

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
I'd like to meet this El Nino guy. I know he lives somewhere down south but it's hard to figure out when he's going to show up. Luckily he is around this winter.
While folks to the north and east of us are in a panic over "global warming," we've had four week-ends in a row of snow.
After several years of drought conditions the white stuff spells relief. It truly is a godsend for our farmers and ranchers. Looking out on fields blanketed with deep layers of snow makes it easy to

imagine how green they will be this spring.
Of course a lot of people around here have trouble seeing a gift when they get it. They are inconvenienced by the snow-packed side streets and ice on sidewalks. I guess El Nino isn't a perfect guy.
But for the ranchers who are still out in the bitter cold calving and feeding the animals, you won't hear a complaint. They know El Nino has provided grass for his cows and horses.
Thanks El Nino, where ever you are!

Bulletin Board

- Kansas Day**
Kansas Day activities will take place in Bird City on Monday, Jan. 29, with registration at 10 a.m. and the spotluck dinner scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Story in this issue.
- Driven by Eternity**
An anointed DVD Series by John Bevere on "Driven by Eternity" will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. ?? at the Living Water Fellowship, 315 Bird Ave, Bird City. You are welcome to attend.
- 87th birthday**
Alice Isernhagen will be 87 on Monday, Jan. 22. Birthday greetings will reach her at 204 E. Whittier, St. Francis, KS 67756 or call her at 785-332-3022.
- Free-throw contest**
The Knights of Columbus free-throw championship begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the high school in St. Francis. All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are eligible to participate in their age divisions. For entry forms or additional information contact Ed Marin, (785) 332-2319.
- Spaghetti dinner**
The annual Cheyenne County Kansans for Life spaghetti dinner will be from 11:30 to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21, at Peace Lutheran Church. Everyone in the community is welcome. Classified ad on page 10.
- AARP**
AARP will be meeting at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the St. Francis Senior Center. At 2:30, Randy Dinkel will be speaking.
Dorothy Schield will be the hostess. Roll call is to be answered by telling of a winter experience.

For the Record

- Jan. 4: Criminal damage, Theft, and Burglary of a Motor Vehicle was reported by Roger Hahn at Hwy. 36 and Co. Rd. 24 Bird City. Someone used a blunt object to break the passenger side window to steal a turn-buckle for a spare tire, tire and wheel size 215/15, a battery, (total value \$530).
- Jan. 4: Criminal damage to property, Burglary of a Motor Vehicle was reported by Calvin Semler at Hwy. 36 and Rd. 20 Bird City. A passenger side rear window was broken. (value \$250).
- Jan. 8: A 2002 Buick driven by Susane Todd, St. Francis was driving north on Denison St. when it slid on the ice and hit 2 mailboxes. The report was made after the vehicle was moved.

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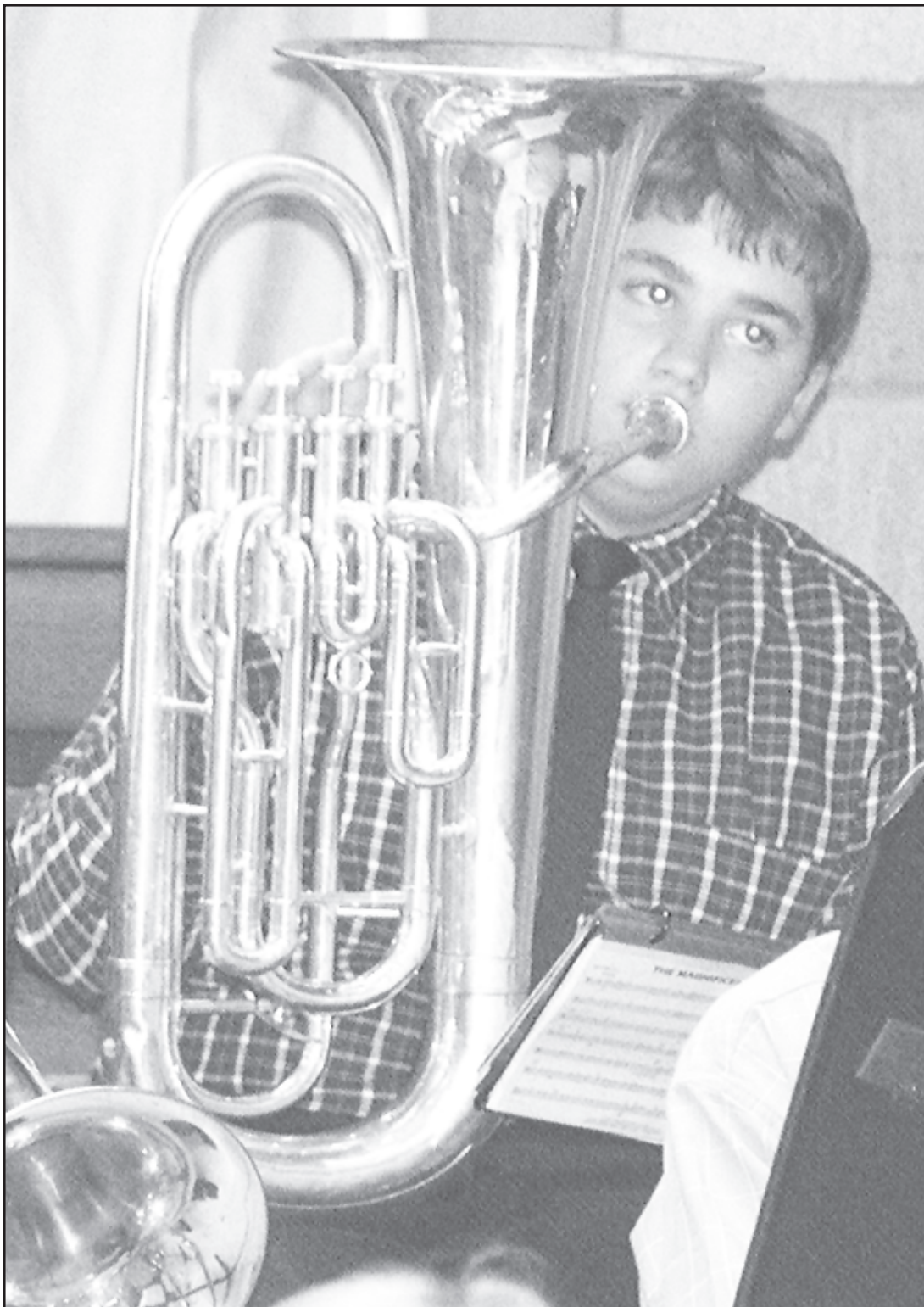
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MITCHELL JENSEN plays his baritone at the game held on Thursday night.
Photo courtesy of Kelly Basnett

