

Casey's Comments

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It's interesting how the land can draw you to it.

I love my home of Kansas, especially our northwest corner. But there are other places where I feel a connection.

For instance, in my twenties an opportunity to study abroad occurred. One windy and gray afternoon was spent standing on a hill on the Scottish Isle of Skye. With sea grasses whipping around my legs and the ocean smells filling my nose, I looked across the Irish Sea to the west. The strangest feeling came upon me. Although born and raised in the States, I could have sworn I had been there before.

Last weekend Lezlie and I

took a couple days to celebrate our anniversary. Our base was in the Colorado mountain town of Silverthorne. This allowed us to take short drives, seeing much of Summit County.

Snow still capped the steep, stone peaks around as rivers and streams ran fast with the cold, melting run-off. The ground was covered with bright yellow and purple wild flowers that were set off by the lush green around them and a crystal blue sky above. The Aspen were in full leaf, with clusters filling gaps between the mighty pine trees.

Having spent many weekends of my childhood traveling those high country roads with my family, the connection there was a bit easier to understand.

Animal clinic visits to vaccinate pets

Twin Fork's Annual Cat and Dog Vaccination Clinic was in Bird City on June 1. City Clerk Ailysa Blair was there to register and distribute dog tags to local residents, bringing them in compliance with the Bird City ordinances. If you are not aware of these ordinances and penalties, these rules apply:

Dog registration, tagging and penalties

Every person within the city limits of the City of Bird City that owns a dog is required to have it tagged and registered. The fee is \$5, and must show proof of rabies vaccination. Any person who fails to register a dog will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined the amount not exceeding \$25. This registration can be done at Bird City City Hall.

Dogs running at large

It shall be unlawful for the

owners of any dogs to run at large in the City of Bird City. A dog shall be deemed running at large when it is off the premises of its owner except when it is accompanied and controlled by a leash. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine from \$50 to \$100. The fine upon second violation shall be \$75 to \$200. Upon subsequent violation the fine shall be \$125 - \$400.

Loud and noisy dogs

No person shall own a loud or frequent or habitual barking, howling or yelping dog that shall annoy or disturb any neighborhood. Each day that a dog engages in loud or frequent or habitual barking, howling or yelping that shall annoy or disturb any neighborhood shall be considered a separate violation. Violation of this section of the Ordinance shall be punishable by up to a fine from \$50 - \$100.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

George, Kathy, and David Banister spent the weekend in Andale with Brandon and Amanda Winter and family. They all attended the baptismal ceremony for Noah Alexander Winter Sunday at St. Josephs Catholic Church in Andale.

Kathy Banister attended the anniversary mass and potluck supper for Father Carlos Friday evening at St. Joseph's in Bird City.

Joe and Charlene Kramer helped Reid Shay celebrate his 13th birthday in St. Francis Friday evening

Community garden interest meeting

Come to the Bird City Senior Center on Tuesday, June 18, at 4:30 p.m. to make plans for the Bird City community garden with the District Conservationist, Bernadette Luncsford. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Anne Orton, Bird City Century II summer intern at 785-734-2556.

Wheat Field Days

Cheyenne County Wheat Field Tour has been set for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, at the Sunny Crest Farm test plot site south of Wheeler. Supper follows at Goodland Greenline, Wheeler. Speakers are Jim Shroyer, K-State wheat specialist, and Jeanne Falk K-State agronomist.

Cemetery flowers

All flowers or anything not permanently attached need to be removed from the Bird City Cemetery by June 13 or they will be thrown away.

Veterans' Affairs - date change

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veteran Administration claims work on Wednesday, June 12. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572

Entrepreneurship Day Camp

Entrepreneurship Day Camp is set for the week of June 17. Upcoming fifth through eighth graders will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. on June 17 and 19; upcoming second through fourth graders will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. on June 20 and 21. Meet at the Bird City Century II Development office. Check ad for more information.

Bird City Historical meeting

The Bird City Historical Association will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 14, at our office. The program will be on the discussion of the individual Stewards of the Land and Homestead Patents.

