

# Casey's Comments

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It does not happen every day, but once in awhile our lives can make a connection with history.

I recently talked to area resident Alan Russ, national secretary for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, about his group. Over the years I had heard family members comment about having relatives who fought in the war. The time came for me to dig a little deeper.

Luckily I had aunts on each side, McCormick and McIntyre, who delved into our genealogy. Unfortunately my dad's sister, Aunt Sissy, is gone. But my sister has copies of her work. As it is, all the soldiers on that side of the family fought for the Confederacy.

So I turned to my mom's sister, Cynthia Braton, and she got me on the trail of John C. Conn. His relationship, my great-grandfather three times over, was a revelation.

Born in 1829, he joined the Ohio 64th Infantry as a private in 1861. His regiment fought at Shiloh and the siege of Corinth, Miss. Rising to the rank of corporal, John Conn became one of the many casualties of the war at the battle of Stone's River near Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He died on the cold and bitter New Year's Eve of 1862.

I can't describe the odd sensation of unexpectedly touching the past. After seeing a photo of his grave stone there were mixed emotions. To suddenly find that personal link in time was both exciting and sorrowful.

I would encourage others who have relatives of the Union Army to contact Alan Russ. There have been chapters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in our county before and it would be gratifying to have another begun to honor these men. He can be reached at 785-332-2118.

## School menu

### School Menu Sept. 23 – Sept. 27

#### Monday

Breakfast: Pancake on a stick with syrup, yogurt, fresh kiwi, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Pork rib sandwich, curly fries, green beans, romaine and tomato salad, tropical fruit, pears, watermelon, and milk.

#### Tuesday

Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup, pears, fruit juice, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Taco soup, corn chips, cottage cheese, cornbread, broccoli salad, garden spinach salad, pineapple chunks, citrus applesauce, cantaloupe, and milk.

#### Wednesday

Breakfast: Breakfast sundaes, fruit cup, fruit juice, toast and milk.

Lunch: Baked chicken leg, savory rice, steamed broccoli, oatmeal roll, romaine and tomato salad, mandarin oranges, pears, watermelon, and milk.

#### Thursday

Breakfast: Whole wheat bagel with cream cheese, peaches, fruit juice, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Beef and noodles,

mashed potatoes, green beans, blueberry oat square, garden spinach salad, peaches, fruit cocktail, and milk.

#### Friday

Breakfast: Quick blueberry square, sausage patty, apple wedges, cereal, fruit juice, and milk.

Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, meatballs with sauce, seasoned peas, garlic toast, mixed lettuce salad, peaches, fruit cocktail, and milk.

## Honor Roll

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### Cheyenne Theater

The Cheyenne Theater will be showing Sunday Matinees again starting this Sunday, Sept. 22, at 2 p.m. If it is a 3D movie, Sunday movies will be shown in 2D.

### Homecoming pep rally

The Cheylin Homecoming pep rally Coronation has been moved to Wednesday, October 23. More details to follow.

### 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 Monday, Sept. 23. 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.

### Senior Center potluck

The Senior Center potluck will be at the Bird City Senior Center on Monday, Sept. 23 at 12 p.m.

### 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.

### 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.

# \$1,000 reward offered in theft

Midwest Energy is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the theft of several brass switch tops earlier this month, from a storage yard near Colby.

Sometime between Sept. 1 and Sept. 13, thieves cut the fence at a Midwest Energy outdoor storage facility in the 1200 block of North Franklin, just north of the Colby city limits. They pried open several storage crates containing electrical switches. Thieves stole the brass tops from a dozen switches, valued at over \$10,000, rendering them useless in the event of a storm or an outage.

The Thomas County Sheriff's Department is leading the investigation into the theft.

"The switch tops themselves have no other application, other than as scrap metal," said Chris Gerstner, Colby operations manager for Midwest Energy.

The scrap value of the metal is minimal, estimated at less than \$300. Scrap dealers in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado are aware of the theft, and are looking for anyone trying to sell the uniquely shaped items.

Anyone with information on the theft is encouraged to contact the Deputy Mark Finley at Thomas County Sheriff's office at 785-460-4570. Tips can be made anonymously.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. • MATINEE: 2 p.m. 1 hr. 49 min.

### Planes

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Sept. 20, 21 & 22

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## CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS  
785-332-2747

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

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

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## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS  
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## FLU VACCINE CLINIC

Wednesday, September 25th

7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cheyenne County Health Department

No appointment necessary –  
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County Health Department  
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## BIRD CITY FLU VACCINE CLINIC

Friday, October 4th

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bird City Clinic

No appointment necessary

For more information contact Mila Bandel  
County Health Nurse at 785-332-2381

# THANK YOU!!

The Cheylin Board of Education would like to thank all the people who came out and participated in the 'Drive 4 UR School' event held on Friday, September 13. We were overwhelmed by the support from the communities.

Thanks also to Yost Ford for sponsoring this event and their commitment to help the school. A special thanks to Brent Rueb, Sales Manager, and Cheylin Booster Club for coordinating this event.

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