



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Some of life's best things come in small packages.

For instance, watching our daughter's smile as she glided across the gym floor for her last high school prom. Another happened the week before when we saw her older brother, with a grin of accomplishment, graduate from chiropractic college. Not every moment of our existence is sweet, but those special glimpses sure make up for the down times.

The next small package of joy was found last Sunday out in the country. A mushroom!

Two years ago Lezlie and I became hooked on foraging for wild, morel mushrooms. I'm still unsure if it was beginner's luck since the first year we brought home bags and bags of these little treasures.

Our first cache saw us go from devouring mushrooms until the novelty of their taste wore off. So we got good at drying them and ended up with three, gallon size Ziplocks of dehydrated jewels. Those kept us going, although many were given away. You can imagine how we looked forward to enjoying them fresh again.

We definitely had a case of over confidence when the weather turned nice the following season. With last spring we headed into the woods (ha, ha) again in pursuit of the fungus that we thought we knew so well.

But there was one problem. As it is sometimes around these parts, Mother Nature played a cruel joke on us as she withheld the spring rains needed to bring the morels up.

Now don't think we didn't try. Each spare moment that we had was spent looking in vain for them. But Team McCormick was skunked in our second year.

After waiting two years to taste that unique sort of buttery, sort of nutty flavor, we set out again on Sunday. I doubt that we will have another year like the first. But I don't care much either. Four slightly dried out wild mushrooms found their way to our home and a sauce pan with a bit of olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper.

Having seen the smiles on my kid's faces and shared the epicurian delight of fresh morels, I could die a happy man.

Enjoy life's little pleasures as they're all around!

School Menu

School Menu
April 23- April 26
Monday

Breakfast: Hash browns, sausage links.

Lunch: Frito chili pie, mixed vegetables.

Tuesday

Breakfast: French toast strips, yogurt.

Lunch: chicken fajitas, rice.

Wednesday

Breakfast: scrambled eggs with cheese.

Lunch: oven fried chicken, curly fries, green beans, rolls.

Thursday

Breakfast: pear-chocolate chip scones, sausage patties.

Lunch: hamburger macaroni and cheese, broccoli, pumpkin squares.

Breakfast is daily served with toast, cereal, fruit juice and milk.

Lunch is daily served with salad bar, fruit and milk.

Bulletin Board

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, at Wesleyan Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join in prayer for our nation.

Senior potluck

Because the May potluck falls on Memorial Day there will be no potluck in May. The Center will be open that day for coffee and rolls after the Memorial Day Services at the cemetery. More information on this event will be provided later.

Treasurer's office closed

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

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.

Grief Support Group

The next Grief Support Group will meet on Monday, May 7, and continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. For this meeting bring a

picture of your lost loved one. 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.

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.

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.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

It is once again time for the National Day of Prayer.

This is a day set aside for all to be in prayer for our nation and all levels of government. We are blessed to have a day set aside by former presidents, Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan. Our founding fathers called for prayer during the Constitutional Congress. In their eyes our new nation was a direct gift from God. Let us join in prayer on the National Day of Prayer to re-establish our freedoms and make our nation strong churches, fair reporting media outlets, schools that train our future

leaders and remember the history that has made us a great nation.

We all need to stop and re-evaluate what is taking place in our nation. When we let prayer be taken out of schools, public places and now even our military and historical documents are considered to be offensive and must be removed, we have lost a lot of our freedoms and the values our men and women have fought so valiantly for.

Let us join in prayer on the first Thursday of May.

Phyllis Carson
Bird City

South of McDonald

Mark and Catina Montgomery and children of Denver were weekend guests of Craig and Diane Cox.

Ote and Ellen Dewey attended the 90th birthday celebration of Bob Bixenman in Colby Sunday afternoon.

George and Kathy Banister at-

tended the McDonald Equity Annual Meeting and supper Thursday evening.

Mike and Amy Waters, Brynna and their New Zealand exchange student Cain, were weekend guests of Doug and Karen Fleming, and Bethel Golt



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Date: Monday, April 30

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Place: Cheyenne County Clinic Basement

Registration Fee: \$10.00 (includes lunch and snacks)
** Approved for 6 hours of CEU's**

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2004 Ford F-250 Lariat 6.0, 115,447, #T3872B, sale	\$14,995
2005 Ford F-250 XLT, 124,000 Super Cab, #T1920A	\$16,900
2005 Ford Explorer XLT AWD, #T2027A	\$8,595
2005 Ford F-250 Lariat, L. Box, 133K miles, #T9945A	\$17,500
2006 Ford 250, R/C, L. box, Local Trade, 100K, #T4374A	\$18,900
2006 Ford F-350 Crew, #T1726B	\$12,900
2007 Ford F150 Lariat Crew Cab, Leather, 91K, #T0005A	\$25,500
2007 Ford F-150 King Ranch, Crew Cab, 69K, #T6497B	\$27,000
2007 GMC Yukon XL, 108,000, loaded, #T5284A	\$25,995
2008 Mercedes C300 Sport, 56K, loaded, #4538VA	\$28,500
2008 GMC Acadia, SLT pkg., Loaded, Dual DVD, #T0869B	\$18,000
2008 Chevy K2500 HD LT, Crew 76K,	\$25,700
2008 Ford Expedition King ranch, 76K, #T7062A	\$29,475
2009 Lincoln MKZ, Super low miles, 16K, #85233A	\$27,900
2009 Cadillac STS, loaded, #T2882A	\$29,000
2009 Nissan Altima, loaded, #22328A	\$17,000
2010 F-250 Super Cab Lariat, 10 K, 4x4, 6.4, #50842A	\$44,000
2011 Ford Taurus SEL, #06614A Was \$33,000 Now \$29,300	
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