

Casey's Comments

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As newspaper people, much of what we do is from the outside looking in. We try not to be the story but rather bring the happening to our readers. From this vantage point we become a sort of "third person" as we narrate a tale. Last Tuesday when a phone call alerted us that there was a fire, I did what I normally do: grab a camera and spare batteries and head out. Arriving at the Good Samaritan Village, I saw what could be called "a surreal scene." Despite the smoke and busy firefighters battling away, the overall sense was one of organization and calm.

Not that this should be a surprise. Great amounts of time and energy went into preparing for such an event. But that still doesn't mean that people won't

crack under pressure.

However with gentle touches and soft but strong voices the staff guided their people to safety outside.

Within minutes all were moved to the school where volunteers and medical professionals continued to care for the shaken residents of the Village.

On top of this, high school kids were released from their classrooms to chip in. The sight of young people giving to the elderly can provide the most callous heart some room for hope.

So it is with great pride for my fellow Cheyenne County members that I can report all is well here in the corner of Northwest Kansas.

Here's to getting this institution up and running again as soon as possible so the dedicated workers can get back to doing what they do best and the residents can return home.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Did you know that two of the biggest assets we have in America are our senior citizens and retirees?

We have lived the "American Dream" through hard work and determination, and we have gone through both hard and good times providing a good foundation for raising our families and making sure our kids received a good education. God and religion have played important parts in our lives also.

However, somewhere in recent times many of us have slacked off in taking the time to talk to our children and grandchildren about such important issues as the necessity for personal and business accomplishments, and family commitments to live the dream. Instead, many senior citizens and retirees fill up their free time with golf and bingo. This should not be.

As a result many young

American voters have come to believe that they are "entitled" to have the American dream given to them on a silver platter. These same Americans will be voting for the candidate that promises the most federal assistance in the upcoming November election which by the way is less than a week away.

Sample ballots are available somewhere in your community, the county courthouse, local businesses, government buildings, etc.; get one and know your candidate before you vote. Senior citizens and retirees...you can make a difference.

The American Dream is not about making a million dollars, but having the million and joy in our accomplishments! And the greatest privilege we have as American is to vote without fear and the greatest dishonor to America - not voting.

Marilyn Frisbie
McDonald

School Menu

Nov. 1-4

Menu subject to change

Monday

Breakfast: French toast.
Lunch: Burritos and dessert.

Tuesday

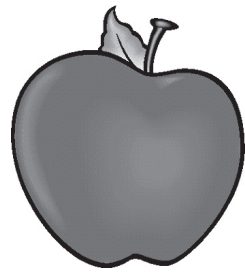
Breakfast: English muffin and fruit.
Lunch: Spoon burgers, corn on the cob.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Oatmeal.
Lunch: Pork fritters, mashed potatoes and roll.

Thursday

Breakfast: Sausage patty.
Lunch: Sloppy Joes on bun, sun chips.



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Spook Parade/Soup Supper

It is that time of year for everyone to get ready for the annual Halloween soup supper and spook parade hosted by the Bird City Community Club (there is no change). It will be held Sunday, Oct. 31, in the Legion hall.

Supper will be served from 5 to 6:30 with the spook parade starting at 6 p.m. There will be a special treat for every child that is in costume and in the parade.

Come enjoy soup, see all the ghosts and goblins and enjoy the evening.

Hospital strategic planning

The Cheyenne County Hospital focus groups meetings for strategic planning on Nov. 1 and 3 (St. Francis) and Nov. 18 (Bird City) has been postponed indefinitely.

Public forum set

A public forum to discuss the Good Samaritan Village fire and the plans for the future will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3, in the St. Francis high school auditorium. A representative from the Good Samaritan Society will be on hand to answer questions.

Holiday Craft Show

The annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30 in the American Legion hall in Bird City. Contact Barb Gerdes. Ad is in this issue.

Support Our Soldiers

Remember time is short for the Support Our Soldiers (SOS) ingathering so shop for bargains now. Boxes will be placed at various businesses for your convenience. American Legion Auxiliary and Lawn Ridge 4-H.

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1 at the St. Francis Senior Center. The program will be Candi Douthit RN on "A Medical Update."

Hostesses are Dolores Kincheloe and Sherry Schultz.

Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet Monday, Nov. 1, at the First Christian Church in St. Francis beginning at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in prayer, learning and fellowship as they work together to provide "Life for All."

