

Casey's Comments

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Why Syria?
As our president stands poised, despite lacking the support of the American people, to order a military strike on the Middle-Eastern country, I keep asking myself "why?"
Atrocities are committed daily in this world by man upon weaker men, women and children. This is nothing new. When these terrible things happen it is appropriate for a nation such as ours, with a moral basis, to oppose such occurrences.
But why should we throw our support to the Syrian rebels? With the 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11 massacre this week, how do we know that the same

forces that plotted against us are not involved with this revolutionary cause? What will make the Syrian rebels anymore dependable to America than the rebels in Libya and Egypt?
Also, why will firing missiles that are certainly going to kill Syrian civilians help our appearance in the Middle East? Are people being blown up somehow "better" than being gassed?
It sounds as if we have finally found some common ground with the Russians in convincing Syrian President Assad in handing over his chemical weapons to the United Nations.
I hope this is true so we do not have to pursue a policy of too many "whys."

School Menu

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Sept. 16 – Sept. 19

Monday

Breakfast: Whole grain muffin, ham patty, cereal, and milk.
Lunch: Ham and cheese Stromboli, winters blend vegetables, cottage cheese, garden spinach salad, pineapple chunks, cantaloupe, and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, orange wedges, fruit juice, cereal, and milk.
Lunch: Barbecue beef on bun, sweet potatoes, oatmeal cookie, romaine and tomato salad, applesauce, mandarin oranges, and milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs with cheese, yogurt, rosy applesauce, toast, and milk.
Lunch: Chicken quesadillas, California blend, whole grain chips, taco bar, garden spinach, pears, peaches, watermelon, and milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Chicken breakfast biscuit, orange wedges, fruit juice, toast, and milk.
Lunch: Turkey and cheese sub-sandwiches, oven fries, green beans, mixed lettuce salad, peaches, fruit cocktail, and milk.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Did we miss it?
Last Sunday was Grandparents Day. I know most of my grandkids were too busy in their own lives to remember it. It's not like they don't love us or communicate with us. But, not that much is made of Grandparents Day. Were it not for our leader in our local Right to Life group who seems to know and remember everything, we might have also forgotten Grandparents Day. As a small gesture of our appreciation for our seniors, we met at Good Sam on Sunday afternoon and shared root beer floats with them. We really have a community of great older people and that helps us appreciate life from cradle to the grave. Our seniors have so much to offer. They are a blessing to the rest of us. I hope we will continue to make Grandparents Day important to all of us for a couple of reasons. First, we all need that connection with older life. We can learn so much about coping with life by listening to our elders. They

knew what it was like to not have a convenient grocery store! They knew how to make things stretch in hard times information we may all need more and more. Secondly, our seniors help us understand the value of life from beginning to end. Many people really do not appreciate life. Government leaders may cry crocodile tears about one thousand Syrians being gassed and mention is often made of the four hundred being children. Why do many of these same leaders not resist the destruction of four thousand unborn children every day in our own nation who die by means of abortion? If you didn't get the chance Sunday, you still have time to share with some older person, your grandparent or someone else's. They exhibit life at the other end. I can still hear a special person in my life as she quoted, "Grow old along with me. The best of life is yet to be" I think she was right, and the more time I spend with our seniors, I know she was.
Norman Morrow

Michael Gracy performs
Michael Gracy, Nashville recording artist and song writer will be performing in Bird City on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 10:50 a.m. at the Immanuel United Methodist Church. Michael has numerous Christian country chart songs, is a Christian Country Music Award winner, a top nominee for Music Evangelist of the Year, and a finalist for Agape Fest Trail Blazer Evangelist.

92nd birthday

The family of Barbara Ewing would like for everyone to help her celebrate her 92nd birthday on Sept. 15 by sending her cards and best wishes to Box 343, St. Francis, KS. 67756.

Home Circle Club

Barb Gerdes will be the hostess for the Sept. 19 meeting of the Home Circle Club. It will be held at the Manor at 2 p.m.

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 785-332-3569.

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.

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.

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

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 7:00 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 gives confidential

support in a safe place of mutual help and comfort to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

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.

Christian musician entertains with songs of yesteryear

By Norma Martinez
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A small group of local people turned out to hear Trevor Baker at Wesleyan Church on Sunday. He kept those attending contentedly listening for an hour-and-a-half.

His music, he said, was all his original songs that he sings from the heart and for the glory of God. There is a lesson to be heard by listening to the words.

Mr. Baker grew up as a simple farm boy in Canada where everyone had 1,500 acres, and cows. Now those big farms are gone.

