

# Bulletin Board

## Casey's Comments

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Have you been to a point in life when you've fallen and can't get up? Actually, it may feel that way, but from somewhere comes a will and fortitude to rise up and continue in the game of life.

It's that sort of will and fortitude I want to discuss.

Our nephew, Tyler Larson, is no longer a Marine recruit. Last week he graduated from boot camp in San Diego, Calif.

But it was not an easy road for this young man and his fellow "leather neck" wanna-bes.

At one point in his training his group had to make a long march in the Southern California heat of the day. Unfortunately Tyler wasn't hydrated enough and he

succumbed to the conditions. But, despite a temperature of 104 degrees, he tried several times to finish the march. He finally obeyed an order to stay put.

As his head drill sergeant saw him loaded on a vehicle going back he told Tyler he was impressed with his persistence. Several other recruits quit who were not suffering from heat stroke.

So hats off to Tyler for finding what it took to become a Marine. He joins the ranks of the other Americans who have been able to put their country before an easier way of life. Because of people like him, the United States might go down a little bit from time to time, however we will be back in the fight.

**Senior center meeting**  
There will be a meeting at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Bird City Senior Center. There will be discussion on whether or not to close the center. All interested people are urged to attend.

**Card shower**  
The family of Betty Childers would like to honor her with a card shower for her 90th birthday on Sept. 6. Cards can be addressed to her at Box 308, Bird City, KS 67731.

**Retirement reception**  
A retirement reception will be held for Angie Berens, Farm Service Agency director, from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25, at the office on U.S. 36 in Sainty.

**State treasurer in county for unclaimed property returns**  
As a part of the treasurer's "Un-

claimed Property Returns" tour, state treasurer, Ron Estes and staff members will be traveling throughout Kansas talking about and searching for Kansas's unclaimed property. They will be in St. Francis at the Cheyenne County Courthouse in the commissioners room on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Center Day**  
Center Day festivities will start at 10 a.m. on Labor Day, Sept. 5, at the Center Church grounds southeast of Bird City.

**Head Start**  
Cheyenne County Head Start is still accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year. New location, new number (785) 332-8131.

**Auto club to stop in St. Francis**  
The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club autos will be passing through St. Francis on Saturday, Aug. 27, around noon. They plan to have lunch at the Dairy King. Cars will be parked at the roadside park, south of the museum.

**School news**  
Todd Becker Foundation public presentation will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the high school gym. Earlier in the day at 2:30, a foundation speaker will be at

the gym.

The volleyball/football open house will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26.

High school volleyball tournament will be held at Healy starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

The kindergarten through 12th grade open house will be held from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday.

**Tag deadline**  
All residents with last names beginning with M, N and O 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.

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

**No-till, cover crops workshop**  
There will be an "Exploring No-Till and Cover Crops" workshop on Aug. 31 in the Wray area. The workshop will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The morning session will be in the field and the afternoon session will be inside. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. There is no registration fee. Details will given later in August or call the Yuma County Conservation Dis-

trict at 970-332-3173 ext. 3.

**Hunter education**  
Hunter education classes are set for Sept. 10. It will be an internet assisted course. Call Francis O'Leary at 785-772-7382 or Tim Stimbert at 785-772-5033 for more information.

**Cheyenne County ambassadors**  
If you are proud of your community and your county and want to tell folks about it, stop by the Cheyenne County Development office at 107 W. Washington in St. Francis and pick up an "Ambassadors" package. Take one along on a trip or to an event. Let everyone know what a great place we live in!

**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.

**Correction**  
In last week's article about happenings at the fair, it incorrectly stated that Dennis Vandike was the winner of the Tuff Truck competition. It should had read that Tony Vandike, Bird City, was the winner.

## South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Jerry and Jackie Frisbie of Winston, Ore., were Tuesday overnight guests of Lynn and Rita Officer. Several friends joined them at the Officer home for a potluck supper that evening.

Seth and Gracie Gundlach are visiting Grandpa and Grandma Officer this week.

George Banister attended the funeral of Steve Danielski Monday afternoon in St. Francis.

Kathy Banister attended a going away lunch for Laura Rush at

Brewster Tuesday.

Kathy Banister visited Betty Lewis in the Rawlins County Hospital Friday afternoon.

Bethel Gottl's three brothers and sister and their spouses and grandchildren were guests this weekend for the Sherman County Alumni. They visited with other cousins and relatives while attending alumni events. Bethel's children and grandchildren were also present for the weekend. Saturday afternoon and evening, Bethel's siblings and their

families and her children and grandchildren all enjoyed fellowship and a meal prepared by the children at the Gottl home. There were 46 guests present. The guests were from Kansas, Nebraska, Tennessee, Washington, California, Colorado and Arizona. A wonderful time was had by all.

Merinda, Devon, and Trinity Crayton were weekend guests at the Binning Ranch.

John Binning returned to college Tuesday at Hays.

