



Casey's Comments

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During election years American politics launch a good deal of symbolism. Images are used by the candidates and the separate parties to send messages to voters.

Ever wonder how the Democrats became donkeys and the Republicans the elephant?

Around the time of the Civil War a popular source for news was Harper's Weekly out of New York City. Both through printed stories and pictures made from wood engravings, readers were able to follow the major events that were shaping this country.

In addition to battle field and national happenings, the medium of political cartoons was beginning. The man who would become known as the "Father of American Caricature" was employed at Harper's Weekly at this time.

Thomas Nast was a German immigrant, born in Landau on Sept. 27, 1840, and arriving at

the age of six. Although he was a failure as a student, never learning to read or write, he became an exceptional artist.

While at Harper's he did not create the mule, but his Democratic cartoons beginning in 1870 did popularize the symbol. He would later give the GOP their pachyderm in 1874.

Beside these enduring images, Nast provided the holiday prints of Santa Claus that most of us associate today with St. Nick.

His cartoons were so powerful that when he chose to take on the political machine of Boss Tweed and Tammany Hall, which controlled New York City at the time, corruption charges brought about their fall.

Tweed realized that most of the voters were illiterate like Nash. "My constituents can't read. But, damn it, they can see the pictures," Tweed declared.

So whether you lean towards an elephant or a donkey, now you can thank Thomas Nast for your symbol.

Meetings planned to discuss forage

K-State Research and Extension has planned a series of meetings on Monday to be held across the Sunflower Extension District to discuss forage/feeding options for livestock in drought stricken areas.

The first meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday at the Cheyenne County 4-H Fair building in St. Francis. A second meeting will be held at 1 p.m. mountain time in Goodland at the 4-H building at the fairgrounds and the third at 4:30 p.m. mountain time in Sharon Springs at the CAB fair building.

Sandy Johnson, northwest area

livestock specialist, will visit about utilizing failed crops for grazing and feeding. Jeanne Falk, northwest area agronomist, will discuss corn development and nitrate uptake. Marty Fear, Cheyenne County Extension Agent, will talk about nitrates and how to work with high nitrate forages.

In addition, sampling and testing will be discussed and a question answer session will be available.

For more information contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171.

School Menu

Wednesday, Aug. 15
Breakfast: Blueberry scones, boiled eggs, juice, toast and milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, seasoned peas, French garlic bread, salad bar and milk.

Thursday, Aug. 16
Breakfast: Wheat bagel, sausage links, toast, juice and milk.

Friday, Aug. 17
Breakfast: Breakfast pita, hash browns, fruit cocktail, juice and milk.
Lunch: Chicken fajitas, rice, salad bar and milk.

Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, potato wedges, broccoli with cheese, salad bar and milk.

Ladies Luncheon featuring Tempe Brown
Wesleyan Community Church in Bird City
Saturday, Aug. 11 • 10 am - 2 pm.
Lunch will be provided.
Evening service and pot-luck meal - everyone welcome at 5:45 pm.
For more information, please call 626-2076 or go to www.wesleyancc.org

Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to take this time to give a special thank you to the following businesses for their generous contributions to the Knights of Columbus fair BBQ. The Thrift Store, Dr. Melvin Dunn, Lacy Reed and The Diamond R, Bellas Market, Becky's Bierocks, Uptown Meat Market, Bird City Dairy and John Knodel. We would also like to thank everyone that came out and supported us and made it a very successful BBQ. We would also like to congratulate Sherry Schultz on winning the Meat bundle that we raffled off.

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Bulletin Board

Burn Ban
Bird City has had some rain, but with the high temperatures the "No Burn" ban is still in effect and will remain in effect until Mayor Burr deems it to be safe to burn.

Senior Birthdays
Bird City Senior Center birthday party is on Monday, August 13 at 3 p.m.

Story Time Hour
The Bird City Library Story-Time Hour will be held on the second and fourth Friday of the month. This will be throughout the year and unless there is school or due to the weather. The time will be 10 through 11 a.m. Ages 2 through 5 are welcome and parents are invited. Come and see what the library has to offer.

