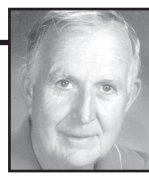


Legislative News

By
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Cassidy



120th State Representative

Jan. 14, the newly elected legislature will gather in the state capitol for the start of the 2013 session. It will be the first time in six years that all legislators will have an office space in the capitol building. Because I am now the Education Budget chair I will have my own office. I will be in Topeka Jan. 2 through the 5th getting training on running a committee and setting up my office.

If you have an opportunity to travel to Topeka this session to see the Kansas Legislature in action, or if you would like to see the Kansas taxpayers \$340 million investment in the capitol renovations, I would enjoy showing you around. Although I disagree with much of the expense associated with the

renovations, the fresh look, additional space, and furnishings in the capitol are impressive to behold. The inside is now completely finished and the outside is scheduled to be finished next December. If you could give me a few days notice prior to your arrival it would help me plan my schedule to try to have a little more time to spend with you.

There will be many issues discussed during the 2013 session, but it appears the headline issues will be taxes, government spending (the budget), and education finance. I would sincerely appreciate your input and will post my contact information as soon as I have everything updated.

Kansas Revenue Update: Tax only revenues in November came in \$2.5 million above es-

timates that had been revised by the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group earlier this month. The good news is the amount of individual income taxes collected was \$3.5 million higher than projected for November which puts the total to \$55 million more than was collected last year. A question we are all asking is what is going to happen when income tax goes away?

Sales tax collections fell short in November by \$29 million, but they were above last November. Sales tax is \$27 million ahead of what was brought in July-November in 2011.

St. Francis News

Victor and Darlene Zwegardt celebrated an early Christmas with their family this holiday season. Daughter Susan Pierce, El Cajon, Calif., and daughter and son-in-law Cathy and Dan Gleason, Anchorage, Alaska, flew into Denver, drove to St. Francis and arrived just in time to pick up Victor and Darlene to attend the Good Samaritan Village Christmas party on Dec. 13, where they were guests of LaVera Beringer. All enjoyed visiting with relatives and friends in attendance, partaking in the dinner and seeing the festive program.

On Sat., Dec. 15, the family

went to Christmas in the Country at Salem Lutheran Church, where Victor and Darlene are long-time members. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful program, which highlighted the wonderful talent in the community, and the delicious food that was served afterwards.

The Christmas spirit continued the next evening when Shirley Zwegardt gave the family a much-appreciated guided tour of holiday lights throughout the town and out in the country.

Victor and Darlene's son Don Zwegardt, his son Dylan and grandson Noah, and daughter Chandler and granddaughter

Stoklie traveled from Sioux Falls, S.D., on the 16th to join the group. Victor and Darlene were thrilled to meet their new 2 1/2-month-old great-granddaughter, Stoklie, for the first time.

The rest of the week included a Christmas gift exchange, lots of picture taking, and special family time spent together. They also enjoyed visits by Shirley Zwegardt and Harvey Zwegardt and didn't let a snow blizzard stop them from taking LaVera out to lunch. The children and grandchildren all traveled back to their homes on Dec. 21.

Randall and Loretta Raile and Eric and Kacey Harper, all of Benkelman; George and Debra Harper were Christmas Eve supper guests of Donna and Norvin Northrup.

Donna and Norvin Northrup were Christmas Day dinner guests of Debra and George Harper.

Death notices

Bird City resident, Lucille Wright, died Christmas Day in St. Francis. She was 94 years old. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Immanuel Methodist Church in Bird City. Burial will be in the Bird City Cemetery.

Anthony Joe "AJ" Lee, 26, of Cheyenne, Wyo., died unexpectedly on Dec. 23, 2012. He was the grandson of Lloyd and Doris Lee, St. Francis. Funeral services are on Friday, Dec. 28, in Manville, Wyo.

Memorial

There will be a memorial to celebrate Brad Branson's life at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 109 N. Quincy, St. Francis. There will be refreshments, videos of his work and an opportunity for anyone to speak that would like. He made many friends in St. Francis in a short period of time and he will be missed.

Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Veteran's Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' affairs will be in St. Francis on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m. To contact Ms Tubbs call 785-462-3572.

Scholarship available

The Vietnam Veterans of America Hays Chapter 939 is announcing they will be awarding three \$500 scholarships for college or trade school. Residents of Cheyenne along with 17 other counties including Rawlins, Sherman, Thomas, Decator and Norton are eligible.

