

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

I like that we live in a quiet corner of the state. Usually time passes along at as leisurely a pace as possible these days.

But not this week as Gov. Kathleen Sebelius came to Cheyenne County for a tour of three farms.

Kansas Farm Bureau hosted the event which kicked off at the fairgrounds. Locals gathered for a little breakfast with the Governor before climbing on buses. Three es-

tablissements were visited: the Melvin Schlepp, Roger Zweygard and Douthitt Brother's Farms.

Different farming practices were discussed and people got a chance to see Gov. Sebelius.

I don't know how much this opportunity will have on the scope of things in northwest Kansas once the governor returns to Topeka. But, ideally, it will help her remember that this quiet corner of the state does exist.

Bulletin Board

Bird City Community Club
Bird City Community Club will meet Monday, Sept 10, at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall

After-school program

An after-school program for all youth, kindergarten through 12th grade, will take place between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday in September, beginning Sept. 5, at the Methodist Church.

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 2 pm. on Friday, Sept. 7, at the Legion hall lounge.

Bird City Senior Center monthly birthday party

The Bird City Senior Center monthly birthday party will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10. A business meeting is scheduled for

Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group

Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10 at the St. Francis Public Library.

All those who have a loved one or friend with Alzheimer's or similar symptoms, or who have questions are welcome to attend.

Farm Bureau meeting

The annual Cheyenne County Farm Bureau meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the high school in St. Francis. The Century Farm Family is the Isernhagen family; Cheyenne County Farm Family is Shawn and Shawna Blanka. Speaker for the evening is Mike Matson, director of Farm Bureau communications and public relations, will speak on rural development.

Historical Society plans Breaks tour

Mark Sunday, Sept. 9, on the calendars! A special Breaks tour, led by Tobe Zweygard, is scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. Call 332-2504 or 332-3569 to reserve a seat on the bus. At noon a potluck picnic will be held at the River Walk, weather permitting. The Historical Society will provide drinks and paper goods.

Input needed

Community input is needed! Why is Ye Ole Country Church important? What should be done to pre-

serve it? Leave ideas at the Cheyenne County Museum, U.S. 36; or *The Herald* office; or send to Box 611, St. Francis; or call 332-3569.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday), at the commissioner's room in the courthouse.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday) 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.

Prairie Land Food

Registration deadline for Prairie Land for September is Monday, Sept. 10. Call Lee Nichols, (785) 332-3581, for further information.

Time change for food distribution

Prairie Land food distribution will be from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Sept. 22.

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.

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 please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4642



Cindy Burr, owner, and Cheryl Weishap hang items at 2nd Beginnings, a thrift shop, which opened September 3.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Work to begin on steps

By Karen Krien

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The front steps leading up to the Cheyenne County Courthouse have been closed since before the end of the year because they had been deemed unsafe. At the Friday meeting, the commissioners met with a representative who will oversee the rebuilding of the steps.

Following the commissioners closing the steps to the south entrance of the courthouse, Greg Kite, former resident and president of the Sedgwick Historical Society, had contacted the commissioners telling them that the courthouse could be eligible for a grant to replace the steps to the original condition.

Mr. Kite, who is also a lawyer, wrote and submitted the grant to the Kansas Historical Society. Within weeks, the commissioners were informed that they had been awarded the grant which would pay for the majority of the costs and the county would provide what it would have cost to rebuild the steps with concrete or around \$20,000.

Eric Johnson with Campbell and Johnson, an engineering company out of Concordia, was hired to oversee the steps job. Mr. Johnson told the commissioners that the county was fortunate to have the original blue prints and, with those drawings, the steps will be brought back to their original state.

After going through some of the construction process, the commissioners approved the plans and the notice asking for bids is published in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

Mr. Johnson recommended hiring a main contractor. The bid deadline will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 16. He noted that, just because a bid is the lowest, the bidder may not qualify for the job and it will not be awarded to that person. He also said that the contractor will be required to be bonded.

If the weather holds, the concrete base may be poured before the high temperatures drop below 40 degrees. Then the stone will be laid in the spring.

Menu

Monday 9/10

Breakfast: oatmeal fruit, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: taco bites, vegetables, salad bar, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday 9/11

Breakfast: sausage gravy & biscuit, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: pizza, dessert, salad bar, fruit, milk

Wednesday 9/12

Breakfast: pop-tarts, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: oven fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, salad bar, fruit, milk

Thursday 9/13

Breakfast: breakfast burrito, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: hamburger on a bun, curly fries, salad bar, fruit, milk

Bierocks special in September

Becky's Bierocks, St. Francis, will be the first special featured on the September menu for Prairie Land Food

The bierock special will be six individually wrapped hamburger and cheese bierocks. This food item has been popular in Cheyenne County and surrounding areas for several years.

Prairie Land is a non-denominational, non-profit organization. It offers a meat assortment consisting of five to six items and a vegetable and fruit assortment of five to six items at reduced cost with two hours of volunteer hours each month.

In addition to the basic food pack each month, two to three specials are offered.

The second September special will be a 5-pound box of 6-ounce center cut pork chops and the third special will be six 8-ounce KC strip steaks. Specials are an optional item that can be purchased, in addition to the basic food pack, along with an extra hour of volunteer service. Participants can pick and choose one, two or all three specials.

Bulletins are posted throughout St. Francis, Bird City and Haigler.

Bird City residents may register through Treva Henry. Mrs. Henry picks up and returns those food

packs to Bird City to be picked up.

Change

An important change to consumers will be the hours to pick up the products at the First Baptist Church. The time, beginning in September, will be changed to 12:30 to 1 p.m. Every effort is made to deliver the frozen products quickly. When enough orders are received each month the delivery truck will come to St. Francis. Until that time, they are picked up at a Goodland site by local volunteers.

Items not picked up on the day of distribution will be donated to someone else. They cannot be held over.

Further information can be obtained from organizer, Lee Nichols, 785-332-3581 or 785-332-6336 or at any registration site in St. Francis, Bird City or Haigler. Copies of monthly bulletins are available from Ms. Nichols by contacting her at lovelee3978@sbglobal.net.



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centuryii@bcks.net

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Dance
Saturday, Sept. 15
Riverside Recreation
8 p.m. - ??
DJ: Scott King
~ Sponsored by Cheyenne County Hospital ~
Golf Tournament that morning!

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Bourne Ultimatum
Rating: PG 13 for irreverent humor throughout

Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
Children 11 & under: \$2 12-18 yr.: \$3 Senior Citizens: \$3 Adults: \$4

Thank you
St. John Lutheran Church and Bird City and Phyllis for the gift and visit. We enjoyed and appreciated both.
Gerald and Flora Beedy

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

Health Fair for Men and Women
St. Francis: Monday, Sept. 10 & Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. daily.
Cheyenne County Clinic basement.
Bird City Clinic: Wednesday, Sept. 12 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.

- No appointment needed
- PLEASE REMEMBER TO FAST FOR THE CHEM PANEL LAB TEST (nothing to eat or drink except water after your evening meal)

Two Lab exams available
Lab Profile: Chemistry Panel (with TSH & Lipid panel), PSA, CBC.

Lab Fee:
Chemistry Panel with TSh & Lipid \$35
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Fee due at time of service. Will not be billed to insurance.

Men & Women's Exam Schedule:
Exam: Tuesday & Wednesday, Sept. 18 & 19
Wednesday, Sept. 19
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Daily
Location: Cheyenne County Clinic

Exam Fee: Female exam \$25
Male Exam \$25
Contact Clinic at 785-332-2682 for further information