



## Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**  
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 I don't know who exactly is to blame for Thanksgiving getting forgotten. Is it the retail giants that replace Halloween candy with Christmas items? Or is it the shoppers whose zeal to get a head-start that have fueled this situation?

It's not like the Grinch can be held accountable for this theft, but somewhere along the way this most special of holidays has lost some of its importance. But not with us.

Our tradition the last couple of years has been getting the clan together in Kansas City. However we'll stay close to home this week and visit Grandma and Grandpa Bucholtz instead.

The gathering may not be as folksy as the Norman Rockwell painting of the Thanksgiving feast, but nothing will be lacking. Margaret will provide the turkey, ham loaf, mashed taters and gravy, Doug and Marla will bring pies and sweet potatoes and we will bring the cherry cheesecake and dressing. The stuffing is my specialty as two types are made, one without oysters.

But the food and football on the TV are only additional

"dressings." For the real part will be having our loved ones together to count our blessings.

Hope your Thanksgiving isn't lost between the other holidays!

### Casey's Bread Stuffing

2 cups finely chopped celery  
 1 cup chopped onion  
 1/2 cup chopped parsley (or 1/4 cup dried parsley)  
 1 cup butter  
 2 teaspoons sage or poultry seasoning

1/2 teaspoon of salt  
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
 2 packages of dried bread cubes (one seasoned)

2 cans of chicken broth  
 2 cans of oysters (optional)

In a saucepan cook celery, onion and parsley in butter till tender but not brown; remove from heat and stir in sage, salt and pepper. Place bread cubes in a large mixing bowl and add vegetable mixture. After mixing ingredients, gently mix in oysters if using. Pour into a lightly greased roasting pan and cover with chicken broth (for moist dressing add more, dry dressing use less.) Cover with foil or lid and bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes.

# Bulletin Board

### Birthday cards

Roberta Linin has a Nov. 23 birthday. She will be 91 years old. Her address is 6203 W. 146, Street, Overland Park, KS 66223, in care Shelly Beese. Her phone number is 785-462-6000

### 92nd birthday

Veda Burkholder will turn 92 on Nov. 24. Veda plans on driving herself to Benkelman to celebrate. Send cards to her at: 506 Rich Avenue, Bird City, KS. 67731.

### Eight-Man Football State Championships

Smoky Hills Public Television's award-winning Scoreboard Show will broadcast the Kansas High School Association's 2010 8-man Football State Championships Nov. 24 and 25.

The Division II game between Otis-Bison and Bailyville will be broadcast Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25 at 8:00 p.m.

The games were taped live Saturday, Nov. 20 from Fischer Field in Newton.

### County Christmas celebration

The annual Country Christmas celebration, sponsored by Center Church Association, will be held in the Bird City Senior Center on Friday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. Soup and beverage provided. Bring sandwiches or finger foods, and a story, poem or reading to share.

### Retirement party

A retirement party will be held for Joan Gienger, district conservationist, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, at the United States Department of Agriculture Service Center on west U.S. 36, St. Francis.

### Pantry changes coordinators

Candi Douthit and Carol Gamblin have taken over the Food Pantry operation. Those needing help with food supplies or would like a Christmas basket, call Mrs. Douthit at 332-0068 or Mrs. Gamblin, 332-4854. Janet Jensen has been the coordinator for the last four years and said she appreciated the generous support given to the Pantry.

### Hospital Board

The next meeting of the board has been changed from Thursday, Nov. 25, to Tuesday, Nov. 23. Meeting time is 3 p.m. in the basement room at the St. Francis Clinic.

### Fair board

The December meeting of the fair board is on Thursday, Dec. 3.

### City Council

The St. Francis City Council will meet on Monday, Dec. 12.

### Board of Education

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9

### Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, at the senior citizen center. The program will be the High School Choir Christmas Send-Off. Hostesses are Eileen Nolan, Donna Northrup and Annette Erskin.

### Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, at the county clerk's office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

### Holiday Community Chorus

Rehearsals for the Holiday Community Chorus will take place every Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. Performances are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Yuletide Festival at the St. Francis Community High School; Saturday, Dec. 18, at Salem Lutheran Church and Sunday, Dec. 19, at Peace Lutheran Church, this one will benefit the food pantry. For more information call Neala at (785) 332-8996.

