

# Bulletin Board

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

Have you ever known that you were in the wrong place at the wrong time?

It can happen when visiting a big city. You make a wrong turn and end up where you shouldn't be. It can be a scary mistake.

What brings me to this thought is, last weekend, during the Cheyenne County Historical Society's Kidder Massacre tour, I was driving the same route the ill-fated party took.

Traveling at a good speed along country roads with Kent Chapman and Gary Cooper, we talked about what it must have been like.

Imagine 10, 7th Cavalry soldiers and their Indian scout as they were caught in the open plains by hostile Cheyenne and Sioux warriors. To say they were outnumbered is like saying Bin Laden is a fanatic. We're

talking hundreds of Indians to a handful of horsemen on the run.

Lieutenant Lyman Kidder was the oldest member of the soldiers. He was 25-years-old.

When General Custer and his troops found the scene, almost two weeks later, they came upon one horse that was shot and abandoned. Then another horse where pony tracks appeared.

What a sense of panic and hopelessness the soldiers and scout must have felt, riding at a full clip with a sea of Indians pouring down on them.

How long did they survive through torture and mutilation? We will never know. Luckily history has preserved the moment so scholars and history buffs can continue to make discoveries on this event and other local legends.

## Ag Talk with Jeanne

### Wheat

By Jeanne Falk, K-State Multi-County Agronomist

Seeding date can have a major effect on winter wheat yields. Producers try to plant wheat at a time so the seedlings have well established crown roots and three to five tillers before winter dormancy. This allows plants to minimize winter kill damage.

Recommended planting dates for Northwest Kansas are from Sept. 10 to Sept. 20. Wheat seeded too early in the fall uses more soil water during the fall for lush top growth, and can leave little soil water for the spring. In addition, planting early can increase chances for insects and diseases, such as Hessian fly, leaf rust, and wheat streak mosaic virus.

Hessian fly is a concern because there are no remedial or rescue treatments. Once the wheat is infected, there is nothing that can be done to fix the problem. One important management tactic is to plant after the 'Hessian fly-free' date. The approximate 'fly-free' date for Cheyenne and Sherman counties is Sept. 15. For Wallace county, the date is a couple of days later and Thomas County is Sept. 20.

The Hessian fly is a small gnat-like insect that typically goes unnoticed by growers, according to Jeff Whitworth, K-State entomologist. The flies typically emerge on warm days in September and October, usually after a rain. They mate and the females lay eggs on the upper leaf surfaces. These eggs hatch within three to ten days, depending on the temperature. The larvae, sometimes called maggots, move down the plant soon after hatching and generally start feeding just above the crown between the leaf sheaths and the stem. The larvae may feed for eight to thirty days. Mature larvae form brown, hard capsules commonly called 'flax-seeds', which is where they overwinter.

Often these infections go unnoticed. Infested plants tend to have stunted shoots or tillers, or even plant death. In addition, infected plants have weakened stems, which result in partially filled heads or stem breakage and lodging.

The Hessian fly was first reported in the United States in 1779 from an area near some Hessian soldiers' campsite. The pest was found in Kansas in 1871 and has been reported here every year since then.

## Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:  
It was brought to my attention the other day, by a businessman in Bird City, that since I have a son going to school in St. Francis, that I might not represent Bird City properly if I become District 1 County Commissioner.

Maybe we should look at all the facts before we start pointing fingers.

Fact 1: Yes, I do have a son going to St. Francis High School which is in Cheyenne County.

Fact 2: I have put six children through Cheylin High School which is more than most people have. I have had children in school for 33

years and 31 of those years were in Cheylin Schools.

I have two grandchildren attending Cheylin Schools now.

Fact 3: I have two sons and their wives, who have businesses in Bird City. I also have a daughter who is the director of the daycare center in Bird City.

Why would I jeopardize my own family's livelihood and the way they live?

I can assure you that I will do my best to see that the people in the district get their fair share of the tax dollars.

Ernie Ketzner  
Bird City

### Serviceman's address

Justin Antholz, son of Michelle and Robbin Antholz is a Marine recruit at basic training. He would enjoy receiving letters from friends and family. He will be at basic through the middle of November. He can receive letters only. His address is: Recruit Antholz, Justin R; 3rd Bn Mike Co. Platoon 3045; 39001 Midway Ave.; MCRD San Diego, CA 92140-3045.

### Cheylin Recreation Commission

Cheylin Recreation Commission monthly meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the Cheylin High School Library.

### Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will meet at the Manor on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 2:00 p.m. Arlene Bruder will be the hostess.

### Cheylin Homecoming

The Cheylin Homecoming Coronation activities will be held at the football field on Thursday evening and the game on Friday evening. See article for more information.

### 80th birthday open house

The family of Bettye Winston is holding an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16., at the Church of Christ to honor her on her 80th birthday. Friends are welcome to attend. No gifts please.

Those unable to attend the open house may send cards of good wishes to Bettye Winston, P.O. Box 177, St. Francis, KS 67756.

### Card shower for 90th birthday

The family of Lawrence Hilt will be honoring him with a card shower to celebrate his 90th birthday on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Cards and memories can be sent to 523 E. 2nd, St. Francis, KS 67756.

