

## Casey's Comments

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Last week I told you about the Topeka High School flag pole that came from the historic U.S.S. Constitution tall ship in 1931. Largely this was due to the efforts of vice president Charles Curtis, a native son of Topeka. Mr. Curtis deserves a little more lip service.

When humble beginnings are discussed, Charles Curtis' trip to the White House certainly qualifies.

Born in Topeka in 1860, he was the child of a white man, Orren Curtis, and Ellen Pappan. His mother was one-quarter Kaw Native American. Her bloodline made Charles Curtis the great-great-grandson of Kansas-Kaw chief White Plume.

White Plume's tie to history came when he offered assistance to an expedition of white men in 1804 known as Lewis and Clark.

Growing up, Curtis spent his early years living between his pa-

ternal grandparents in Topeka and maternal grandparents who had relocated to the Kaw reservation at Council Grove.

Curtis would retell a story of when Cheyenne Indians raided that reservation. Someone was needed to make the trip to Topeka to inform the authorities. As all the horses and ponies had been driven to pasture before the attacking Indians arrived, the boy made the 60-mile trip on foot, leaving at night and arriving at the city the next day.

When the Hoover-Curtis ticket won election in 1929 he became the first American of Indian ancestry to reach such a high office. Proud of his heritage, his office was decorated with Native American artifacts and Curtis had no problem posing for photos while wearing Indian head-dresses.

Using Paul Harvey's words apologetically, "and now you know the rest of the story."

## School Menu

Aug. 25 - Aug. 29

**Monday**

Breakfast: Whole grain waffles with syrup, grapes, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: baked ham, 2 potato mash, green beans, oatmeal dinner roll, garden spinach salad, pineapple chunks, watermelon, and milk.

**Tuesday**

Breakfast: whole wheat bagel with toppings, yogurt, orange wedges, toast, and milk.

Lunch: chicken nuggets, mash potatoes with gravy, broccoli, whole wheat roll with jelly, romaine and tomato salad, citrus applesauce, cantaloupe.

**Wednesday**

Breakfast: breakfast pizza, fruit juice, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: hamburger on bun, sweet potato wedges, rice krispy bar, broccoli salad, garden spinach salad, tropical fruit, mandarin oranges, watermelon, and milk.

**Thursday**

Breakfast: whole grain cinnamon roll, sausage links, fruit cocktail, toast, and milk.

Lunch: taco salad with whole grain chips, refried beans, cinnamon puffs, taco bar, black bean corn salsa, mixed lettuce salad, peaches, fruit cocktail, and milk.

## South of McDonald

Leroy Enfield was a conversationalist and the graphic results of that were displayed by the upside down boots on the fence posts along his home place East of McDonald. Leroy was an energetic gentleman and could often be seen in his tan coveralls, smile on his face, on his yellow riding lawn mower grooming his many properties around McDonald. He had a vast knowledge of the antique industry, having many friends in that business connection. Sympathies are extended to the Leroy Enfield family.

On Tuesday, Kathy Banister attended the Brewster Inservice in Goodland in collaboration with five other schools, with a morning speaker. They divided up in the afternoon for discussion.

Joe and Charlene Kramer, Ryan and Diane Shay and family of St. Francis, and Roland and Linda Query of Firestone, Colo. spent Saturday and Sunday at

the Price Family Reunion with four of Charlene's cousins present for the Western Music Festival at Westcliffe, Colo.

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Gertrude Voorhies, Bird City; Lee Beeson, Bird City; Delores Archer, McDonald; Darwin DaPron, Bird City; Hollis DaPron, Bird City.



### Booster club

The Cheylin Booster Club will be meeting on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 5:30 p.m. at the High School library. Please join us to plan the years activities. The club meal will be held on Thursday, Aug. 29 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

### Center Day

Center Day, sponsored by the Center Church Association, will be held on Sept. 1 at 2:30 p.m. at the church grounds, 14 miles southeast of Bird City. Bring a chair and poem, a reading or something to share. Refreshments will be provided.

### Senior Potluck

The senior potluck dinner will be held at noon on Monday, Aug. 26 at the Bird City Senior Center.

### Gospel quartet in park

On Saturday, Aug. 31, at 5 p.m. in the Bird City Park, the churches of Bird City are sponsoring the Gospel Quartet "The Down East Boys," followed by Pastor Todd Burpo, and praise and worship by Becky Burpo. If bad weather, it will be held in the Legion Hall. Please invite everyone and pray!

### Cards and visits requested

Meta Dankenbring was transferred to the nursing home in St. Francis on Aug. 12 for rehabilitation. Her temporary address is now 820 S. Dennison, room 127. She would appreciate cards and visits to help her along.