Doric Chapter 404

Doric Chapter 404 Order of Eastern Star will be having a Halloween party on Oct. 28. A potluck supper will held at 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall for members, families and any guests.

Fifth Street Apartments in Bird City, Kansas, have 2-bedroom duplex apartments for rent. We are offering free cable television for one year to new tenants. Applicants must income qualify for this property. For more information and an application you may contact N.W. Kansas Housing, Inc. at 785-421-2151 or pick up an application at Century II in Bird City.



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Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. today (Thursday) in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Agriculture Conference

The Kansas Rural Center will hold its Sustainable Agriculture Conference on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Flint Hills Technical College, in Emporia. The conference will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration is limited to the first 150 persons, and the deadline for registrations is Nov. 15. The online website is kansaruralcenter.org, the

office number is (785) 873-3431 or go to ddysart@rainbowtel.net

Notice of annual meeting

The annual stockholders meeting of Wheeler Cooperative Mercantile Equity Union is to be held in the high school cafeteria in St. Francis on Wednesday, Nov. 3. The meeting begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meal following. Please call (785) 322-2281 with the number of guests attending.

Peace of Mind AA

Peace of Mind AA will meet at the St. Francis Public Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Contact Kris D. at (785) 332-4410 or (785) 772-5090.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist

Education Building on Sunday nights at 8 p.m. and Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7day-a-week service 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 in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Correction

The Bird City Craft Fair has been in existence for more than 4 years. The crafts for kids area has been held for only 4 years.

Preserving Bird City history

An Advisory Committee, made up of alumni and citizens that call Bird City their hometown, working with Bird City Century II Development Foundation, are taking the first steps to rescue and preserve the rich history of Bird City and Bird City Rural High School.

The 2010 Bird City Rural High School Alumni Committee, along with planning the banquet, created a project around the goal of rescuing and restoring the historic artifacts and pictorial history of Bird City Rural High School. This project has now grown to include the historic documentation of the city of Bird City.

The Bird City Rural High School/Bird City Historic Preservation Fund has been established, to rescue, relocate and preserve the history and artifact of Bird City Rural High School, the Cardinal and the rich history of the city of Bird City. The ultimate goal of the fund is to construct or locate a facility large enough to exhibit not only the city and the school's history, but local and traveling art and historic collections, including articles from the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association. An endowment fund, has also been created in order to maintain and operate the facility once it is completed.

The avenue for receiving donations for this project is readily available through the Bird City Century II Development

Foundation, a 501 © (3) non-profit organization, allowing all donations to this history project to be tax-deductible. with the establishment of these funds, Bird City Century II Development Foundation has agreed to absorb all administrative and investment fees for five years, in hopes that the project will be completed in this time frame.

For information about this project feel free to contact the Bird City Century II Development Foundation at (785) 734-2556 or Kent Voorhies Advisory

Committee Chairperson at (785) 538-2562 or any of the Bird City Rural High School/Bird City Historic Preservation Advisory Committee members, Kent Voorhies, Committee Chairperson; Helene (Magley) Landenberger, secretary; Jim Leach, Emily (Eggers) Vallin, Beverly (Beougher) Schottler, Candy (Childers) Glasco, Kent Chapman, Craig Seymour, Gwen (Rambat) Boswell, Derald Sawyer, Kathleen Hickert, Linda (Beeson) Carroll, Marsha Magley, Lynn Glasco or Roger Loomis.

Historical meeting planned

There will be a meeting of the Bird City Historical Association at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12, at the Bird City Senior Center. The meeting is to welcome everyone of any age with an interest in sharing or learning about developing exciting historical links between generations of the past and the present. The only requirement for membership is an historical interest. Those coming are encouraged to bring an old photo with them to learn

about the story it has to tell.

The purpose and function of the Bird City Historical Association is to share information on how to archivally preserve, collect, research and document historical material relative to the early settlement of Bird City, its businesses, schools, churches, homestead, ranches and early families, with consideration of the historical interest of the individual members of the association.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

2 hrs. 1 min.

The Social Network

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Public Forum

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SFCHS Auditorium

Wednesday, Nov. 3

7:30 - 9 p.m.

Spokesperson from GSS headquarters in Sioux Falls, SD., along with the local Advisory Board will be there to discuss present and future plans.

Forum organized by Community Builders and GSV Advisory Board. Contact a member for more information.

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