

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Most of us, being born and raised in the U.S.A., take freedom for granted. It is considered a "given" in our daily lives. But a visiting veteran has viewed a different world, and wants to educate others with his experience. Folleh Tamba, a Staff sergeant with the Marine Corps, is displaying a collection of items at the 555 Collective on Benton Street in St. Francis. Using his background in art (he holds a Masters of Fine Arts from Columbia College in Chicago) he shows the horrors of war, along with the brotherhood and sense of duty that his fellow soldiers carry into battle. Born in Chicago in 1977, within months he was sent to the western coast of Africa to live with rela-

tives. When his parents brought the family together again it was in Monrovia, Liberia in the middle of a vicious civil war. Death and atrocities surrounded them constantly, until the day the U.S. Marines arrived and the brutality stopped. After returning to America and completing high school and college, Folleh decided he wanted to make that kind of difference by enlisting in the Marine Corps. After multiple tours in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Pacific, including combat injuries that brought him a Purple Heart, Folleh has many stories to tell. While he and his art are in this area, the exhibit gives a rare look into the world of this proud American who knows that freedom comes with a price.

Bulletin Board

Thresher Show coming

The 61st Annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show is coming up July 31 through Aug. 2. 29

Fair coming

The Cheyenne County Fair is set for Aug 4 through 9. The fair parade will be held Saturday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. The theme is "From Cowboys to Cadillacs." 29

Death Notice

Funeral services for Maria Kamla, 77, will be held Thursday, July 17 at 2 p.m. at the St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. Burial will be at the Bird City Cemetery. 29

Death Notice

Memorial services for Clyde Gleason 85, will be held Saturday, July 19 at 2 p.m. at the Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis. 29

Cheylin Recreation Commission

The Cheylin Recreation Commission will be holding its second session art clinic on July 8, 9, and 10, and again on July 15, 16, and 18 at the Cheylin Cafeteria from 9 a.m. to noon. To sign up call Tina 734-7141. (Will need clean plain white T-shirt during the July 8-10 session).

The Cheylin Recreation Commission will be holding its second session of free swim lessons from July 14-24. Call Mary Ann at 734-2553 to sign up. 28

Community Yard Sale

A community yard sale is scheduled on the Thresher Show grounds during the show, July 31, and Aug 1 and 2, so dig out all those unused treasures you have been wanting to get rid of and turn them into cash. To reserve a spot contact Rod Klepper (785-734-7369). 28

Mud Volleyball

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headline for the Cheyenne County Fair co-ed mud volleyball is July 31. Teams will consist of 3 men and 3 women with a limit of 8 team members. For more information contact Kelsey Andrist 785-332-6025 or Dennon Flemming 785-332-6126. 28

Art Exhibit

Folleh Tamba's exhibit "A Grunt's War Diary" is open for viewing at 500 S. Benton, St. Francis, (formerly Assembly of God Church, now known as Calvert L. Evins Memorial) Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., or for an appointment call 785-332-3569. 28

Quincy Gallery

"What is War" exhibit of art by veterans on display at Quincy Gallery through Aug., 109 N. Quincy, St. Francis. Thursday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. For viewing any other time, call 785-332-3569. 28

Cheyenne County Museum

Cheyenne County Museum open Wednesday through Friday 1 to 4 p.m., or by appointment 332-3939, 332-2528. 28

Lions club

St. Francis Lions Club collects used eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids and cell phones for refurbishing and use by those in need in 3rd world countries. Collection boxes are available at Bird City: Senior Center, and in St. Francis: County Health Clinic, Senior Center, Dr. Tim Poling, Krien Pharmacy, Thrift Store, St. Francis Supers, and the Court House. For assistance call 785-332-3119, 332-2950, 332-2024, or contact any Lions Club member. 29

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.

