

# Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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 For all farming communities harvest is the highlight of the year. Ideally, in our part of the bread basket, the wheat has good yields, gets into the bins and none of the workers are injured.  
 Once this point is reached then it is time to have some fun.  
 The 4-H families are gearing up for the county fair and some folks go on a well deserved vacation. As for our family, we head to the lake.  
 This is always a special event as relatives from each end of the state gather together in the middle for a couple days of fun in the sun. Activities include boating, fishing and games. Also each family

group takes turns planning and serving a meal. As we have about 30 campers on average, this takes a little thought and coordination.  
 So no matter what is happening the gathering is centered around being with the ones we love and enjoying some together time. There are always plenty of laughs and memories created each year.  
 But the two attendees from our family who always have the most fun are the chocolate labs: Ginny and Cane. They live to escape the summer heat and chase balls tossed into the cool waters.  
 Hope you have a chance to enjoy the close of this harvest and spend time with those who mean the most to you.

# Local woman travels to compete in pageant

Whitney Churchwell from Bird City, daughter of Eric and Janice Churchwell, has been selected to participate in the 2015 Miss Kansas USA Pageant. The pageant will take place Nov. 28-30, 2014 in Wichita.  
 She will be competing as Miss Cheyenne County and will compete in swimsuit, evening gown, and personal interview competitions. The pageant has two age divisions, and the winners will go on to represent our state in the 2015 Miss USA and Miss Teen USA Pageant. Miss USA goes on to compete in the Miss Universe Pageant. The Miss USA Pageant system stresses good morals, physical fitness, communication skills, social awareness and community involvement.  
 Interesting facts about Whitney are she has been on several mission trips, managed a daycare for a year, and will be continuing studies in journalism and business



Whitney Churchwell

this fall.  
 She is being sponsored by Bird City Diner, Hometown Market, The Bank, Neitzel Insurance, Krien Pharmacy as well as friends and family.  
 For more information about Whitney, you may contact her at 785-734-7137.

**Commissioners Meeting**  
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet on Thursday, July 31 at 8:00 a.m. in the County Courthouse. To get on the meeting agenda, please call 332-8800. 30

**Senior Potluck**  
 The regular monthly potluck will be held at the Bird City Senior Center on Monday, July 28 at noon. 30

**Thresher Show coming**  
 The 61st Annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show is coming up July 31 through Aug. 2. 29

**Fair coming**  
 The Cheyenne County Fair is set for Aug 4 through 9. The fair parade will be held Saturday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. The theme is "From Cowboys to Cadillacs." 29

**Volunteers needed**  
 The Amusement Authority Board needs volunteers to run games and rides during the Cheyenne County Fair, Aug. 6-9. To sign up, call Lucinda at 785-772-7380. 30

**2104 Open Class Wheat Show**  
 To enter the show, wheat samples in a full one gallon zip-lock bag are due at the Cheyenne County Extension Office by Friday, July 25. Samples are limited to Cheyenne County wheat only. Only one sample per field. Call the extension office for more information. 30

**Cheylin enrollment, Chromebook**  
 Cheylin enrollment will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 6. A Chromebook parent and student meeting is set for Aug. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

**Art Exhibit**  
 If you have been intending to visit the exhibit "A Grunt's War Diary" in the old church at 500 S. Benton, St. Francis, now is the time to do it. Folle Tamba, former Marine Sergeant and creator of the exhibit, will be on hand to answer questions this week. He will be heading back to Chicago on Saturday, July 26. The building is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, so just drop in. For more information, call 785-332-4791. 30

**What is War? Exhibit**  
 "What is War?" a collection of photography, paintings, sculpture, music and prose created by veterans telling their stories is on exhibit at Quincy Gallery, 109 N. Quincy, St. Francis. Hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 3:30 and Saturdays from 9:30 to 12:30. 30

**Band Performance**  
 The band Vehicle, with horns, seven vocalists, and a five piece rhythm section, is set to perform Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9 p.m. to midnight after the Cheyenne County Fair Demolition Derby. Admission to the dance, held in the bandshell at Sawhill Park, is free and open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to come, listen to the band, and dance at the recently renovated bandshell! 30

**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. 29

**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.

**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.

**Notice**  
 The Bulletin Board is reserved for activities that are FREE to the public. Any activities that have a charge will be included in the Bulletin Board ONLY if a paid ad is purchased.

# McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Gail Miller proudly called McDonald home for most of his life. He was a community minded gentleman and used his farming skills with his son to meticulously care for the school yards. Gail could also be found helping in the bus barn or driving a school bus. Being first and foremost a family man, all sporting events would find Gail in the cheering section. His absence will be felt in our community. Sympathies are extended to his family.  
 Karlyne Atchison took Kathy Banister to Bird City for lunch Wednesday.  
 Many McDonald and area residents attended the McDonald Ice Cream Social Sunday evening.  
 Lavina Waters was among several residents that attended the birthday luncheon for Ratha Lea Loker Wednesday at the Good

Samaritan Home in St. Francis.  
 Betty Lewis, Eleanor Swihart, and Joan Tongish attended the Birthday Open House for Ratha Lea Loker in St. Francis at the Good Samaritan Home Sunday afternoon.  
 Marlene Johnson accompanied Agnes Sabatka to the Good Samaritan Home Sunday afternoon to help Ratha Lea Loker celebrate her birthday.  
 Joan Tongish and Eleanor Swihart attended the Rawlins Co. Fair in Atwood Thursday morning.  
 Gilbert and Janice Antholz, Cristi Antholz, and Carol Mears enjoyed the 7th Annual Antholz Family Reunion in Ft. Morgan, Colo. this weekend at the Comfort Steak House.

# South of McDonald By Sandy Binning

Jadon, Lindi, and Jenna Montgomery are Thursday through Tuesday guests of their grandparents, Craig and Diane Cox.  
 Kathy Banister attended the McDonald Ice Cream Social and

Talent Show Sunday evening at the Legion Hall.  
 Trinity and Devon Crayton are guests this week of their grandparents, Jerry and Sandy Binning.

## Thank you!

I wish to thank my family and friends for all their love and concerns, and especially their prayers in my behalf. I spent nearly three weeks in the Cheyenne County Hospital and Hays Medical Center. I am still recovering but I am now out and about. A special "Thank You" to Dr. Miller, who discovered my problem and had me flown to Hays Medical Center. The care from the staff at both hospitals was fantastic. I am also very thankful to my children, who came from Tampa, Lawrence and Blair. They spent many days helping me through my recovery process.  
 You, my family and friends, are so very special to me. Words just cannot really express my gratitude to all but "THANK YOU" and may God Bless You. —Vernetta Haack

**SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 1 hrs. 36 min.**

**Tammy Rated R**

**July 25-27**  
 Starring: Melissa McCarthy, Susan Sarandon and Kathy Bates  
 Rated R: If you are not 17 years old, you must have a parental permission.

**CHEYENNE THEATER** St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6  
 3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$6 All Others: \$8

## 4-H Council Food Stand Hours at the 2014 Cheyenne County Fair

Wednesday August 6- 10:00am-10:00pm  
 Thursday August 7- 7:30am-10:00pm  
 Friday August 8- 7:30am-10:00pm  
 Saturday August 9- 11:00am-10:30pm

Come enjoy the Fair and support the Cheyenne County 4-H Program!

## Cheyenne County Clinic

**Accepting New Obstetric patients!**

*Dr. Megan Brown will be here in August for deliveries. Each family is unique, so is each birth. Our staff strive to provide a safe, natural and nurturing birth experience for each family based on their individual needs.*

Schedule your prenatal visits with Kristle Raile PA-C by calling 785-332-2682 Cheyenne County Clinic to set up your visit today prior to Dr. Brown's arrival.

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**2014-2015 Free School Sports Physicals**

**With Tyler Raile, PA-C**  
 Friday, August 1, 2014  
 1 to 5 p.m.  
 At the Cheyenne County Health Department  
**No Appointment needed**  
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**You must have a signed and completed concussion and health assessment physical on file prior to first day of sports practice.**

**For more information, Contact Mila Bandel, RN County Health Nurse at 785-332-2381**

## Cheyenne County Clinic

**Bird City Hours:**  
 Monday: 9 a.m.-Noon  
 Tuesday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 9 a.m.-Noon  
 Thursday: 9 a.m.-Noon  
 Friday: 9 a.m.-Noon  
 Call: 785-734-2306

Tuesdays starting Aug. 5 all Day clinic hours is Dana Jewell-Broughman, PA-C

**St. Francis Clinic Hours:**  
 Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 785-734-2306 785-332-2682 888-278-0234

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