

# Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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During Christmas 99-years-ago an extraordinary event occurred.

World War I had erupted five months earlier and both the British and German armies were already locked in stagnate warfare along the Western Front in Europe.

However in the middle of the chaos a strange thing happened on Christmas Eve of 1914. The noise of guns was replaced by men singing carols.

This was followed on Christmas day with soldiers leaving their trenches and meeting with the enemy in "no man's land."

Gifts of cigarettes and plum puddings were exchanged and reports survive of even a soccer match being played.

In what history remembers as The Christmas Truce of 1914, about 100,000 soldiers came together for an unprompted, and unauthorized, moment of cease fire to celebrate the Holy birth.

Unfortunately this event was not replicated for the next several years of the conflict. Rather, close to 10 million would fall during "The Great War."

But for a brief moment there was "peace on Earth and good will toward men" in the middle of that battlefield.

# School Menu

Dec. 16 - Dec. 20

## Monday

Breakfast: Whole grain waffles with syrup, fruit cup, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Baked ham, 2 potato mashed, green beans, oatmeal dinner roll, cottage cheese, garden spinach salad, pineapple chunks, peaches, and milk.

## Tuesday

Breakfast: Whole wheat bagel with toppings, yogurt, fruit cup, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti and meat balls, corn breadsticks, romaine and tomato salad, citrus applesauce, strawberries, and milk.

## Wednesday

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

Lunch: Hamburger on bun,

sweet potato wedges, rice krispy bar, broccoli salad, garden spinach salad, tropical fruit, mandarin oranges, and milk.

## Thursday

Breakfast: Whole grain cinnamon roll, sausage links, fruit cup, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Taco salad with whole grain chips, refried beans, cinnamon puffs, taco bar, black bean corn salsa, peaches, fruit cocktail, and milk.

## Friday

Breakfast: Apple wraps, yogurt, fruit cup, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Baked potato bar, nacho cheese, broccoli, dessert, cottage cheese, mixed lettuce salad, pineapple chunks, pears, and milk.

## Santa Day

Santa Day, sponsored by the the Community Club, will be held at the Bird City Legion Hall on Dec. 21. Doors open at 11 a.m., Lunch will be served with a free will donation.

## New toy or gift card collection

Cheylin junior high students are collecting new toys and or gift cards for the patients who will be spending Christmas at Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children in Denver. Please drop your donations in Ms. Angie's office or the high school office by Dec. 17.

## Winter Concert

The pre-kindergarten through 12th grade Winter Concert has been moved to Tuesday, Dec. 17.

## Cheylin technology fundraiser

Alumni persons, spouses and friends who are graduates of Bird City, Cheylin or McDonald High School, come on out to support, or join the Community members and development team of Century II's first annual Cheylin tipoff fund raiser for the Schools Technology improvements. It will be held at the McDonald gym, starting at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 28. Contact Kelly Leach, *kellyleach@hotmail.com*, the Facebook event Cheylin Tipoff, or phone 785-821-4967.

## Home Circle Club

The annual Christmas potluck and gift exchange will be held at noon on Dec. 19 at noon at the Methodist Church. President

## American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion will be treating the members to lunch at the Skyline Grill in Benkelman. We will meet in front of the Legion hall at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 13. We will car pool from there to Benkelman. There will be no gift exchange. 50

## Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veteran Administration claims work on Wednesday, Dec. 19. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is 785-462-3572. 50

## Bloodmobile

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in St. Francis on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. The goal for the St. Francis blood drive is 43 units. For more information or to make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or go on line, *redcrossblood.org*. The blood drive is open to the public and walk-ins are welcome. 49

## 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.

## Little Kids Wrestling

Little Kids Wrestling practice will be Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the St. Francis wrestling room. First practice will be Tuesday, Dec. 10. For more information contact Shawna Blanka 785-332-5363. 49

## Catholic Advent CD presentation

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. The last session, "Behold This Child," will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City. It is an one-hour session. 50

## Painting with Peggy

Painting with Peggy: 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

## 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.

## 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.

# South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Mark, Michael, Lucy, and Brandt Officer arrived Wednesday evening at the home of Lynn and Rita Officer. They returned home Saturday morning.

Lynn and Rita Officer, Lucy and Brandt attended the Heartland Christian School Christmas Program Thursday evening in Colby.

Mark and Marilee Gundlach and children, and Herman Breytenbach arrived Friday evening at the Lynn and Rita

Officer home. Marilee and the children returned home Saturday and the men left Sunday.

Kathy Banister took the Brewster Junior High Academic Team to Goodland Monday.

On Tuesday, Kathy Banister took the Brewster High School Scholars Bowl Team to Tribune.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Cheylin - Wheatland-Grinnell Basketball games Friday evening in McDonald.

Demi Shahan celebrated his 95 birthday on Sept. 18. Family and friends who celebrated with him were; his son and daughter-in-law Vern and Victoria Shahan, his granddaughter



SHAHAN

Gina White and partner Emmitt White, Teri and Wendell Turner, Great Granddaughters Nodika Madewell and friend Darren Lockett, Kindra White and friend Brad McDaniels. Also present were Steven Madewell's wife Miranda. Steven was unable to be present as he is a Corporal in the Marines and is deployed currently in Afghanistan. Cake and ice cream was enjoyed by all.

Home phone is: Victoria Shahan 503-356-9349 cell phone is 503-312-4932

Victoria Shahan from Portland came to have Thanksgiving dinner with the family. Ray and Pam Johnson; Nicki and Shayna, Kelley and Marcia Raichart, Chancie, Tessa and Scarlet and Bertha Sanders. She had a wonderful week of visiting.

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Treg Vyzourek, North Platte, Neb.; Larry Willis, Frontenac; PrairieLand Electric, Norton; Art Wilkens, Stockton; Glenn Krebs, Humbolt, Neb.; Robert Johnson, McDonald; Ervin Peters, Bird City.

# McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Brown of Wray, Colo. called on Ratha Lea Loker last week.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson visited Lucy Pochop and Francis Kompus in Atwood

## Monday.

Many McDonald residents enjoyed the Cheylin Senior Christmas Dinner and program Wednesday in Bird City.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

2 hrs. 26 min.

## Hunger Games: Catching Fire PG-13

Dec. 13-15

Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth

Katniss Everdeen has returned home safe after winning the 74th Annual Hunger Games along with fellow tribute Peeta Mellark. Winning means that they must turn around and leave their family and close friends, embarking on a "Victor's Tour" of the districts.

## CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$4

All Others: \$6

3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$6

All Others: \$8

## HELP WANTED

The City of Bird City, Kansas is seeking applications for a temporary full time position with the city maintenance department. Duties will consist of general maintenance with City water/sewer systems, street maintenance, and other duties as assigned by the City. A High School diploma or GED equivalent and a valid driver's license is required. State Certifications in municipal water/waste water systems would be beneficial but not required. Compensation based upon experience. Applications may be obtained from the City Clerk's office at 111 E. 4, in Bird City, KS 67731. All applications must be returned to the City Clerk's office on or before December 20, 2013 for interview scheduling. The City of Bird City is an E.O.E.

# NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Bird City American Legion Hall

Tuesday, December 31

8:30 pm - 1:00 am

## BYOB

Non-Alcoholic Drinks and Snacks will be Provided;

Additional are Appreciated!!

(All ages welcome; No under age drinking)

Cat 5 DJ Service (Kelly Simmonds) will be our evening DJ

A wide variety of music will be played ...

\*Country, Soft-Rock, Hip-Hop, Latin\*



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