

Casey's Comments

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Halloween might be scary for some folks, but it served as a pleasant reminder of why we live in a small town. As the little spooks, princesses and football players scampered up to our front door we went through our usual routine. Once they left I'd ask my wife, "Who does Spiderman belong to?" This would be followed by her patiently explaining to me how the child is connected to parents, grandparents or aunts and uncles I should know. It's not like that in other places.

You don't know the kids outside your house and you hope they like what you handed out so they don't return later as vandals. On the receiving end it is different also. Most homes have the trick or treaters return to empty their loot on the kitchen table so mom and dad can inspect the candy. I've even heard of hospitals offering their x-ray machines to see if bad things have been placed in the goodies. So this year we enjoyed having local little ones visit. Only problem was we bought more candy than we needed. I wonder how the surplus will be dealt with?

Obituary

Ruby I. (Rambat) Peters

July 16, 1914 - Oct. 27, 2012

Ruby Ida (Rambat) Peters was born July 16, 1914, to John and Anna (Gellerman) Rambat in Bird City, Kan. She died Oct. 27, 2012, at Belle Terrace in Tecumseh, Neb., at the age of 98 years. She was baptized Aug. 1, 1914, by Pastor Dagman and confirmed May 24, 1929, by Pastor Martin Stricker at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bird City. Ruby attended school in Bird City from kindergarten through high school graduating with the class of 1932. She started taking music lessons when she was in the first grade and continued through high school and beyond. She started playing for Sunday school at the age of 11, then became the church organist, playing for many weddings and funerals as well as the accompanist at school operettas and other functions and to many music contests during her high school years. After graduation Ruby helped her mother at home and gave music lessons. She also clerked at a dry goods store and drug store for a few years. On Oct. 3, 1940, she was unit-

ed in marriage to Orval "Jake" Peters at St. John's Lutheran Church, Bird City, by the Rev. T. A. Kruger. They lived on a farm northwest of Elk Creek all their married life. To this union two sons were born, Roger Lynn and Terrance John, "T.J." Jake died July 2, 1997. Ruby was very talented in many ways. She became one of the organists at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, was a member of the Dorcas Society, Bible study group and a pinochle club. She enjoyed knitting and counted cross stitch and homemaking activities such as cooking, baking and entertaining. She is survived by her sons, Roger Peters of Byers, Colo., and "T.J." Peters and wife Malinda of Bowie, Texas; granddaughter, Meghan of Chicago, Ill., many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and sisters-in-law, Phyllis Rambat of Arvada, Colo., Ruth (Peters) Hurst of Camden, S.C., and Marion (Nelson) Peters of Tecumseh. Ruby was preceded in death by her husband Jake, her parents, sister, Emma Holscher, brothers, Ervin, Bill, Harry, Harvey and LeeRoy Rambat and four sisters and brothers-in-law. Funeral services were held at the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, southwest of Elk Creek, Neb., on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012, with Rev. Robert Schermbeck officiating. Memorials may go to the family's choice. Interment was in the St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, rural Elk Creek. Online condolences may be left at www.wherrymortuary.com.

Honor Roll

Those renewing their Bird City Times were: Gilbert Antholz, McDonald; Brent Wilkens, Gunter, Texas; Robert Hinz, Lakewood, Colo.; Gary Brubaker, Bird City; Louis Oestman, Cottonwood, Ariz.; Royce Kehlbeck, Bird City; Dave Flemming, Bird City; Carol Mears, Bird City.

Senior center birthdays

The Bird City Senior Center monthly birthday party will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12.

Community Club

Bird City Community Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the senior center.

Hunter safety class

Cheylin Recreation Commission will be holding a hunter safety class in November. Those interested can call 785-734-7141 and leave the name and phone number so materials can be ordered. Dates and time for class will be announced later. Those taking the class must be 12 years of age or older.

After-church luncheon

The St. Francis Good Samaritan Village will be hosting an after-church soup and sandwich luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Village. Pies will also be for sale. Proceeds will go to renovate the west main entrance. See ad for more information.

Historical association meeting

The Bird City Historical Association will meet on Friday, November 9, at our office 2:00 p.m. The program will be on the development of the historical booklet, "Stewards of the Land." Members are asked to participate by sharing information and/or photos for this historical booklet. Reminder: Articles for the Heirloom Journal.

Gymnastics program

The St. Francis Gymnasts are holding a gymnastics program at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9, at the St. Francis Grade School gym. The public is invited to attend.

Wheeler Equity meeting

The Wheeler Equity Co-op meeting has been set for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the St. Francis high school cafeteria. Among the items on the agenda is the election of one director. If planning to attend, call 332-2281 to make a reservation.

Airport zoning hearing

The Cheyenne County Airport Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse in St. Francis. The purpose of the meeting is the adoption of an airport zoning ordinance affecting the real estate and airspace surrounding the airport south of St. Francis. For more information, see the legal notice in this issue.

