



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Before I moved to Cheyenne County I visited the area a few times. On one trip I was talking to a farmer who gave me some advice.

"A man will get along fine here," he said, "as long as he's willing to help his neighbors when they are in need."

Not only is that good advice but that mentality is embodied every day by the volunteer firemen of the county.

Nothing against the professional firefighters of the cities. They put their lives on the lines daily to serve and protect others.

But the rural fireman wears a different hat.

Often it is a ballcap with an implement dealer's logo or a sturdy cowboy hat.



He might be a business man, store owner or even a crop duster. But he is never a fireman by trade.

And when the alarm sounds he is quick to gear up and head out.

Whether it is an accident on the highway, fire in a distant field or other emergency, these men put their own safety second, just to help out a friend or stranger.

You won't find a better neighbor.

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

This past weekend we took my mom to a corn maze and pumpkin patch for her birthday with all of her grandkids. She was a happy grandma, riding the hay wagon, winding through the corn maze, climbing hay bales, etc.

As we were at the pumpkin patch, us 'big kids' were discussing the financial opportunity the owners have. I looked at them and said "Yes, this is called agritourism!"

Agritourism is when the public visits any agricultural operation for enjoyment, outdoor recreation, activities, education, shopping, dining or lodging. Such activities can include working their way through a corn/cane maze, hunt and fish on farm property, stay overnight in a

rural bed and breakfast, sip wine as the sun sets at a winery, feed a baby goat at the petting zoo area, pick a pumpkin from a patch, or take a pony ride...the list is endless!

The income generated from this agritourism venture can help sustain the rural way of life and help keep more producers on our Kansas lands.

Could you stand to increase your annual income by a few thousand dollars in a few weeks of extra work? If you are interested in learning more about agritourism, check out the website www.kansasagritourism.org, or stop by to visit and review the starter manual for Growing Agritourism in Kansas that I have in my office. I can't wait to hear your ideas and help you get started!

Final race held for fall

The final race for the Norton Motocross track was held on Sept. 16 and the Clayton Janicke family was there.

The day was a great day for Walker as he finished in first place in both motos, giving him the overall win for the day. This is his second first place trophy this year.

"He really rode well all day," said his mother Lori Janicke.

She added that Devon didn't have as good of a day with a fifth-place finish overall.

"He is in a very tight points race with two other boys so each position is critical for him as the year comes to a close," she said

Jordan finished with a good third-place finish. He is also in a tough-points competition. The points races are coming down to the wire



WALKER JANICKE finished first place in both motos.

for all the boys, but are especially close for Devon and Jordan.

Veterans memorabilia wanted

The St. Francis Public Library would like to have a display of veterans' pictures or memorabilia's during the month of November. Please share yours. Leave items at the library for hanging or display. Call 332-2766 for more information.

Benefit dinner

A benefit spaghetti dinner will be held for Johnny Eggers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church parish hall in Bird City. Since he became will a year ago, Johnny has numerous doctor bills and other expenses

Memorial golf tournament

The Terry Brenner Memorial Backwards golf tournament will be held on Sunday with breakfast at 10 a.m. and tee off at 11 a.m.

Canner gauge testing

Pressure Canner Gauge Testing will be available in the Cheyenne County Extension Office Oct. 22 through 29. It is a good idea to have your canner gauge checked once a year. All that is needed for the test is your lid and gauge. Please call 785-332-3171 with any questions.

Development annual meeting

The Cheyenne County Development Corporation will hold an annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, in the new computer lab at the St. Francis Community High School. The public is welcome to attend.

Cemetery Tour

Many people were disappointed that the Eastern Cheyenne County Cemetery Tour was canceled last Sunday because of the weather. The good news is that it will be rescheduled in the spring.

Hospital Guild

The Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5, at the Senior Center. Dr. Melvin Dunn will speak on "Dental Care for the Aged." Hostesses will be Alice Lampe and Eileen Nolan.

Historical Society

Members of the Historical Society are asked to vote in the election on Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Museum.

Elmer Kellner reports the following candidates for board positions: President Lea Keller and Milton Lampe; Vice President Janet Carman; Secretary Dee Dorsch; Trustee Debbie Harper and Helene Landenberger (three years); Trustee Marcia Hickert (one year). There will be nominations from the floor.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1, at the commissioner's room.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Wheeler Equity meeting

The annual Wheeler Equity stockholders' meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31, in the St. Francis Community High School cafeteria. One director will be elected.

Those planning to attend need to call 785-332-2281 by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, so the staff can plan for the amount of food needed for the meal.

Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.

The November meeting falls on Thanksgiving so the board moved it to Monday, Nov. 19.

Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development annual meeting

The Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development annual meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 6, at the Americinn, Cole/Specter Conference Center on I-70 and Highway 281 in Russell. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7 p.m., followed by the evening's speaker.

All individuals interested in economic development for north-west Kansas are encouraged to attend. For reservations, contact Ruth Deines at (785) 421-2151 or email nwkpdc@ruraltel.net by Nov. 2.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, 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.

Obituary

Cleo Orval Beeson

Sept. 4, 1915 - Oct. 19, 2007

Cleo Orval Beeson, 92, son of Earl and Mary (Penn) Beeson, was born near Parks, Neb., on Sept. 4, 1915. He died on Oct. 19, 2007, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center, Goodland, Kan.

He attended country school near Bird City. On Dec. 1, 1937, Cleo married Melba Munyon at her parent's home north of Bird City. This union was blessed with four children Lonnie, Karen, Ronald and Robert. Their first born, Lonnie died when he was two weeks old.

