

# Casey's Comments

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Is there any other holiday that celebrates the American experience better than Thanksgiving? Think about it.

We begin with a group of people who were under the yoke of oppression from their government. They risked all they had to venture to a new country with little or nothing. Struggling to survive they managed to produce a bountiful harvest. Yet even after their hard work they recognized that none of this would be possible

without the grace of God.

So in 1621 the Pilgrims gathered with their Wampanoag neighbors in what we think of as the first Thanksgiving celebration.

Sounds like the American Dream to me.

Yes the 4th of July does mark our break from that same oppressive monarchy, but Thanksgiving shows us that a Christian led society can exist and thrive.

On Thursday I will be thinking of all the blessings I have and all of the burdens I have not. Hope the same is true for you and yours.

# School Menu

Dec. 2 – Dec. 5	
<b>Monday</b> Breakfast: Whole grain waffles with syrup, fruit cup, fruit juice, cereal, milk. Lunch: Grilled chicken pattie, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, oatmeal roll, garden spinach salad, citrus applesauce, peaches, milk.	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Senior Citizen's Dinner</b> Breakfast: Bagels with topping, yogurt, fruit cup, toast, milk. Lunch: Sloppy joes on bun, steamed carrots, corn chips, broccoli salad, garden spinach salad, bananas and strawberries, apricots, milk.
<b>Tuesday</b> Breakfast: Breakfast pita with salsa, fruit cup, fruit juice, cereal, milk. Lunch: Country beef pattie with gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, wheat roll, rice krispy bar, romaine and tomato salad, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, milk.	<b>Thursday</b> Breakfast: Scrambled eggs with cheese, fruit cup, fruit juice, toast, milk. Lunch: Cowboy cavatini, mixed vegetables, garlic toast, mixed lettuce salad, pears, tropical fruit, milk

By Sandy Binning

# McDonald News

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson called on Vera Kacirek in Oberlin Tuesday morning.

The Federated Church had their annual Thanksgiving dinner Sunday after church. The hall was decorated for Thanksgiving, and tables had "turkeys" made by Phyllis Wingfield at each place setting. The food was plentiful, with turkey and ham and all the fixings. Pastor Mark gave thanks, and over 60 people enjoyed the meal, as well as 35 shut ins who were taken food.

After the meal, 293 Samaritan Purse Boxes were loaded on a trailer for delivery Monday.

Karlyne Atchison enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner at the Federated Church Sunday. She called on Lois Morelock after

dinner.

Gail and Kay Miller were Sunday afternoon guests of Gilbert and Janice Antholz.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz took in the Cheylin Chili Cook Off in Bird City Friday.

# South of McDonald

**By Sandy Binning**

Joe and Charlene Kramer visited the Rexford Community Church Sunday where Dennis and Elda Kramer presented a program about their mission work in Mexico.

Kelly, Tayten, and Tru Dewey went with Janice, Nathan, and Laurel Cates Saturday to Kearney, Neb. to see "Disney On Ice".

Donna and Sandy Binning were Friday morning callers on Rita Officer for tea.

Lynn and Rita Officer attended the Heartland Christian School Fall Banquet in Colby Friday evening.

# Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Calvin Semler, Bird City; Peoples State Bank, McDonald.



## Holiday Open House

Monday, Dec. 2 \* 2-6 p.m.

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# Bulletin Board

**City Council**  
The City Council meeting will be held Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.

**Cheylin Sr. Christmas Dinner**  
If you haven't made your reservations for the Dec 4, senior dinner sponsored by Cheylin there is still time to do so. For reservations call 785-734-2351

**Christmas in the Country**  
Salem Lutheran Church is hosting the ninth "Christmas in the Country" at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14. Prelude music begins at 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to come hear carols sung and the Christmas Gospel read in German and English in honor of the Black Sea Germans from Russia who founded the historic church.

**Parade of Lights**  
Everyone is encourage to get their float ready for the big light parade, scheduled for Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. in St. Francis. No pre registration is needed. Entries should meet at the high school at 5:30 p.m. Let's make this the best parade ever! 47

**Quincy Gallery entertainment**  
Enjoy live piano, violin and vocal music at Quincy Gallery in St. Francis, before and after the Holiday Parade, Friday, Nov. 29.

**Designs by Dawn open house**  
Designs by Dawn will have a holiday open house on Monday, Dec. 2 from 2-6 p.m. There will be Christmas gifts, stocking stuffers, holiday ideas and refreshments at 117 W 2nd Street in Bird City. For more information

call 785-734-2222.

**Cheyenne county hospital guild**  
Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at the Senior Citizen's Center in St. Francis on Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. The program will be St. Francis high school music, with Debbie Fiala. Hostesses are DeEtta Knorr and Phyllis Crandall. 48

**S.O.S. Hugs project**  
The ingathering for the soldiers' Christmas overseas will be Saturday at the Bird City Legion Hall - the meeting room of the Auxiliary in the morning only. Let's remember our military and how they are protecting us. Thanks for any gift of money for postage or food, and all the other listed items. Call Hulda Dorsch or Christie Wurm if you have any questions.

**Catholic Advent CD presentations**  
The Stewards of Hope committee for St. Joseph and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic parishes invite you to join us this Advent for a series of CD presentations to enrich the season. All will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays of Advent at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City. Dec. 8 "Our Lady of Guadalupe" one hour session; Dec. 15 "Why be Catholic?" one hour session; stay tuned for Dec. 22 presentation.

**Community Chorus rehearsals**  
Singers in the Community Chorus are reminded of two important

rehearsals, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. There's still time to pick up music if you are interested in singing with this outstanding chorus in their Christmas performances. Call Neala Carmichael at 785-332-8996 for more information.

**Meet the artist**  
"Meet the Artist" reception at Quincy Gallery in St. Francis on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m.. Come, enjoy refreshments, and visit with local artist Mike Boyson, about his sculpture exhibit, which will include replicas of antique steam engines and tractors.

**Pancake breakfast**  
The St. Francis Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The venue has been changed to the St. Francis Senior Center. 48.

**Painting with Peggy**  
Painting with Peggy: Acrylic Techniques, Dec. 6, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Location TBA; Canvas and Chianti (or crisp white), Dec. 13, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Register at Cuppa Joe Espresso or call 785-332-3569. 48

**Senior's Christmas dinner**  
Cheylin's Senior Citizen's Christmas dinner will be held Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Cheylin High School Gym, at noon. Call 734-2351 for reservations, which must be made by Nov. 25. Open to all Cheylin Senior Citizens. 45

**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.

**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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Cheyenne County Clinic Conference Room  
210 W. 1st St., St. Francis, KS  
Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013  
8-5 p.m. with working lunch (included)  
Class fee: \$60 (includes book)

RSVP Candi Douthit, 785-332-2104 or  
cdouthit@cheyennecountyhospital.com

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