

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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We've all had a job we wanted to quit. Whether it was because of the hot-headed boss, irritating co-workers or angry customers (or even all of the above.) So it is understandable that Pope Benedict XVI wants to throw in his papal towel.
What seems unusual is how long it has been since a pontiff has stepped down. We would have to go back to the 15th Century for the last time.
From 1378 to 1415 the Catholic church experienced what is now called the Great Western Schism. In a nut shell, the church had two headquarters with a pope at each

place. Rome had been, as it is today, the home of the Vatican and Holy Roman Empire. However, France made claim to the church from Avignon.
This caused a holy and political power struggle throughout Europe.
It took the unprecedented act of Gregory XII stepping down to end the schism. With Pope Martin V's election the Catholic faith returned to one church centered in Italy.
Today's change is probably more of a bump in the road of papal history.
I'm sure there are several worthy applicants to take the job of Pope and chances are they will hire from within.

Obituary

Elvera V. Neitzel

Aug. 17, 1928 - Feb. 7, 2013

Elvera V. Neitzel, long-time Cheyenne County resident, died Feb. 7, 2013, at Goodland, Kan. She was born on Aug. 17, 1928, on the family farm west of St. Francis, Kan., the daughter of Henry John and Christina Walz Richers.
She was educated in Cheyenne County schools, graduating from St. Francis high school in 1946. She was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith, last attending St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City.
In 1947, she married Harry J. Neitzel, Jr. This union was blessed with the birth of two children, Gary Allen and Glenda Rae.
The family engaged in farming south of Wheeler until 1993 when Harry died. Elvera continued managing the farm until 2010 when her health declined and she needed constant care.
Elvera was a good helpmate to Harry, a hard-working farm wife, and a loving mother to their children. She loved God, her family, her farm, flowers, butterflies, baking and the color purple.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, father and

mother, Henry and Christina Richers, sisters, Viola (Bert) Wright, Arlene Bruder, Adele (Martin) Locke, Norma (Chet) Pizel, brothers, Herman (Clara) Richers, Albert (Doris) Richers, and sister-in-law, Dody Richers.
She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Ladell Neitzel and granddaughter, Andrea Neitzel; daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Bill Carter; brother, Dr. Elmer Richers, brother-in-law, Don Bruder; sister-in-law, June Richers; brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Ruth Maxwell, and sister-in-law, Joyce Neitzel, several nieces and nephews, and special friend, Bethel Goltl.
Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis, with Pastor Randy Nelson officiating. Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.
Memorials may be made to the Cheyenne County Hospital, St. John Lutheran Church or Northwest Kansas Hospice.
Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home.

Club Clip

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met on Monday, Feb. 4, at the senior citizen building. There were twenty-five members and four guest present.
Dolores Kincheloe presided over the meeting in the absences of the presidents. The minutes and treasure reports were given.
The program was presented by Dr. James Reeves on foot care. He provided useful information about things they could do at home to take care of their feet. There was

a question/answer period where members were able to ask interesting questions about the care or problems of their feet. He closed the program by saying that if a person is experiencing pain, get it checked.
Hostesses Bonnie Jones and Kathy Weber served refreshments of cookies.
The next meeting will be March 4 with the hospital administrator with time to be called to members.

School Menu

Feb. 18 - Feb. 22

Monday

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs with cheese, pears, toast and milk
Lunch: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, garden spinach salad, applesauce,

Tuesday

Breakfast: Baked French toast, sausage pattie, oranges, milk
Lunch: Chili, celery and cucumbers, cinnamon roll, orange and apple slices, mandarin oranges and milk

Wednesday

Breakfast: Breakfast bake with salsa, fruit juice, toast and milk
Lunch: Hamburger on bun,

French fries, kiwi, chocolate chip cookie, garden spinach salad, tropical fruit, pears and milk

Thursday

Breakfast: Oatmeal, boiled egg, grapes, toast, cereal and milk
Lunch: Chicken pot pie, steamed broccoli, cottage cheese, fruit juice gelatin, red applesauce, pineapple chunks and milk

Friday

Breakfast: Breakfast sundae, string cheese, ½ banana, cereal and milk
Lunch: Meatballs with sauce, macaroni and cheese, steamed carrots, broccoli salad, mixed lettuce salad, fruit cocktail.

Beef & Noodle Supper

Tuesday, Feb. 19 • 5 - 7 p.m.

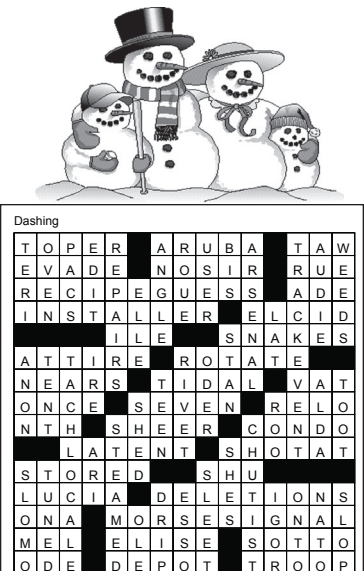
High School Cafeteria

The night of Cheylin Vs. Atwood Game

Serving: Beef & Noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, Lazy peach pie


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SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 40 min.

Mama

Feb. 15, 16 & 17 Horror/Thriller

Jessica Chastain, Nicolaj Coster-Waldau, Megan Charpentier PG-13

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



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Bulletin Board

Funeral services

Funeral services for Sparky Nolan, 85, were held Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the First Christian Church in St. Francis. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery. Sparky died on Monday, Jan. 28, in St. Francis.

