

Bulletin Board

Letter to the Editor

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
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Christmas seems to be more and more about spending money. Even with a down economy across the lands of America, this year saw record sales on Black Friday. The National Retail Federation estimated that the average shopper spent \$398.62 last Friday. Sales were up seven percent from 2010 as 226 million people either went to stores or bought online. Each year PNC Wealth Management has a little fun with the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Using their Christmas Price Index a cost is established as to how much it would cost to purchase the 364 items needed in the tune.

According to their numbers, the interested consumer can expect to pay \$6,300 for Seven Swans-a-Swimming. Your holiday 11 Pipers Piping will be \$2,427.60. Also, plan to dole out \$2,629.90 for 12 Drummers Drumming this season. In all the cost passed the \$100 K mark this year with an estimate of \$101,119 for the works. I wonder if Neiman Marcus has it in their catalog? Coming back to reality... isn't it reassuring to know that the most important Christmas gift never came with a price tag? May you and yours know the blessing of the newborn babe found in a manger in Bethlehem.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning
George and Kathy Banister, David Banister, Brandon, Amanda, and Avery Winter, Don Banister, Karlyne Atchison, and Lanny DeGood all took Thanksgiving dinner to Amelia Banister at Atwood Good Samaritan Home. David Banister was a Wednesday through Sunday guest of his parents, George and Kathy Banister. Brandon, Amanda, and Avery Winter were Wednesday through Saturday guests of George and Kathy Banister. Kathy Banister took the Brewster High School Scholars Bowl Team to Wheatland Monday where the JV team placed forth. Thanksgiving Day guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children were Marvin and Kristina Springer and boys of Manhattan, Jim and Shelly Brungardt and boys of Hays, Mike and Karla Starns of Independence, KS, Laura Craig of Alma, Ed and Elaine Kogl of Commerce City, Colo., Bill and Blanka Kogl of Georgia, Ote and Ellen Dewey, and Craig and Barb Morton. Ed and Elaine Kogl and Bill and Blanka Kogl were Thursday overnight guests of Ote and Ellen

Dewey. Martin and Kristina Springer and sons were Thanksgiving till Sunday guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children. Tom and Kelly Dewey attended the Fields - Hayden wedding and reception in Atwood Saturday. Tom and Kelly Dewey attended and helped with the Catholic Church fundraiser, "Christmas Bingo: It's a Ho-Ho-Holy Night" Saturday evening in Atwood. Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey, and attended the Fields - Hayden wedding in Atwood Saturday. Joe and Charlene Kramer, Dennis and Elda Kramer and girls, and Ryan and Diane Shay and family all enjoyed the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of Leon and Nancy Brunton of Ozawkie. Other family members joined in the festivities. Leon and Roger Brunton, Bill Kramer, and Ron Harper of Ozawkie have spent a few days here with Joe and Charlene Kramer pheasant hunting. Les and Lori Brunton of West Yellowstone, Montana joined them Sunday and were overnight guests of the Kramers also.

Christmas potluck
The Cheyenne County Historical Society will host a Christmas potluck at 6 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Senior Center. New members are needed to help maintain the museum and promote Cheyenne County history.

Country Christmas
Country Christmas, sponsored by the Center Church Association, will be held 6 p.m. on Friday at the Bird City Senior Center. Soup will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring sandwiches and Christmas goodies, along with a poem or reading to share.

Bird City City Council
The Bird City City Council meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 5, not Dec. 12. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Salvation Army
Salvation Army envelopes are included in this week's *Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. Dolores Jenik, local coordinator, reminds people that money sent in the envelope will stay in the Cheyenne County to fund the local Salvation Army organization.

Community Club
The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12, at the senior center.

Santa Day
Santa is coming to Bird City on Saturday, Dec. 17. Dinner will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

Engine and thresher meeting
There will be a Tri-State Antique 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.

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.

Riverside dance
The Cheyenne County Historical Society is holding a dance at Riverside Recreation on Friday, Dec. 2, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

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

Yuletide Festival
The Yuletide Festival is coming on Sunday, Dec. 11.

Fair board
Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

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.

Books needed
The Cheylin elementary parent group is planning a book exchange along with the I-Carly spaghetti supper this spring. They are asking for donations of preschool, elementary or junior

high level books. Bring to the elementary office or Title I room. The evening of the supper, students will have the opportunity to choose one book to keep.

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 W, X, Y, Z 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 relative 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.