Cheylin board meeting
The Cheylin School board will meet on Aug. 13, 7 P.M.

Cheylin School schedule
Sunday, Aug. 12: High school volleyball movie and sleep over 7 p.m. Coach Antholz's room. Be ready to spend the night and practice Monday.
Sunday, Aug. 12: High school football parent/student meeting at 8 p.m. high school gym. Pad check out. Bring physical forms.
Monday, Aug. 13: High school and junior high first day of practice for volleyball and football.
Aug. 15-17: All day attendance for students.
Aug. 15-16: Half day attendance for kindergarten
Aug. 17: No attendance for kindergartens.

Girl Scout National s'mores day
Northwest Prairie Girl Scout unit is celebrating 100 years of service with a National S'mores Day on Aug. 11 at Atwood Lake in Atwood from 3-7 p.m.
Bring a sack or cooler supper and wear clothes that can get a little wet. No flip-flops, sandals, tank tops or short shorts. There is a small charge.
For more information or to register by Aug. 6, go online at Kansasgirlscouts.org or with

Heather Horinek, Atwood, 308-340-1587, Kendra Hesper, Bird City 785-332-6517.

Home Circle Club
Carol Marsh will be the hostess for the August meeting of the Home Circle Club too be held at the Manor on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m.

Craft fair
It's that time of the year, to get your crafts ready for the Holiday Craft Fair on Oct. 27. Tables are still available, call Barb Gerdes 734-2421.

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.

Wesleyan service
The Wesleyan Community

Church of Bird City is having Sunday evening services, starting at 7 p.m. We will have Contemporary Praise and Worship, followed by interactive preaching and Bible Study.

Swimming pool
The swimming pool will be closing on August 14.
Last day's for water aerobics will be Thursday and Monday, Aug. 13, from 5:15 to 6 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 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.

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.

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

County recycles more than others

By Karen Krien
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Cheyenne County is one of eight members of the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Center and ranks fifth in population of the eight members. However, the county takes in more tons of recycled items than six of the other counties.

Other counties participating in the recycling center include Thomas, Gove, Scott, Sheridan, Logan, Decatur and Rawlins. Thomas County is the largest county and from January through June, brought in 160.09 tons with Cheyenne County following at 75.3 tons. Gove County recorded 74.4 tons; Scott County (second largest county), 68.68 tons; Sheridan, 64.1 tons; Logan, 47.6 tons; Decatur, 40.7 tons; and Rawlins, 36.7 tons.

Cheyenne County's recycling center is located in St. Francis and is operated by the city. However, with the increasing tonnage of recyclables, the city council is asking

the county for additional funding. Roger Jensen, St. Francis city councilman, and J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis superintendent, were at the July 31 commissioners' meeting to report the increased figures as well as ask the commissioners for \$2,000 a month to help fill the position of a full-time employee at the recycling center.

Each week, a truck comes to St. Francis from the main center in Colby to pick up recyclable items.

In the last six months, the St. Francis center collected 7.1 tons newspaper; 11.7 tons magazines; 29 tons cardboard; 4.4 tons chipboard; 2.8 tons junk mail; 1.2 tons shredded paper; 1.6 tons tin cans; 3 tons plastic; 8.36 tons glass; 1 ton aluminum cans; 1 ton books; and 5 tons clothing.

The center, Mr. Jensen said, has already kept over 75 tons out of the county landfill and by the end of the year, we will have kept approximately 150 tons out the landfill.

The commissioners have been concerned about the rate the landfill is filling up. There is limited space in expand the dump and they have been looking at equipment to compact the trash. However, to comply with Kansas Department of Health and Environment regulations, they are probably going to have to hire an additional person at the landfill.

The commissioners told Mr. Jensen and Mr. Landenberger that they will be finalizing next year's budget and will take their request into consideration.

Board appointment
Mr. Jensen said that Cheyenne County needs a position filled on the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Center board and suggested Adam Peter, new landfill supervisor, be appointed. The commissioners made the appointment.

Others on the board are Mr. Jensen and Andy Beikman, commissioner, who is an alternate.

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