



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

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It was 30 years ago, Monday, March 30, 1981, that our country had a very close call with disaster. As president Ronald Reagan left the Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C., shots were fired by 25-year-old John Hinkley Jr. The president, along with several others, was wounded and taken to the hospital on the George Washington University campus. Surgery was performed to remove a bullet and the leader of the "free world" recovered to serve that term and another.

On that day, my father and I had boarded a jet from a Caribbean

island to return to the states. Not long into the flight the pilot came over the intercom system to say, "The president has been shot."

That was all we knew. Was he dead? Is this another assassination like Kennedy's? What was happening?

The journey through the air continued in silence for all aboard. It wasn't until we landed in Miami that television broadcasts at the airport reassured us that the president had survived.

A feeling that our leader and country had skirted a bleak moment was a wonderful thing for a dad and son to share.

Obituary

Clifford Alfred Chipperfield

Sept. 9, 1923 - March 11, 2011

Clifford Alfred (Shorty) Chipperfield was born on Sept. 9, 1923, in the South Fork community of Cheyenne County, Kan., to Harold and Hattie Merklin Chipperfield. He died at the Dundy County Hospital on March 11, 2011.

He grew up in the South Fork and Big Timber communities. He enlisted in the United States Navy in July 1944. He was stationed in Japan during the Pacific Campaign. After his discharge in 1946, he finished his high school education. He graduated with the Class of 1947 in Bird City.

April 5, 1949, he was united in marriage to Dorothy Johnson. To this union, the home was blessed with two children, Betty Ilene and Lyle Harold. Cliff worked for Coop Elevator and Gene Hamm grain elevator in Benkelman. He later became an auto mechanic. He worked at Harold Knoles Ford in Benkelman for 14 years. In 1968 the family moved to southern California. He was an automatic transmission specialist at McCoy Ford in Anaheim, Calif. In 1980, they moved to Bird City where he assisted his son, Lyle in Chipperfield Repair.

Cliff had been in poor health for many years. In 2004, Clifford and Dorothy moved into the Rainbow Fountain Park in Benkelman,

where he lived until his death. Even though his health was failing for some time, Clifford and Dorothy still made it a priority to visit their children and their families as often as possible. The last couple of years, their grandchildren and great-grandchildren visited them in Benkelman.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Betty in 2005, his two brothers, Dick and Frank, and his parents-in-law, Harold and Velta Johnson.

He is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Dorothy; his son, Lyle currently living in Kellogg, Idaho; his son-in-law, Gerry Mansfield and his wife, Lois currently living in Silverado, Calif.; his grandchildren, Dawn and her husband, Steven in Costa Mesa, Calif.; Gerald Clifford of Silverado, Chris and his wife, Olida in Dacono, Colo.; Joshua and his wife, Cassandra in Rathdrum, Idaho, and Melissa in Lake Elsinore, Calif. He was blessed with five great-grandchildren, Brianna, Velta, Wyatt, Amber and Austin. Cliff has one surviving brother, Walter of Atwood; two brothers-in-law, Harold in Bird City and Merle Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas; one sister-in-law, Dolores Spiker of Goodland. He has nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

After-church dinner
Cheylin Board of Education After-Church dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 10 at the Bird City Legion hall. Additional details in ad in this issue of the Times

Postal scam
It's a scam. Dewayne Lalicker, St. Francis postmaster, reports that many people are getting e-mails supposedly sent from the U.S. Postal Service, telling them that they were missed when trying to deliver. People are to contact them with questions. Mr. Lalicker said this is a scam and that these e-mails could have a virus. The postal service emblem is being used but it is not from the U.S. Postal Service.

Hospital Guild
The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will be meeting at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 4, at the Senior Citizens Center in St. Francis. Kristle Raile, physician assistant, will speak on the topic Medical Update. Hostesses are Helen Burnham and Dolores Wiley.

Yard Beautiful
K-State Extension, K-State Master Gardener and Bird City Century II are presenting "Yard Beautiful" programs April 5, April 7, April 12 and April 14.

Tuesday, April 5: 6:30 p.m. at Bird City Legion Hall, "Home Pests" presented by Dana Belshe; "Gardening 101" presented by Candi Douthit.

Wednesday, April 6: 6:30 p.m., commissioner's room, Cheyenne County Courthouse, "Ornamental Grasses" by Justin Lohr; "Prairie Star and Prairie Bloom Flowers" presented by Candi Douthit.

Tuesday, April 12: 6:30 p.m., commissioner's room, Cheyenne County Courthouse, "Home Pests" presented by Dana Belshe; "Worm composting" presented by Christy Rasure.

Thursday, April 14: 6:30 p.m. Bird City Legion Hall, "Worm Composting" presented by Christy Rasure; "Ornamental Grasses" presented by Justin Lohr.

Ladies Night Out
Ladies Night Out set from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday at Riverside Recreation. Distributors will have booths. All-you-can-eat-tacos served. See ad for more information

Free cancer screening
Free cancer screening, 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, at Dr. Melvin Dunn's office, St. Francis. See ad for more information

Fireman's Ball tickets
St. Francis Firemen will be going door to door selling Fireman's Ball tickets on Monday and Tuesday. The ball is set for April 30. See ad for more information.

Grand opening
Grand opening at Classic Rose,

St. Francis, on Thursday and Friday. See ad for more information.

