



# Bulletin Board

## Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**  
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It seems I write more and more about individuals who have left us. I guess that is because they shouldn't be forgotten.

Gerold Lee was only 56 when his time came last week. I showed up in these parts as a single parent, trying to figure out whether or not my son and I would fit in. Gerold was one of the first people I met.

Back in 2001, he and his wife owned the Two Lee's Steakhouse in McDonald. Although it sounded like a Chinese restaurant, the place served up some pretty good beef and seafood. They gave me a

helping hand as a part-time cook. The job gave me a chance to get to know the Lees and other locals and they got a chance to know my son and me.

Much has changed since then. My son and I found a new family and many more new friends over the years.

Gerold's life seemed to be filled with more downs than ups over that same time. He had his share of demons and sins, just like you and me.

But the man had a heart of gold, was loved by many others and my life was certainly better having met him.

## Introducing

Madyson Lorraine Brooks was born at 5:50 p.m. on Oct. 3, 2011, at Scott Community Hospital, Scott City, Kan. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20.5-inches long.



Madyson Lorraine Brooks

She is the first child of Angela and Kevin Brooks of Scott City. Grandparents are Laura Brogan of McDonald, Gary Brogan of Bird City, and Janice and Brian Brooks of Healy.

Great-grandmother is Omah Penka of Healy.

## South of McDonald

**By Sandy Binning**

New Address for Rita Officer - Rita Officer, c/o Wesley Rehabilitation Hospital, 8338 West 13th Street North, Room 246, Wichita, KS 67212, Phone - 316-729-1000 ext. 2462

also stopped in Salina on her way home Saturday afternoon and visited David Banister.

Sunday evening and supper guests of Craig and Diane Cox were J.B. and Ada Lee Cox, Joe Cox, Ada Fae Bell, and Prudence Bell.

Bethel Golt and Don Bruder returned home Monday night after a trip by Amtrac to Albuquerque, N.M. to visit Don's brother. From there they continued on to Semi Valley, Calif. to visit Bethel's brother and his wife, Brandt and Margie Ochsner.

Kathy Banister was in Topeka this past weekend for a Scholars Bowl Validation Meeting. Kathy helped with the foreign language questions.

While in Topeka, Kathy Banister enjoyed supper with Debbie Banister Thursday evening. Friday night she had supper with her sister, Stacie Martin. Kathy

## School Menu

**School Menu**  
**Nov. 21 - Nov. 24**  
**Monday**  
Breakfast: chocolate-pear scones.  
Lunch: Cooks' Buffet.  
**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: oatmeal, yogurt.

Lunch: turkey supreme casserole, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable.  
**Wednesday**  
No School  
**Thursday**  
Happy Thanksgiving!

*Give Thanks*

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### Death notice

Garold Dee Lee of Bird City, died on Saturday, Nov. 12, at the age of 56. Memorial services will be held on Friday, Nov. 18, at the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 East 4th Street, Bird City. Fellowship will take place from 10-11a.m. with the services beginning at 11. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Methodist Church Food Bank in Bird City.

### Senior Citizen Dinner

The Cheylin senior citizen dinner will be held at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the high school gym. All senior citizens are welcome to attend but reservations need to be made by Thursday, Dec. 1, by calling the school at 785-734-2351.

### Aerobics

Aerobics started up last Monday at the Cheylin grade school gym. To continue weekly from 5:10 - 5:50 p.m. until December. For more information call Tina Sager at 734-2478.

### Last week to give

This is the final week of the ingathering of the S.O.S. (Hugs program) for the Christmas presents for the overseas military in the war zones.

We have tried to keep you informed of this need and how much this program is appreciated by the recipients, said Hulda Dorsch, coordinator. Is it possible for you to pick up some of these items at your local retail stores to bring joy to the ones that are keeping us safe here in America? Or could we share a cash donation for the postage? Please help us.

For more information, contact Mrs. Dorsch, chairman, Bird City American Legion, 785-734-2792 or Christy Wurm, 4-H chariman, St. Francis, 785-332-2650.

### Food drive

The Teens For Christ members will be picking up food for the Bird City Food Pantry from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening. People are asked to leave their porch light on if they have food for the drive.

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### 90th birthday celebrated

Eleanor Swihart will celebrate her 90th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the fellowship building, McDonald Federated Church, McDonald. Everyone is encouraged to come visit and enjoy birthday cake. Those unable to come can send a card to her at P.O. Box, 2, McDonald, KS 67745.

