

Casey's Comments

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 There was a day when I believed what the evening news had to say. My folks thought that Walter Cronkite was giving it to them straight. So why shouldn't I after all?

The Liberals like to use the term, "evolved," when they conveniently change course on a line of reasoning. Therefore I'll state that my trust in what is portrayed as "news" has evolved into skepticism to say the least.

A case in point, I have a stepbrother who is teaching English at a school that is about a four hour train ride (two hours by bullet train) south of Seoul, South Ko-

rea. He tells us that the American media is making a much bigger deal out of the Korean Missile Crisis than it is.

Sure the people of South Korea are concerned and wary of Kim Jong-un. But his blustering and bravado are nothing new. For them this is the third generation of dangerous and unstable leadership from across their boarder.

My relation says that Americans over there have been told to keep their passports handy, meanwhile students and faculty know where the underground bomb shelters are on campus, which again is standard practice.

But the panic they will leave to the major U.S. networks.

Student receives scholarship award

Cateline Isely is a recipient of the Dane Hansen Good Student Scholarship. This scholarship is valued at \$3,000 and may be renewed for one additional year provided the student has maintained a satisfactory academic record.

Cateline, the daughter of Jetter and Nina Isley, Bird City, will graduate with a degree from Clonlara School in June. She plans to attend Colby Community College in the fall.



Isely



School Menu

April 22 - April 25

Monday
 Breakfast: Breakfast bites with syrup, orange wedge, toast, and milk.
 Lunch: Chicken pattie, mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned peas, oatmeal roll, garden spinach salad, tropical fruit, pears, and milk.

Tuesday
 Breakfast: Breakfast biscuit sandwich, tropical fruit, cereal, and milk.
 Lunch: Soft shell taco, savory rice, winter blend vegetables, broccoli salad, romaine and tomato salad, strawberries and bananas, mandarin oranges, and milk.

Wednesday
 Breakfast: Pumpkin chocolate chip square, sausage pattie, fruit juice, toast, and milk.
 Lunch: Ham and cheese subs, potato triangle, mixed vegetables, fruit juice jello, garden spinach salad, pears, citrus applesauce, and milk.

Thursday
 Breakfast: Pancakes with syrup, yogurt, fruit juice, cereal, and milk.
 Lunch: Baked ham, two potato mash, green beans, angel biscuit, kiwi, romaine and tomato salad, peaches, fruit cocktail, apricots, and milk.

Menu subject to changes

Concert
 The Armouraires Quartet will perform in concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the Wesleyan Community Church, Bird City. There will be a free-will offering.

Book signing
 A book signing will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, at the McDonald Senior Center. Author and former McDonald resident, Todd Osborne, will be signing "Dr. Sleepy Makes a House Call."

Fund raiser
 Coming up is the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy fund raiser on Saturday, April 27. The day will begin with a run-walk (see information in this issue). Activities including eight bands will be performing in the grandstand with the music starting at 1. There will be speakers telling about the disease. Throughout the day there will be many booths include lots of food. Everyone is urged to come down and enjoy the food and entertainment. Don't forget to shop at the booths selling everything from jewelry, beauty products and clothes.

4-H food stand open
 The 4-H food stand at the fairgrounds will be open for the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy fund raiser on Saturday, April 27.

Senior citizens' potluck
 The Bird City senior citizens' monthly potluck will be held at noon on Monday, April 22, at the center in Bird City.

Books on display
 Cristi Anholz's fifth graders authored and illustrated some books to teach about a character's quality. These books are on display at the library through the end of April for those who are interested in reading them.

Retirement reception
 A retirement reception in honor of Anita Burton to celebrate her 36 years in education will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at 3 p.m. in the Cheylin Cafeteria.

Promenade
 Cheylin Junior and Senior Promenade is to be held on April 20, in the high school gym.

Motorcycle ride
 Those interested in getting their knees in the breeze should join the motorcycle riders on Saturday, April 20. Riders should plan to meet at 4 p.m. at the High Plains Moto, 314 W. Washington, St. Francis. The group will ride to Bird City, turn north to Benkelman where they will enjoy supper at the Skyline Grill, 1304 W. Highway 34. After sup-

per, they will turn west and go to Haigler before heading back to St. Francis. Those planning to go need to call J.W. Glidewell, 785-772-1176, so the Grill knows how many to expect. Inclement weather - no ride!

