

# Casey's Comments

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Last weekend was confirmation that winter is not over yet. But as the cold north wind howled and snow sputtered by the window I felt that old familiar warmth that only one thing can bring. For I know that it's Spring Training in Arizona and Florida and a new baseball season is on the near horizon.

I was lucky enough to spend several years in Phoenix. The summers were a bear, but having major league baseball for a few weeks made up for it.

The Chicago Cubs were the big draw. Mid-western "snow birds" would buy the seats at Hohokam Park months in advance. Fortu-

nately it was easy to get into Giants, Indians, Brewers, Mariners and A's match-ups.

What made those games so much fun was the casual atmosphere. The games were not "make or break," except for the guys trying to earn a spot on the regular season roster.

It was pretty easy to get close to pro players. I even had a chance to run into Harry Carey before a game. Also the price of a ticket and concessions were nothing like what was charged at the Major League parks. Those were fun times with loads of memories.

So old man winter can blow all he wants, the boys of summer are on their way.

# McDonald News

By Kathy Banister

A big turnout of McDonald residents, city and rural, plus others, enjoyed the biscuit and gravy supper held at the McDonald Fire House last Monday evening. Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were among those present to eat and chat with friends and neighbors.

Lisa Johnson and Sammi Johnson accompanied Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson last Thursday to attend the meal sponsored by the Northwest Kansas Area ABS Informational Meeting held at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Josh Johnson is now the new representative for this area. Congratulations!

The place to be last Friday evening was at the McDonald Gym to watch Cheylin take on Golden Plains in basketball. Besides watching exciting varsity games, other events happened during half-time and between games. During half-time of the girl's varsity game, a special group of students were recognized by the Cheylin Board of Education for achieving the top honor of "Exemplary" on the Kansas Assessment Tests given last spring. The students were high-fived by school board members and the superintendent and given a certificate

and a T-shirt. Many proud parents and grandparents were in attendance.

Before the varsity boy's game began, Senior Night was the highlight where 12 seniors and their parents were introduced. The people in attendance were given the student's college choice and the field of study they would like to pursue. McDonald seniors included Matyas Cimbulka, foreign exchange student with host parents Michael and Deb Pochop; Eddie Frisbie, son of David and Sandy Frisbie; Shayla Hubbard, daughter of Dave and Sylvia Hubbard; and Ellie Pochop, daughter of Michael and Deb Pochop.

A special presentation during the boy's varsity game involved a special young lady who had just recently returned from Sochi, Russia. It was McDonald's newest resident and Olympian, Katie Uhlaender. Katie was given a plaque for her career achievements in athletics and received a standing ovation from the large crowd. After the game, she was seen posing with her many fans. Congratulations, Katie, on your fourth place finish in the Woman's Skeleton Event for a job well done, and welcome home!

# School Menu

March 10 - 13

**Monday**

Breakfast: Pumpkin chocolate chip square, boiled egg, fruit juice, fruit cup, and milk

Lunch: Chicken wrap, Spanish rice, steamed carrots, taco bar, garden spinach salad, grapes, peaches, and milk

**Tuesday**

Breakfast: Pancakes, fruit cup, fruit juice, cereal, and milk

Lunch: Corn dog, nacho cheese with chips, California blend, cottage cheese, romaine and tomato salad,

pineapple chunks, pears, and milk

**Wednesday**

Kindergarten lunch favorites

Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, sausage links, fruit cup, fruit juice, toast, and milk

Lunch: Sloppy joe on bun, macaroni and cheese, dirt pudding, garden spinach salad, fresh strawberries, mandarin oranges, and milk

**Thursday**

No school - Spring Break

## Birthday Party

The March birthday party will be held on Monday, March 10, at 3 p.m., at the Bird City Senior Center.

## American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Friday, March 7, at 2 p.m. at the office in Bird City.

## Bankwest hosts Question & Answer session

Bankwest is hosting a Question & Answer session on "Using futures and options to market grains and livestock" on March 6 in the basement at Bankwest in St. Francis. Coffee and donuts will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Steve Ziegelmeyer from ZEZ Commodities on hand at 10. There is no charge. All interested people are invited to attend. Contact Mike or Tye at 785-332-3333 with questions. 09

## Board of Education meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Cheylin USD 103 Board of Education will be held on March 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. 09

## USDA Commodity Distribution

Cheyenne County commodity distribution of government surplus will be from 5 to 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 17, at the Church of Christ, 502 W. Spencer in St. Francis.

The types of food vary and include vegetables, fruits, juices, meat, cereals, peanut butter, non-fat dried milk and pastas. The food is shipped to the Church of Christ and it is supplied four or more times per year.

To be eligible for commodities, the household's total monthly income must be below:

\$1,245 - household of one; \$1,681 - household of two; \$2,116 - household of three; \$2,552 - household of four. For each additional family member, add \$436.

Those ordering must pick up their order in person or send a signed official proxy form with another individual. Proxy forms are available at the senior center in St. Francis. An accurate and complete Cheyenne County address is required.

## Home Circle Club

Home Circle Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, at the Methodist Church in Bird

City. Dorothy Chipperfield is the hostess.

## Public Invited to Book Signing

The public is invited to a Book Signing by Marie Holzwarth on Sunday, March 9, at 2:00 p.m. Her poems and memoirs of a lifetime have recently been published in My Scribbles. The afternoon will start with readings from her book at the Old Country Church on Highway 36 in St. Francis. Then Marie will sign books at the Cheyenne County Museum. The Rough Writers are hosting, and will serve refreshments. The Cheyenne County Historical Society is sponsoring the event, and freewill donations go for upkeep of the church. 09

## Bingo

The American Legion will be having bingo at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, at the Legion Hall in Bird City. Need a crowd so we can continue.

## Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veteran Administration claims work on Thursday, March 6. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is 785-462-3572. 09

## 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. There will be a vote on amending a section of the by-laws. This year's drawing will be for an AR10 and a Winchester 243. 07

## 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. Fran-

cis Supers, and the Court House. For assistance call 785-332-3119, 332-2950, 332-2024, or contact any Lions Club member. 08

## 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.

# South of McDonald

By Kathy Banister

Keven and Ami Torrey were houseguests of her parents, Jim and Cheryl Banister, this past week. They came especially to watch their nephew Ty Carmichael play basketball this past Tuesday evening in the McDonald Gym. Kevin and Ami explained their way home to North Carolina Friday at Denver International Airport.

Many rural residents attended the well-attended supper sponsored by the McDonald Fire Department Monday evening in the McDonald Fire Department building. Lynn Officer and George and Kathy Banister were some of those who attended the supper.

Rita Officer was a Monday overnight guest of her daughter Marilee Gundlach and family of Mingo. On Tuesday, Rita spent time with her other daughter

Melissa Regier. Rita attended the Tuesday evening basketball games at Heartland Christian School where she enjoyed watching her granddaughter, Gracie Gundlach, perform cheerleading routines.

Many families attended the Friday night basketball games between Cheylin and Golden Plains. They all enjoyed all the different presentations that occurred in-between games which included Senior Night and the special presentation of a plaque to Katie Uhlaender, Olympian of Rawlins County.

The "Deep Freeze" descended upon the area over the weekend, but brought little snow with accumulations of an inch or less. Those starting the calving process are waiting for warmer temperatures.

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1 hr. 32 min.

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