



# Bulletin Board

## Casey's Comments

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I try to bring variety to the subjects that are presented in each week's space under my name. But I had to touch once more on what was happening five years ago in my world.

An acute case of pancreatitis landed me in the ICU at a Denver hospital. In my life-and-death struggle I was not alone, as mentioned last week.

But it wasn't until I opened the Dr. Scholl's shoe box that lays stored in our basement that I realized the army behind me when I was down.

It took me two attempts to read the cards and letters that have been saved from that time. Some were from loved ones who have gone beyond while I have remained. My dear Aunt Sissy, Gene Young and Gus and Martha Zweggardt

were more worried about me than themselves.

In all, there are close to 100 pieces of mail from family and friends. Posts came from McDonald, Bird City and St. Francis and as far away as Washington state. Each encouraged me to heal and know that warm thoughts were directed to me and prayers were being sent to God on my behalf.

The thing is, that box could be empty but the sentiments would remain. Like the old saying of "quantity versus quality." The caring hearts of all those who took time to send out support was of the highest quality.

Not that I will forget these people and their words, but I plan to dust off that box every five years and spend a few moments realizing how very blessed I am.

And I promise to write about something else next week!

**Get well cards appreciated**  
Get well cards of care and concern may be sent to Lavern Young, in care of Janet Young-Elliott, Box 200644, Evans, CO 80620.

**Church events**  
Wesleyan Community Church will be having a Christian Seder Meal at the church on Friday. If interested in attending please call Dan Carson 734-2727 or 734-2697.

**Treasurer's office closed**  
The county treasurer's office will be closed from 8 to 9 a.m. today (Thursday) for statewide testing.

**Fair board**  
The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

**County commissioners**  
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 13, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

**Historical association**  
The Bird City Historical Association Inc., will meet on April 13 at the Bird City Senior Center at 2 p.m.

**Storytime**  
Storytime will be Friday at 9 a.m. -10:30 p.m. Parents are invited to bring 2-5 year olds for a time of reading and fun. Come for 10 minutes or the entire time.

**Community club**  
Community club is meeting on April 9 at 7:30 at the Senior center.

**Home circle club**  
Carol Peters will be the hostess for the April meeting of the Home Circle Club. It will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, at the manor.

**Soles4Souls**  
Stephanie Busse is asking people to put their old but good shoes in collection boxes at Hometown Market, Cheylin Elementary and High schools and the Bird City Library. The shoes will be donated to Soles4Souls, which distributes them to 127 countries including the United States. The shoe drive will end April 12.

**Church meeting**  
Come to an appreciation of the Fullness of Faith in the Catholic tradition. Join them for a series of faith-enriching audio sessions this Lent. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 625 River St., Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. April 1- Benedict XVI: Light of the World" a conversation with Peter Weewald.

**Leadership and beginning farmer workshop**  
A FFA leadership and beginning farmer farm transition workshop will be held at the Rawlins County High School, Atwood, on Thursday, April 5. The FFA Backers will serve lunch from noon to 12:40 and the program will follow. For more information, call 785-626-8066.

**Veterans' Affairs**  
Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis at 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veterans' Affairs claims work on Thursday, April 5. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

**Museum news**  
Wednesday, April 18, is spring cleaning time at the Cheyenne County Museum. Bring cleaning supplies and join the fun from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Grief Support Group**  
The Grief Support Group will begin meeting again on Monday, March 26, and continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. (choose a time). Meeting place is the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 E. Fourth, Bird City. For more information, call 785-734-2739.

The group is a confidential support to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one in a safe place of mutual help and comfort.

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

**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.

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

**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.

**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. Call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We just had the privilege of attending a rally concerning our Religious Freedom. A lot of people cannot seem to grasp the importance of this. When the government can tell us what we have to purchase and that we must fund something even if it is against our religious beliefs, we are in trouble. One of our requirements in the Obamacare health care is that each business, organization, or church must pay for contraceptives and abortions. These things are already accessible to everyone, so forcing everyone to pay for these regardless of religious beliefs is a huge threat to religious freedom. What this would do is make sex a recreation instead of what God intended for it to be, sacred within a marriage. Never in American history have we seen the federal government order Christian businesses, including adoption agencies, rescue missions, church schools and more to violate their religious beliefs.