Lions collects wheelchairs, bicycles
 The St. Francis Lions Club collects wheelchairs, bicycles and bicycle parts that are then taken to the correctional facility in Norton for repair. After being repaired, these items can be brought back to St. Francis for use here or distributed to people needing them in the United States or other countries. People wanting to donate for this purpose should call 785-332-3119 or 785-332-2950.

Hospital guild
 Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at noon, May 6, at the Senior Citizens Center for a Spring Salad Luncheon. Bring a salad and table service. Hostesses are Elaine Owens, Carol Forsythe and Dolores Kinchloe.

Commissioners
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. The commissioners will be voting whether to or whether not to sign the lease with the Good Samaritan Society. If they agree to sign the lease, the nursing home facility will be turned over to the county in July.

Rough Writers Read
 The public is urged to attend the "Rough Writers Read with Our Students," fifth of a series of readings of creative writings, at the Old Country Church, St. Francis, from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28. The Cheyenne County Historical Society sponsors the readings.

Blood drive in St. Francis
 The Red Cross Blood Drive will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 23 at Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College, St. Francis. Those planning to give should call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment. The goal is 48 pints of whole blood. The drive is open to the public and walk-ins are welcome.

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.

Legislative News

By Ward Cassidy, 120th District Representative
 It is great to be back in Northwest Kansas after a long winter in Topeka. I will be in all my counties during the next three weeks attending different events.

The two biggest issues were not resolved prior to "turn around."

The budget and tax plan for next year have yet to be decided. The state has adopted a two-year budget plan.

The conference committees on budget and tax have to reconcile their different plans into one uniform bill. The one constitutional duty of the legislature is to pass a budget before the session ends, and a key component to the budget is tax legislation.

In the 120th district, I have not yet met, talked to, or had an e-mail that feels the state should do away with income tax. Most people are concerned about a reduction in services and an increase in property tax.

Taking state dollars away from the Northwest Kansas Technical College and Colby Community College hurts our Northwest Kansas economy, reduces programs available for our students and raises the cost of attending school.

The significant difference between the House and Senate tax plans is how they treat the state sales tax rate. The House plan contains a 2-percent growth-in-revenue trigger so that as the revenues grow above 2 percent from the previous year, the excess funds would be used to continue to buy down income tax rates. The Governor favors the Senate plan.

My own belief is that we should slow down the process until we see evidence of economic growth in the state.

allow the state sales tax to drop from 6.3 percent to 5.7 percent on July 1, as it was promised to do under current law.

The Senate plan, however, would leave the sales tax at the current 6.3 percent instead of allowing it to drop by the scheduled 0.6 percent. By leaving the sales tax as is, the Senate plan would use the additional revenue from the sales tax to continue to buy down income tax rates. The Governor favors the Senate plan.



In Concert
 at the Wesleyan Community Church in Bird City will be the **Armouraires Quartet**
 Saturday, April 20 at 7 p.m.
 A free will offering will be received.

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

Escape from Planet Earth 3D
 April 19, 20 & 21
 Comedy, Sci-Fi/
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 George Lopez, Sofia Vergara
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 785-332-2747

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 3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$6 All Others: \$8

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

Zostavax - Shingles Vaccine Now available at the Cheyenne County Health Department.

Shingles vaccine is being recommended to individuals over 50 years of age.

Medicare Plan D prescription plan will cover a portion of the cost.

Call the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381 for more information and insurance carrier coverage questions.

The County Seat Greenery
Opening Day Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m.
Grand Opening Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m.
Come Visit, Browse and Plan.
 Located at: U.S. Hwy 36 & River St. in St. Francis.
 Wade Krien and Rodney Neitzel
 Owners/operators

Cheyenne County Wildlife Inc
Fishing Tournament at Keller Pond Saturday, April 20
Youth Day Fishing age (0-14) 9 a.m. - 12 Noon
No Fee/No Registration

Sunday, April 21
Fishing Tournament
Must register at Wildlife Clubhouse, 6-7 a.m.
\$25/ 2-man team
Tournament ends at 1 p.m.
Valid fishing license required

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