



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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I'd like to say "hello" to Steve Colantoni in Parsippany, N.J. Although we have never met, I feel like we have a common bond.

Mr. Colantoni subscribes to the *Bird City Times*.

To some it may not seem like a big deal, but I get excited knowing that our two papers in Cheyenne County go such great distances.

Being a transplant, I still see wonder in the everyday happenings around Bird City and St. Francis. And I know I'm not alone.

People in other places look at the paper as a way of connecting with our rural community. By seeing a familiar name or looking at a photograph, it practically puts them here on the prairie.

I took a quick look at the subscription books for *The Bird City Times* and *The St. Francis Herald*

and was surprised at all the out-of-state homes we go to.

Not to do shame to Johnny Cash but "We go to...Grand Rapids, Minn., Bristol, Conn., Aberdeen, S.D., Rio Rancho, N.M., Flowery Branch, Ga., Fairfax, Va., Lake Charles, La., Plano, Texas, Wacondo, Ill., Scottsdale, Ariz., Eugene, Ore., Dothan, Ala., Oceanside, Calif., Hideaway, Texas, Angola, Ind., Rudolph, Wis., Jonesboro, Ark., Tullahoma, Tenn., Troutdale, Ore., Orange, Maine, Massillon, Ohio, Yardley, Pa., Hot Springs, Ark., and Broken Arrow, Utah."

In the "Lower 48" we stretch from Washington down to Florida and big cities like Los Angeles to New York.

So, for our local residents, next time you visit family or friends and let us know at the paper, it's going to be shared in places far and wide.

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

Rumor: a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin usually spread by word of mouth. But how do rumors get started? Well, I guess rumors give us something to talk about rather than the weather. The latest rumor I heard was that the Northwest Kansas Housing project homes are all spoken for and there is a list to prove this.

Fact: a piece of information about circumstances that exist or events that have occurred. The City of Bird City is working with Northwest Kansas Housing on an application to build 2 single family homes and 2 duplex units. If this application is approved, then construction on these homes could begin in September 2008. These homes are moderate income housing, meaning the approved renter has to be 50-60% of median in-

come for the Cheyenne County area.

There currently is not a waiting list for these homes, so if you are interested in the single family homes or duplex units, please contact Jana at City Hall (734-2616) or Cathy at Bird City Century II (734-2556) for an application within the next 2 weeks, as applications are due February 1, 2008. (The more applications we have, the stronger the project application will be for Northwest Kansas Housing to the State of Kansas. All completed applications are kept confidential, as you will mail them directly to Northwest Kansas Housing, Inc.)

As always, if you have any questions or project ideas, please stop by the office at 107 West Bressler or give me a call!

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Calvin Semler, Bird City; Dan Sowers, Bird City; Genevieve Desmarcis, Moxee, Wash.; Vera Mueller, Bird City; Robin Griebel, Hays; Debbie

Grace, St. Francis; Connie Zertas, Hot Springs Village Arz; Elaine Rooenez, Stratton, Neb; Lila Gotchall, Goodland; Joyce Meyer, Goodland; Ken Kahle, Hoxie, Kan.; Ned Smith, Bird City;

Years Ago

30 years ago - 1977

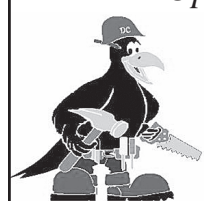
More than 8,500 people attended the Tri-State Engine and Thresher Show the last weekend in July. Florence Forsythe was crown the Thresher Show Queen and Gladys Beamgard was named the Antique Auto Club Queen. Earnest Bressler is the president

of the Thresher Association, Harold Nelsen is the vice president and Melvin Wright is the secretary/treasurer.

Forty-eight 4-H'ers from Kansas were at the National 4-H Citizenship Short Course in Washington D.C. Attending from here were Jim Eggers and Carla Shoemaker.

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Monthly birthday party

The Bird City Senior Center monthly birthday party will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14.

Card shower for 75th birthday

The children of Phyllis Hook are honoring their mother on her 75th birthday by holding a card shower to help her celebrate. Her birthday is Jan. 18.

Address greetings to her at 413 S. Adams, Rt. 2, Box 160, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Music Club to meet

The St. Francis Federated Music Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the home of Beth Maifeld. Louanne Isernhagen, Talley Morrow and Jean Ann Confer will present Music and Life Stories from the life of Antonio Vivaldi.

Kim Zweygardt will give the poetry moment. Hostesses are Betty Orth, Jackie Butler and Beth Maifeld.

Free-throw contest

The Knights of Columbus free-throw contest will take place on Sunday. Check sports page for details.

Kansas Day Ceremony

Cheyenne County's 79th Kansas Day Ceremony will be held Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Bird City Legion Hall. Registration opens at 10 a.m. The potluck will begin at 11:30. Leo Oliva, Kansas historian, will present "Rowdy Kansas Territory." Other entertainment will be provided by Cheylin and St. Francis students, The Swingin' Seniors and St. Francis Singers.

Installation of officers

Installation of officers for the Cheyenne County Historical Society will take place at the first quarterly meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, at the museum.

All interested residents of Cheyenne County are welcome to attend. The Historical Society encourages anyone interested in history to become a member this year.

Equity annual meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the high school cafeteria in St. Francis. The meeting will follow

the dinner. Members will elect two directors to serve on the board.