Elvera Neitzel, 84, died Feb. 7, 2013, in Goodland. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Eric Smith, former Bird City resident, died Sunday, Feb. 10. Services are planned for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Immanuel Methodist Church, Bird City, with Rev. Tom Bailey officiating.

90th birthday

Elsie Cook will celebrate her 90th birthday at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis. Let your presence be your gift. Those wanting to send birthday wishes to Elsie may address them to 820 S. Denison, St. Francis, 67756.

Blood drive

The St. Francis community blood drive is set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, at Peace Lutheran Church. Call

1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your appointment.

Card shower

A card shower is requested for Darlene Burr on her 80th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 16. Her address is P.O. Box 417, Bird City, KS 67731.

Soil fertility school

In-depth soil fertility school will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Cheyenne County 4-H building. Topics include Nitrogen management and losses, meeting phosphorus needs, secondary and micronutrients, and using foliar fertilizers and fertilizing using sensors. If planning to attend, call the Sunflower Extension District St. Francis office, 785-332-3171. Lunch will be provided.

Wildlife banquet

The Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet will be held Saturday, April 6, at the Bird City Legion hall. Doors will open at 6 p.m. The price of the ticket includes membership dues. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Check with a Wildlife member for more information.

Home Circle Club

Cheryl Lee will be the hostess for the Feb. 21 meeting of the Home Circle Club. It will be held at 2 p.m. at the Manor. Don't for-

get to wear your Valentine's Day red and hearts ladies.

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.

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.

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 conservation awards, luncheon held

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Conservation District 63rd annual meeting and producers appreciation luncheon was held Monday at the fairgrounds.

Lunch was provided by Western State Bank, Bankwest, The Bank and First National Bank. This year's Kansas Banker's Awards were presented by Troy Hilt, Western State Bank.

Rog and Coleen Applegate were given the Soil Conservation award; Kurt and Margaret Bucholtz received the Windbreak award.

Elmer and Dorothy Kellner were presented the Cheyenne County Conservation Home Garden award by Roger Orth. This was the first year for the garden award. Home gardeners in the community raised produce and gave the excess to others. The Kellners were one of 25 gardeners involved in the program. They gave 265 pounds of produce to schools, the Food Pantry and the nursing home.

Warren Cico, who also worked with the home gardeners, was presented the National Resources Conservation Service Earth Team Award. Bernadette Luncsford, district conservationist, presented the award, noting that there were 75 volunteers nominated statewide and Rev. Cico had been selected.

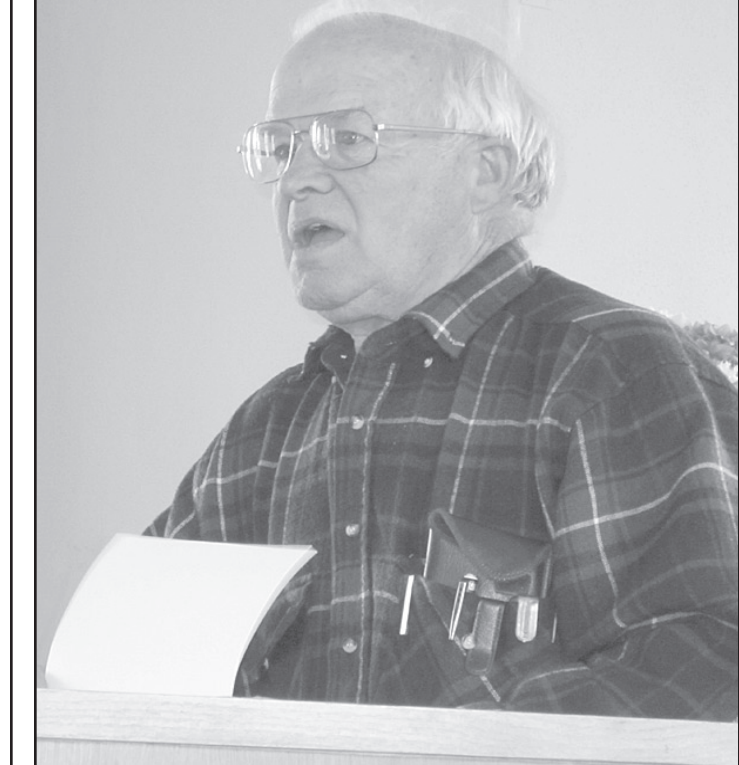
Doyle Easter received a gift for having manned the office while Jeanne Dunn and Dani Holzwarth were in transition.

Mrs. Dunn was also honored for 25 years service and given a plaque of appreciation.

A business meeting was held and Mark Keller was elected for another term on the board.

Roger Orth, board member filling in for Clint Bursch, chairman, reported that the poster contest, which is generally held in conjunction with the annual meeting, will still be held but winners will be recognized in their classrooms.

The speaker for the day was Dale Strickler.



GERALD WRIGHT, during a Rough Writers Read, read his documentation of local farms taking their demands and their tractors to Washington, D.C., to demand a revision of the 1977 Farm Bill.
Photo by Lucille Rossbach

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

Diabetes Education Management Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 20
1:30 p.m.

Cheyenne County Clinic Basement

Presenter - Dr. Mary Beth Miller

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For more information contact Mila Bandel, RN - County Health Nurse
785-332-2381

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