

Casey's Comments

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Sometimes I wonder if anyone out there ever bothers to read this column. But then I write about a topic, say chai tea for instance, and my wonder is soon put to rest.

I made the unforgivable mistake of stating that "chai tea is simply tea that has been spiced" last week. Fortunately I have been corrected by a couple of local chai tea experts.

One claims that the ultimate chai tea experience can be captured at Starbucks. But since the closest one of those is over an hour drive away in Colby we must improvise.

I would never call out one of

my critics in this forum, but I must give thanks where thanks are due. My good friend, Betty Jean Winston, gave Lezlie and I a carton of liquid blend chai. When this product is mixed with milk and heated, it does make something worth trying.

The drink is a nice combination of the flavors similar to all spice. That, with the elements of tea and creamy milk, which is served hot, made for a special treat on a snowy day in Northwest Kansas.

I owe a debt of gratitude for being set straight and knowing that my written words are indeed being read. And I do promise to venture more carefully in the future.

Obituary

Betty Ida Bock

March 18, 1926- March 1, 2013

Betty Ida Bock was born March 18, 1926, to James and Ellen Seems in Jewell County, Kan. She died March 1, 2013, in Wray, Colo.

Betty was united in marriage to Paul Bock on Aug. 1, 1946. To this union were born two children, Eva and Doyle. They made their home, farming, near Bird City.

Betty went to Normal training and taught school in a one-room schoolhouse. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and spending time with friends and family. In 1948, she chose to serve the Lord and continued faithful to her death.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Paul; brothers,

Glen and wife, Grace; and Beryl; and sisters-in-law, Doris and Norma.

She is survived by her children, Eva Goza and husband, James of Galesburg, Mich. and Doyle and wife, Julie, Bird City; five grandchildren: Justin Goza and wife, Caralyn of Green Bay, Wis.; Darin Goza and wife, Kyla of Ames, Iowa; Carlin Goza of Galesburg and Bergan and Granite Bock of Bird City. Also surviving are brothers: Lloyd Seems of Smith Center, Dean and wife, Dorothy of Gaylord; and Darrell, of Melvern; sister-in-law, Elaine of Lebanon, several nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held March 6 at the American Legion Hall in Bird City with LeRoy Sandford, Stanley Morrison and Leslie Poutney officiating. Irene Smith was the pianist. Congregational hymns were "Sweet Is The Rest" and "Nearer Still Nearer." Casket bearers were Justin Goza, Darin Goza, Carlin Goza, Marvin Corder, Tom Hnizdil and Ted Busse.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City. The song at the cemetery was "Where All Is Peaceful."

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Honor Roll

Those recently renewing or subscribing to the *Bird City Times* are: Arlie Roesener, Springfield, Mo.; Mark Lagler, Grant, Neb.; Kevin Patch, Kearney, Neb.; Dorothy Rummer, Littleton, Colo.; Bradley Waters, Bird City; Alvin Loop, Bird City; Helen Howk, Bird City; James and Cheryl Moore, Levant.; Marilyn Henning, Lakewood, Colo.; Lyle Fisher, Tonganoxie; George Banister, McDonald; and Maj. Michael Lusk, San Antonio, Texas.



Bulletin Board

Open house

Bob Brubaker is celebrating his 90th birthday. A come-and-go open house will be held in his honor from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, at the American Legion hall in Bird City. The family requests no gifts.

Card shower

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

50th wedding anniversary

Ron and Cherry Bell, McDonald, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. An open house in their honor is planned from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, at the McDonald Federated Church.

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 (NKESC) 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.

Home circle club

Cheryl Lee and Carol Marsh will be hosting the March meeting of the Home Circle Club at the Manor on March 21, at 2 p.m.

