

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Some things don't seem to go together naturally. Dogs and cats. Fire and water. Me and polite society.
I try to do my best, but that lump of coal is not becoming a diamond, no matter how much polishing it gets.
But despite my rough edges, I still manage to land in the right place at the right time.
Lezlie and I got to have our little grand-daughter, Billeigh, last weekend for a sleep over. As the

snow fell outside, and grandma was busy upstairs, the two of us held a tea party.
Billeigh, despite her young age, was the consummate hostess. She even allowed me to fill the cups while she supervised. Like any job, I took it seriously, since you never know when you might have to fall back on past talents.
Grandma snuck into the room to get a picture that was posted on Facebook. But I don't mind. Maybe folks will be more inclined to send me invitations to more classy happenings?

School Menu

Feb. 17 – Feb. 20

Monday

Breakfast: apple wrap, boiled egg, fruit cup, cereal, and milk
Lunch: chili, corn chips, cornbread with honey, garden spinach salad, tropical fruit, peaches, and milk

Tuesday

Breakfast: ham and cheese on biscuit, fruit cup, fruit juice, cereal, and milk
Lunch: chicken pot pie, steamed vegetables, broccoli, romaine and tomato salad, apricot, applesauce, and milk

Wednesday

Sixth grade lunch favorite
Breakfast: breakfast pizza, fruit cup, fruit juice, cereal, and milk
Lunch: hard-shelled taco, Spanish rice, corn, bomb pop, garden spinach salad, bananas and strawberries, kiwi, and milk

Thursday

Breakfast: western quesadilla, fruit cup, fruit juice, toast, and milk
Lunch: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, oriental salad, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, and milk

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Joe and Charlene Kramer returned home from Denver Saturday after taking Ryan Shay back to Swedish Hospital Thursday where he is currently a patient.
Tayten Dewey performed with other Nicole School of Dance students at the half time of the CCC girls and boys basketball games Saturday evening in Colby.

Diane Cox traveled to Edmond, OK this past week and was a guest of Brad and Misty Montgomery and children. She attended the baptism of Bennett Montgomery.
Kathy Banister took the Brewster High School Scholars Bowl Team to Regionals at Tribune Thursday.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Jerry and Betty Knapp enjoyed lunch Saturday in Goodland with their Purvis grandchildren.
Joan Tongish, Eleanor Swihart, and Betty Lewis celebrated Betty's birthday in Colby Monday.
Valentine Banquet
Over 70 church members and friends enjoyed the Valentine Banquet Sunday at the Federated Church. The tables in the Education building were beautifully decorated

with red roses and candy mints. Ilene Porubsky catered the affair serving everyone prime rib, roasted potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls, and a variety of different cheese cakes. After eating, everyone was entertained by the Atwood Barber-shop Quartet. Members of the quartet are Adam Ketterl, Ted Kastens, Steve Otem, and Kevin Dixon. A wonderful time was had by all.

Bulletin Board

Home Circle Meeting

The Home Circle is to meet at the Methodist church on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. with Joy Anderegg as Hostess. 07

85th Birthday

ErvaGene DeAragon will celebrate her 85th birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 12. Her family is requesting cards be sent to her at 506 E. Second, Street, St. Francis, KS 67756. 06

Death notice

Glenn Glasco, 89, died Saturday, January 25, at the Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis. Memorial services will be held February 14 at 1:30 pm at the Immanuel Methodist Church, Bird City. 05

Blood drive

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held, starting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis. 06

Singer Frankie Valens

Singer Frankie Valens will be appearing at the St. Francis

Community High School auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. There will be a free-will offering, sponsored by the Solid Rock Baptist Church. 07

Banquet tickets

Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet tickets are available at Owens True Value, Frontier Arms, Bumper to Bumper, Republican Valley Auto, or any board member. The banquet is March 29 at the Legion hall in Bird City. This years drawing will be for an AR10 and a Winchester 243. 07

Sod house stories

Do you or a member of your family have memories of growing up in a sod house? The Herald is looking for stories from Cheyenne County residents that grew up during the early 20th century in a sod house. Please send your story to PO Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756. Or, if you wish, you can call and tell Amanda Miller your story so she can write an article telling about your experience. Please call 785-332-3162 to tell us your story. Everyone that shares their story will be featured in the paper! 04

Cheylin school security
All visitors must enter the west entrances of 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.

Legislative News

Ward Cassidy
120th State Representative

In the Appropriations Committee this week, we discussed the Kansas Lottery in detail. I learned that if you don't buy a ticket, you have little chance of winning, and I have never bought a ticket. There was a comment that a lady in Florida found a ticket on the ground, while leaving a supermarket, kept it, and won several million dollars. That being said, here are the facts of the Kansas Lottery.

The Kansas Lottery started in November 1987; through June 30, 2013, lottery ticket sales have produced more than \$1.4 billion in revenues transferred to the state of Kansas.

The Kansas Lottery Act requires that a minimum of 45 percent of total sales be paid back to the players through the prize fund. Last year, it paid out 56.6 percent in prizes. There was \$244.8 million in sales, and \$74.5 million was transferred to the state.

The State Gaming Revenues

Fund is funded through monthly transfers from the Kansas Lottery. Transfers are then made from the Gaming Fund to funds dedicated to economic development initiatives, prison construction and maintenance projects, local juvenile detention facilities, problem gaming assistance, and the State General Fund.

What many people are not aware of is there are also Kansas Lottery Veterans Benefit tickets. Net profits from veterans benefit games go directly to designated Veterans programs. Every penny of the money is used here in Kansas, and goes to provide basic assistance for our Kansas military veterans.

My problem, with all gambling, is there are too many people who are using more than their discretionary dollars. I spend my

discretionary dollars hunting and playing golf. If people want to gamble, fine – just don't make it a problem where you are hurting those around you.

In St. Francis and Bird City, there is additional news. I introduced a bill this week in transportation that will give a name to Highway 161. This highway runs from Bird City north to Benkelman. The Cheyenne County Historical Society requested the highway be designated at the "Ancient Indians Trader Trail." I see no problem in this bill passing.



Millie Glasco

Woman has 89th birthday

Lynn and Candy Glasco are asking everyone to participate in a card shower for Millie Glasco's 89th birthday on Monday, Feb. 17. Cards can be sent to her at P.O. Box 331, Bird City, KS 67731.

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Diabetes Education Management Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014
1:30 p.m.
Cheyenne County Clinic
Basement

Presenter – Kirsten Angell, Dietitian & Diabetes Educator: Topic - Healthy Interactions with Diabetes Part II

For more information contact
Mila Bandel, RN – County Health Nurse
785-332-2381

It is not too late to get your influenza vaccine for this flu season!

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Tri-State Antique Engine & Thresher Show ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, March 1
10 a.m.
Bird City Senior Center
12-noon: Ham, Beans and Corn Bread lunch

This Year's Show Dates: July 31 & Aug. 1-2

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The Frontier Ag Aviation Team is hosting a come and go open house on Saturday, February 22, 2014, at the NEW Frontier Ag hangar in Goodland. The hangar is located at 610 Renner Field Road at the Goodland Airport. The open house will start around 10:00 AM MT and conclude around 3:00 PM MT.

Tour our new facility, ask us about our aerial application business and check out the Frontier Ag spray planes. Look at the warplanes that will be on exhibit for you that day, get to know the entire Frontier Ag Aviation Team and enjoy a meal served by Steve Evert of Goodland.

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