## Farm storage loans are available

The Farm Storage Facility Loan program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

The maximum principal amount of a loan through loan program is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with Commodity Credit Corporation providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net

cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which the credit corporation borrows from the treasury department.

Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement.

The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount.

Applications for the farm storage loans must be submitted to the Farm Service Agency county office that maintains the farm's records. A loan must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin

## Repairs for elevator needed

**By Karen Krien**  
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The county commissioners, at the Monday meeting, agreed to pay a WaKeeney company to repair the courthouse elevator.

Fire Alarm Specialist had submitted a bid for \$3,782 which would make the repairs. It included a fire alarm control panel, batteries, a smoke detector and relay along with the installation, test and certify.

The commissioners agreed that the elevator needed to be up to regulations but, it was just another expense that needs to be taken care of. If we are not in compliance, Andy Beikman, commissioner, said, the elevator will not pass the fire marshal's inspection.

The work will be done in the near future.

**Communication director's cell phone**  
Jennifer Padgett, communication director, said she had not put the cost of a cell phone in her budget but she is on call at all times. She uses her personal cell phone and was not asking for a separate phone. She just wanted to know if the county would pay one-half of the cost, which she estimated to be about \$40.

The commissioners noted that they furnish the cell phones for the

sheriff and officers as well as Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, and Ryan Murray, emergency manager. They agreed to pay half of the cost of her phone.

Mrs. Padgett asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made when they came out of the session.

**Bridge plan**  
Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, also talked about the noxious weed letter (see article elsewhere in this issue).

He said there is a federal exchange program and he had been encouraged to submit the Hnizdil bridge plan which is on the 5-year plan. It is possible there will be more money available.

He said that in 1995, the cost of this bridge was \$140,000. Today, the cost will be closer to \$200,000.

The commissioners agreed that he should resubmit the plan.

**Juvenile justice report**  
Peggy Pratt, representing the Juvenile Justice program, updated on the services offered. This year, she said she is not asking for money. There is a 90 percent success rate in most of the programs.

**In other business**  
• The Cemetery District 2 budget hearing was held with no one present to contest.

• Commissioner Dale Patton was appointed as the Kansas Association of Commissioners voting representative. Commissioners Beikman was the alternate and Ernie Ketzner, the second alternate.

• Mr. Flemming called for executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made.

**Next meeting**  
The next meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 31, will include the budget hearing at 9 a.m. The regular meeting will start at 8 a.m.

## Book Review

**Home Free**  
**By Fern Michaels**

Bad luck brought them together. United by a desire to overcome their personal misfortunes—from cheating spouses to workplace betrayals—seven very different women formed an indelible bond and vowed to right wrongs wherever they found them. They've succeeded beyond their wildest dreams. And after years known as the Vigilantes, Myra, Annie, Kathryn, Alexis, Yoko, Nikki, and Isabelle are enjoying their hard-won freedom and the chance of a normal life.

But as it turns out, once you're a part of the Sisterhood, normal is a relative term. President Martine Connor, their long-time ally, has called a meeting of her most trusted advisors to announce the formation of a top-secret organization known as the CIC, and comprised of the Vigilantes. Officially, the CIC won't exist. Unofficially, they'll report directly to the president and tackle the jobs no one else can handle. And their first assignment will test them in every way possible—their courage, their ingenuity, and most of all, their friendship.

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

- Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain.
- Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain.
- Pulse crops - lentils, small chickpeas and dry peas.
- Hay.

Contact the farm service office at 785-332-2183 for information.

**Retirement Reception**  
for Angie Berens  
Thursday, Aug. 25  
1-3 p.m.  
Cheyenne County FSA Office/USDA Service Center  
West Highway 36, Saint Francis

**Ladies & Girls Potluck Brunch**  
Wesleyan Community Church  
Bird City  
Saturday, August 20th  
10 a.m. to 12 noon  
Guest Presenter: Kim Zwegardt  
Casual Attire • Babysitting Provided  
Everyone Welcome  
For information: 785-734-2697

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. 2 hr. 5 min.  
**Captain America 2D**  
Aug. 19, 20 & 21 Action/Adventure and Adaptation  
Chris Evans, Hayley Atwell, Sebastian Stan, Tommy Lee Jones, Hugo Weaving PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action.  
**CHEYENNE THEATER** St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747  
Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6  
3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$5 All Others: \$7

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**Estate Sale**  
Property of Jack and Bea Rieb  
406 S. Denison, St. Francis  
**Saturday, August 20**  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Selling lifetime accumulation — Furniture, electric piano, antique sewing machine, misc. glassware, silver, dishes & kitchen items, linens, garden & lawn care, tools. Much more.

**CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL** 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104  
**Cheyenne County Hospital Golf Tournament**  
Saturday, August 27th at Riverside Golf course  
Registration begins at 7 a.m., tee off at 8 p.m.  
4 person teams/\$200 per team  
Call 785-332-2682 to register team or to make a donation.  
Proceeds benefit Community foundation for GSV and CCH.

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