



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Last Friday we took our high school senior to look at a college.

Lexi wants to major in Psychology and is considering Washburn University in Topeka.

Walking to campus with our daughter took me back to a similar experience in my own life. Years ago, I planned to leave Denver and attend a school in either Oklahoma or Arizona. My mother was the one who took the trip with me.

One similarity then as now is how each university did their best to sell themselves. They all had beautiful buildings and plenty of attractions for a young person to explore. But we had to see each to figure out which would be the best fit for me.

It is exciting to see Lexi preparing for the next big stage of her life. Reflecting on my life, she's in for some challenges. But she'll have a great time finding herself.

Now we just have to find the college that suits her.

Deadline for disaster assistance on losses

Signup for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program begins Nov. 14 said Dennis R. Mote, acting county executive director of the Farm Service Agency in Cheyenne County.

"Cheyenne County producers may have experienced natural disasters during the 2010 crop year that caused hardship and financial losses to many agricultural operations," Mr. Mote said. "The program provides assistance to producers when disaster strikes, so I strongly encourage producers with 2010 crop losses to contact the local Farm Service Agency office to learn more about the program."

To qualify for a Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment, the producer's operation must be located in a primary or contiguous county that was declared a disaster for 2010 and have at least a 10 percent production loss that affects one crop of economic significance. Farmers with agricultural operations located outside a disaster county are eligible for the program benefits if they had a production loss greater or

equal to 50 percent of the normal production on the farm.

The following northwest Kansas counties including Cheyenne County that received a primary or contiguous disaster designation during 2010 were Decatur, Gove, Greeley, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Wallace and Wichita.

For crops of economic significance, producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for all insurable crops through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and obtained Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage on non-insurable crops, if available. Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet this requirement. Forage crops intended for grazing are not eligible for Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment benefits.

For more information on this program eligibility requirements, contact the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency office at 785-332-2183, or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

School Menu

Nov. 28 - Dec. 1
Monday

Breakfast: hash browns, sausage links
Lunch: oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable

Tuesday

Breakfast: ham biscuit
Lunch: cheese ravioli with spaghetti sauce, bread, vegetable

Wednesday

Breakfast: pancakes
Lunch: potato bar with chili, cheese and broccoli

Thursday

Breakfast: scrambled eggs with cheese, banana muffins
Lunch: sausage gravy, biscuits
Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.
Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk.

The family of Helen Frisbie cordially invite you to her 90th birthday reception, Saturday, Dec. 3, 2-4 p.m. at the Federated Church Educational Building in McDonald. If you can't attend, she would enjoy a card:

Helen Frisbie
P.O. Box 280
Bird City, KS. 67731

No gifts, please.



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Aerobics

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

Engine and thresher meeting

There will be a Tri-State Engine and Thresher Association meeting at the Methodist Church, on Dec. 6, at 4:30 p.m. All interested parties please plan to attend.

Senior citizen dinner

The Cheylin Senior Citizen dinner will be held at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the high school gym. All senior citizens are welcome to attend but reservations need to be made by Thursday, Dec. 1, by calling the school at 785-734-2351.

90th birthday celebrated

Eleanor Swihart will celebrate her 90th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the fellowship building, McDonald Federated Church, McDonald. Everyone is encouraged to come visit and enjoy birthday cake. Those unable to come can send a card to her at P.O. Box, 2, McDonald, KS 67745.

Senior center pot luck

The Bird City Senior Center will provide turkey and ham for the Thanksgiving and Christmas potluck at noon on Monday, Nov. 28. Guests to bring a side dish.

Community Christmas Chorus

The Community Christmas Chorus practice will be held each Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. until Sunday, Dec. 11. The chorus will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, at Peace Lutheran Church, St Francis.

Get well cards

Rita Officer is in the hospital and cards can be sent to: Wesley Rehabilitation Hospital, 8338 West 13, St. N., Room 246, Wichita, KS. 67212. Phone - 316-729-1000 ext. 2462

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.

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

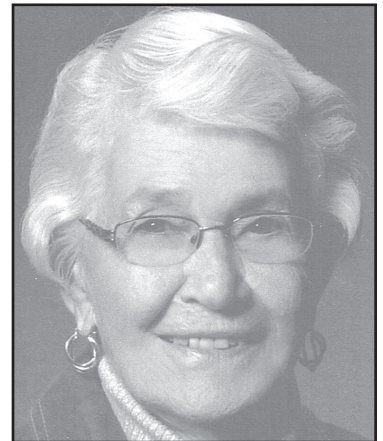
Northwest Kansas Family

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.

Bird City resident celebrates birthday

The family of Helen Frisbie is holding an open house in honor of her 90th birthday. The reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Federated Church education building in McDonald.

Those unable to attend can send a card to her at P.O. Box 280, Bird City, KS 67731. She asks that people do not bring gifts.



Frisbie

Alumni places first on riding team

By Norma Martinez

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Western riders on the Colby Community College Equestrian Team competed in two shows at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Nov. 12. These shows concluded the fall season.

Coach Shanda Mattix said the team rode very well. She was pleased with the progress made by the team, and said, "Overall it was a great couple of shows". Kegan Vanover and Elizabeth Leiker earned enough points to ride in a higher division, and Brittany Normand qualified for the regional horse show. Freshman Tarrah Stuart has not been in competition since early October and moved up a level by winning a first and second place in the Beginner Horsemanship Show. Other first place winners were William Wright, Liz Leiker, and Savannah Isely, who also finished third in her Advanced Horsemanship Shows.

Savannah Isely is the daughter of Jeter and Nina Isely of Bird City. This is her second and final year of competing in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). She started off the year with a sixth place win during the Colby Community College show on Oct. 1 and 2. The team consisting of 26

riders finished fifth as a team on Saturday, and first on Sunday.

Before the Oct. 8 and 9 show was rained out Ms. Isely finished in fifth place in the Advanced Walk Trot Center. The points she earned at this show qualified her for regional's. During the show in Boulder, Colo., on Oct. 22 and 23, she finished second in Novice Fences and third in Novice Flat during the first show. In Laramie, Wyo. on Nov. 5 and 6, she accomplished Reserve placement during both shows.

Savannah Isely has been riding horses for six years, and participated in 4-H for four years. She was home schooled and chose Colby Community College because of their equestrian program. After she graduates in May with a degree in Pre-Vet, she plans on going to Kansas State and getting into veterinary school.

Besides competing with the



Isely

Western Riders team, Savannah has received the following honors while attending Colby Community College; Presidential Scholar, Presidential Honor roll, and she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and served as vice president of the equestrian team.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 30 min.

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