Letter to the Editor:
I wanted to take a brief moment to address what I see as an ongoing issue for myself and my Kansas Department of Transportation crew here in St. Francis. I realize that spraying operations are part of today's farming practices. I would just ask that farmers with ground adjacent to state's right-of-way take caution while performing their spraying operations, and to refrain from farming state right-of-ways. Spillover spraying kills the established grass, which then leads to weed growth. This weed growth must then be maintained by the Kansas Department of Transportation forces. While this cannot be avoided in every instance and scenario, especially with windy weather conditions, I just wanted to bring it to the community's attention. I believe it will save us all money, as taxpayers, in the long run.
Bill Lee
Kansas Department of Transportation Supervisor, St. Francis sub-area shop

McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Travis Knapp was a Wednesday through Sunday guests of his parents, Jerry and Betty Knapp. Brenda Knapp was a Thanksgiving day guest of her parents, Jerry and Betty Knapp. Stan and Becky Purvis and children joined Jerry and Betty Knapp, Travis and Brenda for Thanksgiving day. George and Dixie Louderbaugh and Hanah were Friday evening and supper guests of Jerry and Betty Knapp. Myra Miller and Iris McIntosh's pre-Thanksgiving dinner guests on Sunday were David and Julie McIntosh and Kay Sanders, Lakewood, Colo. Arriving Sunday until Thursday for Thanksgiving were David, Nancy, and Alan Pallozzi, Lakewood, Colo. Estel and Peggy Haning, Greeley, Colo. were Friday post-Thanksgiving dinner guests. Connie Sabatka and Marlene Johnson spent Thanksgiving with Ted and Dixie Bethel and family in McCook. Marlene Johnson, Joan Tongish, Betty Lewis, Janice and Gilbert Antholz, and Karlyne Atchison all attended Eleanor Swihart's birthday party Saturday afternoon at the Federated Church. Thanksgiving day guests of

Joan Tongish were Mike and Diana Tongish, Atwood, Douglas Tongish, Goodland, Jamie, Preston, MaKayla, and Katelyn Mattheyer of Wakeeney, Clinton Hopkins, Atwood, and Betty Lewis. Thanksgiving Day guests of Craig and Jerri Antholz were Hal and Becky Antholz, Cristi and CJ, Mike Miller, Roy and Jean Koons, Hulda Dorsch, Myla Levalley and friend Gerald, Cort and Megan Antholz and Hallee, and Gilbert and Janice Antholz. Becky and Ray Nelson of Rifle, Colo. were Thanksgiving weekend guests of Fred and Lavina Waters. They were all Thanksgiving Day guests of Rick and Kathy Frisbie. Thanksgiving guests of Jim and Lois Morelock were Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Leach of Minneola, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson of Cimarron, Laura Johnson and friend of Emporia, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sager and family of Salina, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnson of Hoxie, Jon Johnson of Concordia, Kalisa Casseday, Jillian and Carli of Lakewood, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Dean Weaver, and Cheryl Crofter of Atwood. Thursday through Saturday

guests of Pastor Mark and Marilyn Adams for Thanksgiving were Mark's parents, George and Norma Jean Adams of Olathe, and his sister and husband, Angela and Gary Duncan of Lenexa. Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the 60th wedding anniversary open house for Leonard and Berdean Wilkinson at St. John's Hall Saturday. Thanksgiving Day guests of Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson were Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson, Lisa and Rod Johnson, Shawn Wilkinson, and Ryan Wilkinson. Houseguests of Eleanor Swihart for the Thanksgiving holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Foster and David of Craig, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Scott Foster and daughters of Cammarillo, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Foster of Burke, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Steve Swihart and daughters of Westminister, Colo., and Alison Swihart and Jessica Ogran of Kansas City, Mo. Additional Thanksgiving Day guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Swihart of St. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Swihart and Addie of Sterling, Seth Swihart of Hutchison, and a student friend of Sterling.

School Menu

Monday
Breakfast: boiled eggs, blueberry muffin
Lunch: chicken quesadilla, rice, vegetable

Tuesday
Breakfast: French toast sticks
Lunch: pigs in a blanket, vegetable

Wednesday
Breakfast: bagels, yogurt

Thursday
Breakfast: pancakes
Lunch: vegetable beef soup, bread
Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.
Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk

Lunch: sloppy joes, chips, vegetable

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.; Sun. Matinee: 2 p.m. 1 hr. 30 min.

Happy Feet 2 3D
Dec. 2, 3 & 4 Adventure, Comedy, Family and Sequel

Elijah Wood, Robin Williams, Hank Azaria, PG for some rude humor
Alecia Moore, Sofia Vergara and mild peril.

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Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6
3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$5 All Others: \$7

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The Robertson-Griffin-Bacon Memorial Building is operated by Bird City Century II Development Foundation, and the Foundation board of directors is currently in the process of developing a layout plan for the offices.

If you have any interest in starting a business in Bird City and are in need of office space, please contact the Foundation office at 107 West Bressler, 785-734-2556 or info@birdcity.com by Dec. 18, 2011.

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Please join us for a dance at Riverside Recreation on Friday, Dec. 2 8 p.m. - midnight.



We hope to see you there!

Season's Greetings

Home for the Holidays

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