



## Casey's Comments

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As a middle-aged, grown-up I know it's not unusual to worry about the behavior of the younger generation. But lately I've been seeing more and more adults acting selfishly.

Please don't call me "Mr. Manners," but haven't you seen it too? People using their cell phones and mobile devices when they should be giving their attention to another individual or task.

It really hit me when I recently attended some business meetings. Here we have a room full of professionals who are there to learn from the speaker in front of them. But as I tried to listen I couldn't help noticing all of the folks who could not leave their techno goodies alone. What could be so

important that they had to attend to that rather than the poor person who was giving of their time and knowledge? I hate to think how that must look from the stage.

Another example- been to a store and the person ahead of you at the checkout has to keep telling a story to someone on the other end while the clerk tries to complete their transaction? Could the call not be made either before entering the store or after? I feel for the employee, but also, the rest of us really don't care to know.

I won't go into folks using these things while driving. That would be another column for another week.

So it makes it hard to have much hope for today's youth learning a few manners when we have their mentors not getting it.

## South of McDonald

**By Sandy Binning**  
George and Kathy Banister attended the wedding of Kathy's nephew, Scott Heiman to Karstin

Painter, Friday in Denver. The Banisters returned home Saturday. Joe Kramer, Jim Poore, Drew Flemming, and Roland Query returned Wednesday after fishing near Carthage, Texas for several days.

Joe and Charlene Kramer, Ryan and Diane Shay and children, and Dennis and Elda Kramer and girls all attended the wild game feed in Brewster Saturday evening. The featured speaker of the evening was Secretary of State, Kris Kolback.

Mary Copeland and John Binning of Hays were weekend guests at the Binning Ranch to help with calving.

Visitors this week of Rita Officer were Margaret Voorhies, Betty and Jerry Knapp, Dee Carrow, Lois Morelock, Linda and Roland Lorimor, John and Lynda Allacher, and Bethel Goltl.



## School Menu

**March 12 - March 15**  
**Monday**  
Breakfast: sausage patty, blueberry muffin  
Lunch: chicken patty sandwich, green beans

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls  
Lunch: goulash, corn bread, broccoli

**Wednesday**  
Sixth grade lunch  
Breakfast: boiled egg, English muffin  
Lunch: soft tacos, smiley potatoes, ice cream

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: oatmeal, banana muffins, yogurt  
Lunch: pizza, bread sticks  
Breakfast is daily served with toast, cereal, juice and milk.  
Lunch is daily served with salad bar, fruit and milk.

### Block Fest

Children, 12 months to first grade, along with their parents, are urged to attend "Block Fest" on Tuesday, March 20, at the St. Francis grade school gym.

The children will learn math and science through simple block play. "Building with blocks can be a great, fun learning experience for your child," said Lori Rieger, Headstart School instructor.

Sign up by March 18 by calling Mrs. Rieger at 332-3110 or 332-2418.

### Dance class

The Cheylin Recreation Commission is holding dance classes Sunday March 11, 3:30-4:30 pm, Sunday 18, and 25, 5:00-6:00 pm. Classes held in Cheylin Grade School Gym. Call 785-734-2478, leave a message.

### Senior birthdays

Bird City Senior center birthday parties will be on Monday, March 12 at 3 p.m.

### Tornado Safety drills

In conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 12-16, a statewide tornado safety drill will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Cheyenne County Communications Center will conduct monthly siren testing starting the first Wednesday in April at 9 a.m. The testing will continue through the end of September.

### After church dinner

The after church spaghetti dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, at the Cheylin cafeteria in Bird City. (Team Bolivia 2012).

### Bird City Alumni

The Bird City Alumni is planning the annual banquet for this year. It will be held on May 26 at the Cheylin High School. Any and all help will be appreciated. Contact the Bird City Library, 785-734-2203 or Dave Hickert 785-734-2522.

### Wildlife banquet

The Cheyenne County Wildlife Banquet and membership meeting will be held on Friday, March 30, at the 4-H building in St. Francis. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Items of business on the agenda are: Elect new board members; treasurer's annual report; and review and amend bylaws.