### Steam engine show

The steam engine show post-assessment meeting has been set for 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23, at the Bird City Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to attend; share your thoughts on this year's Show!

### Cheylin events

Aug. 29, Booster club meal 5:30-7:30 p.m., VB scrimmage 6 p.m., FB scrimmage 7 p.m.

Aug. 30, 9 a.m., VB Tournament Healy.

Aug. 31, Flag Football call Tina Sager 785-734-7141 for information.

### 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 a.m. 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 785-332-0068. 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.

### Scholarship

Any Cheyenne County junior or senior in college, majoring in wildlife or agriculture, is eligible to apply for the Herman Antholz Memorial Scholarship. Each applicant will be given an application and required to be interviewed by the Cheyenne County Conservation District Board 6. There will be two one-time scholarships for \$250 awarded each year. Deadline to submit an application is Aug. 28. For an application, please call the Conservation Office at 785-332-2341 extension 101 or stop by their office.

### 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!

### 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 785-332-3119 or 785-332-2950.

### Wellness Center

## You Don't Want To Miss

Sat., Aug. 31 - 5 p.m.  
at the Bird City Park

5 p.m. - Gospel Quartet -

The Down East Boys

7 p.m. - Pastor Todd Burpo,

author of "Heaven Is For Real"

8 p.m. - Becky Purpo leads in Praise & Worship  
Hamburgers & Hotdogs will be provided. Please bring your lawn chairs.

## HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT TODAY!

(for 3, 5 or 10 months)



Pablo from Spain, 17 yrs. Loves soccer and would like to learn to play baseball. Pablo is a boy scout and enjoys the outdoors.

Make this year the most exciting, enriching year ever for you and your family. Welcome a high school student, 15-18 years old, from Italy, France, Norway, Denmark, Spain, Germany, Brazil, Thailand or China as part of your family for a school year (or less) and make an overseas friend for life.

For more information or to select your own exchange student please call:

Jan Busse at 785-734-7031

Marcy at 1-800-888-9040 (Toll Free) or e-mail us at info@world-heritage.org

For privacy reasons, photos above are not photos of actual students



Julie from Denmark, 16 yrs. Enjoys gymnastics, swimming and photography. She's positive, fun loving and easy to get along with.

www.whhosts.com

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# Bulletin Board

Ashley Raile will no longer be at the Wellness Center for assistance. 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.

### 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.

## McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

The McDonald community was saddened by the passing of Jane Burns on Saturday. Jane was often seen in the repair shop with Terry and David, and enjoyed shopping in McDonald. Her love of family as a wife, mother, and devoted grandmother was first and foremost in her life. Sympathies are extended to the Burns family in the loss of Jane.

Dixie and Ted Bethell of McCook called on Marlene Johnson Sunday afternoon.

Karlyne Atchison visited Un-

cle Donnie Banister at the St. Francis Nursing Home Sunday afternoon.

Betty Lewis, Eleanor Swihart, and Joan Tongish went to Wray, Colo. for the day Friday.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the Rosary for Gene Koons Sunday evening in Atwood.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson called on Agnes Reeh Thursday morning in Atwood. Afterwards they attended Marion Ruda's 100th birthday party at the Good Samaritan Home.



SHOWTIME: 8 p.m.

2 hr. 6 min.

### Wolverine 3D

Aug. 23, 24 & 25

Hugh Jackman, Hiroyuki Sanada, Famke Janssen

Lured to a Japan he hasn't seen since World War II, century-old mutant Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) finds himself in a shadowy realm of yakuza and samurai.

## CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$4  
3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$6

All Others: \$6  
All Others: \$8

## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

Mark your calendars for

Cheyenne County

Fall Health Fair

Blood Draws

Nov. 11, 12 & 13 in St. Francis

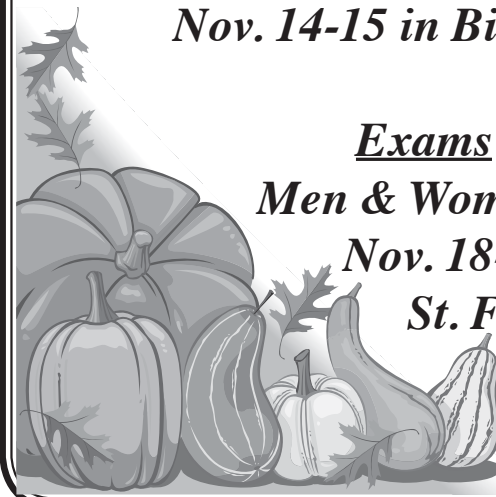
Nov. 14-15 in Bird City

Exams

Men & Women exams

Nov. 18-22 in both

St. Francis & Bird City.



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