

Casey's Comments

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Have you caught it yet? No, not the last round of Winter flu but Spring fever!

The sky has changed. Cloud formations have a different look from the last few months. Mornings have a less chilly bite and a cheerfulness abounds with our singing, winged friends greeting each other.

For me there are two things that happen this time of year that get me absolutely giddy with excitement: baseball and mushrooms.

I love it when the "boys of summer" make their season debut. For me there are few things in America that hold such

special meaning as baseball. And at this point even Royal's and Cubby fans still hold onto some hope. My mind tries to figure out a way to make a road trip to Coors Field or Kauffman Park for a glimpse of the National Past-time.

As for mushrooms, Lezlie and I know that it is too early for the wild morels to poke their spongy heads above ground. But that hasn't kept us from taking a couple of trips into the wooded areas where we have experienced successful hunts in the past. It doesn't matter that our tasty toad stools are still laying hidden, for being outside these days seems to be the only cure for a case of Spring fever.

Obituary

Esther Belle Linin

Feb. 19, 1920 - March 30, 2011

Longtime Sherman County, Kan., resident Esther Belle Linin, 91, died Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at Good Samaritan Society—Sherman County in Goodland.

She was born Feb. 19, 1920, at McDonald, the daughter of John and Emilie (Molthan) Roesener. She graduated from McDonald High School.

On May 14, 1946, she and William Ernest Linin were married at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. They lived in Bird City where Bill farmed with his brother, Harvey. In May of 1954, they moved to Goodland, where they continued to farm.

Esther belonged to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and

Ruth Circle. She enjoyed playing cards.

Preceding her in death were her husband, William E. Linin, who died Feb. 4, 1980; her father, mother, and step-mother; brothers August, Elmer (Mamie), Walter (Ida), Pastor Arnold (Trudy), Ralph; and great-granddaughter Brianna Linin;

Surviving family includes two sons, Brent Linin and his wife, Ginny of Goodland; Max Linin and his wife, Brenda of Goodland; three daughters, Fern Jackson of Little Rock, Calif.; Judy Linin of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ginger Frye of Jacksonville, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Paul Roesener and his wife, Edna of Bird City; Arlie Roesener and his wife, Nadine of Springfield, Mo.; one sister-in-law, Ruby Roesener of Imperial, Neb.; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was on Tuesday, April 5 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland, with Pastor Darian Hybl officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends could share their respects Monday at Koons Chapel in Goodland.

Memorials may be designated to World Mission Prayer League (who supports missionaries throughout the world), or the Anne Carlsen School at Jamestown, N. D. (for the handicapped), and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

School Menu

April 11-14 Monday

Breakfast: Pizza.
Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, roll.

Tuesday

Breakfast: hash brown and sausage link.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, macaroni, and cheese, roll.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Banana wrap.
Lunch: Pizza Stromboli, and potato triangle.

Thursday

Breakfast: Sausage scrambled eggs.
Lunch: Taco salad and rice.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Kathy Banister helped at the Regional Music Contest Saturday at Oberlin.

On Saturday, Charlene Kramer and Rosalind Bundy were among those attending a surprise birthday party in Colby for Ila Shepard of Levant.

Frieda Black and Bethel Goldt called on Donna Jensen and Amelia Banister at the Atwood Good Samaritan Home Friday.

Lynn and Rita Officer spent the weekend in Denver where they watched their granddaughter, Alexi Regier play Colorado Club volleyball.

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Golf Club meeting

The Bird City Golf Club meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday at the United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Community Club

The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11, at the Senior Center.

Senior birthday party

The Senior Birthday party will be at the Senior Center at 3 p.m. on Monday, April 11.

The Bird City Historical Association

The Bird City Historical Association, Inc. will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 8, at the Bird City Senior Center. All members are asked to bring a guest, a plate of cookies and their copies of the block and lot maps.

The program will consist of a lesson on beginning genealogy, a time for sharing family stories and to work on the development of the lot and block map of the beginning businesses, schools and churches.

Members welcome anyone with a family story or interest in preserving Bird City history. Check out the website, www.birdcityhistory.com for more information.

Bake-less food sale

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild is having a bake-less sale to raise money for the hospital. Those wishing to contribute should send their donations to Dolores Kincheloe, Box 574, St. Francis, KS 67756. (note classified ad)

Yard Beautiful (note changes)
K-State Extension, K-State Master Gardener and Bird City Century II are presenting "Yard Beautiful" programs April 7, April 12, April 19 and April 26.

Tuesday, April 7: 6:30 p.m., commissioner's room, Cheyenne County Courthouse, "Ornamental Grasses" by Justin Lohr; "Prairie Star and Prairie Bloom Flowers" by Candi Douthitt.

