

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

I'm back!
In the newspaper business, we are often called upon to go to unexpected locations. Well, the last few weeks have found me in the middle of a life-and-death struggle. Problem was, this was my story!
For those of you who may not know, on Good Friday, (April 6), I was Flight for Lived from St. Francis to the Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lonetree, Colo. I was diagnosed with acute Pancreatitis, with a gut full of infection and a primary organ shutting down.
For about a week, I traveled in and out of consciousness. Luckily during these critical days, I had

Lezlie, my mother, brothers Kelly and Mike, sister Becky and her husband Steve at my bedside.
I can't say enough about the staff at Sky Ridge. Although the nurses, doctors and technicians deal with ever-changing herds of sick people and their families, their hard work and genuine concern for each visitor is amazing.
Sure, they saved my life, but they were sure nice about doing it.
I'm not out of the woods yet. My pancreas and other vital organs are on the mend, but it will be several weeks before I'll be operating at top speed for the Times and Herald. Till then I'll keep in touch through Casey's Comments.
P.S. Sure miss you all!

Ag Talk with Jeanne

By Jeanne Falk, K-State Multi-County Agronomist

Jim Shroyer, Kansas State University Research and Extension agronomy state leader, says now's a good time to take a hike through your alfalfa fields and take stock of the damage.
"Where the alfalfa is damaged by freeze, the leaves will probably turn dark, then start falling off a few days later. The plants may also collapse or fall over if the stems are injured."
If you observe this in your alfalfa stands, you may want to mow or shred the plants and let them start all over again. However, Shroyer says that may not always be necessary.
"This should only be done if the growing point clusters are frozen, the new regrowth is occurring only from the base of the plants, and the plants can be cut without damaging the new regrowth," he says. If you're going to mow or shred, set your machinery to leave 2 to 3

inches of stubble to help encourage regrowth. And be aware that freeze-damaged alfalfa that is 6- to 8-inches tall or less will be slower to regrow after mowing and shredding than taller plants.
Bruce Anderson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln forage specialist, said here are some things to watch for on well-established alfalfa stands:
• New growth emerging from the tip. This means plants are recovering and no action is necessary.
• New growth emerging as branches below the tip. This means the growing point was killed, slowing plant development significantly, but recovery is occurring. No action is needed.
• New shoots emerging from crown buds. This means the growing point was killed and very little new growth can be expected from existing shoots. Cut or graze if sufficient growth is available for economical harvest before the new shoots get tall enough to be damaged by the harvest.
Caution: cutting or damaging new regrowth shoots will cause severe, sometimes fatal, damage. If the new regrowth has grown too tall to safely cut the plants, just let the new shoots develop and expect to take the first cutting much later than normal.

Member awarded

Ken Quigley, a member of the St. Francis/Bird City Knights of Columbus Council, was selected as "State Knight" of the month for the month of December. Mr. Quigley has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 53 years and is very active in all the local Knights functions and programs.
For being selected State Knight of the month, he received a plaque and crucifix from the state which was presented to him by district deputy Dick Parnell of Colby.



Cheylin Summer Recreation Softball

Sign up to play Summer Recreation softball now. C-team must have finished the third grade through sixth grade, B-team girls must have finished seventh through twelfth grade. Sign up sheets will be posted in the schools or call Coach Kelly Basnett 785-538-2289.

City Council

Bird City Council will hold their regular monthly meeting on May 7, at 7 pm at the City Hall.

School Board

The Cheylin Board of Education will hold their monthly meeting on May 14, at 7 pm in the meeting room of the high school.

Bird City alumni

The Bird City Alumni Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 26, in the Bird City Legion Hall. The theme is "Thru the Years in 'Record Time'" and the evening will include the High Country Chorus from Denver. Check ad for ticket information.

Tour Planned

A tour of Bird City is being planned by the Class of 1957. A people mover from the Steam Engine Show grounds will be used to provide transportation around the town. Anyone wanting to go along should meet at the Bird City High school at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday May 26.

