

Casey's Comments

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What seems obvious to one generation can lay hidden to the next.

During a recent visit with some Bird City friends, Charles and Val Coleman, I mentioned my wife's collection of Depression Glass table settings. Charles asked, "Did ya save the oatmeal boxes too?"

To my bewilderment he and Val explained that pieces of the sets were often given away with grocery store items which had a picture on the packaging of which glass was inside.

All along I thought that these colorful plates, dishes and glasses must have come from the wedding gifts of one of Lezlie's relatives and were purchased at a high-end store. Boy, was I wrong! Depression Glass was mass produced by over 70 American manufacturers such as Anchor Hawking, Federal Glass and the U.S. Glass Company. Machine produced, many pieces had flaws, such as bubbles, straw marks, rough edges and irregular shapes and colors. Speaking of colors, they were bright and noticeable. The primary shades being pink, pale blue, green and amber, but

the coloring differed about as much as the designs.

Production began in the 1920s and lasted into the 1940s. But their association to the 1929 Crash and following Great Depression has stuck. These were functional household items that everyone could afford at a time that luxuries were at a minimum. Also, the distinct colors and names like "Colonial Fluted," "Georgian Lovebirds" and "Peacock" and "Wild Rose" reminded folks of better times.

Not only were they given along with cereal, flour and soap, many were used as incentives to visit a local business. Movie theaters would offer a free plate while the corner gas station might give a punch bowl and glasses for an oil change. Not to mention they were featured items at the "Five & Dime" stores.

So, from now on, when I look in our china hutch at Lezlie's pretty, pink, May Fair-style stacks of glassware, it will be in wonder of how something that was considered cheap and disposable has become a lasting collector's dream.

Thanks Charles and Val for the history lesson.

School Menu

Nov. 4 - Nov. 7

Monday

Breakfast: Whole wheat english muffin, ham patty, one-half banana, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Ham and cheese Stromboli, winter blend vegetables, cottage cheese, garden spinach salad, pineapple chunks, tropical fruit, and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, fruit cup, fruit juice, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Barbecue beef on bun, sweet potato wedges, baked beans, oatmeal cookie, romaine and tomato salad, applesauce, mandarin oranges, and milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs with cheese, yogurt, fruit cup, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Chicken quesadillas, California blend vegetables, whole grain chips, taco bar, garden spinach salad, pears, peaches, and milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Chicken breakfast biscuit, fruit cup, fruit juice, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Turkey and cheese sandwich, oven fries, green beans, mixed lettuce salad, peaches, fruit cocktail, and milk.

**Menu subject to changes*

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Friday evening and overnight guests of Lynn and Rita Officer were Mark and Marilee Gundlach, Seth and Gracie. Seth and Gracie spent the weekend with Grandpa and Grandma and then returned home Sunday afternoon.

Lynn and Rita Officer, and Seth and Gracie Gundlach helped with the Samaritan Purse Packing Party

Sunday at the Federated Church in McDonald.

David Banister was a Monday supper guest of his parents George and Kathy Banister for a belated birthday celebration.

David Banister and friend Tyrell Robben of Sharon Springs came out for a pizza supper Sunday evening at the home of George and Kathy Banister.

Chili bowl

Be sure and get your chili entered in the Cheylin Chili Bowl. Deadline for entries is Nov. 6. For more information go to <http://www.cheylin.com/>, click on 11/22 Cheylin chili bowl, then click on community.

Hello Dolly high school musical

Cheylin High School is putting on the musical "Hello Dolly." Performances will be Friday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, there will be a dinner theater meal at 6 p.m., followed by the "Hello Dolly" performance at 7:30 p.m.

Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, at the Auxiliary office.

Hospital guild

Hospital guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 4, at the Senior Center in St. Francis. There will be an organ donor program presented by Candi Douthit.

Heavy trash day

Have your heavy trash placed in the streets by 10 am on Nov. 16 and Community club members will pick it up and dispose of it free of charge. Questions call Mike and Donna McGilvray 734-2663.

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.

Christmas calendar craft

Cheyenne Center For Creativity, St. Francis, will host "Christmas Calendar Craft" by Althea Lebow at Quincy Gallery. Participants will produce a unique, handmade calendar. Bring one photo for each month, as well as a list of special dates and events. Althea will supply a complete scrapbooking packet for each person. Dates are Friday, Nov. 8, from 6:30 to 9:30 and Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring a sack lunch). Register at Cuppa Joe or call 332 3569.

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.

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 do-

mestic 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.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Garry Seymour, Bird City; Teresa Seymour, Castle Rock, Colo.; Gilbert Antholz, McDonald; Lois Schaff, McDonald; Robert Hinz, Lakewood, Colo.; Grant and Tish Havel, Bird City; Geraldine Cress, St. Francis.

Smart start benefits library

Bird City qualified for the Smart Start program. It allows the library to purchase board books, lift the flap books, and other books for two through eight year olds. Parent resources will deal with topics such as temper tantrums, breast feeding, bed wetting, sounds to sentences, physical activities, and many more. We will also purchase children's furniture and toys. Gone are the times of "quiet or shhh" for children. They are welcome to come in, use the children's computer, play in the cedar cottage, and explore the toys, all while learning the six necessary skills for reading! What a way to introduce and practice the life-long goal of literacy!

