



Casey's Comments

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The country of Greece has been taking a lot of knocks lately. Actually they've had a run of misfortune going back to the Nazi occupation of World War II. That was followed by civil war and instability that has made it hard to have a solid government and economy.

But being the keepers of the birth place of Western society, the Greek people have plenty going for themselves. One of the credits to that Mediterranean race is their food.

Last weekend our family grew again as our niece, Lauren, married Adam Janzi from Scottsbluff, Neb. One of the wedding gifts the families got to enjoy was the rehearsal dinner prepared by Adam's grandmother, Sophia.

Denver has a large Greek community and I got to know several members over the years that owned restaurants or taverns. The Greek festival was a big draw each year, held in the parking lot

of their huge Orthodox church. However, never have I tasted anything like Grandma Janzi's feast.

She served tender souvlaki (meat kabobs), mouth watering spanakopita (spinach pie), delicious dolmades (meat, rice and herb stuffed grape leaves), along with several other dishes. Then the desert almost showed up the rest of the meal. Her baklava could have come down from heaven above. Layers of paper thin phyllo dough encased an amazing nut mixture that was drizzled with honey.

Needless to say, after the supper, if I had stumbled into a sharp object in my over loaded and happy condition, fat boy would have popped.

Here's to the Greeks and all they have given to us. Especially Grandmother Sophia and her gastronomic talents!

And best wishes to the newly weds who will always be blessed with good food at family gatherings.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Greg and Susan Moyer of Olathe, were last Sunday evening guests of Craig and Diane Cox.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Family Picnic at the Good Samaritan Home in Atwood with Amelia Banister last week, the Dickman Family Reunion last Saturday in Grinnell, and the memorial services for Coy DeGood in St. Francis Tuesday.

J.B., Ada Lee, and Joe Cox were Father's Day dinner guests of Craig and Diane Cox.

Diane Cox hosted a coffee for Greg and Susan Moyer of Olathe, Kan. Monday morning at her home. Many friends of the Moyers

attended.

Kelly Dewey and children were participants in a swim meet in McCook Saturday.

Father's Day dinner guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard were George and Dixie Louderbaugh, Hudson and Hannah, Brock and Holle Yates and children of Sharon Springs, Roy and Jnel Hubbard and Daniel, Phyllis Cass, and Dave Hubbard.

Lynn and Rita Officer, and Ratha Lea Loker were Father's Day dinner and afternoon guests of Mark and Marilee Gundlach and children. They helped Seth celebrate his ninth birthday.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Bruce, Shirley, and Addie Swihart of St. Francis, Ben and Karen Swihart and Karen's mother, Fran Lederle, and Steve and Debbie Swihart of Westminster, Colo. were Father's Day guests of Eleanor Swihart. Steve and Debbie were Saturday overnight guests also.

Donna Binning, Porsha, Bianca,

and Jazzmin, and Sandy Binning were Wednesday afternoon callers to Janice Antholz.

Becky, Janice, and Gilbert Antholz traveled to Kearney, Neb. Saturday and visited with Tina Smith.

Blake Waters of Basehor, was a weekend guest of Fred and Lavina Waters.

Bird City News

Fathers Day, Dr. Doug and Sandra Fair of Donna, Texas joined Paul and Edna Roesener at St. John Lutheran for church and lunch at the Bird City Diner afterwards. Sandra is the daughter of Edna and Paul.

Stan Shrader, their son stopped by to greet them in the afternoon.

Later that afternoon Paul and Edna

joined Sandra and Doug's children and grandchildren in Oberlin.

Grant Shrader drove grandpa and grandma Roesener to join them for grilled steaks at the home of Jeff and Sophie Williams. Others present were: Justin Williams of Hays, Kerin and Jennifer Cox and Payton and Hayden of Keller, Texas.

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!

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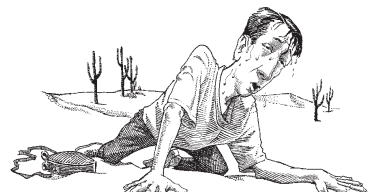


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Bulletin Board

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.

Young Miss
Young Miss program will start at 7 p.m. on Saturday in the St. Francis high school auditorium. A "meet and greet" the girls will be held at 2 p.m. in the band shell, Sawhill Park.

Hospital board
Cheyenne County Hospital board will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.

Commissioners
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 29, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

July Fourth celebration
Cheyenne County July Fourth celebration will be held all day on Wednesday, July 4, in St. Francis. There will be 55 minutes of fireworks starting at 9:50. Look for more information elsewhere in this issue.

Wesleyan service
Starting Sunday, June 17, 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 and Bible Study.

Bird City Senior Center
The Senior potluck will be Monday, June 25, at noon.

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 and July 2-13. at the Bird City Pool, from 8a.m. to noon. 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 p.m.

Mommy and me
Mommy and Me Classes will be

on the following Fridays: June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20. Time 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Night Golf
Night golf at the Bird City Golf Course every first and third Wednesday at 7 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.

Commissioners to buy new radios

By Karen Krien
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The Cheyenne County Commissioners agreed to order new 800-megahertz radios when they met on Friday.

Reid Raile, Cheyenne County Hospital information technologist, Ryan Murray, emergency management director, Jennifer Padgett, county communication director, and Mark Mills, emergency medical technician, talked to the board about the plans which needed to be made.

Mr. Raile said that after studying the issue, they felt like the best way to keep the county covered was to keep UHF and add 800 megahertz capabilities.

The wireless communication is changing quickly and there will be more changes in the future. The best way, said Dale Patton, commissioner, is to go to a hybrid system, using both UHF pages and the 800 megahertz radios. Mr. Raile said that firemen didn't want to carry a radio but preferred the smaller pager.

The county will need to lease space on two towers for a cost of \$160 per month. Mr. Raile and Mr. Murray will look into the final cost of a state communication lease.

The commissioners agreed that it would be best to get the radios with a lease purchase. The lease is for 12 years and will cover replacements and additional radios. Mr. Murray and Mr. Raile said that the radios

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.

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.

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

needed to be ordered by June 22 to receive a \$21,000 savings. The commissioners agreed to have the two men see to placing the order.

The 911 dispatch office will need a console which can be purchased with 911 funds. The tower payment can also be made with 911 funds.

Budget
The commissioners talked about preparing the budget for the coming year. The Good Samaritan Society, which owns the Good Samaritan Village nursing home in St. Francis, had sent a proposed budget to the county attorney and she said she would get a copy of it to each of the commissioners.

Andy Beikman, commissioner, asked Terry Miller, clerk, to contact Tim Carson, who handles the county's health insurance, to get some figures from him.

Monitoring
A letter was received from Larsen and Associates, Lawrence, asking for permission to drill on courthouse property. The company is working with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment concerning an

underground storage tank owned by Jenik Oil. The company said it would be necessary to install soil borings and/or monitoring wells and the project should be completed with one week. The Board agreed to allow the work to be done on the county property.

In other business
In other business:
• Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development director, and Carol Redding, board member, presented the budget for the development organization.

• The safety violations cited by a recent visit from a state inspector, have been fixed.

• Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, will hire a new person to work on the crew. No names were released.

• The commissioners agreed to establish a burn ban for the county. See related article for more information.

Next meeting
The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Friday, June 29, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. 1 hr. 46 min.

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There are 3 different units now, the new one is a cordless phone or if you have plenty of phones there is just the unit and the third option is a regular phone unit. The cost for a Lifeline is a one-time installation fee of \$50 and the monthly cost is \$30 and for the new cordless phone it is \$35.

For more information or to get one installed call Shawna at Cheyenne County Hospital 785-332-2104.

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