### Community Thanksgiving service

The St. Francis Ministerial Association is sponsoring a special Community Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17. The service is hosted by Peace Lutheran Church.

Everyone is urged to attend and bring canned goods for the local food pantry. The offering collected will be given to the food pantry as well.

### Senior center pot luck

The Bird City Senior Center to provide turkey and ham for Thanksgiving and Christmas at noon on Monday, Nov. 28. Guests to bring a side dish.

**Community Christmas Chorus**  
The Community Christmas Chorus practice will be held each Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. until Sunday, Dec. 11. The chorus will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, at Peace Lutheran Church, St Francis.

### Thanksgiving benefit dinner

Save the date of Sunday, Nov. 20, for the Thanksgiving benefit dinner for the Dave Sowers family. Look for more information and ad in this issue.

### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box

For those participating in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box the pick-up dates are November 15-22.

### Get well cards

Rita Officer is in the hospital and cards can be sent to: Wesley Rehabilitation Hospital, 8338 West 13, St .N., Room 246, Wichita, KS. 67212, Phone - 316-729-1000 ext. 2462

### Library books

While doing your fall cleaning, check under your bed for any overdue library books. The Bird City Public Library is not charging any fines for 6 months in an attempt to recover items. So please help out by returning items from months or years back. If we are not open please leave items in the outside return.

### 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.

### Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with S should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

Driver's license needs to be presented or entered on form at time of renewal.

### Blue star banners

Do you have a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter serving in active duty military service? The Goodland Elks Lodge 1528 would like to present you with a "blue star banner" for your window to show your pride! Please call the secretary at (785) 890-6251 to visit with her about this.

### Cheyenne County ambassadors

If you are proud of your community and your county and want to tell folks about it,

stop by the Cheyenne County Development office at 107 W. Washington in St. Francis and pick up an "Ambassadors" package. Take one along on a trip or to an event. Let everyone know what a great place we live in!

### 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

The names of the Cheylin football coaches in last week's booster ad were incorrect. Both were listed as Max Hengen when they should have read "Coach Max Keltz and Assistant Coach, Dennis Hengen."

## Some fall foods not recommended for canning at home

Food preservation enthusiasts are advised to freeze, rather than can, pumpkin butter, mashed or pureed pumpkin or winter squash.

"The United States Department of Agriculture recommendation is science-based," said Karen Blakeslee, K-State Research and Extension food scientist and coordinator of its Rapid Response Center. She noted key factors in the food safety recommendation:

- Variation of viscosity (thickness) of pumpkin purees do not allow standard calculations for recipes, and,
- Pumpkin and winter squash are low-acid foods capable of supporting growth of Clostridium botulinum bacteria that can cause serious foodborne illness (botulism) and death.

Research on home canning of pumpkin and squash products is ongoing, but results vary and, for now, consumers are advised to freeze pumpkin butters or mashed pumpkin and squash.

When ready to use frozen pumpkin butter or puree, thaw it in the refrigerator, store it in the refrigerator and use it within one week. Freezer storage can be for up to six months.

More information on safe food preservation in the home is available at K-State Research and Extension offices throughout the state and online: www.ksre.ksu.edu and www.rrc.ksu.edu and in the department of agriculture's "Complete Guide to Home Canning."

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2008 Ford F-250 Supercab 73K, Gas,	Call For Price
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2010 Ford F-150 4x4, Blue, Crew Cab, 34K, #T1028A	\$33,500
2010 Ford F-150 XLT, Crew Cab, Blue/silver, 5K, #T0244A	\$32,900
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*The Children of Eleanor Swihart*  
cordially invite you to her 90th Birthday Party

**Saturday, Nov. 26 • 2 - 4 p.m.**

**Fellowship Building McDonald Federated Church**  
McDonald, Ks

Please Come, "Sit a spell," Talk about the "good old days," and Enjoy a piece of Birthday Cake!!

If you can't attend, she would enjoy a card:  
Eleanor Swihart, PO Box 2, McDonald, Ks. 67745

**SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 30 min.**

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Lifeline is a simple, wireless device worn as a pendant or wristband that allows the wearer to summon help with the push of a button from anywhere in their home or yard, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The button connects to a trained Lifeline response associate, who quickly accesses the profile and calls responders for help.

There are 3 different units now, the new one is a cordless phone or if you have plenty of phones there is just the unit and the third option is a regular phone unit. The cost for a Lifeline is a one-time installation fee of \$50 and the monthly cost is \$30 and for the new cordless phone it is \$35.

For more information or to get one installed call Shawna at Cheyenne County Hospital 785-332-2104.

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