Casey's Comments

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God gives us gifts.

I believe one of the greatest blessings is our ability to take in His creation. Through our fives senses we are allowed to understand the wonders around us.

For instance, do you know what geraniums smell like? It is not so much the fragrance of the flower but the pungent earthiness of the plant itself. Unique to this one plant from the multitudes of others. The experience of that smell helps us to know that plant.

The sight of a new born babe. Distressed from the journey from mother to outside world, yet creation in the most pure form.

Picking up a stone on a beach. Feeling the polish that came from sand, water and time. The hard surface of an object who's origin so vastly predates the holder's existence.

My example of sound may stretch the boundaries of likes. Scottish bagpipes seem to be a take it or leave it deal. But if the dear Lord has also touched your heart with an appreciation of the pipes, no purer sound can be heard than the melody of the highlands played outdoors and "rrrrolling o'er the hills of heatherrrr."

You can choose your own favorite taste. Picture looking at the menu of your favorite restaurant. Each dish easily brings the memory of good experiences or the imaginings of something new to sample.

So it's hard to imagine living on this planet and not having the gifts to understand all its wonders.

School Menu

Sept. 9 – Sept. 12

Monday

Breakfast: oatmeal, boiled egg, mandarin oranges, toast, and milk.

Lunch: taco burger on bun, corn chips, refried beans, black bean corn salsa, garden spinach salad, tropical fruit, pears, and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: whole grain waffle with syrup and peanut butter, tropical fruit, fruit juice, and milk.

Lunch: chicken pot pie with biscuit, steamed broccoli, rice krispy bar, romaine and tomato salad, applesauce, cantaloupe, and milk.

Wednesday

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

Lunch: baked potato bar, broccoli, nacho cheese, chili, oatmeal roll, frog eye salad garden spinach salad, pears, peaches, watermelon, and milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: egg taco with salsa, grapes, toast, fruit juice, and milk.

Lunch: chicken pattie, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, wheat roll with jelly, mixed lettuce salad, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, and milk.

Bulletin Board

Hospice

Hospice will hold a potluck meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 9, at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis.

Legion Auxiliary

The Bird City American Legion Auxiliary will meet Friday, Sept. 6 at 2 p.m.

Trevor Baker

Singer, songwriter and minister of God's word Trevor Baker will be at the Wesleyan Community Church on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Denver Brass student workshop

Denver Brass Jazz Quintet will be in St. Francis on Sunday, Sept. 15 for a student workshop at 1;00 p.m. at the high school band room. Students will be served lunch at Sawhill Park at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to a concert in the high school auditorium at 4:00 p.m.

Tickets are $10 for adults for the concert only. Student tickets are $10 and include the workshop, lunch and concert. Students attending the concert only, $5.

Tickets are available at all St. Francis and Bird City banks, Milliken Law, Kite and Day Law and other places.

Painting with Peggy

Acrylic Techniques class begins on Sept. 20. Canvas and Chianti class begins on Sept. 27. Both classes are from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Quincy Gallery, 109 N. Quincy, St. Francis. Sign up for one or both in advance at Cuppa Joe Espresso or call 332-3569.

Cheylin school security

All visitors must enter the west entrances for the elementary and high school buildings after 8:30 a.m. All other doors are locked for security purposes. Please report to the office upon entering building. There is visitor parking available in front of the high school west entrance and on the north side of the elementary building.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Senior citizen's birthdays

The senior citizen's birthday party will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 9, at the senior center in Bird City.

Trap League

Trap League will begin at 4 p.m. on Sept. 8 at the Gun Club south of St. Francis. The league will consist of 5-man teams for 5 weeks on Sundays. For more information, call Brock McAtee, 785-332-4066.

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.

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 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.

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.

Wellness Center

Since school has started, 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 winter hours at the Cheyenne Theater are in effect. The ticket booth will open at 7 p.m. and the movie begins at 7:30 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 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.

Daugther honors father with walk

Monika Bonavia will be participating in the Light the Night Walk in memory of her father, L. John Kamla. The walk will be held Sept. 20 in Overland Park and helps The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in fighting blood-related cancers.

Sept.7, will mark one year since Mr. Kamla was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. Oct. 13 will mark the one year anniversary of his death. He is especially in the hearts and minds of his family and friends at this time, Ms. Bonavia said, but he is deeply missed and fondly remembered every day.