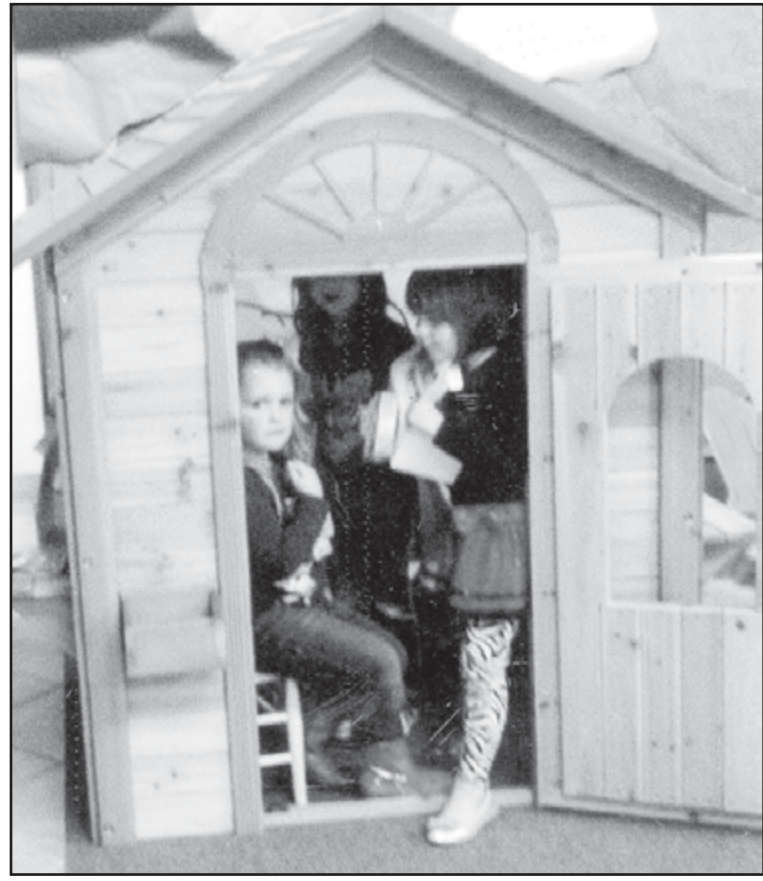
On Wednesday, Oct. 23, the library hosted a program for the 15 Cheylin preschoolers and their parents. Maureen Ostmeyer, the coordinator for the Smart Start program, not only brought box lunches for all, but then acquainted their parents to the new Smart Start program that the Bird City Library will be offering. During "parent time", the children had a book read to them and enjoyed time to play in the library! Can you imagine that? Actually being allowed to play in the library! Wheeee!

Books and DVD's New to The Library:

I Am Malala - A new book featuring a Pakistani young lady who stood up for education and was then shot by the Taliban.

Argo - Based on the Americans taken as hostages in Tehran 1979, this DVD tells of the six Americans that did escape.

Zero Dark Thirty - DVD about the finding and eliminating of Osama bin Laden.



PRESCHOOLERS EXPLORE the library's cedar cottage.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 30 min.

Free Birds - 3D

Nov. 1-3 & 8-10

Starring: Woody Harrelson, Owen Wilson and Dan Fogler

3D showing Friday and Saturday evenings. Shown in 2D only on Sunday, 2 & 7:30 p.m.

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

Health Fair 2013

Join us for the Cheyenne County Health Fair

Blood Lab Draws

Nov. 11, 12 & 13 in St. Francis (only) from 6:30 to 10 a.m. each day in St. Francis at the Cheyenne County Health Department (no appointment needed for lab draws)

Nov. 14 & 15 in Bird City (only) 6:30 to 10 a.m. each day in Bird City at the clinic (no appointment needed for lab draws)

Lab Fee: \$45.00 due at time of service!

Please take your prescription medication and drink plenty of water prior to the lab draw! - No other foods or drinks after midnight the night before lab draws.

Men & Women Clinical Exams

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EXAMS: Monday, Nov. 18 thru Friday, Nov. 22 - All Day; All day in St. Francis

Call clinic for appointment 785-332-2682

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EXAMS: Monday, Nov. 18, thru Friday, Nov. 22, in Bird City, 9 a.m. - noon.

Bird City - Call clinic for appointment 785-734-2200

Exam Fee: \$25 due at time of service!

For more information contact: Mila Bandel, RN County Health Nurse 785-332-2381. Sponsored by Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic & Health Department

PRIME LAND AUCTION

Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013 @ 1:30 pm CT

Auction Site: Western Auction & Real Estate Pavilion West HWY 36, St. Francis, KS

Tract 1: 160+/- Acres Cheyenne Co., KS SE/4 14-2-42

Tract 2: 160+/- Acres plus grain bins, Cheyenne Co., KS, NE/4 23-2-42

Tract 3: 160+/- Acres Cheyenne Co., KS, NE/4 35-2-42

Tract 4: 80+/- Acres Yuma Co., CO, S/2 of SE/4 13-4S-44

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18th Annual

St. Francis Arts & Craft Show

Saturday, Nov. 2 • 10 a.m.-3 p.m. CT

St. Francis Grade School • 307 E. Webster

- Quality handcrafted items
- Lunch will be served by ABC Pre-School
- PTA Book Fair

For information contact Tammy Grice at 785-332-2910
 ssfranciscraft@yahoo.com

Visit us at facebook - The St. Francis Arts & Craft Festival

38th ANNUAL

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Benkelman Elementary

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