



## Casey's Comments

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Do you remember tasting this season's first home-grown tomato from your garden? The flavorful explosion brought back memories of other year's initial bites, but it still was such a strong sensation that it almost seemed like experiencing it for the first time.

However, if you're like me at this point of the year, it doesn't matter if they hang a bit over-ripe on the vine or pruning up in a bowl on the counter. The novelty has worn off.

We forget about the miracle of creation that happens before us each day. Luckily a couple weeks ago proved to be a good reminder for me.

Lezlie and I ended up with two airline tickets that needed to be used. After seeing where Frontier flew out of Denver we felt drawn to Provo, Utah.

Our timing could not have been better as the trip took us to the base of the Wasatch Mountains during the height of the fall change-

ing of the leaves. In our rental car we headed up winding and steep roads to see some amazing colors. The white skinned aspen were transitioning from green to gold. But what we didn't anticipate was the multitude of maple trees that provided a range from soft pinks to vibrant reds. Mixed in with all were the majestic evergreen pines that intermingled with the other trees.

Whether we came upon an open valley filled with brilliant flora or turned to see the gray rocky crags shooting skyward, the beauty of the Rocky Mountain western slope was a display of nature's wonder.

Maybe it's the Colorado boy in me that will always feel the pull of the mountains, but even back home where the cottonwoods and milo make their autumn alterations, the miracle of life abounds and is forever changing.

Oh, and Lezlie picked all four tomatoes and is preserving them in the freezer. No waste with my "mother nature."

## Award-winning juggler to entertain

Award-winning juggler, dancer and physical comedian Peter Davison is a new one-man show, presenting a magical mix of juggling and jocular for all ages. With original music by Jesse Manno, JUNK! is a celebration of old stuff. In Davison's hands, discarded, seemingly unwanted objects come alive to create fantasies, memories and, most of all, fun!

Peter Davison is a Boulder, Colo., based performer who has toured internationally as a soloist and as a member of the juggling/dance trio Airjazz, with

whom he appeared on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. He is a former National Juggling Champion and winner of the Ballet Builders NYC Award for New Choreography.

Davison's diverse virtuoso abilities come together in a one-of-a-kind show appropriate for all ages. His performance in Colby will be Sunday, Oct. 7, at 3 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College campus.

Presented by Western Plains Arts Association, admission is by season ticket or at the door.

## South of McDonald

**By Sandy Binning**  
Don Bruder, Bethel Goltl, and Charles and Val Coleman had an enjoyable trip to the Corn Palace in Mitchell, SD this past week.

Bethel Goltl attended the after church dinner at the Methodist Church in Bird City Sunday and listened to Karen Flemming's talk on her Bolivia missionary trip.

Sunday dinner guests of Jerry and Sandy Binning were CW and Sandra Antholz, Mary Copeland, and John Binning.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and chil-

dren attended Smokin On The Beaver Saturday.

Linda Dewey was a Sunday guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey. Tom and Kelly Dewey and children joined them for lunch.

Weekend guests at the Binning Ranch for the Smokin On The Beaver festivities were Vicki Binning of Limon, CO, Barbra Estes of Cheyenne, WY, Judy White of Los Angeles, CA, Gary Akers of Green River, WY, Mary Copeland of Hays, and John Binning of Hays.

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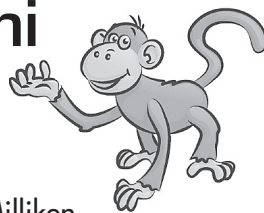
## Come & Go Baby Shower

for **Joni Thadani**

Saturday, Oct. 6

6 - 8 p.m.

at the home of J.W. & Tonya Milliken,  
239 Birch Street, St. Francis



Joni is registered at amazon.com and target.com  
Bring a bag or box of diapers for a diaper raffle.  
Joni's colors are seafoam green, pink and chocolate brown AND she likes monkeys!



Pool Party

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## Bulletin Board

### 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.

### Bird City Community Club

The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 8, in the senior center.

### Bird City Senior Birthdays

The Bird City Senior Center monthly birthday party is Monday, Oct. 8, at 3 p.m.

### Cheylin board meeting

The school board meeting date has been moved to October 15 for this month only.

### Home circle club

Home Circle Club will be meeting at the Manor on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2:00 p.m. Hollis DePron will be the hostess.

### Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis at 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the County Clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Thursday, Oct. 4. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. That phone number is 785-462-3572.

### 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.

### Fair board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, tonight, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. There will be an election of officers.

### Blood drive

The American Cross Blood Drive will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 Bressler, Bird City. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your appointment. This drive is by appointment only.

### Cheyenne County Wildlife

Cheyenne County Wildlife is on Face book! See CCWI St. Francis.

### 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.

### Cheyenne County Development meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation (CCDC) will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, tonight, at Captain Hook's located on U.S. 36 in Wheeler. All members (registered voters in Cheyenne County) are encouraged to attend.

### 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 filled but call Barb Gerdes 734-2421 for cancellations.

### 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. 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.

## Annual trail ride set for Oct. 14

**By Karen Krien**

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The 22nd annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set for 2 p.m. sharp on Sunday, Oct. 14. The ride, which will last about 3 hours, will start at Douthit 4-V Herefords, north of St. Francis.

To get to the Douthit's from St. Francis, go north on Benton Street, proceeding north 3 miles (to transformers) following the curve to the right, then proceed north 5 miles on Rd. 15 (Parks Road) to Road W where there is a sign posted "Douthit 4-V Herefords." Turn east onto Rd. W and go 1 mile to Road 16. Turn north onto Rd. 16 and go 3/4 mile to the farmstead. Follow the orange cones through the yard to the east pasture for parking.

The ride is always planned for the second weekend in October. It is generally a little cooler and the trees are turning colors.

Last year, the ride was at the Ty-

ler and Krystal Raile farm, northwest of St. Francis.

Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators, said this will be a ride will be a something anyone who rides a horse will be able to enjoy. However, it will not be a ride for wagons.

Following the ride, the Cheyenne County 4-H'ers involved in the horse program will be hosting a barbecue.

Mr. Cooper has been coordinating the annual ride for the last 22 years. Another coordinator, Sharon Olofson, has been helping with the ride for 21 years.

Mrs. Olofson is also responsible for raising money to help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She will be accepting donations for the hospital after the ride.

For more information, contact Mr. Cooper, 785-332-2904, Mrs. Olofson, 785-332-2248, Frank Tracy, 308-423-2646 or Jeter Isely, 785-734-2380.

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2008 Ford Explorer XLT, Leather, Clean, #85233C	\$20,200
2009 Cadillac STS, loaded, #T2882A	\$28,250
2009 Nissan Altima, loaded, #22328A	\$16,800
2009 Ford F-150 King Ranch Crew #T6612A	\$31,000
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