Application deadline is March 1. Scholarship winners will be announced April 15. For more information, graduating seniors may write to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 939, P.O. Box 1224, Hays, KS 67601. Students may want to contact their school

officials for application packets.

Friend of the museum

Become a "Friend of the Museum of Cheyenne County" with a donation of \$25 or more. These funds will be used to maintain the Museum of Cheyenne County and the old country church. All donations, memorials, and monetary gifts are vital for the prosperity of your museum and are tax deductible. "Friend of the Museum" gifts may be given in honor of another person. All Museum "Friends" will be recognized.

St. Francis Public Library

The St. Francis public library will be closed on Saturday's in December.

Information needed

To better serve the cattlemen of Cheyenne County, the sheriff's office is requesting landowners and stockmen provide locations, brands, descriptions and a contact phone number pertaining to livestock in pastures, grazed stock residue and CRP within the county. The officers will compile the contact numbers and locations, giving a copy to the county communications dispatch office to be used when stray livestock are found on the roads. The contact numbers are for officers' use only and will not be provided to the general public. Call the sheriff's office at 785-332-8880.

Show time

Movies at the Cheyenne Theater start at 7:30 p.m. and this time will continue throughout the winter.

St. Francis website

Check out the updated St. Francis website at www.stfranciskansas.com.

Free popcorn

The Cheyenne Theater Committee is asking, that the first weekend of the month, those attending the movie bring a canned food donation for the Food Pantry and they will receive a free sack of popcorn. Show time is 8 p.m.

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will 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 is a confidential support to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one in a safe place of mutual help and comfort.

Emergency number

The new 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.

Introducing

Melvin Dustin and Amber Dunn announce the arrival of their son Melvin Eastin Dunn, born Oct. 16, 2012, at 10:11 a.m. at the Wray Community District Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19.5-inches long.

Eastin's grandparents are Melvin and Barb Dunn and Bruce and Sharon Feikert of St. Francis. His great-grandparents are Melvin and Carol Dunn of Ogallala, Neb., and Robert and Val Rieger of Independence, Mo., and Darlene Feikert of St. Francis, and the late Ruben Feikert, and Stan and Marilyn Martin of Goodland.



Melvin Eastin Dunn

Senior Citizen Menu

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Closed
Thursday, Jan 3
Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots, roll, apricots

Friday, Jan. 4

Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, corn, roll, fruit crisp

Tuesday Jan. 8

Sausage patty, potato pancake,

scrambled eggs, sweet roll, orange juice

Thursday Jan.10

Goulash, mixed vegetables, fice cup salad, roll, cookie

Friday, Jan. 11

Ham, cheese and potato casserole, spinach salad, roll, peaches

Tuesday Jan. 15

Vegetable beef stew, mixed fruit, crackers, brownies

Thursday, Jan. 17

Swedish meatballs over rice, pea salad, mandarin orange, rice crispy treat

Friday, Jan. 18

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, Italian blend vegetables. Roll, fruit

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Chili or potato soup, crackers, carrifruit salad, cinnamon roll

Thursday, Jan.24

Beef and noodles, green beans, stewed tomatoes, roll, strawberries and banana's

Friday, Jan. 25

Hamburger steak, mashed potato with gravy, blended vegetables, roll, mixed fruit

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Shepards pie, apple salad, peaches, bread pudding

Thursday, Jan.31

Overnight chicken casserole, seasoned carrots, biscuit, gelatin w pineapple

School Menu

Senior-Junior high menu

Jan. 3 -4

Thursday

Breakfast: Frosted long john
Lunch: Barbecue Meatballs, seasoned rice, green beans

Friday

Breakfast: Breakfast tornado, whole grain cereal
Lunch: Biscuits with gravy, casserole, fruit juice, whole wheat rolls, pineapple

Elementary school menu

Thursday

Breakfast: Breakfast tornado's
Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, relish sticks, Mandarin oranges, biscuit, milk

Friday

Breakfast: Scones
Lunch: Taco salad, corn chips and salsa, salad with tomatoes, pineapple, cinnamon roll



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Tuesday

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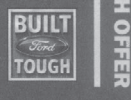


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785-626-3211
Wed., Jan. 9
Cheyenne County Hospital - P.M.
210 W. 1st • 785-332-2104
Thurs., Jan. 10
Atwood (a.m.) • 626-3211
Colby (p.m.)
CSMC, 175 S. Range
785-462-3332
CMC, 100 E. College Dr.
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