

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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I don't think it's just us. Our county is getting older too. A few years ago Bird City celebrated its 125 years of being, well, Bird City. Saint Francis followed with a similar party this last weekend. Putting these mile stones in perspective, this land certainly was not "new" when the ancestors of today's residents crossed the wide-open plains to settle in northwest Kansas. It was a land that was as wild as the area Indians could be fierce.

Not knowing all the adversity that lay ahead; hostile natives, dust storms, depression, floods, disease and other difficulties. It is a wonder that these people stayed to somehow scratch out an existence by harnessing this ground called Cheyenne County. As we enjoy a quality of life with all the modern conveniences available, we know, without their sacrifices, there would be no small towns to celebrate birthdays. That says volumes for what has been accomplished in a century and a quarter out here.

Bulletin Board

Senior pot luck

The senior potluck will be held on Monday, June 24 at noon at the Bird City Senior Center.

Lions will take

St. Francis Lions Club collects used glasses, glasses cases, hearing aids, and used cell phones. Collection boxes in St. Francis are located at: Bella's Market, Cheyenne County Clinic (Health Nurse's Office), courthouse, Krien Pharmacy, Dr. Tim Poling's Office, senior center, and Thrift Store. Collection boxes are also located in Bird City at the Hometown Market and the Senior Center. Questions? Call 332-3119 or 332-2950.

Bible school

Solid Rock Baptist Church will hold a Vacation Bible School Block Party on Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22, at 300 S. Benton, St. Francis. Children, ages 3 to 11, will meet at the lot from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; those 12 years and older will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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

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.



SOLEDAD BERMUDEZ practices his swimming for the next meet.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Swim team travels to Nebraska for meet

On Saturday June 8 the Cheylin swim team headed to Indianola, Neb., for their week two swim meet. Soledad Bermudez placed third in the 25m butterfly with a time of 44.03 seconds, and fourth in the 25m backstroke with a time of 35.12 seconds. John Serrano placed first in the 25m backstroke with a time of 27.06 seconds, and first in the 25m freestyle with a time of 21.82 seconds. Briana Vandike placed third in the 25m backstroke with a time of 33.9 seconds, and fifth in the 25m freestyle with a time of 28.07 seconds. Jacob Serrano placed fourth in the 25m backstroke with a time of 70.12 seconds and fourth in the 25m freestyle with a time of 57.77 seconds. Isabelle Gabaldon placed second in the 25m freestyle with a time of 29.38 seconds. The 100m freestyle relay team placed second with a time of 114.07 seconds. Members of the relay team include: Briana Vandike, Soledad Bermudez, Isabelle Gabaldon, and Mary Anne Orten. On Saturday June 15 the Cheylin swim teams traveled to Benkelman, Neb. for their week three swim meet. Andrew Schields placed second in the 100m freestyle with a time of 116.3 seconds, fourth in the 50m freestyle with a time of 50.8 seconds, and third in the 25m freestyle with a time of 21.23 seconds. Isabelle Gabaldon placed fourth in the 25m backstroke with a time of 36.8 seconds, and fifth in the 25m freestyle with a time of 31.74 seconds. John Serrano placed second in the 25m backstroke with a time of 27.99 seconds, and first in the 25m freestyle with a time of 21.82. Briana Vandike placed seventh in the 25m backstroke with a time of 32.05 seconds, third in the 25m breaststroke with a time of 37.17 seconds, and fourth in the 25m freestyle with a time of 26.8 seconds. Soledad Bermudez placed eighth in the 25m backstroke with a time of 32.25 seconds and 13th in the 25m freestyle with a time of 32.99 seconds. Jacob Serrano placed fourth in the 25m backstroke with a time of 67.2, fourth in the 25m breaststroke with a time of 89.78 seconds and seventh in the 25m freestyle with a time of 60.29 seconds. The relay team placed second in the 100m medley relay with a time of 119.97 seconds, and third in the 100m freestyle relay with a time of 115.18 seconds.

Boy finishes space program

Jordan Janicke graduated from the Camp KAOS Space 201 program on June 7 at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center. Jordan will be entering eighth grade at Cheylin Junior High this fall. Space 201 is a six-day astronaut training camp for students entering at least grade eight and emphasizes teamwork, leadership and problem solving. Developed by Cosmosphere staff, Camp KAOS science-, technology-, engineering-, and math-based programs are nationally recognized for motivating students to seek careers in aerospace-related industries. The fast-paced 201 program incorporates aspects of astronaut training with advanced courses in space shuttle systems, space science, physiology and microgravity science. The camp's capstone is an advanced simulated space shuttle mission in the Cosmosphere's Falcon III, the most realistic shuttle simulator outside of NASA. During this mission, campers capture and repair the Hubble space telescope using the remote manipulatorsystem and extra vehicular activity. To prepare for this advanced mission, participants undergo a full day of SCUBA training and other underwater exercises. Space 201 campers also experience high and low ropes course training, including conquering a 30-foot climbing wall and zipline, and learning night sky observation techniques using high-powered telescope. The Smithsonian-affiliated Cosmosphere houses the largest collection of U.S. space artifacts outside the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. It also houses the largest collection of Russian space artifacts outside of Moscow. The Carey Digital Dome Theater proudly supports education. The Cosmosphere's education department provides field trips, assemblies, and the internationally acclaimed Camp KAOS summer space adventures, which utilize camp program's principles to inspire explorers of all ages and build leadership and teamwork skills. Information about Camp KAOS can be found at www.cosmospherecamps.org. Jordan is the son of Clayton and Lori Janicke. Bird City,



Janicke

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Community Reception for Dr. Rebecca Allard
Tuesday, June 25
5 to 7 p.m.

in the Clinic Conference Room located in the basement
Come & Go

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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You're invited to a Bridal Shower
for **Mindy Antholz**
Bride elect of Quinton Crow
Saturday, June 29
3:30 p.m.
Federated Church Education Building
Mindy is registered at Walmart and Target



Come & Go Bridal Shower for Colleen Shrader
Bride Elect of Jared Cox
Sunday, June 30
3-5 p.m.
United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
All are welcome



SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. 1 hr. 40 min.
Hangover Part 3
June 21, 22 & 23 *Comedy / Sequel*
Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis **R**
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