### Cell phones go public

Cell phone numbers will go public this month. All cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies. Those with cell phones will start to receive sales calls and they will be charged for their calls.

To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: 888-382-1222.

It is the National "do-not-call" list. It only takes a minute. It blocks your number for five (5) years. Remember, you must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a different phone number.

### 95th celebrated

Meta Dankenbring celebrated her 95th birthday on Tuesday, March 6. Her family is asking that cards be sent to her at P.O. Box 295, Bird City, KS 67731.

**Bird City Historical meeting**  
The Bird City Historical Association will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Bird City Senior Center (weather permitting.) After a brief business meeting, the program will be on ideas of how to develop community-wide interest in our area's history.

Reminders: March issue of The Mystery of the Past will be on the Land Seekers (Homesteaders). Bring an article for your category. Also keep in mind articles for the Heirloom Keepsakes Journal.

Are you interested in preserving our history? Come and join us at our meetings.

### Technicians needed

The Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Service is looking for emergency medical technicians (EMTs). A class will be offered in the near future. For more information, call 332-8888. Signup deadline is March 10.

**Cheylin Board of Education**  
The regular monthly meeting of the Cheylin Board of Education will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.

### Fair board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse, St. Francis.

### Get well cards

Get well cards can be sent to: Myra Miller, Villa Rehab Center, 7950 West Mississippi Ave.,

Lakewood, CO, 80226, Room 49.

### Get well cards

Sharon McCann has open heart surgery on Feb. 9. She is home and would appreciate calls at 785-734-2471, as well as cards sent to: 216 W. Second St., Bird City, KS 67731.

### Emergency number

The new phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

### Recycling

The Bird City City Council is requesting that all recycling rules be followed especially breaking down cardboard boxes before they are thrown in the bin.

### Library books

While doing your 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 "B" 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.

## Obituary

### Merle L. Snider

Jan. 30, 1926 - March 1, 2012

Merle L. Snider was born Jan., 30, 1926, in Bird City, Kan., and died on Thursday March 1, 2012, at Goodland, Kan. He was 86 years old.

Merle was the son of William W. and Bertha M. (Elliott) Snider. Merle spent his whole life in Bird City and attended the Bird City schools. He graduated with the class of 1944 from Bird City Rural High School.

Merle was a working man who did many different jobs for many different people and organizations. He spent 13 years farming for Guy Lamb and 10 years working and managing the Bird City Equity Grocery Store. Until failing health forced him to retire, Merle was the caretaker at the Bird City Cemetery and three country cemeteries around Bird City for 21 years.

Merle is preceded in death by his parents, brother, Harold Snider, sister, Margie Underwood and brother-in-law, Elmer 'Skeet' Underwood.

Merle is survived by one sister-in-law, Veronica Snider of Greeley, Colo., and two nephews, Gary and Patrick Snider of Greeley and two nieces, Sharon Benson and Elena Snider of Greeley, and numerous cousins and friends.

At Merle's request, there will be no service. Inurnment will take place at a later date in the family lot in the Bird City Cemetery. Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Cheyenne County Hospital and forwarded to Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, KS 67756.

**SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. Sunday Matinee 2 p.m. 1 hr. 44 min.**

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**3rd Annual Cheylin Entrepreneurship Fair**  
\*Entries from Cheylin 7th - 12th grades\*  
**Tuesday, March 13, 2012**  
**Bird City HS Gymnasium**  
9:30 a.m. Classes & Public Tour Booths  
10:30 a.m. Speaker & Presentation of Awards  
11:15 a.m. Dismiss

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2008 Ford F-150 Lariat, Crew Cab, 59K, #T7342A	\$28,000
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**Diabetes Education Management Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 21, 1:30 p.m.  
**Cheyenne County Clinic Basement**

Topic: "Know your Numbers"  
Carbohydrate Counting & Carbohydrate Containing Foods -  
Kirsten Angell, CCH - Dietitian

For more information contact  
Mila Bandel, RN - County Health Nurse  
785-332-2381

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