

Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**  
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Could it have been the squirrel?  
Since baseball continues to be "the great American past-time" and as another World Series draws near, it deserves a moment of thought. Watching the favored Philadelphia Phillies fall to the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League Division Series, I had to wonder. Did the squirrel who ran across home plate at Busch Stadium in game 4 cause the Phils to loose?

Tigers came to Wrigley Field to play his team, Sianis bought two tickets for \$7.20. One for him, the other for his goat.

The two made it into the stadium and Murphy was even allowed to parade on the field with a banner that said, "We Got Detroit's Goat." As the game began the two sat in their seats with other Chicago fans.

But in the fourth inning some people began complaining about Murphy's smell. The story goes that the final say was made by owner P.K. Wrigley that the goat had to go.

Infuriated by the slight to himself and his pet, the Greek put a curse on the Cubs that has held till today. For over six decades the Curse of the Goat has haunted the National League team from Chicago.

So I have to ask, did the St. Louis squirrel bring down the Phillis?

FFA students travel to district conference

Cheylin FFA attended the Northwest District Greenhand Conference in Atwood on Monday. Students attending were Jacob Brubaker, Michael Barnett, Allie Frisbie, Mary Anne Orten, and Shawn Pochop.

in which the top 25 were allowed to compete in the information spell down. Mary Anne was the Chapter representative in the creed speaking competition.

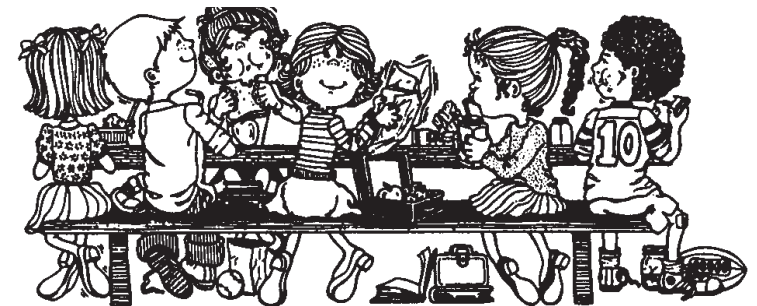
The students placed sixth overall in the northwest district. Jacob Brubaker placed sixth in the spell down.

Upcoming events for the chapter within the month will be helping with the food bank, hog roast, attending dairy cattle, dairy foods, and food science competitions.

School Menu

**Oct. 17 - Oct. 20**  
**Monday**  
Breakfast: boiled egg, yogurt  
Lunch: beef strips, au gratin potatoes  
**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: sausage, scrambled eggs  
Lunch: cristpitos, vegetable  
**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: tornados

Lunch: chicken in gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls  
**Thursday**  
Breakfast: breakfast casserole  
Lunch: frito pie, vegetable  
Breakfast is daily served with toast, cereal, juice and milk  
Lunch is daily served with salad bar, fruit and milk



Thank You

To all the incredible people that organized, attended, cooked, rode, volunteered and helped in any way for my benefits. I don't want to forget anyone. You have all touched my life in an indescribable way. The overwhelming support everyone has shown is unbelievable. I will forever remember all your generosity. All the cards, thoughts, prayers, support that people have sent are just wonderful. Thank you does not seem enough for all that everyone has done.

Linda Eifers

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**Death notices**  
**Maynard Eugene Wright**  
Maynard Eugene Wright, 96, Bird City, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, at the Rawlins County Health Center in Atwood. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City. Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis. Burial will be in the Bird City Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Methodist Church or the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association.

**Clarence 'Junior' Cress**  
Clarence "Junior" Cress, 81, formerly of Bird City, died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at St. Anthony Medical Center, Lakewood, Colo. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at the Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City, with burial in the Bird City Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis. Memorials may be made to the Junior Cress Memorial Fund.

**80th birthday**  
Gladys Cook will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Monday, Oct. 17. Her son, Gale and his wife, Kendra, along with grandchildren, Tarah and Tyler, are asking that her friends and relatives honor her with a card shower by sending best wishes to her at P.O. Box 124, St. Francis, KS 67756.

**Home Circle Club**  
Secretary Dorothy Chipperfield will be the October hostess for the Home Circle Club that will be held at the Manor on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m.

**Alzheimer's workshop set**  
The 10 signs of early Alzheimer's workshop will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20, at the St. Francis Senior Center. Jenny Shipman with the Alzheimer's Association, will be speaking. Early detection of Alzheimer's disease gives patients the chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future.

**Thanksgiving dinner**  
The St. Francis Catholic Church Thanksgiving dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6, in the St. Francis high school cafeteria.

**Bird City Historical Association**  
The Bird City Historical Association will meet on Friday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Bird City Senior Center. The program will be on the development of the November issue of the pamphlet, "Mystery of the Past for Youthful Readers." All members are asked to bring an article of their chosen category for the November pamphlet.

**County commissioners' meeting**  
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

**Free popcorn**  
The Cheyenne Theater Committee is asking, that the first weekend of the month, those attending the movie bring a canned food donation for the Food Pantry and they will receive a free sack of popcorn.

**Life line screening to be held in Sainty**  
Residents living in and around the St. Francis community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or bone fracture. First Baptist Church will host Life Line Screening on Tuesday, Oct. 18. The site is located at 420 South Scott St.  
Four key points every person needs to know:  
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**Historical society programs**  
Sunday, Oct. 23, Audrey Kalivoda will be at the Cheyenne Theater. She will preview her newest DVD, "Kansas, the Center of it All." This event will begin at 2 p.m. with a reception following at the St. Francis Public Library. The program is presented by the Cheyenne County Historical Society.

**Tag deadline**  
All residents with last names beginning with S 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.

**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!

**Training for assessors will be held on Oct. 19**  
Training for new Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation (CARE) assessors in northwest Kansas will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 19 in Hays, at the Kansas Highway Patrol office, 1821 Frontier Rd. Registration for the training will begin at 8:30 a.m. And the training will conclude at 4:30 p.m.  
Anyone seeking nursing facility placement must have a CARE assessment, as required by Kansas law. The Kansas Department on Aging, in cooperation with the Area Agencies on Aging provides CARE assessment services, which must be conducted by a qualified CARE assessor. A qualified assessor must attend the training session and have a Bachelor's degree in gerontology, social work, counseling, human development, health, or other related area, or be a registered nurse licensed to practice in the state of Kansas.

**Narcotics Anonymous**  
Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on 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.

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

**New hospital and AAA assessors are required to attend the full six-hour training.**

**Nursing facility assessors are not required to attend the full training because they are not allowed to complete the full CARE assessment. The morning session from 8:30-12:00 will cover this process and information.**

**The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging (NWKAAA) and the Kansas Department on Aging (KDOA) offer this training twice a year for the CARE program. There is no cost for the training and six C.E.U.'s are available.**

**For more information or to register by phone contact Tammy Gerhardt at 1-800-432-7422 or (785) 625-2037.**

**SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 53 min.**  
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