### Birthday Brunch

The family of Barbara Ewing is holding a Birthday Brunch to help her celebrate her birthday. It will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the St. Francis Senior Center. The family is requesting a reply to either Missy Hunt, 970-278-0052 (mmhunt5@juno.com) or Mrs. Ewing at 785-332-2210. Cards would be appreciated but no gifts please. Her address is P.O. Box 343, St. Francis, KS 67756.

### Care Center address

Cards and letters may be sent to Dave Roberson at Kindred Care Center, 1920 High Street, Room 502, Denver, CO 80218.

### Health Lab Test Fair

The Cheyenne County Health Department is sponsoring a Health Lab Test Fair at the Bird City Clinic on Monday, Oct. 2. Ad located elsewhere.

### Household Hazardous Waste Roundup

Household Hazardous Waste Roundup will take from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23. Ad and story located elsewhere.

### Beecher Island reunion

The 107th Beecher Island Reunion will begin on Friday and run through Sunday. Many activities are being planned. Ad/story located elsewhere.

### Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, at 9:30 a.m. central time on Thursday, Sept. 21, will be at the county clerk's office in St. Francis to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. 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.

### Hospital Board

The next meeting of the hospital board has been set for 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28, in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.

### Cheylin Recreation Commission

Cheylin Recreation Commission monthly meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the Cheylin High School Library.

### Cheyenne Recovery Today/ Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

### 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) 332-6542 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.

### County Commissioners

Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31, at the courthouse.

### AARP

AARP will be meeting at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Cheyenne County Museum. ErvaGene DeAragon will be the hostess.



Velta Johnson

## 100th Birthday planned

Velta Johnson will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Sept. 20. A birthday open house is planned for 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Rainbow Fountain Community Room in Benkelman. No gifts, please.

Those who are unable to attend the open house may send greetings to her at Hester Memorial Home, Box 646, Benkelman, NE, 69021.



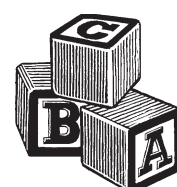
Gardner

## Introducing

### Julianna Ruth Gardner

Troy and Annalynn Gardner of St. Francis wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Julianna Ruth Gardner, on Aug. 29, 2006, at the Citizen Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/2-inches long.

Grandparents are Chet and Colleen Gardner of St. Francis and Will and Sandy Dietzel of California, Mo. Great-grandparents are Ruth Reynolds of St. Francis and Viola Ruth Lutes of California, Mo.



## South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Lynn and Rita Officer called on Ratha Lea Loker in St. Francis at the Good Samaritan Village Sunday afternoon.

Joe and Charlene Kramer spent last weekend in Ozawkie visiting Joe's mother, Ellen Kramer. She was admitted at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka. Joe returned to Ozawkie Sunday to visit again. Ryan and Diane Shay and children also accompanied them last weekend.

Dennis and Charlene Kramer attended the Back To School Bash in St. Francis Saturday featuring "Little Tommy", preaching, teaching and performing.

Bethel Goltl attended the Founder's Day pot luck dinner Sunday at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.

Mike and Amy Waters and children of Haviland were weekend guests of Bethel Goltl and Doug and Karen Flemming.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Brewster Homecoming football game Friday night.

David Banister was home for the weekend from Hays.

### Last week

The George Banister family attended the Hitchcock County/Cheylin football game Friday at Bird City.

David Banister was home from college for the Labor Day weekend.

Debbie and Kathy Banister visited with Laddie Kacirek in the Rawlins County Hospital Saturday evening.

Saturday afternoon Michael and

Erin Officer and baby Lucy of Broken Arrow, Okla., arrived at the home of Lynn and Rita Officer for a visit. They brought Rita's mother, Betty Dewey of Seward with them. Randy and Melissa Regier and family came over also. They were all guests through Monday.

Lynn Officer picked up Ratha Lea Loker Sunday in St. Francis and took her to church. She was a Sunday dinner and afternoon guest at the Officer home.

Additional Saturday evening guests of Lynn and Rita Officer and family and guests were Jerry, Betty and Travis Knapp.

Shaun, Merinda and Devon Crayton were Labor Day weekend guests of Jerry, Sandy and John Binning.

Robert Binning was a weekend guest of his parents, Jerry and Sandy Binning before returning to college Monday afternoon.

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscription: Robin Antholz, McDonald; Owen Wingfield, McDonald; Daniel Stang, Hayes Center, Neb.; Raymond Johnson, McDonald; Jane Lentz, Fort Collins, Colo.; Charles Loper, Colo.

rado Springs, Colo.; Melvin Mast, Bird City; Kent Voorhies, McDonald; Robert Van Allen, Wheeler; Darwin DaPron, Bird City; Hollis Dapron, Gina Krien, Bird City

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Contact 785-332-2381 for more information

**Effective Monday, September 11**  
the front entrance will be closed for construction. It is expected to reopen on Mon., Sept. 25. Please use the east door entrance or west basement Physical Therapy ramp. If you need a ramp, please use the West ramp or for drop-off you can use the ambulance entrance. Please enter the ambulance entrance from Adams Street (enter from the west).  
We appreciate your patience and cooperation.