

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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So much of life is figuring out what can be controlled and what can't.

For instance, I've been looking at more and more of my forehead and wondering what to do about it.

When I see a mirror, the reflection is a strange mixture of what I was and what I have become. The "what I was" lies in my imagination. Drawing from memory, I see myself with a thick, dark mass of handsome locks from the 1970s to 80s.

The reality is more shiny skin, and what new hair is growing is

showing up in places I would prefer it wasn't. Oh, and more of the existing brown is being replaced by silver stuff. This isn't working out well for my head or my ego.

There are some alternatives, i.e. hair replacement options, but that would cost money that we either do not have or could be spent much more wisely.

Basically, this is a controllable situation which also is inevitable.

With 2014 upon us, my hopes are to accept the things that are not in my power, do the best with the things I can change, and grapple with which is which.

Happy New Year!

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended church Saturday evening at St. Johns and the CYO and children's Christmas program afterwards.

Sunday evening, the Federated Church members, guests, and children gathered at the church for a "Country Christmas". Brooke,

Rusty, and Carter Perubsky, Leigh Brown, Shayla and Dave Hubbard, Dawn Petty, and Porsha, Bianca, and Jazzmin Binning did a wonderful job telling the Christmas Story.

Afterwards everyone enjoyed snacks and fellowship in the church basement.

Bird City Library

By Debby Bailey

This week I'm featuring books on dogs. Did you know that dogs actually work to help you and me? You will find these fascinating! At least I did. There are K-9 police dogs, guide dogs for the blind and visually impaired, search and rescue dogs for those who become lost, therapy dogs for those who need a friend and someone to love, bomb-sniffing dogs so the public can be safe in buildings and restaurants. The

last one is on animals trained for acting in the movies. All of these animals go to school and spend hours and hours learning how to do their job!

The library Board pulled many VHS tapes off the shelves. They are great movies. If you are still fortunate to have a VHS player, come early and pick your favorites. They are FREE.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Ken Beougher, Bird City; Bev Schottler, Lyons; Tim Beougher, Louisville, Ky.; Kathy Beougher, Clay Center; Amy Andrews, Leavenworth; Country Trader Gun Shop, Bird City; Martin Estrada, Bird City; Ned Johnson, Bird City; Sharon Kamla, Nevada, Mo.; Marilyn Miller, Fort Worth, Texas; Lila Gotchall, Goodland; Dr. Kenneth Stout, Benkelman, Neb.; Stan Dorsch, Bird City.

School Menu

Dec. 30 - Jan. 3

No School
Happy New Year



Bulletin Board

Blood drive

The St. Francis community blood drive, scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 12, at Peace Lutheran Church, was cancelled. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give at the next community blood drive on Feb. 13, 2014.

Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or visiting redcrossblood.org. 51

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Open House

Neitzel Insurance Service in St. Francis will hold its annual New Year's eve open house on Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 1-5 p.m. Join us for a taco bar at our office. 51

Courthouse closed

The Cheyenne County Courthouse will close for the Christmas holiday at noon on Tuesday and will be closed through Thursday.

Open again on Friday.

Catholic Church services

Schedule of services for the Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in St. Francis: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 29; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 1.

In Bird City, Saint Joseph Catholic Church: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, 8:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 29; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31.

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 fundraiser 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. 50

Jr. Hoops basketball camp

Cheylin Recreation Commission Jr. Hoops Basketball Camp and League play to be held Saturday and Sunday on Jan. 18, 19, 25, 26 and Feb. 1, 2. To sign up or get more information call Tina 734-7141. 51

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.

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

Michael and Erin Officer and children of Broken Arrow, Okla. arrived Sunday evening at the Lynn and Rita Officer home.

Roger and Heather Hubbard and children of Bryant, S.D. are here for Christmas.

Sunday lunch guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard were Roger and Heather Hubbard and children, Brad and Ilene Perubsky and family, and Roy and Jnel Hubbard and Daniel.

Tayten Dewey danced between the Rawlins County High School girls and boys basketball games Tuesday night.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the Light Parade in Atwood Saturday evening.

Kathy Banister took the Brewster Scholars Bowl team to Winona Monday.

Tuesday evening Kathy Banister attended the Brewster Schools Christmas Program.

Many South of McDonald residents enjoyed Santa Day in McDonald Saturday.

Joe and Charlene Kramer called on Gary and Carol Seymour Saturday afternoon.

The Klinge boys of Brewster, Mathias Goodley, Don Bruder, Charles and Val Coleman, Isaiah and Kimberly Goodley, Bonnie and Ron Thompson, Kyle Willem, and Elaine Johnson were early Christmas dinner guests of Bethel Goltl Sunday.

Check car seats with winter coats on kids

It is the time of year where we do a lot of traveling with our families in the winter weather. We all want to arrive at our destination as safely as possible. Here is some information to help protect our littlest members of our families.

Most child car seats do not work properly or protect the child while the child is wearing heavy winter clothing. The harness cannot get tight enough and the child can slip through the harness during a violent crash. As a general rule of thumb bulky coats should not be worn by children in a car seat. Here is a way to check to see if your car seat works with the coat your child wears:

- Put the coat on your child, sit them in the child seat and fasten the harness. Tighten the harness until you can no longer pinch any of the harness webbing with your thumb and forefinger.
- Without loosening the harness, remove your child from the child seat,
- Take the coat off, and put your

child back in the child seat and buckle the harness straps, which are still adjusted as they were when he was wearing the coat.

• If you can now pinch the webbing between your thumb and forefinger, then the coat is too bulky to be worn under the harness.

In order to keep the child warm while in the car seat, here is a few tips:

After placing the child in the car seat and properly securing the harness, place the coat backwards on the child, the closure towards the seat and the back of the coat facing away from the child. Placing the arms through the arm hole and having the coat on the outside of the harness working kind of like a blanket.

You can also use blankets or other clothing placed tight around the child as long as they are not between the child and the harness straps.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year's

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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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