

Goblins, ghosts parade Oct. 31 on Main Street

Once again it's that time of the year to have a Spook-tacular time and join the Pre-K thru 6th graders as they parade in their Halloween costumes from the school to Main Street. They will be dressed in costumes from head to toe. Down the street to the 4-way they will go... From the littlest to the scariest a variety there will be... It's a parade that you will surely want to see! Don't miss this fun time for the kids to dress up for some fun.

Businesses just back your cars up to the curb along the first block of Bressler and 4th St, lift your trunks and hand out treats to each one as they parade down both sides of the

street on Oct. 31, at 3:15 p.m. Cheylin appreciates all the fine businesses that each year help sponsor their annual "Trunk-or-Treating". The students truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and support. There may be 100 or less taking part in the parade...and should there be rain things may have to change. Inclement weather means to the High school they will go...so plan now to take part as they look forward to a Spook-tacular afternoon for all who attend! RSVP's are appreciated for a more accurate account on the amount of donors and candy that is needed. Call the elementary office at 734-2351.



Community chorus to sing at 'Christmas in the Country' event

The Community Chorus of Cheyenne County has been invited to sing at Salem Lutheran's "Christmas In The Country" service on Saturday evening, Dec. 14. The "Christmas Memories" Benefit Concert will be held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis.

Neala Carmichael, chorus director, is hoping all current members of the chorus will be a part of these events. She also invited anyone who likes to sing and can sing four-part choral music to join the group. If you are interested, call Neala at 332-8996 for more information.

Rehearsals are fun and fast paced, Mrs. Carmichael said. The chorus consists of all ages from 10 to over 80.

Kick-off potluck

A "kick-off" potluck dinner will be held at Peace Lutheran Church at noon on Nov. 10, followed by a music preview at 12:50. Full chorus rehearsals will be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 at Peace Lutheran, immediately following singers' own church choir rehearsals.

The concert at Peace Lutheran Church on Dec. 15 will benefit the Cheyenne County Food Pantry.

More information regarding both performances is coming soon. In addition to the large chorus, the concerts will also feature small groups, vocal and instrumental soloists.

Mark your calendars now for these outstanding musical opportunities and performances, Mrs. Carmichael said.

Fall harvest picks up in the county

By Tim Burr

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Trucks and combines have been rolling over the county for the past few weeks, working on getting out the fall harvest of soybeans, milo and corn.

"Most of the dryland acres didn't yield well," said Ray Magnani, Frontier Ag, Bird City. "That was expected, with the long, hot, and dry summer."

Frontier has been receiving soybeans, milo and corn. They believe that the soybean harvest for them is done, along with most of the dryland corn.

"We're just getting in to the better irrigated corn, and quality and yields have so far been acceptable," Magnani said.

Wheeler Equity has also been accepting grains for a few weeks. "It started out slow, but now is picking up. We've had a good start," said Dale Weeks, manager.

Weeks also reported that the irrigated corn quality was acceptable, along with the soy-

beans, but that some of the milo was poor. They are looking forward to getting more of the irrigated acres harvested, so they can get an indication of yields on the better fields.

Bartlett Grain has received a few loads, but indicated that it is a slow start to their harvest. They stated that it is only the middle of October, so that makes the timeline for harvest about right.

"Like every year, we get some harvest done, then wait on more of the fields to dry down so they can be harvested," said Doug Ross, St. Francis Equity.

The Equity has been receiving loads for a couple of weeks, but it has been start-stop-start, said Shirley Zweygardt. "We'd like to get this done, just like everyone."

All of the elevators indicated that they had adequate space to handle the harvest. Grain prices are considerably lower than this time last year, due in part to expected greater yields in the Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri grain belt.



Interest expressed in course on Spanish

Sixteen people gathered in the Cheylin Library on Monday evening with interest in organizing a Conversational Spanish class. The meeting was conducted by Dan Carson, the President for Cheylin's Site Council, and Kara Rodriguez who will be teaching the conversational Spanish class.

Most of those who were interested in taking this class want to be able to communicate better with the Spanish speaking students in the school and be able to communicate with their parents.

Mrs. Rodriguez learned to communicate in Spanish much the same way as she will be teaching it to the group. She learned a lot by watching movies she was familiar with but had been translated into the Spanish language. Since she was familiar with the movie she was able to focus on the language rather than what the character was doing.

In this class Rodriguez plans to start

with the ground level of the Spanish language and familiarize the class with the basics to where they can get by if they go shopping, or go on a vacation where Spanish is the main language spoken. There is no required home work to do for this class. Rodriguez will provide resources for computer research for those who want to learn Spanish on a deeper level.

The class will meet for one hour every Tuesday, from Oct. 22, to Dec. 10th at 6 p.m. The Cheylin library has some Paso A Paso Spanish books they have used in the past but no longer need, so the only thing the participants of this class need to purchase is a Spanish Dictionary only if you want. There will be a charge of \$40 for the 8 week session. These funds will be used by Site for special school projects. For more information or to register contact Kara Rodriguez at 307-797-0322.

DAN CARSON, Belinda Serrano, and Shelly Angelos are absorbing instructions on the conversational Spanish class. Pictured Below: Kara Rodriguez provides an overview of what she plans to include in the ground level of the Spanish language.

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Judge charges woman with murder

By Amanda Miller

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A St. Francis woman, who was arrested in April in connection with the death of 45-year old Brad Figgins, appeared in the Cheyenne County courtroom for preliminary hearings on Thursday, Oct. 10.

Leanna Windell, 43, is alleged to have been involved with the death of Brad Figgins. He died on April 3, 2013.

Brad was found in the basement of his home the evening of April 3, with injuries to his head. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital, and later pronounced dead.

Ms. Windell was held for questioning following the incident.

Leanna and Brad were married in 1992. They had two children, Garrett and Kaitlin. However they had been divorced for many years.

Judge Richard Ress presided over the hearing. Prosecution attorney was Nicole Romine, assistant Attorney General the State of Kansas. Ms. Windell appeared in person, and was represented by court appointed attorney Charles Peckham.

During the hearing, the prosecution called two expert witnesses to the stand.

Three other witnesses were called to the stand by the state to establish the whereabouts of Ms. Windell the day and evening of April 3.

After a full day of testimony from the prosecution, the defense opted to not call any witnesses.

Summations were given by both sides.

The state began, giving a detailed timeline of April 3. The attorney used the expert testimony to describe the death of Mr. Figgins in detail and requested that the court hold Ms. Windell for

premeditated murder.

The defense backfired, arguing that the state wanted the court to make a lot of assumptions. Mr. Peckham said that the state did not meet its burden to prove premeditation or motive.

After the court considered the exhibits and testimony, it found that the state did meet its burden.

Ms. Windell was bound over on the charge of premeditated murder. Judge Scott Showalter will preside over the next court date, which was unknown at the time this article was written.



Trucks line up at the elevator, bring in crops including corn, soybeans and milo.

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