

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

I don't know about you, but technology scares the dickens out of me.

This probably needs a little clarification. It's the loss of our ability to access technology that frightens me.

Last week, my office lost Internet service. This meant that our computers instantly became nothing more than over sized paper weights.

Luckily, we still had phone service, which allowed us to identify with our provider that the problem lay either with our modem or router. The new equipment was shipped from them, and arrived a day and a half later. In the mean time, we were forced to put pen to

paper, making lists of what needed to be done.

Fortunately, the family home computer helped to get much of what was missing at the office.

This got me thinking what a double-edged-sword technology is. Yes, it brings information to our finger tips at light speed. But what happens when our dependence upon it is greater than the ability to provide?

Taking this a step further, what would happen to our government and military if their information and communication networks became inoperable?

Sure, there are "IT" people around that have a better grasp on how this techno world is supposed to operate. Do you suppose this stuff keeps them up at night?

McDonald News

By Kathy Banister

The McDonald community was saddened with the loss of another member, Vera Kacirek, who died last Monday evening. She served her community as school teacher, 4-H leader, CCD teacher, Garden Club president, and participator in all events with a specialty in journalism. Vera could always be seen with her paper and pen, and was truly the eyes and ears for all activities in our area. Vera enjoyed presenting awards to school children who participated in Arbor Day poster competitions. Condolences go to her daughter and son and their families.

Hal and Becky Antholz were chosen as the recipients of a grant from the Monsanto Company. They were presented a check for \$2,500 to be given to a charity of their choice during half-time of the Cheylin-Golden Plains boy's varsity basketball game last Friday evening. The Antholz family have designated the money to go to USD 103's Technology Fund. Quite a few Cougar fans traveled to the Sub-state Basketball Tourna-

ment at Grainfield to cheer on the high school Cheylin Cougar's boy team on Monday evening. The boys played an excellent game which ended up with an unfortunate loss after going into overtime play. The Cheylin Lady Cougars played on Tuesday night at Sub-state. Their opponents rallied in the latter part of the fourth quarter and took away the Cougar lead thus ending the basketball season for another year. Congrats to both teams for having a good season!

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were afternoon visitors of Agnes Reeh in Atwood on Friday.

Bringing lunch to Gilbert and Janice Antholz on Saturday were Albert and Annie Antholz. Other Saturday visitors included Hal and Becky Antholz plus Craig and Jeri Antholz. Cort, Meghann, Haille, and Lane Antholz; Hal, Becky and C.J. Antholz, and Jeri and Craig Antholz were all Sunday visitors of their parents who had returned home on Thursday after Janice received surgical treatment at the hospital in Lincoln.

South of McDonald

By Kathy Banister

Joe and Charlene Kramer, along with Kay Shay of St. Francis and Ryan and Diane Shay and family, attended the Homeschool State Tournament held in McPherson Thursday through Saturday. The high school boys team that Riley Shay played on took first in their bracket and the girls team placed second.

Weekend visitors of Bethel Golt at the farm were her niece, Karllys Rieb of Denver and Don Bruder. The two women visited other relatives in Saint Francis and ate dinner in Idalia.

David and George Banister attended the Fish Fry held at the Columbian Hall served by the K of C Friday evening in Atwood.

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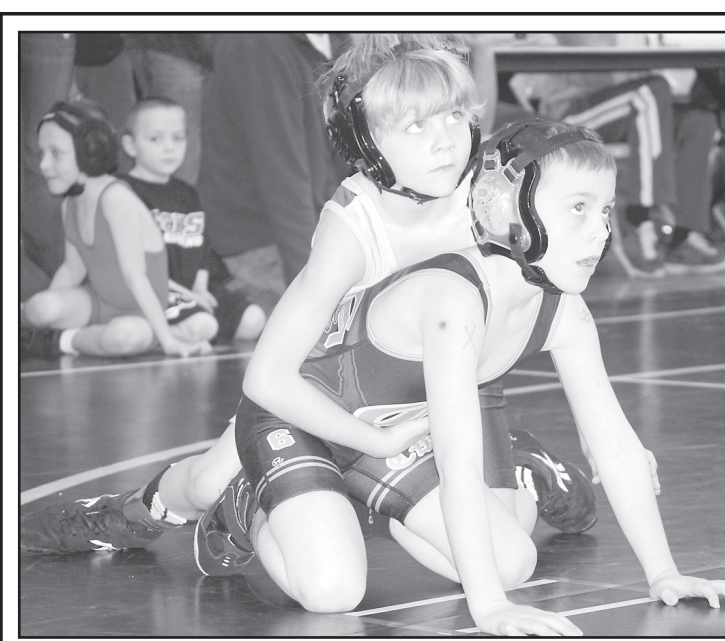
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Brady Ketzner, top, waits for the referee's whistle