County Commissioners
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. today (Thursday).

Fair Board
The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Tag deadline
All residents with last names beginning with B should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

A driver's license needs to be presented or entered on form at time of renewal.

Veterans Affairs
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 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.

Revelations meetings
Starting March 27, the St. Francis Community Church will be conducting in-depth studies through the book of Revelations. The study will start at 6:30 p.m. at the church on 204 N. Quincy Street.

Horseman's Day
High Plains Horseman's Day is scheduled for April 16 at the Logan County Fairgrounds beginning at 8:30 a.m. Featured clinicians are Jay and Gena Jensen. There is also a Cowpokes Session for ages 7-12. For information call Thomas County Extension Office at (785) 460-4582 or online at www.thomas.ksu.edu.

Musical Easter production
Heartland Christian School, in Colby is hosting a Community Musical Easter Production. "Three Days" will be held at 7 p.m. April 14 and 15, 4 p.m. and 4 p.m. on April 16. This musical vividly captures the passion of the 72 hours our Lord spent from the cross to His resurrection. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken.

"The Call to Holiness"
Stewards of Hope: "The Call to Holiness" will be presented in a series of lessons at the St. Francis Catholic Church. The sessions will be held every Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. during the six weeks of Lent. The sessions will provide enrichment for the season of Lent.

Starting Smart
A "Starting Smart" program from 6 to 9 p.m. April 4 in the clinic basement in St. Francis. Topics include:
-How early experiences affect brain development.

-Emotional development and the infant brain.
-SIDS, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and the Happiest Baby program.
-The importance of Quality in Infant-Toddler Child Care.

The program is free and participants will be given a chance to win a new baby swing. It is put on by Smart Start of Northwest Kansas and the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Incident Command Classes
Just a reminder that the Incident Command Classes (ICS) 300 class will be in Colby April 5 and 6, and Incident Command Classes 400 will be in Goodland May 3 and 4. For those that still need Incident Command Classes to be National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant, Ryan Murray, emergency manager, would encourage them to take advantage of these opportunities close to home. He has also been informed that in order to receive anymore grant money or equipment from Homeland Security, they must be National Incident Management System compliant.

Sign up for classes at <https://ks.train.org> and click the correct location under the registration tab.

Wildlife banquet
The Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet will be held April 1, at the Bird City Legion hall. Doors will open at 6:30. Dinner is from 6:30

to 8 p.m. with the auction at 8:15. Tickets are available from any board members or at Bumper to Bumper or Owens True Value.

Free tax help
Free tax help is available for middle-and-low-income people at the St. Francis Library on Wednesdays, 2 to 5 p.m.; and at the St. Francis senior center on Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information or make an appointment, call Rowland Roelfs at 785-332-3490.

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.

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 call 1-800-794-4624.

Correction:
The consideration for next year's E-Fair, is to include the second year business program students from the Northwest Kansas Technical College to participate by doing their judging of the entries at the E-Fair not to include them in the competition and was stated in the March 24 issue of the Bird City Times.

Junior high athletes prepare for track meet

Friday is the home opener for junior high track team and the young Cougars are busy preparing to compete.

The field events are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. with the running events to begin at approximately 1 p.m.

Team members will be competing in the following events: shot put, discus, softball, long jump, triple jump, high jump, hurdles, 100-meter dash, 4x200-meter relay, 1600 meter run, 4x100-meter relay, 400-meter dash, 800-meter run, 200 meter dash and the medley relay.

Jolene Reeh is the head coach for the team.

The team roster includes:
Sixth-seventh grade boys: Kevin Estrada, Jose Flores, Sem Flores, Tom Frisbie, Jorge Gonzales, Pedro Gutierrez, Devon Janicke, Ivan Kemp, Reece Leonard, Derek Vandike.
Sixth-seventh grade girls: Haleigh Rucker, Elsa Burr, Alexis Frink, Diana Garcia, Elizabeth Keltz, Danae Magnani, Kelsey Miller.
Eighth grade boys: Michael Barnett Jacob Brubaker, Noah Phillips, Shawn Pochop.
Eighth grade girls: Anamarie Crespin, Jaime Davison, Allie Frisbie, Cheyenne Hewitt, Mary Anne Orten, Kalin Ritchey.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
After reading the March 17 edition of the Bird City Times, I was very disappointed in the response the City Council had to the request for funds from Bill and Susan Chomer to provide Meals on Wheels to those in need. The lack of empathy they showed toward those that could

truly use this service only shows that the council is seriously out of touch with the needs of their community.
What makes matters even worse, the council subsequently approved \$700 for a tool box, paint and other miscellaneous items.
I urge the council to reconsider their position on this issue, as they can certainly cut some fat in other areas to help out their neighbors. Who knows, someday it may be you or someone close to you that could benefit from such a great program.

Kevin Partch
Kearney, Neb.

School Menu

April 4-7
Monday
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs.
Lunch: Corn dogs, nachos with cheese.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Tornado.
Lunch: Chicken legs, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Scones.
Lunch: Mexican casserole, roll.

Thursday
Breakfast: Sausage supreme.
Lunch: Ham sandwich, dessert.



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April 12, 13 – Bird City
April 13, 14, 15 – well women & men exams

for more information; contact
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