If you would like to make a donation, please send a check made payable to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to Monika Bonavia at 10820 W. 133rd Terrace No. 8, Overland Park, KS 66213.

Bird City News

Hulda Dorsch returned home Tuesday after a joy-filled vacation which included visiting several friends and family members. Her first stop was for lunch with her sister, Edna Homburg and husband in Ellis, then on to Hays where she was an overnight guest of Don and Chris Bickle. While there she was given a tour of all the buildings Don has helped finance at both the hospital and Ft. Hays campus.

Hulda then went to Minneapolis where she was an overnight guest of Kathy and Marty Nash. While there her sister in law, Leona Fabrizius and nephew Don and Wendy came to visit and enjoy lunch.

On Saturday morning she drove to Manhattan and visited and had lunch with her classmate, Florence Fabrizius Flinn and husband Wes. She then attended the Stephanie Hubbard wedding and after the reception drove to Louisburg, KS to spend the week with son, Jim and wife Lori. On Monday she spent the day with Barbara Sweazy and daughters, Kris and Stacy.

Jared Dorsch and his "singing family" from New York were her last Saturday entertainment in the Louisburg Park. Food was furnished and the music by the group was excellent and Jared's talk was well received.

On her way home she was a dinner guest of nephew, John Fabrizius and family in Hays, then an overnight stay with the Homburg's at Ellis and home. The only disappointment was to come home to the dry northwest part of the state.

Last Sunday the Headrick families held their traditional family reunion in the Bird City Park. Keith Headrick from Goodland and Steve and Isabelle Headrick were the hosts. The weather was perfect and around 50 family members enjoyed the good food and visiting.

Monday, Steve's brother Brent and his wife Barb from Oklahoma were guests in Steve and Isabelle's home. Brent enjoyed taking a trip around town with his brother Steve and into the country, reminiscing and seeing changes made in their old stomping grounds from when they were growing up. A good time was also had visiting with their father, Keith, and Brent's niece Deseray Headrick and her daughter Ava Marie. She entertained them by playing catch ball with her grandpaps.

Bill and Anna, Willy and Carol, and Ray and Norma Martinez were also able to enjoy their company.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Cort Antholz, McDonald; Rebecca Antholz, McDonald; Clint and Jen Antholz, Manhattan; Cristi Antholz, Atchison; Tony Walden, Bird City; Midwest Energy, Hays; Ramona Harris, Otis, Colo.; Richard DeHaven, Bird City; Alan Kruse, Hutchinson; Deloris A. Kingsley, Arvada, Colo.; Jean Cook, Stark; Jim Leach, Wichita; Lois Combs, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Malinda Wilson, Manhattan; Eugene Marrs, Brewster.

Photo Policy

The Saint Francis Herald and *Bird City Times* wants to emphasize photos of people doing things in the community. If you know of an event or new happening that we should attend, please call 332-3162.

Please be sure to allow a couple of days' notice so we can be there.

Space in the paper is limited and so is the time of our staff, so we may not be able to get to every event. Because space is so limited. we cannot run team or group photos, any pictures of people lined up or of people passing checks, certificates and the like. (We will always try to make room for a story about any of these events, however.)

We do run wedding and engagement pictures and "mug" shots with stories and obituaries, when they are provided to us. Please remember that we need a clear, sharp picture. Dark or fuzzy prints will not work.

We cannot return photos unless you submit a self-addressed, stamped envelope with clear instructions for return. Other photos submitted may be picked up at our office within two weeks. After that, they will be disposed of.

NOTICE

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All are welcome to attend.

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FLU VACCINE CLINIC

Wednesday, September 25th

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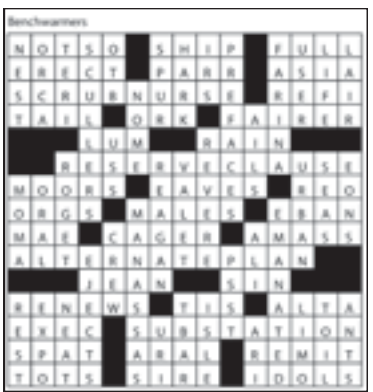
No appointment necessary – open over noon hour
Elevator Available

County Health Department
785-332-2381

Back to School



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