

**Casey's Comments**

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Once more I find myself pleasantly surprised by another unique feature of the beautiful state of Kansas.

Recently we traveled to Stockton to watch some sub-state volleyball action. The drive east of Colby along Highway 24 was perfect as the fall colors added to the lazy, rolling hills that surround the Solomon River.

Having never been east of Hill City along that road, the new experience brought us along side the old town of Nicodemus.

Founded by African Americans in the Post Civil War period, the town was born in 1877. Now a National Historic Site, it was once home to some 700 residents.

The original settlers came from Lexington, Ky., and pushed their way across the wide-open plains,

searching for a more prosperous life away from a former slave state. Living in soddies, the first generation in Nicodemus worked to conquer the land.

With the help of some agricultural success, the town had grown by 1886. The 200 residents enjoyed a bank, four general stores, three grocery stores, four hotels, three pharmacies, two millineres, two liveryes and a couple of barbershops.

Today only 36 people remain, of which 30 are direct decedents of the original settlers.

It is an interesting common thread to see the struggles that faced those who came before us to break the ground and build communities for future generations. All wanted a better life for themselves and their loved ones.

You just don't know what you'll find next out here in Kansas!

**Seniors eat lunch, exchange information**

Eighteen Seniors enjoyed a delicious pot luck lunch on Monday, Oct. 24.

With lively conversation and enjoyable people to visit with, it seems the Bird City Senior Citizen Center has become a real happening place.

With coffee and rolls every Monday morning from 8:30-10:00 a.m., it allows everyone to catch up on the local news, including weather, crops and health reports. Everyone is welcome!

Our Holiday Lunch will be Monday, Nov. 28, with the senior

citizens center providing the ham and turkey. Plan to attend!

**Honor Roll**

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Dave Flemming, Bird City; Joy Anderegg, Bird City; Debra Orten Jensen, Bird City; Christopher Howard, Bird City; Samuel Grimms, Hutchinson; Gilbert Antholz, McDonald; Rod Klepper, Bird City.

**School Menu**

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Nov. 7 - Nov. 10**

**Monday**

Breakfast: breakfast bites.  
Lunch: sloppy joes, potato triangles.

**Tuesday**

Breakfast: English muffins, yogurt.  
Lunch: corn dogs, chips with nacho cheese.

**Wednesday**

Breakfast: waffles.  
Lunch: chili soup, dessert.

**Thursday**

Breakfast: white chocolate chip raspberry scones, yogurt.  
Lunch: ground beef stroganoff.  
Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.  
Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk.



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**Bulletin Board**

**Aerobics**  
Aerobics started up last Monday at the Cheylin grade school gym. To continue weekly from 5:10 - 5:50 p.m. until Dec. For more information call Tina Sager at 734-2478

**Thanksgiving benefit dinner**  
Save the date of Sunday, Nov. 20, for the Thanksgiving benefit dinner for the Dave Sowers family. Look for more information and ads in the future.

**Annual Chamber meeting**  
There will be a chamber meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the St. Francis Public Library meeting room. This will be the 2011 annual meeting.

All members and interested people are asked to attend as the main discussion will be what direction the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce is going in . Input is needed from members, said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary. We need to decide how the Chamber moves ahead or if it will be dissolved.

**Library books**

While doing your fall cleaning, check under your bed for any overdue library books. The Bird City Public Library is not charging any fines for 6 months in an attempt to recover items. So please help out by returning items from months or years back. If we are not open please leave items in the outside return.

**Flu Shot Clinic**

The Cheyenne County Health Clinic will be administering flu shots on Friday, Nov. 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call County Health Nurse Mila Bandel at 332-2381.

**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.

**Community Club**

The Community Club will meet at the Senior Center on Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

**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.

**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.

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

**Blue star banners**

Do you have a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter serving in active duty military service? The Goodland Elks Lodge 1528 would like to present you with a "blue star banner" for your window to show your pride! Please call the

secretary at (785) 890-6251 to visit with her about this.

**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 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.



LEAH RAMBAT helps Ashlyn Schields with a craft project in the Kids Corner at the Craft Fair last Saturday.

Times staff photo by Norma

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

2 hr. 9 min.

**Courageous**

Nov. 4, 5 & 6

Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. When tragedy strikes home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, fears, faith, and fathering.

Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson and Shane Fuller

PG-13 for some violence and drug content.

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