

Casey's Comments

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What will we do now?

Lezlie and I are at a crossroads in our lives together. With Joey graduating this weekend, the last of the Hilt-McCormick brood will be moving on in a direction of their own.

Granted we still have a summer, Joey will only be as far away as Goodland and older brother Trevor is working and living in the area. But life will be different.

For the past couple decades our schedules have had to bend and mold between two main things: our work and the kid's school. No longer will evenings and weekends be the times of school programs or sporting events.

From now on if we choose to attend school-related gatherings. It will be because of freewill rather than obligation.

Basically, I imagine we will have more freedom and time in what we do.

With a couple things I have no doubts and feel very satisfied. Knowing that our kids have grown up in a community where hard work and values have shaped them is an asset to us all. In addition they have been provided a superior education that will help them along life's bumpy paths.

Back to my original question. Will that extra time be taken up traveling, remodeling the house or getting in shape? I guess time will tell us what to do now.

Introducing

Mattea Weitzel

Corey and Allisha Weitzel announce the birth of their daughter, Mattea Brynn, born April 18, 2013, at the Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho. Mattea weighed 8 pounds and was 21.5 inches long. Big brother Brody welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Dennis and Sonja Weeden, Saint Francis, and Terry and Audrey Weitzel of Johnstown, Colo. Great-grandparents are Mary Glad, Green Valley Ariz., Gaylen and Dorothy Weeden, Saint Francis, and Joe and Maryetta Moore, El Paso Texas.



Weitzel

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Christians persecuted in the United States of America?

This is surely a misprint. The cold hard facts are that the Obama administration in conjunction with the Pentagon has publicly called out and threatened Christians in the military for sharing their faith with their fellow soldiers. And what is the punishment for these high crimes and dastardly, cowardly treasonous acts? Court marshal, dishonorable discharge and prison time.

Chaplains in the military are so encumbered that many are leaving the service. This is intimidation and persecution in the most egregious form from our nation that was formed around the concept of freedom and especially the freedom of religion and free speech.

The question has to be asked, why is this government so afraid of Christians and Christian precepts?

These precepts are at the very core and foundation of the United States of America. Our pledge of allegiance proclaims 'One Nation Under God' and our currency reaffirms our corporate dependence, 'In God We Trust'.

Our president and each legislator placed their hand on

God's Holy Word, the Bible and swore to defend and protect the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights and yet they have taken every opportunity to break and dishonor their vow and to dishonor the citizens of the United States.

There has always been persecution of Christians starting with Christ himself. We should not be surprised then when an evil government seeks to eliminate freedom of religion, the sanctum of free speech and our right to defend ourselves.

After all, this government considers Christians to be a threat to this government and classify Christians in the same category as terrorists that maim and kill. Our forbears shed their blood so I could have freedom without government interference. Was the blood that was shed to purchase these freedoms shed for naught?

Will persecution and government control worsen?

As Christians we should resist this persecution even as our forefathers did, but by God's grace, we can rejoice that we are considered worthy to suffer for Christ.

Kent Voorhies,
McDonald



MAY BIRTHDAY celebrants were; Norma Martinez, Willard Moore, Barb Gerdes, Don Bruder and (not pictured) Hollis DaPron.

Bulletin Board

Farewell party
Thursday, May 16, during the lunch hour at the cafeteria, a farewell party for Bruce Bolen will be held

Death notice
Helen Howk, 94, Bird City, died Friday, May 3. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City. Memorials may be made to Dundy County Hospital, Benkelman, Neb., or Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City, in care of Knodel Funeral Home, Box 606, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Open house
Cheylin Wellness Center Open House will be Sunday, May 19, 1-3 p.m.

City hall hours
The new hours for city hall are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

May potluck
The May 27, potluck for the Senior Center falls on Memorial Day. Since the Bird City Diner is closed and many visitors go to the cemetery for the Memorial Day program, the seniors will hold their usual potluck at noon. All visitors who do not have family plans are invited to join them for food and fellowship. To assure there is ample food those who can be asked to bring an extra dish.

McDonald run-walk
McDonald 125th Celebration

road races will be held on May 25 starting at 8 a.m. Registration for the 10K and 5K races for runners and walkers is open until the morning of the race but if participants want a T-shirt, they need to register by May 10.

Cheyenne County Amusement volunteers
The Cheyenne County Amusement Authority is looking for men and woman to be a part of the organization. Volunteers will help with fair setup and put away afterwards. If interested or have any questions, call Bill Ehrman at 332-2784 and leave a message

Museum work day
Wednesday, May 15, is another work day at the Cheyenne County Museum. Work starts at 9 a.m. and will continue throughout the day. The crew is getting ready for the alumni weekend on June 15 and the summer season. Volunteers are urged to come help if only for an hour or the whole day, there is lots to do.

Night at the Museum
Join us for "Night at the Museum" in the afternoon with storytellers in costume at the kitchen stove, the laundry room, the old Palace Market, the buggy trail, and the cowhide coat room. Even the schoolmarm will be at her desk.

Enjoy piano music at the old country church next door, where the church historian will be on hand to tell the church's story.

This special event will be Saturday afternoon, June 1, from 2 to 4 at the Museum of Cheyenne County, West US 36.

4-H rifle-BB gun training
The 4-H Shooting Sports rifle and BB gun training for new members will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the food court at the fairgrounds. Lunch will be served.

Trap shoots-practice
The Cheyenne County Wildlife organization will hold trap practice starting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the clubhouse in St. Francis.

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.

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.

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

Cheyenne County Health Department will be offering a: School Vaccination Clinic May 28th, 29th, & 30th 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Cheyenne County Health Department.

No appointment needed! Students will need vaccinations before attending camps, school enrollment and college. Call Mila Bandel, RN County Health Nurse for more information 785-332-2381

Cheyenne County Clinic will be offering School Physicals the week of May 28, 2013. Call 785-332-2682 to schedule your student's school entry physical and/or sports physical. You must have an appointment for the school/sports physicals.

YOST Ford

800-524-9678 785-332-2188 yostford.com

Sales Manager — Brent Rueb

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Yost Ford reports that their first "Drive 4 UR School" event was a huge success. Brent Rueb, sales manager, wants to give a big thank you to: Dave Yost, Arnita Yost, Yost Ford Employees, Terri Finley, Principal Carmicheal, Coach O'Laughlin, SFCHS Track Team, Eddy Schultz, Cheyenne County Crusiers and All the Drive 4 UR School test drive participants.

Watch for Yost Ford holding a Drive 4 UR School event at Cheylin this Fall!

The New yostford.com at the New Yost Ford

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 34 min.

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May 17, 18 & 19

Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Western

Richard Joseph Paul, Jackie Swanson, Andrew Divoff

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CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$4

All Others: \$6

3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$6

All Others: \$8

Bird City Alumni Banquet

Saturday, May 25, 6 p.m.
Cheylin School Cafeteria

Tickets available at Hometown Market
785-734-2100 and The Bank 785-734-2100

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