They lived on a farm near Bird City for five years before moving to a farm near Kanorado in March of 1942. In September 1945, the family moved into Kanorado and owned a repair shop there for many years where he worked on tractors, cars and farm implements. In addition

to the garage, Cleo and his brother, Lee, ran the dray line, hauling freight and coal to area businesses in town.

Cleo also worked at the Kanorado elevator several years and helped area farmers during harvest.

In 1968, Cleo and Melba moved to a farm southeast of Kanorado where they raised cattle and raised both irrigated and dry land crops.

In 1989, Cleo and Melba bought the Creston Cramer farm near Kanorado, where they lived until August of this year.

Cleo enjoyed the time he spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and had great patience with them. When they were on the farm, Cleo taught all of the grandchildren how to drive and operate the farm equipment including the combine.

He understood well the principles

of mechanics, electricity and hydraulics and passed his knowledge, aptitude and skills on to his children and grandchildren.

Preceding Cleo in death were his parents; his son, Lonnie; two brothers, Carl and Lee; two sisters, Rena Beeson Propernick and Lola DeLongChamp and five brothers-in-law, John Propernick, Joe DeLongchamp, Arnold Munyon, Levere Munyon and Duke Furst.

Surviving family members include his loving wife, Melba; daughter, Karen and her husband, Gary Coon of Goodland; two sons, Ronald Beeson and his wife, Jeanie of Kanorado, and Robert Beeson and his wife, Marlene, of Newton. Also surviving are his brother, Clinton Beeson and his wife, Phyllis of Englewood, Colo., and his sister Ruth Kretzel and her husband, Warren of Denver, Colo.; sisters-in-law, Betty Beeson of Bird City, and Dorothy Furst of Frisco, Texas; seven grandchildren, their spouses, 16 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Monday, Oct. 22, at the Kanorado United Methodist Church with Rev. Leonard Cox officiating. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Club Clip

The Go-Getters 4-H club had their Oct. meeting on Oct. 2. The club enjoyed pizza casserole.

President Aryn Sturgeon called the meeting to order and Secretary Isaac Sturgeon took roll Call.

Ten members, four guests and five parents answered to "How many projects did you take to the fair."

Treasurer Craig Busse gave the treasurer's report.

In old business all the members handed in their record books and Achievement pin applications.

In new business the club nominated Aryn Sturgeon for the Dale

Shoemaker award; Elizabeth Keltz for the Kevin Wright award; the Sturgeon family for the 4-H family of the year award; and Nick Ketzner as the Friend of 4-H award.

The club members voted to sponsor a trophy for the fair.

The club is responsible for decorating for the Achievement Banquet on November 11, in St. Francis.

The members will be electing officers at the next meeting.

Song leader Rachel Keltz led the club in "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

The meeting was adjourned.

Reporter, Isaac Sturgeon

Heritage Corner Cafe

785-734-2275 ~ 104 W. Bressler ~ Bird City

2nd Anniversary Celebration

SPECIALS

16 oz. Milk Shake	\$1.95	Oct. 26th
1 Dip Sundae	\$1.10	thru
Quarter Pounder w/Fries add Cheese	\$3.45	Oct. 31st
	\$3.70	

Open Saturday • 9 a.m. ~ 2 p.m.

Daily drawings for free lunch buffet. Browse the Emporium & see what's new!

Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Sat., Oct. 27 • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

American Legion Hall ~ Bird City

SOMETHING NEW: Kid's Craft Corner -

For \$5, your kids can have fun making their own crafts while you shop!

Lunch will be Available

Contact: Barb Smith 785-734-2421

The Bird City Community Club is Hostings a

Halloween Party & Soup Supper

Wed., Oct. 31 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Legion Hall ~ Bird City

Wear your costumes & bring your pumpkins to enter in the Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest!!

Bird City Century II

Development Foundation

785-734-2556 centuryii@bcks.net

"A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE BIRD CITY COMMUNITY."

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 39 min.

Oct. 26, 27 & 28

Action/Adventure, Science Fiction/Fantasy and Adaptation

The Seeker

Starring: Emma Lockhart, Alexander Ludwig, Ian McShane, Gregory Smith, Austin Vaccaro

Rating: PG for fantasy action and some scary images.

CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

Denver Broncos Ticket Giveaway

Win 2 tickets to see the Denver Broncos host the Tennessee Titans on Monday Night Football, November 19 in Denver!

Tickets include overnight lodging

(Must be 18 years or older to win. Kids can sign up your parents!)

Register at

Hometown Market

112 W. Bressler, Bird City
785-734-2050

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

Cheyenne County Hospital Open House

Sunday, November 11 2-4 p.m. CT

Meet the New Providers:
~ Dr. Rebecca Allard ~
~ Tyler Raile, PA-C ~
~ Kristle Neuhalfen, PA-C ~

Tour the hospital and see the new ambulance entrance, patient room lifts, new equipment and the physical therapy area including the Aquatic Therapy pool.

Please come to the main front hospital entrance

Mitchell Howard is Proud to Announce the Birth of his New Baby Sister

KYLA BRIELLE HOWARD

She was born Oct. 8, 2007 at 11 p.m. at Dundy County Hospital. Kyla weighed 8 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Parents are Chris & Dana Howard, Bird City. Grandparents are Dennis & Lila Howard and Brian & Connie Sabatka all of McDonald. Great-Grandparents are Gayle Loker, and Raymond & Marlene Johnson and Agnes Sabatka all of Atwood.

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