If the government can force us to pay for something we do not agree with and mandate that everyone must have health care, we have actually lost two freedoms. So, what is next? It is so mis-

leading, it is not fair, except to those who want to control what we hear and think. Don't you think this is a blatant contradiction of the First Amendment?

How about the threat to our Second Amendment Rights? Are you aware that the U.N. is trying to get an international gun registration? Do you want the U.N. meddling in our freedoms? This again is against our constitution. How many of you even know what the Constitutions says? Are we teaching this in our schools? Maybe we better read it again and again.

I read recently that there are more food stamps now than ever before in history. Is this good? Our forest service says not to feed the animals or they might become dependent on you and not be able to function on their own. Ring a bell??

If we lose our freedoms and your kids or grandkids ask you what you did to stop this, will you be able to say you did something or that you just sat back and let it happen?

I want my family to know that I tried to do something.

Phyllis Carson  
Bird City

**Thank You**

We want to sincerely thank all community members who helped with the graveside services for Don Kruse, especially Dan Busse, Pastor Rossbach, and the pall bearers. We are very grateful to the many folks who have called or visited with Velma in the past few weeks to offer condolences. Also a big thank you for all the cards and birthday wishes sent to Velma to help her celebrate her 90th. All acts of kindness have been greatly appreciated by the Kruse family. Thank you.

## School Menu

<b>Monday</b> No School	Lunch: meatballs in sauce, buttered noodles, garlic breadsticks, corn, strawberries and bananas, frog-eyed salad
<b>Tuesday</b> Breakfast: apple cinnamon scones Lunch: beef noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans	<b>Friday</b> Breakfast: bagels with cream cheese, boiled egg Lunch: corn dogs, chips with nacho cheese, dessert Breakfast is daily served with toast, cereal, fruit juice and milk. Lunch is daily served with salad bar, fruit and milk.
<b>Wednesday</b> Breakfast: breakfast quasadillas Lunch: baked potato bar, rolls, carrots	
<b>Thursday</b> Junior class lunch Breakfast: pancakes on a stick	

**SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hr. 12 min.**

**John Carter**  
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## Thank You

My most sincere thank you to my family for taking me to Denver for my surgery Feb. 23 and for staying with me. Also, for bringing me back to Cheyenne County Hospital and finally back to my home Feb. 29 in Bird City. The care I received at both hospitals was excellent and since returning home my family, friends and GSV Home Health — you are all the best. Your prayers, cards, calls, gifts and visits helped me recuperate quickly so I was able to celebrate my 95th birthday. Family and Friends came on March 6, cake, dinner, cards and more gifts, no one could ask for more! You are all special to me and I thank God for giving me these 95 years and ask him to bless you too.

My love and appreciation, Meta Dankenbring

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2007 Ford F150 Lariat Crew Cab, Leather, 91K, #T0005A	\$25,500
2007 Ford F-150 King Ranch, Crew Cab, 69K, #T6497B	\$27,000
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2007 Chevy 1500 LS Crew, 4x4, 69K, #T5835B	\$22,500
2008 Mercedes C300 Sport, 56K, loaded, #4538VA	\$28,500
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Blood Lab Draws: Monday, April 16th, Tuesday, April 17th, Wednesday, April 18th  
7 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day in St. Francis at the Cheyenne County Health Department (no appointment needed for lab draws)  
Blood Lab Draws: Tuesday, April 17th and Wednesday, April 18th  
7 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day in Bird City at the clinic (no appointment needed for lab draws)  
Lab Fee: \$45.00 due at time of service!  
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April 18 - 20th - must make an appointment.  
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