

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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 You won't find many around these parts who will complain about rain. It's like the country tune that claims, "Rain is a good thing!"
 So as the Bucholtz-Ross-Lampe-Hilt-Marin-McCormick families and friends gathered at Lake Waconda for our annual ballet of communal living, we took the weekend down pours in stride.
 It is pretty easy to do with all the modern conveniences of camping. I recall as a kid camping in the Rocky Mountains it was not so. We considered ourselves lucky to have a down-filled sleeping bag that ideally stayed dry for awhile.

Today folks have well-equipped recreational vehicles with heating and air conditioning. Food is kept nicely chilled in refrigerators. Fire can be made on a stove top.
 Teenagers and young adults are still in touch with the outside world and they constantly use their hand-held devices to communicate. The adults can catch the weekend sporting events on television with mobile satellite receptors.
 The only temporary inconvenience comes when the ice that chills the liquid refreshments needs to be replaced.
 Camping certainly isn't what it used to be. Even with the rain.

Letter to the Editor

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 The hospital and I had a disagreement over a recent management decision concerning the clinic. During this last month, I had some serious concerns about whether I would be able to remain in practice here. I have been here for 14 years and I had never thought about leaving before.
 Administration and I have agreed to disagree and policies/procedures are being addressed. As a result I am going to remain in practice here. The people of this county have been so supportive of

me as well as the clinic and hospital. I did not think it right to leave such a trust. I also feel this county will be getting two excellent physicians with the recruitment of Dr. Megan Brown and Dr. Dallas Walz. I did not want to leave them in a lurch prior to their completion of residency.
 Sincerely,
 Mary Beth Miller, MD
 St. Francis
Editor's note: This letter has been republished with proper corrections.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Knapp were Wednesday morning visitors of Marlene Johnson.
 Marlene Johnson traveled to Atwood Wednesday with the Federated Church Ladies Guild and helped entertain at the July birthday party at the Good Samaritan Center.
 Karlyne Atchison attended the Peoples State Bank 80th birthday celebration Wednesday.

Saturday afternoon guests of Joan Tongish were Jerry and Cheryl Hopkins of Aurora, Colo., and Clinton Hopkins of Atwood.
 Joan Tongish and Eleanor Swihart sat at the Eggers Building Friday morning at the Bird City Thresher Show.
 Lois Morlock attended the Simon Family Reunion Saturday at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Studley.

Meta Dankenbring

Meta Dankenbring fell on the 18th of July, had surgery in Denver, and is now recuperating in the St. Francis Hospital. She would love to have visitors. Cards can be sent to her at P.O. Box 295, Bird City Kan. 67731.

Food Pantry

If your family is struggling to make ends meet, and you are a resident of Cheyenne County, you are eligible to pick up a box of food from the food pantry once per month. Distributions are made on the third Saturday of each month from 9 - 11 am at the west entrance of the county courthouse in St. Francis. The food pantry relies 100 percent on donations to provide this service. Cash donations to provide assistance can be made by contacting Candi Douthit at 332-0068. In-kind donations of non-expired, nonperishable food items can be made through many of the local churches in the county or by contacting Carol Sloper at 785-829-3679.

Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veteran Administration claims work on Thursday, August 1. 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.

Free books

Going on now: Bird City Public Library paperback book giveaway - absolutely free! The Bird City Public Library has a huge collection of paperback books. Mysteries, westerns, action, romance and many other areas of your interest. Countless authors. Some of your favorites are here! Come in to the library, browse, take as many paperbacks as you wish. Share them with others. No returns!

Rough Writers

The public is invited to readings by Rough Writers, Marie Holzwarth and Bonnie Cram, of their

manuscripts on the events and happenings that used to occupy old Main Street of St. Francis, 2 to 3 p.m., at the Old Country Church on Sunday, Aug. 4. Cheyenne County Historical Society sponsors these readings.

Collections needed

The Bird City Public Library would love to showcase your treasured collection if it fits in their enclosed and secure glass shelves display case for three to four weeks. Call Debby Bailey, librarian, at (785) 734-2203 for more information.

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.

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

Ashley Railey will no longer be at the Wellness Center for assistance after Wednesday. Once school starts the center will be open all day during the school hours. Check the school for the times it will be closed for Cheylin classes only. You may purchase a key for a deposit of \$100 if you wish to use the facilities on your own time.

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 Amuse-

ment 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 Chey-

enne 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.



THE LAST PITCHES by Doyle Bock and Theresa Martinez were very close. Steve Busse and John Martinez had to measure to be exact. Times photo by Norma Martinez

Horseshoe tournament labeled big success

The first Thresher Show Horseshoe Throwing Tournament, conducted by Willy and Carol Martinez, drew 18 participants. It was a hard decision to make on most of the games as to who was the closest, Willy said. Four teams at a time played against each other in an elimination process.
 The team winners were: First place, John and Theresa Martinez from Brighton, Colo. \$45 plus the

\$25 gift certificate from Big Ed's. Second place went to Steve Busse and Doyle Bock, \$25. Third place, Vickie and Dan Harshbarger, \$20.
 Everyone who played was entered in to a drawing for the other two gift certificates from Big Ed's. Those winners were: Opie Dordrill, \$100, and Ron Smith, \$50.
 Everyone was excited and said they are probably going to enter the contest again next year.

Famous Quotes

• By the year 2000, one out of three people will be Elvis impersonators. --Michael Sweet
 • We live in reference to past events, and not to future events - no matter how inevitable. --HG Wells
 • The millennium exerts a

strange mystical pull on the human imagination. It affects people the way moonlight affects werewolves, the way sirens affect dogs. --Peter Carlson
 • By the year 2000, pure information will be cheaper than water or electricity. --Timothy

Leary (1995)
 • Age in a virtuous person, of either sex, carries in it an authority which makes it preferable to all the pleasures of youth. --Sir Richard Steele
 • Intellect is to emotion as

our clothes are to our bodies: we could not very well have civilized life without clothes, but we would be in a poor way if we had only clothes without bodies - Alfred North Whitehead

Baby Shower
 for
Blanca Ponce Rodriguez
 Saturday, Aug. 17
 3 p.m.
 Federated Church, McDonald, KS

"Thanks to everyone" who helped and attended the thresher show this year. We had increased attendance, something for all ages to see and do, great weather and so many compliments for our out of area guests about the show. Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association still going strong after 60 years!

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

The Cheyenne County Clinic
 will be offering free school physicals.
 Please call the clinic to set up your appointment at (785) 332-2682.
 Enjoy the Fair!

Please join us for a dance in celebration of Marlene Young's 80th birthday
 Saturday, Aug. 3 at 9 p.m.
 Bird City American Legion
 No gifts please

CHEYENNE COUNTY FAIR
4-H Ribbon Winners
 AFTER THE FAIR, BRING YOUR BEST ribbon TO THE BANK - LET US Display it FOR TWO WEEKS - AND WE WILL GIVE YOU SOME CASH! STOP IN, WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

the bank PO Box 40 Bird City, KS 67731 785-734-2100 785-734-2121 (fax)

Enjoy the 2013 Cheyenne County Fair!!

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

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

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