

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

I'm going to get up on my pulpit. But I hope I'm preaching to the choir. This is to the parents out there. Did you notice that the kids went back to school this week?

The tables have turned. Rather than having kids laying on the sofa eating a bag of chips, now they are lined up in rows of desks doing their studies.

The teachers and students may not be thrilled about the change, but, for most parents, it's good to have empty homes during the day.

Back to my sermon. The schools in this county deserve attention on the great job they do in preparing our kids for the future.

I grew up in the Jefferson County schools in metropolitan Denver during the 1960s and 1970s. At the time, it was the largest school district in Colorado and had a good numbers

of student's graduating. For the most part, I was ready for college. One problem was that the schools I attended were huge, compared to Cheylin and St. Francis. I often felt that I was a "number" and easily floated through classes doing minimal work. There is an advantage to smaller schools. If a child is willing to put in the effort, they will have more opportunities to succeed.

From a personal standpoint, I was a substitute teacher in Bird City for the first couple years I lived here. I was impressed with the school's system and I think the state requirements for graduation are above average. The same can be said for St. Francis Schools.

Our schools are doing a quality job and, as with most things in life, our kids will get out of it what they put into it.

School Menu

Monday 8/27

Breakfast: Sausage Cheese scones, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: Chicken fajitas, Vegetable, salad bar, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday 8/28

Breakfast: french toast, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: sausage gravy & biscuits, cheese cubes, salad bar, fruit, milk

Wednesday 8/29

Breakfast: english muffin, boiled egg, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: spaghetti and meat sauce, bread sticks, salad bar, fruit, milk

Thursday 8/30

Breakfast: egg/cheese biscuit, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: deli turkey sandwich, french fries, salad bar, fruit, milk

College News

Fort Hays State

Dean Steven Trout of Fort Hays State University's Graduate School, has released the names of more than 100 students who completed requirements for master's and education specialist's degrees during the

2007 spring semester. Kiedra Riedel, St. Francis, received a master's in speech-language pathology. Suzan Moyer, McDonald, received a master's in education administration.



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Bulletin Board

Ice cream social

A Community Ice Cream Social to meet new neighbors is being held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Shelter House in the Bird City Park.

Soap scrimmage

Friday, an open volleyball practice will be held at 6 p.m. and the football scrimmage at 7:30. Admission is

sports drinks, shampoo, or soap (preferably liquid body wash).

Booster club will be serving sloppy joes and hot dogs from 6 to 9 p.m. See ad for more information.

Kansans For Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet for a potluck picnic at the Shrine Shelter, Courthouse Park, in St. Francis, Monday, Aug. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Drinks and table service will be provided. All are invited to join in praying, dining, learning, and fellowshiping as we work together to provide "Life for All."

Bird City Senior Center

Bird City Senior Center will host its monthly pot luck Monday, Aug. 27, at 12 p.m. The health nurse will speak at the meeting.

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 Education 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

Wages

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medical service director, asked for 5 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made.

However, as soon as they were out of session, she told about the intravenous class which had been planned for emergency medical technicians. She said that three out of the seven technicians who had planned to take the class could not take the class at this time.

The law is changing and technicians wanting to take the class later will be required to take over twice as much training. Mrs. Bowers was wanting to get these technicians certified before the law went into effect.

Mr. Beikman suggested that she call emergency medical directors in surrounding counties to see if they would be interested in sending someone. Mrs. Bowers said she already had and there were none interested.

The commissioners agreed that the cost \$7,000 to \$8,000 for only four to take the class was too much.

Appraiser's office

County Appraiser Randy Sangster told the commissioners about the new Orion software appraisal system. This new system is to be fully implemented by 2010.

Karen Flemming, appraiser's office employee, had resigned. Applicants for filling the position were discussed. Mr. Sangster talked about hiring a person for part-time work, then discussed applicants for the position vacated by Karen Flemming. After

discussion, it was a consensus to hire a full-time person and train that person to be deputy appraiser.

In other business

- In other business: Clerk Miller was granted approval to attend a "Working With Abstracts" training in Hays.
- Danny Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, was given approval to attend a West District Weed Director's Association meeting in Kearny County.
- Mr. Ketzner's name will be sent in to serve on the six-county Water District Committee.
- Mr. Ketzner had also talked to head of the highway department in this area about getting a turning lane at the dairy site east of Bird City. He had been informed that there was very little chance of getting the lane.
- Mr. Ketzner said he and other residents were concerned as there will be a lot of traffic in that area because of the dairy and the school bus will be traveling that highway several times a day.
- Prairie dog control was once again discussed. The commissioners will be looking into laws and talking to different counties before October when the law allows for commercial poisoning of the animals.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Stretch food dollars

"The Prairie Land Food project has become a ministry for the communities of St. Francis and Bird City helping to stretch dollars with a monthly grocery package and volunteer projects," said Lee Nichols, local contact person for the organization.

