



## Casey's Comments

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Last week, Wed., June 6, marked the 68th anniversary of the Allied landings in Normandy, France. For that was the D-day that turned the tides of the Second World War.

I got to wondering...what if?

What if the good guys had not been able to put together the largest amphibious assault in world history in time.

If Russia had fallen before, Hitler would have had all of his forces waiting in France to repel our troops.

What if the American, British and Canadian soldiers had failed? Especially at Omaha beach, it was a blood bath. Suppose the invading force had faltered and been held off.

It took some trickery to help split the Nazi defenses as they were led to believe General Patton

was leading the main drive at Calais, a much closer distance from England than Normandy. What if the German commanders had not taken that bait?

What if we had not had the 160,000 men on the 5,000 ships, along with the 800 planes dropping 13,000 paratroopers, and the 300 bombers that led the way? What if the resources had not been available?

What if Hitler and the Axis powers had won?

Thank God it worked. Within two months following D-day France was free and within a year Hitler committed suicide.

What if we forgot to recognize and remember those 10,000 casualties and those who survived on D-day who saved freedom for future generations?

What if we took that freedom for granted?

## Obituary

### John Richard DaPron

Dec. 30, 1924 - June 5, 2012

John Richard DaPron, 87, died Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, Kan.

John was born on Dec. 30, 1924, in Glendo, Wyo., to Harry DaPron and Eva (Fowler) DaPron. He was a resident of Bird City, Kan., since the early 1960s after having lived in Larned, Kan.

Upon moving to Bird City, John and his family lived on the farm south of town before relocating to the family's current home in Bird City. John was involved in highway construction, farming, was a bus driver for the Bird City school district, and was a custodian at Bird City Rural High School and Cheylin High School. He retired in 1994 after 32 years of service to the school system.

John was a member of American Legion Post 352, serving as commander and adjutant for the organization. He enjoyed wood-working, watching television and movies, and spending time with his family. In his retirement years, he enjoyed time and friendships at the Bird City Senior Citizens Center. John served his country as a member of the United States Navy, receiving an honorable discharge after four years of military

service.

John married Hollis Ilene (Murray) Ginther on June 3, 1959. They celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary just two days before his death.

John was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Franklin; a sister, Eva Broomfield; an infant sister, Delila; and one grandchild.

Survivors include his wife, Hollis, of the home; sister, Ophie Heyden, College Place, Wash.; sons, Duane, of Broken Arrow, Okla.; and Darwin, of Bird City; a daughter, Donita Clausen, and husband, Michael, of South Haven, Kan.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City, on June 9, 2012, with the Rev. Tom Bailey officiating. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery. Knodel Funeral Home of St. Francis handled arrangements.

Pallbearers included Lee Amsberry, John Clausen, Michael Clausen, Charles Coleman, Doug Flemming, and Rod Klepper.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Cheyenne County EMTs.

## Bird City News

Edna Roesener attended Tilyn Bell's graduation reception in St. Francis, at the Dance Ranch on May 20.

Zina Nelsen and her daughter

Cindy Meadows of Larned, were visitors of Paul and Edna Roesener and guest at Big-Ed's after decorating the families graves on May 24.



## Fire Up Your Faith

Starting this Sunday, June 17th, the Wesleyan Community Church of Bird City will be having Sunday evening services, starting at 7 p.m. We will have Contemporary Praise and Worship, followed by interactive preaching / Bible Study. Come and check it out!

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m.

1 hr. 33 min.

### Madagascar 3D

June 15, 16 & 17

Comedy/Action/Adventure/  
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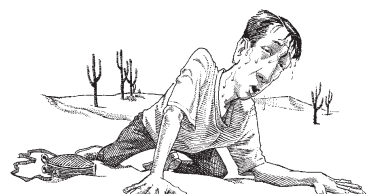
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## Bulletin Board

**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.  
Note: As of May 25, show time is 8 p.m.

**Story time**  
Story time is on Friday, June 15 at 9 a.m.

**Farewell**  
A farewell for the Barnett clan will be held Thursday, June 14. Starting at 7 p.m., there will be swimming at the pool and visiting at the park. Stop on by and say goodbye!

**Pool movie night**  
Movie night and hot dog supper June 16, supper 6:00 p.m. at the pool, swimming at 7:30 p.m., movie at 9:00 p.m. (rated G). Proceeds go towards new suits and other supplies for guards.

**School board meeting**  
School Board meeting will be held on Monday June 18, at 7:00 p.m.

**Congressman Huelskamp**  
Congressman Tim Huelskamp will be in St. Francis at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 15, in the courtroom on the second floor in the courtroom.

**Commissioners**  
Following Congressman Huelskamp's meeting with the public, the Cheyenne County Commissioners will start their regular meeting in the commissioners' room.

**Weight lifting**  
Summer weight lifting program began on Monday May 14, will go till August from 6:30 am to 7:45 a.m. Monday -Thursday mornings, call Coach Blair.

**Swimming lessons**  
Swim Lessons will be June 18-29 at the Bird City Pool. To sign-up call Jessica 785 821-4636 or Tina 734-2478 or 734-7141 (leave message).

**Water Aerobics**  
Water aerobics are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

**Mommy and me**  
Mommy and Me Classes will be on the following Fridays: June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20. Call Tina 734-2478 for times.

**Night Golf**  
Night golf at the Bird City Golf Course every first and third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Grief Support Group**  
The next Grief Support Group will continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. 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.

**Fishing clinic**  
The Tri-County Fishing Clinic will be held at Bellamy's Farm, south of Goodland, on Thursday, June 14. The clinic is open to all children, ages 7-12. They are welcome to bring poles and tackle, the bait will be provided.  
Participants must pay a \$3 fee and have a completed waiver on file at the Extension office.  
The staff plans on leaving the courthouse at 8:15 a.m. and returning between 3 and 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.  
To register, call the Extension office at 332-3171 before June 12.

**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

## Theater to show 1000th movie during alumni weekend

**By Nathan Fiala**  
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Friday, June 15, is set to be a busy night in St. Francis with the art walk and alumni reunion, but it's also the night of the 1,000th movie shown at the Cheyenne Theater.

Renovated and reopened on Friday, May 1, 1992, the theater first showed the Disney animated movie The Great Mouse Detective, voiced

by Vincent Price. The price of a ticket was \$1.50 for kids and \$3 for adults. Other movies shown in later weeks were Stop, Or My Mom will Shoot, starring Sylvester Stallone, and Fried Green Tomatoes, with Kathy Bates.

This weekend, the movie is Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted in 3D. It is a computer animated movie with voices by Ben Stiller

and Chris Rock. Holly Bryan, new theater manager, said to celebrate the 1,000th movie, everyone attending on Friday will receive free popcorn.

In 20 years' time, the theater replaced the seats in 2005 and upgraded to a 3D digital projector in 2011. The prices have increased to \$4 for children and \$6 for adults, and a dollar extra for 3D movies.

## Local office collecting donations

The Cheyenne County United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) office is collecting donations for the Farmers, Feds, and Friends Feed Families food drive.

All items are being accepted, perishable and non-perishable. They will be donated to the food pantry for distribution to our community, so all donations stay local and help your neighbors.

A box is located in the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) office lobby and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office lobby. Feel free to stop by anytime

between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday to donate.

There is a healthy competition between Kansas department of agriculture offices to see who can

collect the most pounds.

Let's show how much community pride we have in Cheyenne County! said Bernadette Luncsford, district conservationist.

## Deadlines !-! Deadlines

We know how all of us hate deadlines — But in order for us to do our best and try to keep you happy, please note below The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times deadlines.

Articles and Ad are due Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's paper

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