

Casey's Comments

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I love coffee! It is my "life blood" in the morning which motivates any and all activity. So what did I tell the lovely Lezlie when she said, "Why don't we give up coffee for lent?" Of course I responded, "You bet.... it'll be easy."
Understandably, the lenten sacrifice is meant to be something that brings Christians closer to their Savior. By our small gesture we are reminded of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness without food and water while the devil tempted him.
So rather than cry about not having our morning coffee, we are enjoying hot tea instead.
There is something old worldly and thoughtful about having hot

tea. I'm reminded of my grandmother McIntyre who would tell us kids, "a true Scotsman only puts lemon in his tea." Also, it would be hard to imagine "the Boston coffee party."
For Lez's birthday we even went to some friend's home to enjoy tea, cake and conversation. It was a very well-to-do affair.
In addition another friend got me to try chai tea. I had wondered what all the excitement was about and had my curiosity satisfied with finding that it is simply tea with spices added. That gives the drink a nice kick.
I doubt that once lent is over I will be a convert to the drink of my ancestors. Chances are that morning cup of Joe will be what I want. But for now tea is a good substitute.

Artist performance set

International touring artist Michael Fitzsimmons presents his Drums of the World concert featuring rare instruments from Switzerland called Hang - reminiscent of the steel drums of Trinidad.
Mr. Fitzsimmons' performance will take place in the Sharon Springs High School auditorium at 3 p.m. mountain time on Sunday, March 10.
Incorporating the Hang with over 30 years' experience as a composer and performer, Michael has spellbound audiences with the beautiful, other worldly sounds of these unique and in-

triguing instruments.
Dancing Man Music's multi-cultural concerts showcase an exciting variety of drums from Cuba, West Africa, Central and South America; flutes from Brazil, China and Native America; pan pipes from Bolivia; and kalmibas from South Africa. Michael weaves variety into his performances, as multilayered songs unfold before your eyes and between your ears.
This Western Plains Arts Association program is available by season ticket admission or at the door.

Death notices

Melvin Mast, 89, died Feb. 26, 2013, in Bird City. A memorial service was held on Tuesday at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City, with inurnment in the Bird City Cemetery.
Betty Bock, 87, died on March 1, 2013, in Wray, Colo. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 6, at the American Legion Hall in Bird City. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Robert "Bob" Burr, 81, died Saturday, March 2, 2013, at the Dundy County Hospital in Benkelman. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 8, at Knodel Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Kids Hunter Safety Course, St. Francis.

Card shower
A card shower is being held from Ada Connett who will be 90 on March 26. Her address is 310 Village Rd, Apt. 9, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Community Club
The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 11, at the senior center.

Senior's birthday party
The monthly birthday party at the senior center will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, March 11.

Board meeting
The Cheylin board meeting will be March 13, at 7 p.m. for the month of March only.

Entrepreneurship fair
The fourth Cheylin Entrepreneurship Fair will be held starting at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, at the Cheylin High

School gym. See ad for more information.

Early childhood screening
The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center (NK-ESC) staff will have a free early childhood screening on Monday, March 18, at the United Methodist Church in Bird City. Parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers are encouraged to take advantage of this developmental screening. Please contact Deanna Nelsen at the elementary school at 734-2351, ext. 200, to set up an appointment.

Irish music
Irish or not, join the fun! On St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, Mike and Ione Slattery of Hays, will present "Irish Music with the Slattery's." Enjoy traditional Irish pub songs, poems and humor from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Cheyenne Center for Creativity, 109 N. Quincy St.

Hospital guild
Cheyenne County Hospital Guild meeting will be Monday, April 1. Bobbie Copland with Eagle Med Air Transport, will be the speaker. Hostesses are Joan Richard and Sherry Schultz.

Fair board
The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Commissioners - Special meeting
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet in special session at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the clerk's room in the courthouse. They will be reviewing the lease with the Good Samaritan Society.

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. Tickets are available at a local businesses. Look for the sign in the window. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Check with a Wildlife member for more information.

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.

Yearbooks needed
The Bird City Public Library is trying to complete its set of Cheylin High School yearbooks. If you have any of the following editions and would like to donate them to the library, the years needed are 1977, 1986, 1988, 1992, 1993, 2002, 2003, 2011, 2012.

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.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 51 min.

Identity Thief
Mar. 8, 9 & 10 Comedy
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CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6
3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$5 All Others: \$7

4th Annual Cheylin Entrepreneurship Fair

Thursday, March 14, 2013
Cheylin High School Gymnasium

9:15am View participant projects & visit with resource partners
10:15am Speaker (Local Entrepreneur)
11:00am Announcement of Award Winners

\$500 - \$300 - \$200

Support our youth...our future!!!

Come to a Feast of The Divine Mercy!
Sunday after Easter, April 7, 2013

JESUS IS IN THE CONFESSIONAL! Jesus told St. Faustina to write in her diary, "Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this found of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust." (Diary 1602) Jesus then said, "The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest that I am making use of, open your soul in confession as you would to Me, and I will fill it with my light." (Diary 1725) Receiving the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment is like receiving a brand new start in life! (with Ecclesiastic permission)

Become A Certified Nurse Aide
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Interested to become a CNA? A CNA training course will take place in April at the Good Samaritan nursing home in Atwood. The course is 45 hr. academic online and 45 hr. clinical training in Atwood. St Francis Good Samaritan Village will reimburse the course cost to any new trainee who signs on to work after certification.

Benefits include health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, and more. Work schedule includes working every other weekend.

To apply, contact Janet Siegfried, DNS at 785-332-2531 or apply online at good-sam.com. Click on Locations and then Kansas and then St. Francis.

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April 18 - 19 (In Bird City)

Blood Lab Draws: Monday, April 15th, Tuesday, April 16th, Wednesday, April 17th
6:30 to 10 a.m. each day in St. Francis at the Cheyenne County Health Department (no appointment needed for lab draws)

Blood Lab Draws: Thursday, April 18th and Friday, April 19th
6:30 to 10 a.m. each day in Bird City at the clinic (no appointment needed for lab draws)
Lab Fee: \$45.00 due at time of service!

Men and Women Exams also available - \$25
April 22- 26 (in St. Francis) call 785-332-2682 to make an appointment.
April 22-26 (in Bird City) call 785-734-2200 to make an appointment. For more information contact Mila Bandel, RN at 785-332-2381.

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