

Casey's Comments

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Oct. 7 marked a sad anniversary that major media won't focus on. The Afghanistan War entered its 13th year as Americans continue to sever and die so far from home. The U.S. launched Operation Enduring Freedom in 2001 following the 911 attacks. Using mostly special forces, troops were sent to Afghanistan after the Taliban who harbored Osama Bin Laden and members al-Qaida. Today part of the initial goal has

been reached with the death of Bin Laden in Pakistan as well as many of the enemy group's members. However the Taliban and al-Qaida still have a strong presence in the region. Currently the number of American soldiers on the ground is over 54,000. Although the ball is being handed over more and more from the U.S.-led international coalition to the Afghan security forces, our soldiers are still becoming casualties in a largely forgotten war.

School Menu

Oct. 14 - Oct. 17

Monday
Breakfast: Oatmeal, boiled egg, fresh grapes, toast, and milk
Lunch: Pigs n blanket, potato triangles, steamed broccoli with cheese, fruit jello, romaine and tomato salad, pears, tropical fruit, and milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Kansas granola bar, sausage links, applesauce, cereal, and milk
Lunch: Lasagna, green beans, garlic toast, garden spinach salad, mandarin oranges, applesauce, and milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Sunrise smoothie, string cheese, pears, fruit juice, cereal, and milk
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, oatmeal roll, romaine and tomato salad, grapes, peaches, and milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Breakfast bites with syrup, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, toast, and milk
Lunch: Sausage pizza, corn, chocolate chip cookie, mixed lettuce salad, red applesauce, fruit cocktail, and milk

South of McDonald

By Kathy Banister
This time of year many farmers are busy in the fields with drilling wheat and starting to pick corn. The lovely Indian Summer makes this all possible as some anticipate frosts to deter houseflies and other allergy-producing spores. Gardeners enjoy the sunshine and cooler temps as they continue harvesting what is left of the bountiful garden produce. Kathy Banister was one of the many people from south of town who attended the free bank barbecue Wednesday evening before attending the coronation of the Cheylin Homecoming Court. Her nephew Ty Carmichael was one of the king candidates. He is also the grandson of Jim and Cheryl Banister. Arriving home on Friday afternoon was Debi Banister to enjoy the start of her Fall Break from her classes at Washburn

University in Topeka. She, with her parents, George and Kathy, attended the homecoming football game Friday evening to watch her cousin Ty Carmichael. Ami Torrey of North Carolina attended the homecoming game of her nephew, Ty Carmichael and spent the weekend with her parents, Jim and Cheryl Banister. George and Kathy Banister and Debi took David Banister and his friend, Tyrell Robben of Sharon Springs, to the Denver airport Saturday afternoon where they enplaned for about a week's stay in Oregon visiting a friend, Alex Hengen, and helping with some machine maintenance. Debi Banister celebrated her birthday Saturday with her parents, George and Kathy Banister, in Denver. They took a short trip to Blackhawk and enjoyed the afternoon. After doing some shopping, they returned home Sunday evening.

Death notice

Dale Bowers, 67, former Bird City resident, died Sept. 28 in Kansas City, Mo. A memorial service was held on Oct. 5 in Olathe. Inurnment was in the Olathe Memorial Cemetery. He was the son of Glen and Leota Bowers. A complete obituary will be printed in next week's paper.

Goodland Elks Lodge

If you have a son/daughter or grandson/granddaughter presently serving in the active duty military, The Elks Lodge would like to present them with a Blue Star Banner for their door or window. Contact Zona Price, Secretary, Goodland Elks Lodge #1528 at 785-890-6251.

Painting with Peggy

Acrylic Techniques class will be Oct. 18. Canvas and Chianti class will be Oct. 25. 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.

October birthdays

The October birthdays will be celebrated on Monday, October 14 at 3:00 p.m. at the Bird City Senior Center.

Informational meeting

An informational meeting concerning a Conversational Spanish class will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 14, in the Cheylin High School library. Sponsored by the Cheylin Site Council, the class will be held for eight weeks

Board meeting

The Cheylin school board meeting will be held on October 14, 7 p.m.

Community pancake feed

A free community pancake and sausage feed has been set for 6 p.m. on Monday evening, Oct. 28, at the American Legion hall. The Community Club is inviting everyone interested in becoming a member or those wanting to know how they can help with projects that benefit the Bird City community and everyone who lives here.

Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will be meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17th at 2 p.m. It will be held at the Wesleyan Church with Avis Hazuka as hostess.

Trail Ride

The 23rd annual Cheyenne County trail ride has been set for 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13. The ride will last about 2.5 hours, starting

at the Knapp family north pasture, 10.5 miles north of McDonald. Following the ride, the Cheyenne County 4-Hers will be hosting a barbecue.

Commissioners Meeting

Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at the courthouse on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 8 a.m.

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.

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. 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 St. Francis Supers, 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.

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.



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Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2 PG

Oct. 11, 12 & 13 Flint Lockwood now works at The Live Corp Company for his idol Chester V. But he's forced to leave his post when he learns that his most infamous machine is still operational and is churning out menacing food-animal hybrids.

CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6
3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$6 All Others: \$8

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

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"

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

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Annual Meeting

Monday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. Robbins Center Fort Hays State University

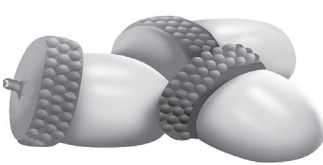



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