

## Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**

It's spring time and I see farmers, merchants, business people and almost everyone walking around with a cautious optimism.

With some nourishing snow and rain, the winter wheat is looking as good as I've seen it since I relocated to northwest Kansas four years ago. A country drive is a feast to the eyes as wheat fields have become rich, bushy carpets of forest green.

Maybe we are coming out of a long drought. But the agriculture community we live in is not "out of the woods."

Our in-office weather reporter, "Stormy," warns that a spring frost could be disastrous. The information I've been given is if the

temperature drops below 28 or 29 degrees for several hours, major damage will take another crop.

But there is still hope. Looking at The Weather Channel and Accuweather, the forecast should remain in the 30s and 40s for the next week at least.

Another thing, last night I got home from a meeting and caught Late Night With David Letterman. His gimmick was to keep the audience entertained by cranking a hand-driven siren. At the same time Paul Shaffer would operate a smaller siren. This made the crowd of New Yorkers howl with laughter.

Heck, we got a big one in the middle of town that goes off three times a day. Those big town folks don't know what they're missing.

# Medicare and drug counseling held in Goodland April 27

Doctors and pharmacists are important to individuals' well-being because they help to keep them healthy and strong. There are many ways in which people can help themselves with this process. While doctors may prescribe medications or other treatments to help in the healing process, it is the person's job to keep track of how these treatments are working.

To learn more about prescription drugs and get Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Counseling, plan to attend Full Circle — An Aging Expo on Thursday, April 27, in Goodland.

Pharmacist Cesar Miller in Goodland will discuss these topics along with Glenna Clingsmith, Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, who will be available for Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Counseling, a 30-45 minute, personal and confidential session.

Sessions will begin at 3 p.m. and conclude with a wrap-up at 8 p.m. Contact the local K-State Research and Extension Office for registration information, e-mail <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/nwao/Block2FoodNutritionSafety.htm>.

Topics to be discussed:

- Does the prescribed treatment work?
- What has improved?

- Have the symptoms gotten worse?

- Have you noticed any side effects as a result of taking the medications?

- Are you in pain?

- Do the medications cause other problems?

- Have you noticed any new problems with new medication?

- Have you talked to your pharmacist about the side effects of the medications?

- Have you written down the answers to these questions to help inform your doctor about your health the next time you visit?

These are often good questions to ask ourselves before visiting the doctor or pharmacist. Another way people can help take care of themselves is to have affordable "Prescription Drug Plans."

The Medicare Prescription Drug Plan can be a complicated issue. It is helpful to start asking yourself some important questions.

- Does the plan cover all of my medications?

- Is the plan accepted at my pharmacy?

- What are the yearly costs associated with a Medicare drug plan?

- Where do I go for help?

- How do I enroll in a Medicare drug plan?

### 25th Anniversary Card Shower

The family of Paul and Edna Roesener would like to encourage you to participate in a card shower celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. They were married April 25, 1981.

Please send cards to HC2 Box 39, McDonald, Ks. 67745.

### Books Are Fun

"Books Are Fun" selection will be available until April 29 at the Bird City public Library. New books, CDs and other gift items 30 to 60 percent less than retail prices and the opportunity to help the library earn books and DVDs in the process.

### Senior center potluck

The Bird City Senior Center potluck will be held at noon on Monday.

### Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will be meeting at the Manor on Thursday, April 29 at 2 p.m. Carol Marsh will be hostess.

### Cemetery Tour

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will have their cemetery tour at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday April 23, 2006. Meet at the Museum at 12:45 and ready to ride the bus for this tour. There will be ten cemeteries toured and an evening meal at the Kurt Bucholtz farm after the tour. A free-will donation will be taken to cover the bus rental and driver. For more information call 785-332-2504 or 785-332-2040.

### K-State Extension Office

Diann Gerstner, Thomas County FCS Agent will represent an informative program on this "New Crime of the Century". In this program you will learn how these thieves work and how to protect yourself. The meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday May 11, 2006, at the Cheyenne county Courthouse. For more information call 785-332-3171.

### Bird City Fundraiser

The Community Vacation Bible School will be holding it's fundraiser. The dinner will be after church in the Bird City Legion Hall on Sunday April 23. The theme for the Bible school will be "Fiesta" where kids get fired up about Jesus.

### Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 27 in the basement meeting room at the clinic in St. Francis. (note date)

### Prevention of Heart Attack program

Cardiovascular disease is one of the most serious health threats. Two forms of the disease, coronary heart disease and stroke, account for the number one and three causes of death in the United States.

A program will be presented by Lori Sporer, Family and Consumer Sciences, Logan County, will be telling people how making different lifestyle choices can save a life and the risk factors of the disease. The program has been set for 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Main Street Coffee Shop, 216 West Washington, St. Francis. There must be at least seven people attending before the session

will be held. Call the Extension office, 785-332-3171 by Friday.