Anyone interested in having an interview place on tape will be welcome to come to this meeting.

Trap shoots

On Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., a trap and 5-stand shoot will be held at the gun club, open to the public. There will also be a 22 long rifle steel silhouette shoot. See ad for more information.

Hospital golf tourney

The Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic golf tournament is set for Saturday, June 22, at Riverside Recreation, west of St. Francis. Lunch will be served after the

tournament. Teams are four-person teams. The registration cost includes player gift bags, lunch and 18 holes of golf. Those interested in playing and would like a chance for the donated spots, please call Stacy at Cheyenne County Clinic, 785-332-2682.

Cost-share application deadline

Cheyenne County Conservation District is conducting a Cost-Share sign-up May 20 through June 14, to accept requests for state financial assistance to install enduring conservation practices. The district administers state cost-share programs locally to improve water quality and reduce soil erosion. Funding is provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture - Division of Conservation. For more information, contact Danielle Holzwarth, county district manager, 785-332-2341 ext 101.

125th celebration

The St. Francis 125th Birthday Celebration is fast approaching on June 14 and 15. Plans have been set but workers and volunteers are needed. Jobs that will need to be done include moving tables and chairs for the barbecue on Friday evening as well as serving the food; times, people at water stations and color throwers for the color run, help with kids games on Friday, the bike rodeo on Saturday, people to check identification and servers at the beer garden.

Cheylin Board meeting

The Cheylin Board meeting has been changed to June 17, for this month. Next month will be the installation of the new superintendent and board members.

Reception for Dr. Allard

There will be a community come and go reception for Dr. Allard on Tuesday, June 25, from 5-7 p.m. in the clinic conference room, St. Francis.

Local work group meeting

The Cheyenne County Conservation District board of supervisors will hold a local work group meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, at Pizza Hut, St. Francis.

The purpose of this meeting is to get recommendations on payment percentages. Local work groups are asked to review all practices and determine if there are practices that could be paid at a 50-percent payment rate; determine if ranking criteria used is acceptable and the quality applications are getting funded; and determine if eligible practice lists meeting the needs of the resource concerns and/or eligible practices

Work groups are a direct link for local citizens to give their input on

federal decisions. All county residents are urged to participate.

Water aerobics

Water aerobics are held Monday through Thursdays from 5:15 to 6 p.m. There is a small cost per session. Questions - call Tina 734-7141.

Wellness Center

Cheylin Wellness Center is open. Ashley Raile, center director, will be available in the facility from 8 am to noon, Monday - Thursday to assist anyone needing help with equipment, etc.

Swim lessons

Free swim lessons- First session of swim lessons will end this Friday June 14. Second session will start Monday, July 1, to Friday, July 12. Kids can still sign up for the second session by calling Jessica Turner (785 821-4636) or Tina (785 734-7141). Lessons are free.

Swim team

The next Cheylin swim meet will be held in Benkelman, on Saturday, June 15. Plan to attend and watch some great swimmers. Cheer on the Cougars.

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.

City hall hours

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

Theater hours

The summer hours at the Cheyenne Theater are in effect. The ticket booth will open at 7:30 p.m. and the movie begins at 8 p.m.

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

Brat lunch

The Museum will host a brat lunch again during Alumni Weekend June 15th. Everyone is invited. Proceeds benefit the museum and old church.

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 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.

Bulletin Board

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Something new this year, said Stacy Kaup, clinic manager and

organizer of the tournament, Health One has donated an entry into the tournament.

Those interested in playing and would like a chance for the donated spots, please call Stacy at Cheyenne County Clinic to find out how to "win" a free entry.

Again this year, Golfsmith is helping sponsor this event, as well as numerous local vendors.

Come out and support this great event, Mrs. Kaup said.

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

Cheyenne County Hospital & Clinic will host the annual 4-person scramble. Saturday, June 22



Registration starting at 7 a.m.
Tournament start time at 8 a.m.
\$200 per team
There will be hole prizes and silent auction
For more information or to enter a team, please contact Stacy at 785-332-2682

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