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.

Tuesday, April 19: 6:30 p.m., Bird City Legion Hall, "Home Pests" by Dana Belshe; "Gardening 101" by Candi Douthitt.

Tuesday, April 26: 6:30 p.m., Bird City Legion Hall, "Worm Composting" presented by Christy Rasure; "Ornamental Grasses" presented by Justin Lohr.

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

Bulletin Board

Car show

The Saturday in the Park car and bike show is set for Saturday, May 14, in St. Francis. All vendors interested in coming must register by May 1. Contact Scott Schultz, 785-332-3960 or Kent Kechter, 332-0039. See ad for more information.

Clean-up day

Clean-up day for the Cheyenne County Museum will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12.

Notice: Ye Old Country Church is available for weddings and celebrations.

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

Regional 4-H Day

Cheyenne County 4-H'ers placing at Regional 4-H Day held in Brewster on Friday were: Kattie Wurm, piano solo, blue; Valerie Wurm, piano solo, blue, and senior demonstration, blue.

WPAA

Three male tenors, called The International Tenors, will perform at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, in the Cultural Arts Center, Colby. Western Plains Arts Association presents them as they perform a varied program from opera to musical theatre to pop.

Fair Board

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

Veterans Affairs

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

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.

Joy of Painting Exhibit

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum is proud to present the "Local Joy of Painting Artists Exhibit." Students from the Joy of Painting workshops held at the Jansen Museum for the past decade look forward to showing

off their artistic talents in the Hansen Museum Gallery. This exhibition will run from May 13 to July 3.

"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.

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 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.

Local club chosen booster of the week

By Jim Misunas

The Cheylin schools rely heavily on support from the Cheylin Schools Booster Club. Cheylin is consolidation of Bird City in Cheyenne County and McDonald in Rawlins County, thus the name Cheylin since 1976.

"The fundraising activities include preparing a dinner for the football and volleyball soap scrimmage, one dinner at football homecoming and one dinner at a basketball game," said Jan Busse, Cheylin Booster Club chairman. "We sell shirts and hats and auction off two footballs and two volleyballs at the homecoming pep rally."

"A popular activity is the fifth-quarter gatherings for the high school students after every home football and basketball game. The club provides food for the students after the games."

"Recent major projects include signs for the Cheylin football field and the purchase of video camera," Busse said. "We've also purchased banners and large fans and paid for a portion of a school trophy display case."

Second-year Cheylin Superintendent Bruce Bolen is appreciative of the community's support for a high school featuring 54 students.

"The Cheylin Schools Booster Club is tremendously supportive of both athletics and activities," Bolen said. "Our Booster Club does a fantastic job for our students and they are instrumental in our school and community. Their support allows us to do things for the students and school that we could

not otherwise do."

The booster club provides sack lunches for teams for some away games, in addition to providing sack lunches for some opposing teams that come from a longer distance.

They provide breakfast for the school vocal group and band when they qualify for a state contest.

They purchase chenille awards for any high school student who is a state qualifier, including academic and athletic state qualifiers.

T-shirts are provided to students who score exemplary on the Kansas state assessment tests. They purchase school shirts for all the athletic coaches.

The club provides the food and decorations for the athletic banquets.

Duffle bags are provided to all incoming freshman and transfer students. The group sponsors the After-Prom party, which is supported by separate fundraising.

Bolen said it is common for booster club members to participate in pep rallies, prepare pregame and postgame food for both our students and other teams and support activities and academics.

"Whatever it takes to promote the students could be their motto," Bolen said. "They are vital to our success and we cannot thank them enough for what they do for our students and our school. They are the best!" Jane Young serves as USD 103 board clerk and doubles as treasurer of the Cheylin Schools Booster Club. There are more than 40 booster club members and 20 passionate members actively engage in district support.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 36 min.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2

April 8, 9 & 10

Zachary Gordon, Steve Zahn, Rachael Harris, Devon Bostick, Robert Capron

Comedy, Kids/Family, Adaptation and Sequel

PG for Some mild rude humor and mischief.

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Children 12 & Under: \$4

All Others: \$6

Cheylin Board of Education

After Church Dinner

April 10- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Bird City Legion Hall

Basket Auction, prize drawings and student entertainment

Free-will donation

Come out and help us raise money to keep our quality education at Cheylin Schools.

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Cheyenne County Health Fair
April 11-15, 2011

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April 11, 12, 13 – St. Francis

April 12, 13 – Bird City

April 13, 14, 15 – well women & men exams

for more information; contact

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