### Identity theft/scams

"Are you a sitting duck for identity theft and scams?" will be the question asked by Diann Gerstner, Thomas County Family and Consumer Sciences agent, when she meets at 10 a.m. on May 4 in the Extension office, at the courthouse in St. Francis. The program will be presented on this "New Crime of the Century." People attending will learn how thieves work and how to protect themselves. Reservations should be made by May 1 by calling the Extension office, 785-332-3171.

### Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with C and D 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.

### Workplace Safety and OSHA Compliance

"Workplace Safety and OSHA Compliance 2006" a comprehensive one-day update conference will be held at various places in Kansas and Missouri in May. Call Cheyenne County Development Corporation at 332-3508 for information.

### AARP Driver's Safety

AARP Driver's Safety Program will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on April 25 and April 26. All drivers over 16 with a driver's license are eligible to take the course. Insurance discounts are required from insurers after you take the course as per Kansas Law. For more information and registration call Clarence Iliff at (785) 332-8958; Liz Weber at 332-2314 or Dorothy Kellner at 332-2950. Sponsored by the St. Francis Lions Club.

### Association to Benefit Cheyenne County

The Association to Benefit Cheyenne County meets tonight (Thursday) at the Diamond R.

### Health Fair

A Health Fair for both men and women will be held on Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21 at the Cheyenne County Health Department. Check ad for details.

### Sainty Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous

Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-5536 for more information

### Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour 7 day-a-week services 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 if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

### Check your name label

Have you checked the name label on your paper? This label also shows the expiration date of your subscription. Note that if your subscription

runs out completely it will take two weeks after you resubscribe before it will once again be delivered to your mail box. In order to not have a break in your service, renew by the expiration date.

### "Omer Knoll: Sculptor, Artist, and Designer"

Logan, Kans., The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum is proud to present "Omer Knoll: Sculptor, Artist, and Designer". This exhibit will open on April 14 and run through June 25, 2006.

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# Former resident promoted to Major

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Bird City is well represented by Air Force Captain Ted Glasco who continues to advance in his service to the nation. He is scheduled to be promoted to the rank of Major and has received several major awards.

Captain Glasco began his military career as a Second Lieutenant on June 1, 1996. In May of 1998 he rose to the rank of First Lieutenant and became a Captain on May 29, 2000. His estimated pin-on date to be made Major is June 1, 2006.

In addition to raising in rank, Captain Glasco has received many major awards and decorations. Among those are The Air Force Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster), September 2004, The Air Force Achievement Medal, August 2005, and The Meritorious Service Medal awarded on March 22, 2006.

Presently, Captain Glasco is the project lead for the White House Communication Agency's Annex project. This project is responsible for presidential communications outside the National Capital Region during



Glasco

contingency operations.

Captain Glasco is the son of Lynn and Candy Glasco and grandson of Glenn and Millie Glasco, all of Bird City. He entered the Air Force in 1996 as a distinguished graduate of Kansas State University ROTC program, having earned a bachelor's degree in Computer Science. He also holds a master of science degree in Aerospace Science for Oklahoma State University (1999.)

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hour 25 min.

April 21, 22 & 23

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Cheyenne Theater

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## BIRD CITY: SURVIVING THE NEXT CENTURY

DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.

Who: For the residents of the Bird City area

What: Town Hall Meeting

Where: American Legion Hall, Bird City

When: Tuesday, April 25 • 5:30 p.m.

Why: Topics of discussion include:

Housing, Recreation/Activities, Business Development, Education, Beautification/Infrastructure

Free-Will Offering Spaghetti feed, a fundraiser for Heartland Child Care expansion.

Free-Will donation babysitting at Heartland Child Care. Please RSVP to Amber at 734-2509.

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# Coming Soon

## MEN & WOMEN'S HEALTH FAIR

Thursday, April 20 & Friday, April 21  
held at the Cheyenne Co. Health Dept.

Men Prostate Screening - \$20  
Women Female Screening - \$25

Contact 785-332-2381 to set up an appointment (Payment due at time of test)

## Bird City News

Easter weekend guests of Paul and Edna Roesener were; Bethany Stoney and children Teirra and Kaitlyn of Great Bend, Ashley Johnson of Pratt, Mike and Danelle Rush with baby Mical of Cushing, Okla., Michelle Stasser and daughter Orion of Cushing, Okla., and Larry and Cathy Atkins

of Edgemont, SD. Dinner guests were Roy, Karen, Colleen, and Grant Shrader of Bird City, David Banister of McDonald, Jaylene Shrader and Lynn Swayne of Goodland.

Easter Sunday guests of Maude Elliott were her niece Carol Murray of Madrid, Neb., and her nephew Glen Murray of Grand Island, Neb.

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