

Casey's Comments

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Sometimes when the world around me seems as bad as it can get, a look back into history helps with some perspective.

Imagine our country truly pulled apart and no certainty what direction it would go in. That was the United States 150 years ago.

Union soldiers led by General George McClellan locked grips with Lee's Army of North Virginia as men fell in Millers Cornfield, Sunken Road and on the stonebridge over the creek. Ground lost was regained as the blue and gray uniformed men fought on.

In the end some 22,717 casualties were recorded.

The battle at Antietam was at best a draw, however when Lee retreated to evacuate his wounded the North claimed victory.

But by stemming the Confederate tide Lincoln was able to use the moment to issue his Emancipation Proclamation soon after.

With Antietam the battle changed from a conflict between state's rights to a battle for individual rights. It was a defining point in why the war was fought and what our nation would become.

So maybe we aren't as lost as it seems.

StoryTime Hour

StoryTime Hour will be on the second and fourth Friday of each month. The time will be 10 a.m. through 11 a.m. Children ages 2 through 5 are welcomed to come, as well as family and friends. The times StoryTime Hour will follow school schedule and as weather permits.

Library workshop

Bird City Library is presenting an E-Reader workshop September 20, at 2 p.m.

Mission trip

Karen Flemming will be presenting her talk about her mission trip to Bolivia on Sept. 30 at the Methodist church in Bird City at 1 p.m. All are welcome to come and hear the story of the Talita Cumi orphanage.

Senior Citizens potluck

The Bird City Senior Center monthly potluck will be held at noon on Monday, Sept. 24, at the senior center.

Homecoming

The coronation of the Homecoming Queen is October 4. Football game with Weskan is Oct. 5, at 4 p.m.

Cheylin alert

Sign up for school alerts on your cell phone or email! Emergency information, school closings, early dismissals, school event reminders. To sign-up visit: www.Cheylin.com, click on "Cougars alert." This is a SPAM-free application. Check your cell phone plan for any text message fees your wireless provider may charge.

Yearbook photos

The Cougar yearbook staff at Cheylin welcomes the public to share any photos taken at school or community events that might be usable in the yearbook this school year...a limited staff will make covering all events difficult. Sports, clubs and organizations, assemblies, banquets, class activities including pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Shakespeare, Socrates, Mark comes to St. Francis

Save the weekend of Nov. 9

- 11. Shakespeare, Socrates and Mark are coming to St.. Francis in one person.

Shakespeare and Socrates will be at the St. Francis high school on Nov. 9. They will appear again for a workshop in downtown St. Francis on Saturday, Nov. 10.

Mark, KJV, will speak at the Old Country Church on Sunday, Nov. 11. Circle the dates on your calendar and don't miss these events.

Flag football

Cheylin Recreation Commission flag football will be held from 9-11 a.m. Saturday mornings at the football field. Contact Nick Ketzner at 734-2743.

If there are questions, give Tina Sager a call or stop by the school after 1 p.m.

New show time

Movies at the Cheyenne Theater will begin showing at 7:30 p.m. and this time will continue throughout the winter.

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 6 p.m. There will be Contemporary Praise and Worship, followed by interactive preaching and Bible study.

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. Meet-

ing 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 meet-

ings 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

School Menu

Monday

Breakfast: aloha muffin square, sunrise smoothie, grapes, and milk

Lunch: pork rib sandwich, curly fries, green beans, fresh kiwi, carrot, celery sticks, fruit cocktail, peaches, and milk

Tuesday

Breakfast: oatmeal or cereal, boiled egg, juice and milk

Lunch: taco soup, corn tortilla chips, cornbread, fresh broccoli, mandarin oranges, apricot, and milk

Wednesday

Breakfast: pancakes, apples wedge, and milk

Lunch: baked chicken legs, tri-

taters, mixed vegetables, snicker doodle, fruit juice gelatin, pears, applesauce, and milk

Thursday

Breakfast: breakfast bites, mandarin oranges, and milk

Lunch: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, blueberry oat muffin, broccoli salad, tropical fruit, peaches, and milk

Friday

Breakfast: whole grain waffle, ham patty, juice and milk

Lunch: macaroni and cheese with meat balls, seasoned peas, wheat roll with jelly, baby carrots, apple and orange slices, citrus applesauce, peaches, and milk

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

This letter is in response to all of the recent comments regarding the concerns of Dr. Allard's leaving and the hospital's remarks regarding this rumor. Be reassured that our number one priority is and always has been the healthcare of the citizens of Cheyenne County and the surrounding area. Dr. Allard's contract remains intact and is not up for renewal until August 2013.

As with all employees of Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic, sometimes our communication breaks down and misunderstandings arise. For that, we are focusing on improving this with all of our staff, which includes providers, administration and the employees of the hospital and clinic. When issues arise regarding an employee, we are held to the strictest confidence as not to damage or ruin our employees' reputation. Administration at Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic supports the providers and believe in providing a safe and secure place for the providers to practice.

We are very proud of the care

that all of our providers give to the community. They work very hard and put in many sleepless nights to make sure that our patients receive the care they deserve. We practice as a team at Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic as we all believe that this provides a solid foundation for healthcare here in Cheyenne County. We are not perfect but we will continue to strive to work collaboratively to meet and exceed the community's health care needs.

We hope that this helps in squelching rumors that Dr. Allard is leaving or that her contract may not be renewed. It is in neither of our interests to create strife or division in the community. We invite you as a community to work with us to support not only Dr. Allard but all off our providers and the entire Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic staff in doing what we do best, taking care of our patients and providing the best care in North-west Kansas.

Dr. Rebecca Allard
Les Lacy
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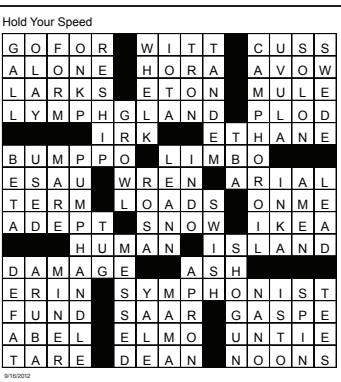
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Sunday, Sept, 23, 2012
at 5 p.m.

Good Samaritan Village
St. Francis, Kansas

We will provide the Meat and Drinks.
We ask that you provide a salad or dessert

Join us for a wonderful fall evening of Music, Fun & Visiting

Any Questions contact Cathy at 785-332-2531

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 27 min.

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785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6
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