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Ted and Carol & Uncle Brad and Aunt Linda

Bulletin Board

Firemen and Emergency responder fund raiser

The Bird City Community Club will be holding an appreciation night fund raiser on Saturday, March 22. Beginning at 6 p.m. a free-will barbecue dinner will be held at the Emergency Building. Following, people can tour the building and meet the volunteers. At 7 p.m. presentations will be given by Midwest Energy, the Cheyenne County Emergency Preparedness department and the Sheriff's department. This is a community event, and all donations will go to the Bird City departments. 11

Lions Club collection

The St. Francis Lions club collects wheelchairs, bicycles, and bicycle parts that are then taken to the correctional facility in Norton for repair. After being repaired, these items can be brought back to St. Francis for use here or distrib-

uted to persons needing them in the US or other countries. Persons wishing to donate for this purpose, please call: 785-332-3119 or 785-332-2950. 11

USDA Commodity Distribution

Cheyenne County commodity distribution of government surplus will be from 5 to 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 17, at the Church of Christ, 502 W. Spencer in St. Francis.

The types of food vary and include vegetables, fruits, juices, meat, cereals, peanut butter, non-fat dried milk and pastas. The food is shipped to the Church of Christ and it is supplied four or more times per year.

To be eligible for commodities, the household's total monthly income must be below:

\$1,245 - household of one; \$1,681 - household of two; \$2,116 - household of three; \$2,552 - household of four. For each ad-

ditional family member, add \$436.

Those ordering must pick up their order in person or send a signed official proxy form with another individual. Proxy forms are available at the senior center in St. Francis. An accurate and complete Cheyenne County address is required.

Home Circle Club

Home Circle Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, at the Methodist Church in Bird City. Dorothy Chipperfield is the hostess.

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. There will be a vote on amending a section of the by-laws. This year's drawing will be for an AR10 and a Winchester 243. 07

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.

Early childhood screening

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center staff will have a free early childhood screening on Monday, March 17, at the United Methodist Church in Bird

City. Parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers are encouraged to take advantage of this developmental screening. Contact Deanna Nelsen at Cheylin Elementary School at 785-734-2351, ext. 200, to set up an appointment. 08

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.

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.

Correction

In the article on Jack Weinstein, Medal of Honor recipient, it was incorrectly stated he was born in Lamar, Mo., on Oct. 18, 1928. He was born in Cheyenne County.

School Menu

March 17 - March 20

Monday

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

Lunch: Grilled chicken pattie, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, biscuit, garden spinach salad, citrus applesauce, peaches, and milk

Tuesday

Breakfast: Bagel with toppings, yogurt, fruit cup, toast, and milk

Lunch: Meatballs with sauce, buttered noodles, steamed broccoli, oatmeal roll, romaine and tomato salad, fruit cocktail, and pears, and milk

Wednesday

Eighth grade lunch favorites

Breakfast: Whole grain waffle with syrup, fruit cup, fruit juice, cereal, and milk

Lunch: Sausage pizza, corn on cob, ice cream with toppings, garden spinach salad, apple slices, mandarin oranges, and milk

Thursday

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

Lunch: Cowboy cavatini, seasoned peas, garlic toast, cottage cheese, mixed lettuce salad, pineapple chunks, tropical fruit, and milk

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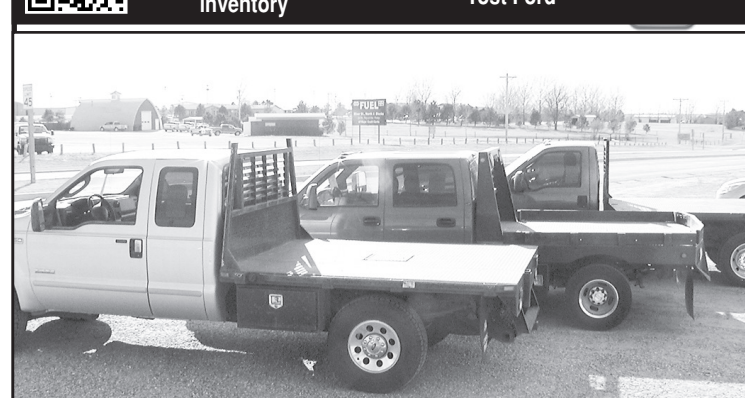
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