

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Got my Girl Scout cookies! If you're like most, you look forward to grabbing a box of Thin Mints or Peanut Butter Patties from the young ladies in green. For me it's the Short Breads that float my boat.

The problem is that I always confuse the seller (this year it was my lovely niece Sawyer Ross in Wichita) by asking for "Lorna Doones." Although Nabisco began making their line of cookies with that name in 1921, pretty much all short bread cookies fall under that category with me.

Chances are Nabisco took the name from an English novel.

R.D. Blackmore wrote "Lorna Doone", and had it published in 1869. It's been in print ever since.

Set in the Exmoor region of western England in the late 1600s, the story follows the romance of Lorna Doone and a local farmer, John Ridd.

Although it is a fictional tale, the characters move through actual places and events of the time. The book even includes the revolution that took place after the death of King Charles II.

At one point, Lorna is shot by the jealous Carver Doone outside a small country church, during her marriage to John. Fortunately, she lived, and so does the little church in the village of Oare.

And as long as the Girl Scouts continue to supply me with shortbread cookies, so will memories of Lorna Doone continue.

School Menu

Feb. 24 - Feb. 27

Monday

Breakfast: Quick blueberry square, sausage patti, fruit cup, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Country hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, winter blend vegetables, oatmeal roll, garden spinach salad, cottage cheese, pineapple chunks, tropical, and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Whole grain english muffin, yogurt, fruit cup, fruit juice, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Cowboy cavatini, corn, garlic bread, jello with fruit, romaine and tomato salad, pears, mandarin oranges, and milk.

Wednesday

Second grade lunch favorite

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

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, steamed broccoli with cheese, garden spinach salad, citrus applesauce, strawberries and bananas, chocolate chip bar cookie, and milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Chicken breakfast biscuit, fruit cup, fruit juice, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Taco on a bun, oven fried, green beans, mixed lettuce salad, peaches, fruit cocktail, and milk.

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will be meeting Monday, March 3 at 2 p.m. in the Senior Citizen's Center. Dr. Shara Johnson will be doing a program on the Cheyenne County Hospital Physical Therapy Department. Hostesses will be Lee Russ and Arlene Walz. 08

Home Circle Meeting

The Home Circle is to meet at the Methodist church on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. with Joy Anderegg as Hostess. 07

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. This years drawing will be for an AR10 and a Winchester 243. 07

Ladies Night

Bird City Community Club Ladies Night will be held Monday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. in the Legion Hall. The evening will include dinner with live music followed by a magician performance.

This is a free event so contact Rod Klepper, 785-734-7369 by Wednesday, Feb. 20, so the men will know how much food to prepare.

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.

Senior potluck

The senior potluck will be held at noon on Monday, Feb. 24, at the Bird City Senior Center.

Sod house stories

Do you or a member of your family have memories of growing up in a sod house? The Herald is looking for stories from Cheyenne County residents that grew up during the early 20th century in a sod house. Please send your story to PO Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756. Or, if you wish, you can call and tell Amanda Miller your story so she can write an article telling about your experience. Please call 785-332-3162 to tell us your story. Everyone that shares their story will be featured in the paper! 04

Bulletin Board

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.

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.

Corrections

Ward Cassidy's article stated that the Cheyenne County Historical Society was the organization requesting the Highway 161 trail designation. It is in fact the Bird City Historical Association.

Legislative News

Ward Cassidy
120th State Representative

I appreciate the positive comments about my attempt to keep northwest Kansas informed about events and policy in Topeka. It is not possible to highlight every event, but I like to share with you what I find interesting.

Being a representative from northwest Kansas, I am well aware of the importance of agriculture to the State of Kansas economy. I spend a lot of time trying to convince other representatives and senators that we should always strongly consider how new legislation and appropriations will affect our area.

Agriculture is the largest economic driver in Kansas, valued at more than \$35 billion, accounting for 25 percent of the state's total economy. In Kansas, there are 52,320,102 acres of land. Farmland accounts for 88.6 percent of all Kansas land. Eighty percent of our population

lives on 20 percent of our land mass. There are 28 million acres in Kansas devoted to growing crops, and 16 million is pastureland for grazing animals.

Kansas is a strong part of the animal health corridor. Between Columbia, Missouri and Manhattan, Kansas sits the single largest concentration of animal health interests in the world.

The comment about where our population resides means the 20 percent of us who live on 80 percent of the land have to fight harder for a voice and recognition. I believe family-owned farms are the backbone of Kansas.

The McCarty Dairy has done an awful lot for northwest Kansas. The dairy has put us on the map with Topeka. Kansas is quickly becoming the new dairy frontier in the United States. Kansas is home to 123,000

dairy cows that produced more than 2.7 billion pounds of milk in 2012.

With positive growth being shown, the Governor has proposed more dollars for rural housing. The new tax plan has also made more companies consider moving to not only Kansas City but to rural Kansas.

It is now up to each of our communities to look for ways to grow and ways to encourage others to come and experience the "good life" Northwest Kansas has to offer.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Millie Glasco, Bird City; David Nelson, Bird City; Don Atkinson, Sewickley, Pa.; Dorothy Puzig, Stone Mountain, Ga.; Kevin Partch, Lincoln, Neb.; Janice Churchwell, Bird City; Richard Bursch, Bird City; Clint Bursch, Campo Colo.; Bill and Anna Martinez, Bird City; Duane Dapron, Broken Arrow, Okla.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Dixie Bethell and Connie Sabatka were lunch guests of their mother, Marlene Johnson Saturday. Tish Loker, and Dana and Kyla Howard joined them that afternoon.

Karlyne Atchison visited Aunt Marie Holzwarth in St. Francis Friday afternoon.

Eleanor Swihart was a guest of the McDonald Garden Club Wednesday for their Valentine luncheon.

Doug Tongish called on his mother, Joan Tongish Saturday morning.

Phyllis Wilkinson and Lisa Johnson visited Aunt Vera Kacirek Thursday in Oberlin and helped her celebrate her birthday.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the St. John Catholic Church Valentines Cruise dinner Sunday evening.

Last week, former community members Joyce Smith Meyers, and Anna Sullivan have departed from society. Joyce, the daughter of Royce and Blanche Smith, grew up North of town, attended school in McDonald, and spent her later years in Goodland. Her family was always fun loving, and added joy to parades with their clever car. Anna lived South of town and was a teacher by profession. Music, among Anna's many talents, brought her much pleasure. Sympathies are being extended to both families.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

George and Kathy Banister attended the Cheylin - Logan basketball games in McDonald Friday.

Anna Sullivan died Saturday. Sympathies are extended to the family.

Charlene Kramer was among

those attending the funeral of Joyce Smith Meyer in Goodland Monday morning.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hrs. 40 min.

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Tour our new facility, ask us about our aerial application business and check out the Frontier Ag spray planes. Look at the warplanes that will be on exhibit for you that day, get to know the entire Frontier Ag Aviation Team and enjoy a meal served by Steve Evert of Goodland.

GOODLAND: 890-3606 OAKLEY: 672-4662 BREWSTER: 694-2664



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