Food drive/operation Christmas child collection

Wednesday Nov. 14th is pick up day by the Teens For Christ food/and or 'shoebbox items. Please leave items on the porch with your porch lights on between 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Home Circle Club

Correction: Barb Gerdes will be hostess for the November Home Circle meeting to be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Manor.

Shakespeare, Socrates, Mark comes to St. Francis

On the weekend of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9 through 11, Patrick McWilliams, former teacher of literature and drama at The Phillips Exeter Academy, will visit St. Francis. He will offer a series of workshops and performances, sponsored by the Cheyenne Center for Creativity.

Commissioners

Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Information needed

To better serve the cattlemen of Cheyenne County, the sheriff's office is requesting landowners and stockmen provide locations, brands, descriptions and a contact phone number pertaining to livestock in pastures, grazed stock residue and CRP within the county. The officers will compile the contact numbers and locations, giving a copy to the county communications dispatch office to be used when stray livestock are found on the roads. The contact numbers are for officers' use only and will not be provided to the general public. Call the sheriff's office at 785-332-8880.

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.

Time to insulate

Now is the time to insulate residential and business water pits. The city of Bird City is asking for your cooperation.

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 welcome to come, as well as family and friends. The Times StoryTime Hour will follow school schedule and as weather permits.

Bingo

The American Legion Auxiliary in Bird City will be conducting bingo games the first and third Saturdays of the month. Due to the extensive remodeling at the Legion hall, Bingo will be held at

Bird City Senior Center until further notice.

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.

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.

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.

Correction

In the 4-H special section inserted in last week's Bird City Times, under the Go-Getters article, it should be noted that both Doug and Mike Waters were Labo exchange members to Japan.

School Menu

Nov. 12 - Nov. 16

Monday

Breakfast: Whole grain waffles, ham pattie, peaches, cereal, and milk

Lunch: Vegetable beef soup, cornbread, macaroni salad, romaine and tomato salad, pears, pineapple chunks, and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Pumpkin-chocolate chip squares, sausage link, orange wedge, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Chicken pot pie, steamed broccoli, garden spinach salad, chocolate chip cookie, applesauce, fruit cocktail, and milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Oatmeal or cereal, boiled egg, toast, juice and milk.

Lunch: Corn dog, nacho chips, green beans, gelatin, romaine and tomato salad.

Thursday

Breakfast: Polish sausage supreme, apple wedge, toast and milk.

Lunch: Hamburger and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli salad, romaine and tomato salad, citrus applesauce, tropical fruit, and milk.

Friday

Breakfast: Apple wrap, yogurt, cereal, juice and milk.

Lunch: Chicken wrap, steamed carrots, Spanish rice, royal brownie, peaches, fruit cocktail, and milk.

McDonald News

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the McDonald Halloween Soup Supper.

Louise Akers of Limon, CO is a guest this week of her sister and husband, Lavina and Fred Waters.

Joan Tongish and Betty Lewis took Eleanor Swihart to Colby Monday to celebrate her birthday. Gilbert and Janice Antholz enjoyed the Cheylin Dinner Theatre

and production "Oklahoma" Saturday evening.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz, and Eleanor Swihart enjoyed dinner Sunday after church at the Bird City Diner.

Many McDonald residents took in the Kooi Family Concert Sunday evening at the Federated Church.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 32 min.

Here Comes the Boom
Nov. 9, 10 & 11 Action/Adventure/Comedy
Kevin James, Salma Hayek, Bas Rutten PG

CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6
3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$5 All Others: \$7

BIRD CITY CENTURY II
DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, November 15, 2012
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Stop by for Cookies, Cider & Coffee
(BCCII Foundation Office, 107 West Bressler)

In Celebration of
Community Foundation Week and
National Philanthropy Day

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

Health Fair 2012
Join us for the Cheyenne County Health Fair
Nov. 12 - 14, 2012
Blood Lab Draws: Nov. 12, 13 & 14 from 6:30 to 10 a.m. in St. Francis at the Cheyenne County Health Department (no appointment needed for lab draws)
Blood Lab Draws: Nov. 15 & 16 6:30 to 10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic (no appointment needed for lab draws)
Lab Fee: \$45.00 due at time of service!
No food or drinks after midnight except water & your prescription medication!

St. Francis -
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EXAM: Monday, Nov. 19 - All Day; All day on Tuesday, Nov. 20, and All day on Wednesday, Nov. 21. In St. Francis - Call clinic for appointment 785-332-2682
Bird City -
Monday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. - noon; Tuesday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. - noon; Wednesday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. - noon. In Bird City - Call clinic for appointment 785-734-2200
Exam Fee: \$25 due at time of service!
For more information contact: Mila Badnel, RN County Health Nurse 785-332-2381. Sponsored by Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic & Health Department

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