

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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 Last weekend, Lezlie and I caught a film at our local movie house. By the way, the new marquee looks terrific.
 We saw "Saving Mr. Banks," which told the story of Walt Disney's persuasion of P.L. Travers to allow him the screen rights to her book, Mary Poppins.
 Seeing the scenes set in 1961 took me back to my childhood. In the mid-60s, the folks loaded us kids into the family station-wagon and headed west from Denver. Today, I have a picture of my twin brother and me in navy blue sports shirts, names embroidered on, standing with Snow White at Disneyland.
 I learned a couple things from the movie.
 First, Walt Disney grew up in Kansas City.
 Second, upon looking into the former, his inspiration for Disneyland and Disney World came

from a theme park in that town. Electric Park, an obvious name because of the countless light bulbs, was built by the Heim Brothers Brewery.
 The first location was near the brewery (with cold beverages piped directly in) in the late 1800s. The second lasted from 1907 until 1925, after a fire ravaged much of the facility. It was located at 46th Street and the Paseo, in K.C., Missouri.
 Walt would take his sister, Ruth, to Electric Park as often as possible as it was only 15 blocks from their home. Some of the building designs would be recreated in California, along with the beautifully manicured flower beds, which added to the magic of Disney's creations.
 In a world with so much chaos, it is hard to deny the joy that Walt Disney's vision has brought to so many. Knowing of his ties to this area explains a bit of that.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

On Saturday, Ellen Dewey and Deb Malone met Laura Craig, Ella Kogl, and Bob and Rose Linda Bojarski in Oberlin for lunch.
 Kathy Banister hosted a fun Scholars Bowl meet Sunday afternoon in Brewster for parents and students.

Alan Goltl's friend, Sandy of Wichita, was a weekend guest of Alan and Bethel Goltl.
 Joe and Charlene Kramer, and Roland Query returned home Sunday after traveling ten days through Mexico with the Dennis Kramer family and others.

School Menu

Jan 27 - Jan 30

Monday

Breakfast: Oatmeal, boiled egg, fruit cup, toast and milk.
 Lunch: Pigs-n-blanket, potato triangles, steamed peas, jello with fruit, romaine and tomato salad, tropical fruit, pears and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Kansas granola bar, sausage links, fruit cup, cereal and milk.
 Lunch: Lasagna, green beans, garlic toast, garden spinach salad, mandarin oranges, applesauce and milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Sunrise smoothie, string cheese, fruit cup, fruit juice, cereal and milk.
 Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy,

steamed cauliflower and broccoli, oatmeal roll, romaine and tomato salad, grapes, peaches and milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Breakfast bites with syrup, fruit cup, fruit juice, toast and milk.
 Lunch: Tacos, Spanish rice, corn, brownie, taco bar, red applesauce, fruit cocktail and milk.

Menu subject to changes

Honor Roll

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Bulletin Board

Kansas Day Celebration

The 85th Annual Kansas Day Celebration will be held Wednesday, January 29, at the Bird City American Legion hall. The theme of this years celebration is "Homestead Heritage". A pot luck lunch will begin at noon, with the program to follow at 1:00 p.m.

Woman celebrates 90th birthday

Judi and Gwen Miller would like to invite you to participate in a card shower for Betty Miller's 90th birthday on Feb. 3. Cards can be sent to 304 N. 15th, Fredonia, KS 66736. 04

Hymn sing

Come One - Come All! to an "Old Fashioned Hymn Sing" at the Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, on Sunday, Jan. 26 beginning at 6 p.m. We will be singing old favorites and special music by soloists and small groups. A pie social will follow the music. 04

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will be meeting Monday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center in St. Francis. This month's program will be given

by Lois Morelock on Alzheimer's caregiving. Hostesses will be Bonnie Jones and Kathy Weber. 04

Senior potluck

The monthly senior potluck will be at noon on Monday, Jan. 27 at the Bird City Senior Center.

Financial aid

There will be a financial aid meeting on Wednesday, Jan 29 at 7 p.m. at the Cheylin High School library. All parents and students are welcome. 04

Quarterback speaks

Former K-State quarterback, Collin Klein will be speaking at the Colby Community Building, Jan. 25 at 9 a.m. It is free to the public. He will sign autographs and take pictures. 03

Rough Writers Read

The Rough Writers Read will be hosting writers of the Bird City History Project on Sunday, Jan. 26 from 2-3 p.m. at the Old Country Church in St. Francis. Free will donations are requested to help with up keep of the church. The Cheyenne County Historical Society sponsors the series of readings. 03.

Community club pot luck

The Community Club Annual Pot Luck and fun game night will be held Jan. 27, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. Everyone is invited, so bring some friends, enjoy the great food and fellowship prior to the meeting. 02

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. Thanks for your cooperation.

Junior Hoops

Cheylin Recreation Commission 2014 Junior Hoops Basketball clinics and league play start Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18 and 19, Jan. 25 and 26 & Feb. 1 and 2. Call Tina Sager @ 785-734-7141 for more information and/or to sign-up.

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

It amazes me how much money is spent on political campaigns. The election for Governor will be this coming November, and the cash the candidates have on hand (so far) to spend is big dollars. The Brownback/Colyer ticket has \$1,990,905 and the Davis/Docking ticket has \$1,002,839. There will be more money going into both campaigns this summer. Election year politics can be all about not upsetting the electorate.

It will be interesting this year on what bills and programs the Republican Leadership brings forward. The only requirement the legislature has is to complete a budget bill and that has already been done with our two-year budget completed last year. If there is ever a year when we could save taxpayers money by adjourning early, this is the year. Again, that is dependent on the

school lawsuit ruling.

Last year, I made a successful amendment to the budget bill that would not take away funding from community and technical colleges. The amendment was successful, but it was for one year only. I lobbied the governor to include the funds in this year's adjustments but that was not done. I will now propose this in my budget committee and if successful I will then have to get it through my Appropriations committee. Any time we make a monetary amendment, we have to find the money in another budget and take it from them. The process is called Pay-GO. So I can make one entity happy and one rather upset.

The governor has included in this year's adjustment money for the gas and oil exploration fund, which is very important to many western Kansas counties.

Repealing laws that limit corporate farming was one of the goals of our retired Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman. I am hearing that it will be an issue again this year. Kansas farm organizations oppose the concept.

The state's water supply is becoming an increasing concern as the Ogallala Aquifer continues to decline at alarming rates. We need to do something but the Ogallala Aquifer involves more than one state and when we involve the federal government it becomes even more complicated. The governor is working many

angles to help this situation. He certainly made it a big part of his State of the State speech.

There is a strong chance that prescription pot will have a bill this year. The Kansas Silver-Haired Legislature officially has come out in favor of medical marijuana, and polls show 70 percent of the state would approve cannabis for medicinal purposes.

There will be many topics coming this year and as always I will be glad to answer your questions and will work at keeping Northwest Kansas informed.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Hal, Becky, and CJ Anholz were Sunday evening guests of Gilbert and Janice Anholz to watch the football game.



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The Secret Life of Walter Mitty **PG**

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