

# Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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 Relying on mankind probably won't get you too far. Watching the way the "leaders" of this county operate sure does not inspire much optimism. Our forefathers seemed to think of about everything that would keep the experiment of a democratic society moving forward. But the people we have in Washington these days appear bent on dragging it all down. Selfish nature has replaced concern for others as the only thing that seems to matter is staying in power and

providing for themselves. We used to think that it would be the Russians, Chinese or some other super power that would tear us apart. Clearly, the end of our nation will not come from outside, but rather from within. The good news is, while things get nuttier and nuttier, there is hope other than from mankind. Thankfully I can believe in a God who is ultimately in control of all things. Maybe it would help for the politicians to take a lesson from our country's originators and get back to "in God we trust."

# Introducing

Lane Ray Antholz

Cort and Meghann Antholz of McDonald announce the birth of their son, Lane Ray Antholz. Lane arrived at 8:56 a.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2013, at Wray Community District Hospital, Wray, Colo. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21.5-inches in length. Lane was welcomed home by his three-year old-sister, Hallee. Paternal grandparents are Hal and Becky Antholz of McDonald. Maternal grandparents are Don and Patty Kueck of Hutchinson. Great-grandparents are Gilbert and Janice Antholz of McDonald and Bobbie Miller of Atwood.



Lane Ray Antholz

## USDA Commodity Distribution

Cheyenne County commodity distribution of government surplus will be from 5 to 5:30 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 21, at the Church of Christ, 502 W. Spencer in St. Francis. The types of food vary and include vegetables, fruits, juices, meat, cereals, peanut butter, nonfat dried milk and pastas. The food is shipped to the Church of Christ and it is supplied four or more times per year. To be eligible for commodities, the household's total monthly income must be below: \$1,245 - household of one; \$1,681 - household of two; \$2,116 - household of three; \$2,552 - household of four. For each additional family member, add \$436.

Those ordering must pick up their order in person or send a signed official proxy form with another individual. Proxy forms are available at the senior center in St. Francis. An accurate and complete Cheyenne County address is required.

### Date change

Note the following change in the Cheylin School calendar: The high school musical dinner theatre, "Hello Dolly," has been moved to Saturday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m.

### Founder's Day celebration

The Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis plans a salad and dessert potluck dinner at noon on Sunday, Oct. 6, at the nursing home to commemorate Founder's Day. A beef barbecue and potatoes will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert. A short worship service will follow. All friends of the Society are welcome to attend.

### Writing workshop

A memoirs writing and publishing workshop will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Atwood City Library, 102 South 6th Street. Lucille Rossbach, college English teacher, writer, and editor from St. Francis, will lead the workshop.

### Cheyenne Theater

The Cheyenne Theater will be showing Sunday Matinees again. If it is a 3D movie, Sunday movies will be shown in 2D.

### 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.

### Hunter education course

A hunter education internet course is available at [www.kdwpt.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwpt.state.ks.us). Search: hunter internet. An assisted course will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Cheyenne County Wildlife Inc. clubhouse. Lunch will be served. For more information, call 772-7382 or 332-2776.

### 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. **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.

# Writing workshop coming to Atwood

A memoirs writing and publishing workshop will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Atwood City Library, 102 South 6th Street.

Lucille Rossbach, college English teacher, writer, and editor from St. Francis, will lead the workshop.

Participants will become acquainted with various techniques for recording memoirs. Effective writing techniques and an introduction to publishing will also be covered. Refreshments will be

served. Participants are asked to bring several action photographs of themselves or family members and any journaling they may have done. A \$10 registration fee, collected at the start of the workshop, will help cover expenses and a donation to the library. Pre-registration is necessary, so call Lucille at 785-332-8903 or Wilma Mai at 785-852-4455 to do so. Also, call Lucille if you wish to have a ride to Atwood.

# McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Gilbert Antholz, Eleanor Swihart, and Blanche and Roy Koons surprised Janice Antholz with a birthday dinner at Montana Mikes Sunday. Eleanor Swihart was a Thursday overnight guest of Bruce and Shirley Swihart in St. Francis. Mike Tongish called on his mother, Joan Tongish Friday

evening. Louise Akers of Limon, Colo., was a weekend guest of Fred and Lavina Waters. Betty Lewis's daughter, Claudia Foster of Grand Junction, CO was a Tuesday through Saturday guest of her mother. On Thursday, they visited Glenn Pickett in Greeley, Colo.

# School Menu

Oct. 7 - Oct. 10  
**Monday**

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

Lunch: Grilled chicken patties, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, oatmeal roll, garden spinach salad, citrus applesauce, peaches, and milk.

**Tuesday**

Breakfast: Bagels with toppings, yogurt, orange wedges, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Country beef patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, wheat roll with jelly, romaine and tomato salad, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, rice krispy bar, and milk.

**Wednesday**

Breakfast: Breakfast pita with salsa, apple wedges, fruit juice, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Chicken tetrazzini, steamed carrots, broccoli salad, garden spinach salad, bananas and strawberries, apricots, blueberry oatmeal square, and milk.

**Thursday**

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs with cheese, apricots, fruit juice, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Cowboy cavatini, mixed vegetables, garlic toast, pears, tropical fruit, and milk.

# Local man found dead

On September 24, at 8:00 p.m., officers from the Sheriff's department found Bill Gray in his vehicle near River and Emerson Streets. Emergency Medical Services was called to the scene. EMS responded, and transported Mr. Gray to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

An investigation was completed by the Sheriff's department. There were no signs of foul play, and it was ruled that the death was not suspicious.

Sheriff Cody Beeson said that the community is not in any danger, and most importantly, that "our hearts go out to the family involved."



# Real Estate Auction

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NW KS GMD#4 WTAP Sign-up Open

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the Water Right Transition Assistance Program (WTAP). The deadline to apply is November 15.

WTAP is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to help restore aquifers and streams in critical areas by retiring water rights. Six "high priority" areas in the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 (GMD 4) have been designated as eligible target areas by the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources chief engineer because of significant water level declines. The six areas have been determined to be in need of aquifer recovery and are now closed to further water appropriations. These six areas in Cheyenne, Sherman, Thomas and Sheridan counties are also the subject of additional management program protocols being discussed with landowners by GMD 4.

Applicants who are selected for WTAP grants are compensated by the department's Division of Conservation in exchange for the permanent retirement of water rights on irrigated land. Priority is given to retiring water rights in areas that would have the greatest impact on the stream system. A fixed rate of \$2,000 per acre-foot of historic consumptive water use is available for eligible water rights to be retired. WTAP grants are approved on the basis of competitive bids.

To be eligible, water rights must be in good standing with the department's Division of Water Resources. Dryland farming is permitted after a water right is retired. Limited irrigation can also be temporarily allowed to establish a permanent cover on the land being transitioned from irrigation. Partial water right reductions will also be considered for retirement grants.

For more information, contact Steve Frost, water conservation program manager, at (785) 296-8964 or HYPERLINK "C:\Documents and Settings\strost\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\SB55R7V\L\stev.frost@kda.ks.gov\stev.frost@kda.ks.gov. WTAP rules and regulations, applications, maps and other details are available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation website at HYPERLINK "http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-conservation/water-conservation-programs" http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-conservation/water-conservation-programs.

Information and assistance is also available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources field office in Stockton at (785) 425-6787 or at the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 in Colby at (785) 462-3915.

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## Diabetes Education Management Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2013  
 1:30 p.m.  
 Cheyenne County Clinic Basement

Presenter - Kirsten Angell,  
 Dietician & Diabetes Educator -  
 "A New Treatment Approach to Diabetes"

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 Friday, October 4th  
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Bird City Clinic  
 No appointment necessary

For more information contact  
**Mila Bandel, RN - County Health Nurse**  
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