### Video cameras needed

The St. Francis Camera Committee needs one or more video cameras to record meetings. Contact The Saint Francis Herald. **Safety notice**

Cheyenne County Wildlife will need to close the pistol and rifle range until further notice. Pipeline construction behind the burn is underway. Sorry for the inconvenience.

### 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 7-day-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.

### Addition

Honorary pall bearers for Harold Connett were Dick Brock, Bob Armstrong, Walter Douthit, Matt Martin, Dave Flemming, Larry Flemming and Brad Waters.

## Club Clip

### McDonald Town and Country Garden Club

The McDonald Town and Country Garden Club met on Wednesday, Nov. 10, with nine members and three guests present. Guests were Linda Carroll, Bud Frisbie and Laddie Kacirek.

Margie Hubbard opened the meeting and asked Betty Knapp to offer up the prayer. Roll call was "My Favorite Native Plant." Although there were many different answers, the most popular native plant is the sunflower.

Reports were given. The Nominating Committee was comprised of Betty Knapp and Ratha Lea Loker. Betty Knapp gave the report on new officers. She said all present officers had consented to stay on. Officers for 2011 will be Margie Hubbard, president; Joan Tongish, vice president; Kay Miller, secretary, and Marlene Johnson, treasurer.

Correspondence was read from Joan Harper in Manhattan and from Wilda Werner of Atwood. Members were advised that Betty Binning will soon be moving to

Iowa and they will miss her as a member of the club.

Kay Miller will go to the Cheylin School and visit the fourth grade and ask them to participate in the Smokey Bear poster contest.

The December meeting will be changed to the third Wednesday as there is a conflict with the Cheylin Christmas dinner on the second Wednesday. Everyone is to bring four dozen cookies to pack for the shut-ins in the community. Some one said Mrs. Santa Claus will be present at the meeting.

Diane Montgomery gave a very interesting lesson "Wildings, Their Habits and Use." She talked about native plants that are present in Kansas and in this community.

For her arrangement, "Autumn Beauty" Margie had used the most beautiful foliage from the Kale plant. The green and white was very striking.

Co-hostesses were Margie Hubbard and Vera Kacirek.



SEVENTEEN SENIORS were at the Senior Center on Nov. 8 to celebrate the November birthdays. Only three birthday celebrants were there with cakes: John Kamla, Phyllis Wright and Bev Higgins. Other birthdays recognized were: Ben Andrist, LaVaughn Cemensky, Donna Jensen, Sam Beeson, Jean Johnson, Lonnie Willis and Roberta Linin.

## School Menu

### Nov. 29 - Dec. 2

Subject to change  
**Monday**  
 Breakfast: Pizza or ham and cheese squares.  
 Lunch: Quesadillas and rice.  
**Tuesday**  
 Breakfast: Sausage gravy and biscuit.  
 Lunch: Beef nuggets, mashed

potatoes/gravy and roll.  
**Wednesday**  
 Breakfast: Scones.  
 Lunch: Hamburger with macaroni and cheese roll.  
**Thursday**  
 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs.  
 Lunch: Ham sandwich, dessert.

## Movie Review

### Megamind

Megamind is the most brilliant super-villain the world has ever known... and the least successful. Over the years, he has tried to conquer Metro City in every imaginable way -- Each attempt, a colossal failure thanks to the caped superhero known as "Metro Man," until the day Megamind

actually defeats him in the throes of one of his botched evil plans. Suddenly, the fate of Metro City is threatened when a new villain arrives and chaos runs rampant, leaving everyone to wonder: Can the world's biggest "mind" actually be the one to save the day?



SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 36 min.

### Megamind

Nov. 26, 27 & 28

Will Ferrell, Tina Fey, Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill, David Cross

PG for action and some language.

Action/Adventure, Comedy and Animation

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

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

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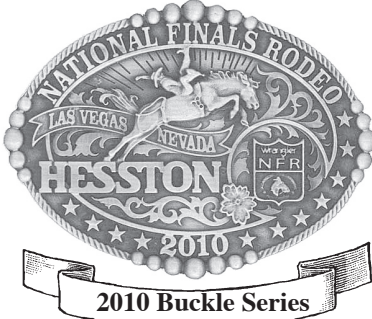
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*Happy Thanksgiving*

The Cheyenne County Clinic will be closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26th. The Clinic will be open Saturday for walk-ins 9:00 to 12:00.