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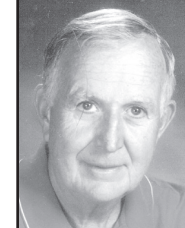
Legislative News

Ward Cassidy
120th State Rep

Make an Informed Choice

The August primary is less than a few weeks away. There are several primary elections in the 120th district for state and national offices. November will be the month where political parties clash and the final winners and losers will be decided. I will end my four years as a State Representative in November. I have enjoyed the many contacts I have made and the knowledge I have gained about politics in Kansas. My biggest disappointment about elections is that so many people don't vote and so many more don't know anything about the people they are voting for. This past weekend, I was at a conference where people from all over our state were present. I asked everyone I spoke with "who is your state representative and who is your state senator." Only two people actually knew. I spoke with a lady who was a graduate of an area high school, and she commented that she learned more about what was going on in Topeka from my articles than anywhere else. She graduated from an area high school and still subscribes to their paper. My point is that only a small minority of Kansans work diligently to not only vote but encourage others to vote their way. Only a small minority know what the major issues are in Kansas. In the 120th district, the most common email I received dealt with gun control and abortion issues. These are both very important issues, but there are many more that will affect the quality of life we have in Northwest Kansas. I would advise that post cards should not be the deciding factor on how you choose your candidate or how you vote on an issue. Post cards can come from anyone and say about anything they want. Recently, post cards have been used to make people

fearful of an issue and have not presented the facts accurately. The recent post cards on the Renewable Energy Standards were made out to make people think they were funding wind energy, in the state, out of their electric bills. There was a lot more to the issue. Being a state representative is a very challenging job. Being a state representative from Western Kansas is even more so. I went to Topeka thinking I was a conservative Republican. Basic fiscal thought was to not spend more than the state was bringing in and to limit the size of government. The legislature is run by the far right; and when they limit government and spending, it hurts Western Kansas more than I liked. I ended up making concessions to save a few things that are necessary for our survival. A final thought: the quality of life in Northwest Kansas is something we should very much appreciate and not take for granted. It is past time to forget old concerns and to concentrate on working hard to find ways to preserve our communities.



Cassidy

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Tayten and Tru Dewey participated in the Qualifier Swim Meet in Atwood Saturday.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the Kogl Family Reunion in Bird City Saturday evening.

Ote and Ellen Dewey attended the Bill Kogl Family Reunion at noon in Saturday and enjoyed visiting most of the afternoon.

Ed and Elaine Kogl of Commerce City, Colo. and Ella Kogl of Topeka were Saturday overnight guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Sunday lunch guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey were Ella Kogl and son Travis of Topeka, Justin Kogl of Lawrence, and Jeanie Sheldon

of Oklahoma City. They returned home after lunch.

Sunday evening and supper guests of Craig and Diane Cox for a Cox Family Reunion were JB and Ada Lea Cox, Cindy and Jim Imel, Clint and Cheryl Imel and children, Prudence Bell, Ada Fae Bell, Peggy Cabrana, and Joe Cox. Granddaughters, Teagan and Adrianna are spending the week visiting with Grandpa Tom and Grandma Dee Carrow.

Rita Officer, Lois Morelock, and Sandy Binning attended the 4-H Style Review Thursday evening at the JayHawk Theater in Atwood.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Saturday afternoon, Lisa Johnson and Phyllis Wilkinson called on Aunt Berdean Wilkinson and her visitors, relatives from Hays and Parker, Colo.

Larry Fahrenbruch visited Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson Friday afternoon.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz visited Ratha Lea Loker at the Good Samaritan Home in St. Francis,

and Gail Miller, and Dean Knapp in the St. Francis Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Dick, Doug, and Jessie Beamgard of Northville, Mich. were Thursday overnight guests of Joan Tongish.

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Johnson and sons of Aurora, Colo. were Saturday overnight and Sunday morning guests of Marlene Johnson.

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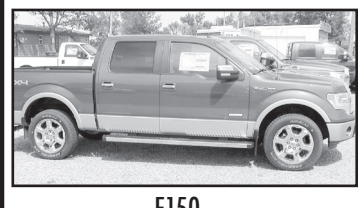


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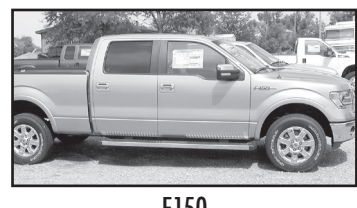
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Call: 785-734-2306

Tuesdays starting Aug. 5 all Day clinic hours is Dana Jewell-Broughman, PA-C

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