Volunteer projects range from assisting other residents, church and community projects and 4-H leadership. Boy Scouts leaders, visiting homebound friends, writing letters to the armed service overseas, and many other events

"This month peaked volunteer hours a month with 769 hours," Ms. Nichols. "To date, nearly 103 residents in Saint Francis, Bird City and Haigler have been participants with the number each month varying from 35 to 55."

Prairie Land Food is a not-for-profit organization that offers a monthly grocery package to those who volunteer any time in the community. The package include a wide assortment of frozen meats, fresh fruits and vegetables of the quality seen in many grocery stores. Up to 40 to 50-percent off retail food costs is saved.

The program does not have income-level restrictions, is not a charity, is not government based, is not second-hand food, and is not a handout. Participants are not asked to fill out any application forms.

"It is a fun and inventive way to offer family food at a low cost," Ms. Nichols said, "and it is a good feeling to volunteer time in helping others."

In addition to basic food packages, participants can also buy additional meat only and/or fruits and vegetables as well as three different specials each month. An extra hour of volunteer service is required for each of these selections.

The volunteer possibilities are only limited by time and imagination. The sign-up deadline this month was Aug. 13 but anyone wishing to see the program in progress is welcome between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the First Baptist Church. Anyone desiring to register at that time for the items on the September list can do so. The deadline for registration next month is Sept. 10 with pick up on Sept. 22.

For further information contact Ms. Nichols, 785-332-3581. If a list of other towns which participate is desired contact Linda Hagan, phone 800-298-1989



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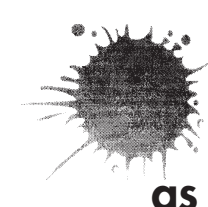
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- * Billing will be done by Cheyenne County Hospital
- * Payments will be made to the Cheyenne County Hospital, P O Box 547, Saint Francis, KS 67756
- * New installations contact Shawna at the Cheyenne County Hospital

Thanks to Millie Glasco and Cheyenne County Care Outreach for all of their help and assistance to make this transfer successful!

If you have any questions please contact Shawna at 785-332-2104

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224 wheat head; 843 John Deere 8-row Cornhead, SN 407062; 853A John Deere 8-row Row Head, SN478970

1994 John Deere 8770 Tractor, 4WD, 24 spd trans., 3 pnt., 2 hyds., 18.4R42 duals, 2,997 hrs., SN H002280.

1986 John Deere 4450 Tractor w/quad range trans., triple hyd., 3 pnt., axle mount duals, 540/1000 PTO, 18.4-38 tires, 5,273 hrs., SN P022566.

1983 John Deere 4850 Front Wheel Assist Tractor, triple hyd., 3 pnt., 15 spd Power Duty Industrial Cherry Picker; 1100 gal Shift trans., 1000 PTO, 18.4R42 rear tires, fuel tank w/110 Tulhill Pump, diesel. 16.9-28 front tires, 7556 hrs., SN P002452. 500 gal gas tank w/110 Pump; 300 gal. diesel tank on stand; Oliver Superior Manure Spreader, Shedded; 4-Row Ing, 450 PTO, live power, 13.6 - 38 rear tires. Marker; Several Oil Cans, 5 gal. qt.; Sewing, 400 PTO, always been shedded, 2090 hrs., SN6204123.

1980 International 1800 Truck w/MV 404 Motor, 5 spd/2 spd trans., 51,117 mi., 22' Midwest Steel box & Schwartz low-pro hoist. w/tandem axle, lift tag axle, 9.00-20 tires, good rubber, w/CoverUp roll over tarp, holds 650 bu.

1974 Chevrolet C65 Truck w/ 366 engine, 3922; 6" Post Hole digger, 3 pnt.; Cultivator Shanks; Furrow Openers.

54,307 mi. w/20' Midwest Steel box w/ Gallion double ram hoist w/stabilizer, G&A Mfg. Roll over tarp, holds 600 bu.

1996 Ford F250 XLT pickup w/7.3 liter power stroke diesel engine, 5 spd trans., extended cab, long box, 2WD, 55,356 mi.

John Deere 700 8-Row Planter w/ insecticide boxes & monitor, SN061752A.

650T A&L Grain Cart 1000 PTO w/17' Extension & Roll over tarp, 700 bu. w/hyd. shut off, tandem axle.

26' Krause Chisel w/Harrows, Model 732A, SN2326.

42' Quinstar Fallow Master w/ Winstar pickers, 271" sweeps, Model FM6, SN FM8807071.

30' JD Rotary Hoe w/Transports, 3 pnt., Model 400.

5'x6' Flex King Sweeps w/ old style pickers w/ Anhydrous Attachments & Liquid Fertilizer attachments, SN 005620.

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