Bird City Library

"Books Are Fun" selections will be available April 2nd through April 21st, at the Bird City Public Library. New books, CDs and other gift items 30%-60% less than retail prices and the opportunity to help the library earn books and DVDs in the process.

McDonald Legion Garage Sale

The McDonald Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a garage sale Saturday, April 28 to fund repairs to the Legion building. Anyone with items for the sale, contact Marlene Johnson 785-538-2396.

Death Notice

Helen Chumley, Bird City, died Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at her home. Arrangements are pending. Condolence can be sent to P.O. Box 384, Bird City, KS 67731.

Hospital Guild

The Hospital Guild will be holding their Spring Salad Luncheon on Monday, May 7, at the Senior Citizens Center. Susan Roelfs, county health nurse, will present the program.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board

will meet at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 3, at the commissioner's room.

Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. today (Thursday) in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Ladies golf Buddy Night

Ladies golf Buddy Night will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1. Potluck to follow.

Community benefit

A community benefit hamburger feed and bake sale will be held from 11:30 to 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, at the St. Francis Community High School. Money raised will go to assist tornado victims in Cheyenne County. Check ad in this issue.

What's in your water??

The Northwest Local Environmental protection Group would like to remind you to have your private water wells tested, especially with the recent moisture and standing water. The snow melt and recent rain may have allowed contaminants to leach into your well. They

provide free water well testing for nitrates and bacteria. Contact the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group office (785) 462-8636 or your local health department for an appointment.

Prairie Land Food

To participate in the May St. Francis Prairie Land Food program you must place your order by Monday, May 7. Among those names to contact is Lee Nichols at 332-3581 or 3326336. Then come to the First Baptist Church on between 12:30 and 1:30 on May 19.

Salvation Army volunteers needed

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help Cheyenne County. Brian Carroll, Salvation Army Division director, will be in St. Francis at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24 at the St. Francis Equity meeting room.

Western Plains Arts Association

Western Plains Arts Association will be presenting the piano duo of Stephen Varney and Naomi Sanchez at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, at the Cultural Arts Center in Colby.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will

be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 3, at the county clerk's office. You may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

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 Educational 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



CHEYLIN PROM, held Saturday night, brought out the elegance of the young students. shown here is Lincoln Pochop and Jessica Marshall. Times staff photo by Melinda Basnett

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Bird City Alumni Banquet
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Saturday, May 5th
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
McDonald Main Street

- Craft Items
- Garage Sales
- Baked Good & In-Home Businesses featured in the American Legion Hall

☐ Horseshoe Pitching Contest • 1 p.m.
Across from Gazebo (\$5 entry fee, bring your own horseshoes, \$75 awarded to the single and doubles winners)
☐ 2nd Annual Mother/Daughter Tea • 2 p.m.
Senior Center • door prize by Celestial Seasonings
RVSP by April 30 to Johnene Cheney • 785-538-2526
☐ Coin Toss • 3 p.m. • toddlers to 12 years
Senior Center • First 25 kids there can enter
(Grand Prize of \$25 Awarded) Sponsored by Cheney Agency
☐ Karoke • 8 p.m. • The Frosty Mug

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Physician & Professional Service Directory

MAY

- May 1: Dr. Rubinowitz - Oncology
- May 2: Dr. Frankum - Surgeon
- May 2: Dr. Reeves - Podiatrist
- May 10: Dr. Warren - Cardiologist
- May 15: Mammo
- May 16: Dr. Frankum - Surgeon
- May 17: Dr. Warren - Cardiologist
- May 23: Dr. Yuemura - Ophthalmologist
- May 24: Dr. Warren - Cardiologist

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Send a Get Well Card or Thinking of You Card to an inpatient at Cheyenne County Hospital. Go to www.cheyennecountyhospital.com and there is a link on the left side that says Send an E-Card. Click on that link and you can make a card and send it and it will go to an email address at the hospital and will be delivered to the patient. This is a great way to keep in touch with a loved one that is a patient at our hospital.

If you have any questions contact Shawna Blanka.

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