Those memories linger on as he sings about them and the depression years. This song came about after reading an article in a Woman's Journal Magazine titled, "Everything But Money." In his song, he sings about how during the depression families lost everything, but it brought families closer together and they survived by gaining a stronger strength in God.

Baker has been in the full-time music ministry for 15 years and performed well over 1,700 concerts. He has also played at fairs, festivals, schools and prisons.

During his part-time ministry he sang on street corners, and rose to singing for the Prime Minister of Canada. On two occasions he sang in the United States at David Wilkenson's Times Square Church in New York City.

In 1990, Baker was feeling many things in life are uncertain and thinking God was one of them, he was searching for a meaning in life and did not like the angry man he had become. He found that meaning during a crisis in his life when he attended a wedding and a 'genuine, simple kinda' preacher introduced him to

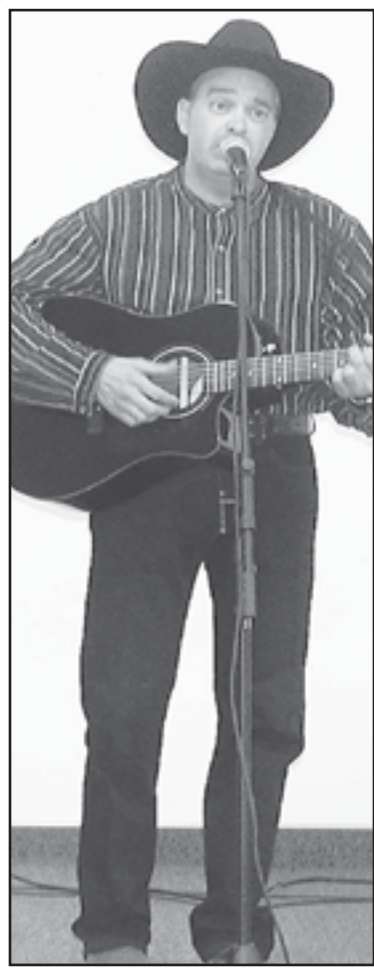
Jesus Christ.

He picked up a guitar after he became a Christian and after taking two lessons, he went on to release 16 albums and three DVDs. To date, he has recorded over 170 songs and just recently released two of his 12 CDs, and a new in-concert DVD.

The CD that is considered to be the best is, "The Road Less Traveled." Baker's songs are intended to draw peoples focus from the direction of the present world conditions to calling the church back to repentance. The present-day conditions focus on the negative conditions but with them he sings for Him and Him alone.

"My desire is to bring the message of the Gospel to those who are searching for Truth and stability in this old world," he said.

Mr. Baker comes from Saskatchewan where he lives with his wife Jennifer. He will be in 11 community churches, country churches, Assembly of God, Baptist churches, in Missouri, Idaho, Montana, Vermont, and end up in Heuvelton, N.Y., between now and Oct. 13. He displays all of his 12 CD's and offers them free or with a free-will donation. He will be performing at the Community Church in Brewster on Sunday Sept. 15, at 7 p.m.



TREVOR BAKER from Saskatchewan is traveling across the country singing his songs.
Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

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Wednesday, September 25th

7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cheyenne County Health Department

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open over noon hour

Elevator Available

County Health Department

785-332-2381

PERFORMING IN BIRD CITY

Michael Gracy

Nashville recording artist and song writer
Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 10:50 a.m.
Immanuel United Methodist Church.

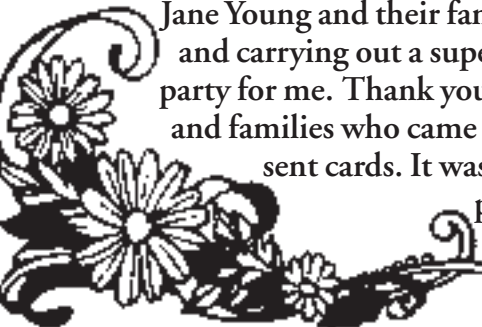


Numerous Christian Country Charts songs, CCMA Award Winner, Top nominee for Music Evangelist of the Year, Finalist for Agape Fest Trail Blazer Evangelist.



Thank You

Thank you so much to my wonderful children, Shelley and Jerry Heavilin and her family and Rod and Jane Young and their family for planning and carrying out a super 80th birthday party for me. Thank you to all my friends and families who came and those who sent cards. It was a great birthday party! Thank you so much.
Marlene Young



SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 50 min.

We're The Millers

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Sept. 13, 14 & 15

Jason Sudeikis, Jennifer Aniston, Emma Roberts, Ed Helms

A veteran pot dealer creates a fake family as part of his plan to move a huge shipment of weed into the U.S. from Mexico.

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St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747

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3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$6

All Others: \$6
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