Living Last Supper

The St. Francis United Methodist Church and Bird City Immanuel United Methodist Church will present the "Living Last Supper" once again this year. This year's performances will be as follows: Dress rehearsal at the Good Samaritan Village at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 24; 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, at the St. Francis Methodist Church; and at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, at Bird City Methodist Church. The Immanuel Youth Council will be serving soup and sandwiches from 6 to 7 p.m. on March 28.

Farm safety program

Cheyenne County Hospital is holding a farm safety program called "Keeping your family safe on the farm," an interactive safety program for those involved in agriculture. The program, free of charge, will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 22, at the fairgrounds in St. Francis. Supper is provided and all attendees will receive safety equipment.

Topics include: Protecting your

young and aging family members on the farm, animal, chemical, equipment, and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) safety.

To register, contact Candi Douthit, cdouthit@cheyennehospital.com 785-332-2104.

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.

Commissioners' meeting

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

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 Cen-

ter (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 call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

School Menu

Monday

Breakfast: western omelet queso-dilla, salsa, ½ banana, cereal and milk.

Lunch: taco soup with corn chips, French garlic toast, garden spinach salad, strawberries and bananas, tropical fruit, pears and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: baked French toast, sausage links, toast and milk.

Lunch: macaroni and cheese, meatballs in sauce, steamed carrots, romaine and tomato salad, applesauce, mandarin oranges and milk.

Wednesday

Seventh grade lunch

Breakfast: polish sausage supreme, tri-tater, juice, toast and milk.

Lunch: hamburger on bun, French fries, macaroni salad, dirt pudding, mixed lettuce salad, red applesauce, kiwi and milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: scrumptious coffee-cake, sunrise smoothie, kiwi, cereal and milk.

Lunch: corn dog, nacho cheese with chips, brownie, romaine and tomato salad, peaches, fruit cocktail and milk.

Highway roadwork planned for spring

Warm weather is coming and work is being planned for highways in Cheyenne and Rawlins Counties. Bids were opened and Heft and Sons of Greensburg will be sealing 10 miles of U.S. 36 from the Cheyenne-Rawlins county line east. The bid accepted was for \$284,021.

Heft and Sons also received the bid to seal 21.1 miles of K-27 from west U.S. 36-K-27 north of Riverside Recreation to the Kansas-Nebraska state line. The cost of this work is \$487,936.

Look for more information as to when the work will begin.

Book Review

First, Best and Only

By Barbara Delinsky

Marni Lange was just 17 when she fell passionately in love with the irresistibly sexy and rebellious Brian Webster. Then a tragic accident tore them apart leaving Marni with no choice but to choose between her family... and the man she adored.

Fourteen years later, Marni is now a successful businesswoman, about

to appear on the cover of a national magazine - and come face-to-face with the world-famous photographer profiling her... Brian Webster. As Marni struggles with her emotions and attractions for the man who haunts her past, is she now brave enough to follow her heart and fight for what matters most?

Come & Go Open House for Robert Brubaker

Come and help Robert celebrate his 90th birthday

Saturday, March 16

2 - 4 p.m.

at the Bird City Legion Hall

No gifts please

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 56 min.

Safe Haven

Mar. 15, 16 & 17 Drama, Adaptation, Romance

Josh Duhamel, Julianne Hough PG-13

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

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

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

Come to a Feast of The Divine Mercy!

Sunday after Easter, April 7, 2013

You might ask: When did Jesus give His Priests the power to forgive our sins? On the evening of His Resurrection Jesus appeared to His Apostles and Said, "Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you." When He had said this, He breathed upon them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." (John 20:19-31)

For sure it was not the Lord's intention for just the Apostles to forgive sins but rather for that power to be passed down through the Holy Spirit to His priests of today. That is why Confession is such an uplifting experience; we actually receive heavenly graces and forgiveness of sins from the Lord Himself! Jesus said, "In the Tribunal of Mercy (the great sacrament of Reconciliation) ...the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated." (1448)

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Health Fair 2013

Join us for the Cheyenne County Spring Health Fair

April 15 - 17 (In St. Francis)

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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