Free seminar

Learn how to secure cash flow to assist your crop insurance and production needs at a free seminar starting at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Francis Equity meeting room on Wednesday, Jan. 23. The speaker is Art Henrickson with Ag Solutions. The seminar is sponsored by the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau.

Lunch will be provided. Please call the office at 785-332-3312 by Jan. 18 to make a reservation.

Free water well testing

The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group remind people to have their private water wells tested, especially with the recent moisture. The snow and ice may have allowed contaminants to leach into your well. Cheyenne county provides free water well testing for nitrates and bacteria. Please contact the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group office (785) 462-8636 or your local health department for an appointment.

Commissioners to meet

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday in the commissioners room at the courthouse.

Nutrient Management School

A Nutrient Management School with special emphasis on nitrogen and phosphorus management in no-till systems will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday at the Cheyenne County 4-H building.

The speaker will be Dale Leikam, Kansas State Nutrient management specialist.

Please call to Cheyenne County Extension office for materials. Any changes for weather will be announced on local radio stations.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group

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

Calf management school

A calf management school will be held in St. Francis starting at

5:30 p.m. on Monday at the Cheyenne County 4-H building. Veterinarians, Bob Mortimer and Dale Grotelueschen will be the main speakers.

Reservations are needed by Friday to cover meals and materials. There is no charge.

For more information, call (785) 332-3171.

Windsong Chorus

Chapter U, P.E.O. is sponsoring

the Windsong Chorus on Jan. 27 at the high school in St. Francis at 3:30 p.m.

Veterans Affairs

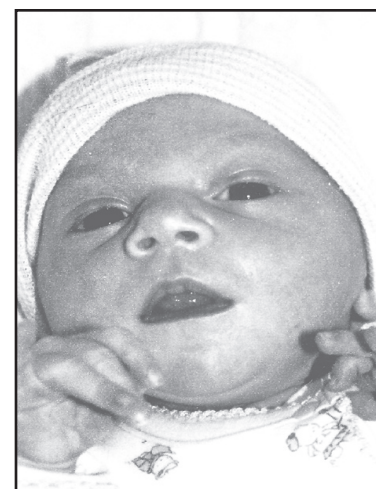
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at the county clerk's office. You may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Introducing

Madison Paige Siegfried

Brian and Kaycee Siegfried of Parker, Colo., are pleased to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Madison Paige, born Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at 6:12 p.m. mountain time. Madison tipped the scale at 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Grandparents are Dan and Janet Siegfried, St. Francis, and Kelly and JoEllen Frewen, St. Francis. Great-grandparents are Gene and Ada Siegfried of Wray, Colo., Dorothy Sager, Bird City; MaryLee Frewen, St. Francis, and Ted and Cleone Hendricks, Arvada, Colo.



Madison Paige Siegfried

For the Record

Sheriff Report for weeks of Dec. 15-Jan 4
Vehicle Inspections -17
Civil Process -20
Traffic warning - 44
Traffic Citations -10
DUI with arrest - 3
Motorist Assist -5
Abandoned Vehicle - 1
EMS Assist - 3
Funeral Assist - 1
Lifeline Check - 1
Civil Standby - 1
Welfare Check - 1
Hunting Incident - 1
Shooting Investigation -1
Child Custody Incidents -2
Criminal Damage at Fairgrounds Investigation - 1
Utilities Checks -2
Secure Recycling Center -1

Horses Unsecured in city limits -1
Door and Alley Checks - Bird City -3
Patrol School Zones - 3
Domestic Incident -1
Child Endangerment Investigation -1
Motor Vehicle Accident - Rd I 15 and rd V
Motor Vehicle Accident - Rd O and Rd 15
Motor Vehicle Accident - Cherry street
Motor Vehicle Accident - 415 Birch
Citizen Assist - 1
Fire Assist -1
Assist SFPD with Runaway Dog at large Complaint -2
Vicious Dog Complaint -1

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 51 min.

The Water Horse

Jan. 11, 12 & 13

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The Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. David Reed for his services for the past 3 1/2 years. Dr. Reed will no longer be coming to the Cheyenne County Clinic due to our recent additions to our medical staff.

Flu Vaccines are still Available at the Cheyenne County Clinic. There is no appointment necessary.

Full-Time Help Wanted

The City of Bird City, Ks. is seeking applications for a position with the city maintenance department. Duties will consist of general maintenance with City water/sewer, street maintenance, park and recreation equipment, and other duties assigned by the City.

A High School diploma or GED equivalent is required. State Certifications in municipal water/waste water systems would be beneficial but not required. Compensation based upon experience for 40 hours per week plus occasional overtime.

Applications may be obtained from the city clerk's office at 111 E. 4th, P.O. Box 219, Bird City, Ks. 67731, or phone 785-734-2616.

All applications must be returned to the city clerk's office by Feb. 4, 2008 for interview scheduling. Applicant will be subject to drug, alcohol and background checks. The city of Bird City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Are you interested in moderate income housing in Bird City?

If you are interested in renting a single family home or duplex, stop by City Hall or BCCII to pick up an application. Applications are due by February 1 to Northwest Kansas Housing for the waiting list!

For more information contact the Foundation office at 785-734-2556 or City Hall at 785-734-2616.

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