Extension Notes By Tye Faulkender

Popular opinion can view sealing windows with plastic to keep out the cold as a stop-gap measure — literally and figuratively.
If properly applied, however, a plastic covering can make a window almost air-tight. It's one of the most effective ways to seal a leaky window.
Storm window design is more for convenience and appearance than for air tightness. Typically, storm windows reduce air leakage through primary windows by about half. But, even the highest quality storm windows will allow air to leak in around the edges.
The major difference between installing plastic on the inside or outside window surface is that maintaining a seal outdoors is more difficult.
Cold temperatures make the plastic brittle. So, when winds also whip the plastic in and out, that often ends up compromising the seal and sometimes tearing the covering.
Except for that, the most important thing to remember when installing a plastic covering is to adhere it to the frame surrounding the window, rather than the sash (frame holding the window pane).

Fortunately, the newer plastics are also very clear when stretched tight. So, you don't have to worry about coverings' reducing your home's appearance. You can heat the special shrink-film types with a blow dryer to shrink the plastic and eliminate all wrinkles — actually making the plastic almost invisible.

Introducing

Cale Evins

It's a boy! J.L. and Carrie Evins, Great Bend wish to announce the birth of a son, Cale Evins on Jan. 6, 2007, in Great Bend Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18 inches long. He had two sisters, Avery and Emma to welcome him home.
Grandparents are Lewis and Audrey Evins, Oakley, Mary George of Ponca City, Okla., Roy George of Manchester, Okla. Great-grandparents are Janetta Evins, St. Francis, Paul and Edna Roesener, McDonald, and James Vowel of Ponca City, Okla.



RENTAL HOUSING IN BIRD CITY
Rental Housing is needed during the construction of the dairy February - September 2007. Rent is paid for by the dairy contractor, Wilhite Dairy.

Rental Housing is needed for dairy employees starting September 2007. Rent & utilities are paid for by Bird City Dairy, Mike & Clay McCarty, owners.

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Company offers to help

Priority Oil & Gas LLC and Energy Outreach Colorado are reaching out to help Cheyenne County residents subsidize their winter utility bills from Nov. 1 through April 30. This is the third year in a row that Priority has come to the aid of low-income Cheyenne County residents.
Robbie Gries, Priority Oil & Gas LLC president and owner, realizes the rising energy costs have created difficulties for some families to meet their winter heating costs. Assistance with part of their energy bill is not available for qualified applicants.
To qualify, a person's combined income (before deductions) of all people living at the address may not exceed the guidelines on the chart below. An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for purchasing heating costs incurred at the residence (payable either to the landlord or to the fuel vendor). The resident must also be a permanent and legal resident of the United States and Cheyenne County.
Household income limits:
Size-1 person, income per month \$1,511; 2 people, income per month \$2,035; 3 people, income per month \$2,559; 4 people, income per month \$3,083; 5 people, income per month \$3,608; 6 people, income per month \$4,132; 7 people, income per month \$4,656; 8 people, income per month \$5,180
Each addition person, \$524 income per month.
* This is an estimate of qualifications for energy assistance.
The Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program does not guarantee energy assistance will be provided.
The Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program applications became available starting Tuesday, Dec. 26 at the following locations:
• St. Francis - Cheyenne County Treasurer's Office, city office and St. Francis Equity Co-op.
• Bird City - city office, Frontier Equity and First National Bank.
• Social Rehabilitation Service agents in Goodland and Colby.
People may also request an application by contacting Priority Oil & Gas LLC at (303-296-3435), e-mail PriorityOG@aol.com or LaRanaLLC@aol.com, or send to P.O. Box 27798, Denver, 80227.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hour, 45 min.

Jan. 19, 20 & 21

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