



## Casey's Comments

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I love baseball! In my opinion, no other sport embodies the spirit of America so closely. The drama of the game gives expression as if it were our own Greek tragedy or Shakespearean play. The diamond is the stage for epic achievements as well as broken bats and spirits.

My team, the Boston Red Sox, is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its home. Fenway Park is part cathedral and part bandbox. With the oddity of the Green Monster for a left field wall, it has much the same look and character as when the turnstiles churned for the first spectators who entered its hallowed concourses.

However when the stadium

opened it was not the big news of the day that April 20, 1912. For five days earlier an event unimaginable over shadowed the new baseball jewel of the east coast.

The other centennial and sorrowful occurrence, marks the sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic on April 15. In the early morning hours some 1,514 souls went down with the grand ship in the icy, cold waters of the north Atlantic.

Much like our generation's 9-11 disaster, few events have caused nations to stop and be humbled in such a way.

A few days after the unthinkable deaths at sea, the Boston Red Sox defeated the New York Highlanders, later to become the Yankees, by the score of 7 to 6 in 11 innings.

## Health fair planned for Cheyenne County

Those planning to have blood work done at the spring health fair need to mark Monday through Wednesday on their calendar.

The Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Departments will be sponsoring the the health fair for men and women. The female exam includes a breast and pelvic exam with pap smear; the male exam will include a prostate check.

The lab work available includes: a chemistry panel (with TSH and Lipid panel) Hemoglobin A1C and PSA.

The much reduced fee is due at time of service and will not be billed to insurance.

**Lab draws**

Lab draws in St. Francis will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16, 17 and 18, in the Cheyenne County Clinic basement. No appointment is needed.

In Bird City, the lab draws will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. on Tues-

day and Wednesday, April 17 and 18, at the Bird City Clinic. Again, no appointment needed.

People having the draw should remember to fast for the chemistry panel lab test with nothing to drink or eat except water after midnight. Those taking medications may take them the morning of the draw and remember to drink plenty of water.

Those having exams should call the Cheyenne County Clinic, 785-332-2682, for an appointment. Exams are done by appointments only between April 18 and 20.

During the lab draws, there will be educational display booths available in the basement. Outside the clinic on Tuesday, April 17, the Lions Club will also have the State-wide Lions Club vision and hearing screening truck. People can have their vision, hearing and/or blood pressure checked.

For more information, contact Mila Bandel, RN, county health nurse, at 332-2381.

## Photo Policy

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times want to emphasize photos of people doing things in the community. If you know of an event or new happening that we should attend, please call 332-3162.

Please be sure to allow a couple of days' notice so we can be there.

Space in the paper is limited and so is the time of our staff, so we may not be able to get to every event. Because space is so limited, we cannot run team or group photos, any pictures of people lined up or of people passing checks, certificates and the like. (We will always try to make room for a story about any of these events, however.)

We do run wedding and engagement pictures and "mug" shots with stories and obituaries, when they are provided to us. Please remember that we need a clear, sharp picture. Dark or fuzzy prints will not work.

We cannot return photos unless you submit a self-addressed, stamped envelope with clear instructions for return. Other photos submitted may be picked up at our office within two weeks. After that, they will be disposed of.

Laser prints of photos which have run in *The Herald* or *Times* are available, first come, first served. Special-order laser prints of photos will be available at \$3 each.

## Thank You

I along with my children take this opportunity to thank all the people who had a part in my emergency hospitalization. First of all the doctor on call at St. Francis that realized I was an emergency case, my good neighbor, Donna Wright, who was available immediately to take me to Hays, to Norm and Mary Dorsch, for bringing my car home, to all the other friends and neighbors who in some way helped in other ways. Special thanks to Pastor Mark Adams for his visits, for all the prayers in my behalf by my church, neighbors and friends. What a blessing to live in a small caring community. Thanks again for whatever part you had in my care and recovery. God bless all of you, Hulda Dorsch and sons, Jim, Tom and Bob and their families.

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## Bulletin Board

### 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 8062.

### Legion Auxiliary

The Bird City American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Friday at the new meeting room in the Century II addition. Hope we can have a good turnout.

### Historical association

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

The program will be on the development of summer activities. Members will need to bring 2 articles for the April and May issues of the newsletters in your category for the Mystery of the Past, because some of the High School students will be out of school early in May. Reminder: Articles for our Keepsake Journal.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

Spend the day or just a few hours. We are preparing for the museum opening in May and Alumni Reunion weekend in June. Everyone is welcome!

### Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will meet on Monday, April 23, 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 City Council is requesting that all recycling rules be followed especially breaking down cardboard boxes before they are thrown in the bin, also no trash, or items not designated on bins.

### 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.

### 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.

## Hospital board hears report of new equipment that would help in lab

By Nathan Fiala

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The Cheyenne county hospital board met in the basement of the clinic on Thursday, March 29. They first heard a diagnostic imaging report from manager Emily Rehmer. She reported that Darrell Reed, ultrasound and lab manager, wants to get a new table that would streamline the imaging process from what is set up now. She also mentioned the possibility of purchasing 3D imaging and bone density devices, but that a dexascan device would probably be more reasonable and possible for the hospital at this time.

Treasurer Jane Young wasn't present, but she had given her report to hospital administrator Les Lacy, who read the report.

Mr. Lacy gave his administrator's report, most notably stating that this board meeting had been rescheduled because he and Great Plains Health Alliance representative Jackie John had attended a financial meeting in Washington D.C. at the time

the meeting had originally been scheduled. He said they had 30 minutes to make their case to receive additional funding and he said the representatives seemed impressed with what he had to say. Mrs. John also said that the measurable standards of GPHA should give reason for the politicians in Washington to take another look at their proposal.

Mr. Lacy also said that Deanna Grice is retiring and a new housekeeping manager would be sought out.

It was brought up that a service called Telestroke out of Denver is being considered. This service would put local staff in touch with specialists who could determine if clot-busting medications could be used during a stroke to make the effects less severe.

Mr. Lacy also said the hospi-

tal's health fair is scheduled to run April 16-20.

Toward the end of the meeting, Mr. Lacy suggested board members start thinking about funding and how they want to proceed with that in the future. He realizes that asking for money from the county commissioners can ruffle a lot of feathers in the community, but that these funds are vital to retain and hire new staff members, and to purchase, repair and maintain equipment that keep the hospital competitive in the northwest Kansas area. Problems in past years are still present and aren't simply just going to go away by ignoring them.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 26 at 3 p.m. in the basement of the clinic.

## Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit

will be in McDonald and Bird City on Wednesday, April 18.

McDonald - Main Street - 9-11:30 a.m.  
Bird City - at the Wellness Center - 1-5 p.m.  
See article for more information  
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## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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## Diabetes Education Management Meeting

Wednesday, April 18,  
1:30 p.m.

## Cheyenne County Clinic Basement

Topic: "Is My Blood Glucose Meter Accurate" & Diabetes Travel  
Speaker: Susie Walz, LPN – Diabetes Educator for CCH

For more information contact  
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