

A Jan. 14 wedding ceremony at Trinity Lutheran Church in Salina is planned.

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ject. The pharmacist from Benkelman will be at the St. Francis Senior Center at 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday, Dec. 1) to inform senior citizens. Bring a list of your medications and the drug company that makes them or if generic. All are welcome.

Holiday hours

The offices of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of Christmas and on Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of New Year's Day.

Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 5, at the Grace Assembly of God Church (208 E 2nd) in St. Francis. All are welcome to join in prayer, fellowship, learning and working together to provide "Life for all."

Yuletide Festival

The St. Francis Music Club is presenting Yuletide Festival at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Check ad for additional information include place.

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5, at the Senior Citizen Center in St. Francis. The program will be provided by the high school music department. Hostesses are Donna Northrup, Lucille Price, Nola Burrus.

Historical Society

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will have their December meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at the Ye Olde Country Church. The program will be by high school students of Colleen Gardner who will be presenting dramatizations of Cheyenne County pioneers. The

meeting is open to the public.

St. Francis Invitational Wrestling Tournament

The St. Francis Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held at the high school on Saturday. Check front page story and ad for list of teams participating and times of different rounds.

ABC Preschool Auction

The ABC Preschool Auction is planned for Friday, Dec. 9. Complete details in ad.

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

A Christmas program, "Let There Be Peace On Earth," will be presented by Cal and Cindy Turner of C.C. Turner Music Ministries at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. There will be a fun-filled time packed full of music, laughs, gift give aways and yummy Christmas cookies! Your friends and your entire family are welcome. Free admission for everyone.

First Half of Taxes

Dolores Jenik reminds residents that the first half of taxes are due by Dec. 20 without penalty. Check ad for details.

Annual meeting

The 29th annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development will be held with registration at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening, Dec. 7 at the Bison Club in Hill City. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. followed by the evening's speaker. A Power Point presentation will also be made showing this past year's business loan, grant and housing activity for northwest Kansas. For reservations contact Kathie Terry at (785) 421-

2151 or email nwkpcdc@ruraltel.net by Dec. 5.

Food pantry

The Cheyenne County Food Pantry is still in need of items for the Christmas holiday baskets. There are several places where people can leave them including St. Francis Super's, the Food Pantry or at the Chamber office. Money donations can be taken to First National Bank. For more information call Mrs. Douthit at (785) 332-3623.

Country Christmas Songfest

Country Christmas Songfest will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at Salem Lutheran Church.

Alcoholic Anonymous /AI-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and AI-Anon open meeting, held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-3590.

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.

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Data sharing network is new

By Karen Krien

Beef Verification Solution is something new in the cattle industry. Heading the way is Shannon and Raquel Grover who are using the system and helping others use and/or set up the system.

Beef Verification Solution is a private data sharing network which helps ranchers capture the value of their animal genetics and herd management. Some day, it may be mandated by the government.

The data collection begins at the ranch where an electronic identification ear tag is attached. The information about each animal is either written manually on a cattle card or entered electronically with computer software.

The Grovers have purchased the necessary software and other equipment to enter all the information into their laptop computer. Mr. Grover said he will help other ranchers start the program or, if they need him to, he can enter the information for them.

He said that he feels the information he has gathered is already benefiting him in managing his herd.

"We can improve the management of the livestock operation through better information and analysis," he said. "We can use

the data collected to make a better herd and animal management decisions.

"The information can also turn the costs of animal identification into net farm income."

Mr. Grover stressed that the information in the system is private and secure.

He said that with the diseases in the U.S. and around the world are driving the animal health professionals to eventually call for a national system of animal identification so animals can be quickly traced in order to control and get

rid of diseases.

"Canada already has this system in place," Mr. Grover said. "And people want safe beef."

The Grovers learned about Beef Verification Solution while he was the president of the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau has developed the verification system.

For more information about the Beef Verification Solution, contact the Grovers at 785-332-2736 or nearerfar@yahoo.com. Other information can be obtained on the web at www.kfb.org/bvs.htm.

Outdoors With Chuck

I learned a new phrase today! "Dietary Indiscretion."

One of our guests, a gentleman sportsman from Santa Fe, has a wonderful Lab named "Mocha." After a day with us she developed an ailment which caused her a great deal of discomfort, we took her to the vet in Benkelman, and he did his thing, prescribed a bunch of stuff to

fix her up. When Mark asked what had caused the problem, the vet said "A dietary indiscretion." I think that might come in handy at Thanksgiving and Christmas, when we have to explain the growth in our waist sizes — "Dietary Indiscretion!" I like it! From "Hunters," Chuck Kribs

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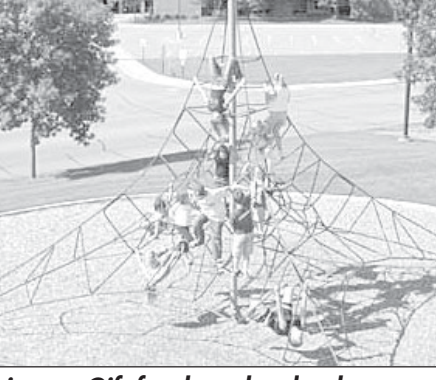
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Dec. 7: Dr. Frankum - Surgeon
Dec. 8: Dr. Warren - Cardiologist
Dec. 15: Dr. Warren - Cardiologist
Dec. 21: Dr. Frankum - Surgeon
Dec. 28: Dr. Uyemura - Ophthalmologist
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Ultrasounds Each Wednesday
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