

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

The winds of change are sweeping across Cheyenne County. This week the Bird City Dairy, located along U.S. 36, east of Bird City, begins production. After years of planning and preparation, the facility is finally ready to start milking cows. Stainless steel harnesses wait to hold the bovines. Some folks around here are happy and others are not. On one side of the fence are people who believe progress is needed to keep this county afloat. On the other stands locals who don't want change. Hopefully the two will live in peace. The fact is the dairy is here and change is inevitable. Even before the dairy opened new students appeared at the Cheylin schools. After years of declining enrollment, empty desks were filled. On the first day of school an air of change filled the halls. Instead of worrying about how long the shrinking classrooms could avoid being combined or worse, consolidated with another school, a sense of hope prevailed.

There have also been skeptics who fear that the dairy will not succeed, leaving Bird City in a desperate situation. I doubt this will happen. On several visits to the dairy during its construction I've met with two of the McCarty family who will own and operate the business: father, Tom, and his son, Mike. Each time I saw them they were either moving silage with a massive front-end loader, working directly with building crews or up to their elbows in dirt and grease fixing equipment. Coming from several generations of laboring with dairy cows in Pennsylvania and Kansas, this is what the McCarty clan knows. While waiting for a part on a tractor Tom was repairing, I got a rare moment to visit with the elder McCarty. "We're finicky about our cows and how they're treated," said Mr. McCarty. I imagine the McCarty's are finicky about more than just their cows. I think they care about their new community and the changes that are coming.

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

Fall is right around the corner. I love fall, sports begin, the leaves turn colors, and we begin reviewing the current year's progress and planning for the next year. As one of the four panelists last week at the Governor's Farm and Ranch Tour, it was a privilege to represent Bird City and the Foundation, and give a presentation on the impact of wealth retention on rural development. I made contact that day with individuals across Kansas and have received many calls with comments and compliments on the work of the Foundation and some with additional project and administrative advice for the Foundation.

The cows are here! It's Tuesday and the cows are beginning to arrive at the Bird City Dairy. All I could do was smile and sigh, it's been less than two years since we first talked with the McCarty's about the possibility of a dairy in the Bird City area, and now it's a reality. As anxious as we all are to see the operations of the dairy, the McCarty's ask that anyone wanting to visit wait for a few weeks to let them get everything in order. We will let you know when we get the open house and tour schedule set. Many trucks with cows and feed will be in and out of the dairy site, so please use caution when driving by as well.

School Menu

Monday 9/17

Breakfast: ham & cheese stromboli, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: frito chile pie, cinnamon roll, salad bar, fruit, milk

Tuesday 9/18

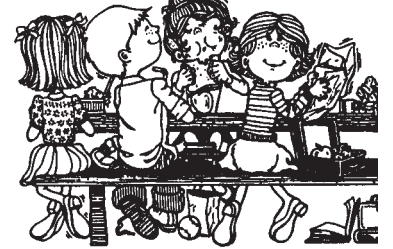
Breakfast: sausage biscuit, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: pigs in a blanket, chips, salad bar, fruit, milk

Wednesday 8/19

Breakfast: waffles, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: beef nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, bread, salad bar, fruit, milk

Thursday 8/20

Breakfast: sausage scrambled eggs, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: barbecue rib sandwich, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit, milk



Home Circle Club
The Home Circle Club will have its regular monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Lebow Manor. Norma Butcher will be the hostess.

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 at the Methodist Church.

Recycling news
Don't throw those plastic bags in the trash. Take them and other recyclables, to the Bird City Recycle Site on Third and Demick Streets.

Board and Advisory Council meeting
The board of directors and the advisory council of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging will meet at 10 a.m. on Sept. 18 at the Q-Inn in Quinter.

For more information, call the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

Cheyenne County Commissioners
The commissioners will meet at 8

a.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

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. Thursday, Sept. 20, 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.

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.

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

Obituary

Lela Berniece (Soule) Smith

July 12, 1921 - Aug. 17, 2007
Lela Berniece Soule was born on July 12, 1921, to Linus Breece and Clara May Soule of Wray, Colo., and lived there for several years. She had two brothers, Charles and John, and six sisters, Hazel, Evelyn, Edna, Nola, Laura and Lenice.

She was a soft-spoken woman with a heart of gold. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Lela was preceded in death by her parents, Linus and Clara Soule, seven siblings, her son, Larry and granddaughter, Barbara.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Clyde of St. Francis; her sister, Nola Dillon of Denver; her children, Robert and wife, Berneta Smith of Haigler; James and wife, Kathleen Smith of Wray, Shirley Smith of St. Francis, Janice and husband, Aaron Irwin of Haigler, Ronald Smith of St. Francis, Patricia and husband, Jim Leisure of Bird City; her grandchildren, Brenda Warren of St. Francis, Janelle Myotte of Yuma, Colo., Michelle Jones of Wray, Tyler Smith of Wray, Kellie Simeon of McCook, Neb., Shellie Felzien of Atwood, Stacie Gillette of Colorado Springs; her great-grandchildren, Shawn and Scott Warren of St. Francis, Jolissa Wiggins of Yuma, Darrian and Clay Jones of Wray and Makayla Simeon of McCook.

Funeral services were held Aug. 22 at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis with Pastor Dan Carson officiating.

Honorary pall bearers were granddaughters, Janelle Myotte, Michelle Jones, Stacie Gillette, Brenda Warren, Kellie Simeon and Shellie Felzien.

Casketbearers were Robert Smith, Jim Smith, Ron Smith, Aaron Irwin, Tyler Smith and Lee Simeon.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis. Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Couple announces engagement plans

Megan Fredrickson and Webb Antholz are planning an Oct. 20, wedding at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Minden, Neb.

Parents of the couple are Terry and Marie Nelson of Minden and Eric and Melody Antholz of Riverton, Neb.

Megan is a 2002 graduate of Minden High School. She is employed by State Farm Insurance Company in Minden.

Webb is a 2001 graduate of Franklin Public School and a 2003 graduate from Southeast Community College of Milford with an associate's degree in John Deere Tech. He is employed by Landmark Implement in Minden.



Fredrickson — Antholz

Club Clip

American Legion Auxiliary August
The American Legion Auxiliary held their August meeting on Aug. 10, at the home of Keith and Hulda Dorsch. This was the annual membership meeting and members had a very delicious breakfast cooked and served by Hulda Dorsch, president. The tables were nicely decorated with patriotic candles, red tablecloths and lovely dishes. There were 14 members present and one guest.

This was a great time of eating and fellowship to begin the new year. At this meeting, the Auxiliary had the installation of officers. Then they talked about some of the plans for this next year. The members will again be making neck coolers for the Support Our Servicemen project. If you are eligible to join, the members would like for you to attend the September meeting. They will begin planning projects and sharing ideas for upcoming events.

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Ann Marie Styles
Administrative Assistant
Ann Marie and her husband, Gary, live in Bird City. Gary is a lineman for Prairie Land Electric.

Colleen Shrader is the Foundation's student assistant for the 2007-2008 school year.

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Time: 10:00 a.m. C.T.
Place: Rawlins County Courthouse, Atwood
Property Address: 401 Republic, McDonald, KS

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Colby, KS 67701 PH. 785-462-7671 (4)

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Health Fair for Men and Women

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

Exam Fee: Female Exam \$25
Male Exam \$25

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