

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

When we leave this life, material things don't go with us. What we accumulate here stays here. My faith tells me about the importance of stewardship. Even though what we have is temporary, it must be treated wisely. A good example of this are the ranchers of this area. Management of cattle is not something that is taken lightly. Now is the time of year that the calves are being weaned from their mothers. Cattlemen know what routines need to be followed throughout the year. But there are many variables that can change

their plans. When Mother Nature exposes animals to all forms of torment, the cattlemen are there to provide what is needed. As a shepherd tends to his sheep, a rancher cares for his cattle. Today celebrities, such as Pamela Anderson, speak against the horrid treatment of massed produced animals. There is an ever-growing movement, especially of young people, to become vegetarians. Luckily we still have a strong base for the beef industry here. Thanks to the stewardship of the cattlemen.



Operation Support Our Troops Supporting troops for the holidays

Hulda Dorsch of Bird City is the Cheyenne County Chairman of the Supporting Our Soldiers Operation (SOS). Operation Supporting Our Soldiers is an organization whose goal is to provide support to the troops serving the United States overseas. In partnership with National Make A Difference Day (www.usaweekend.com/diffday/) sponsored by USA Today, Operation Supporting Our Soldiers is putting on an event to pack 800+ boxes to send to soldiers overseas in time for the holiday season. Make a Difference Day is a nationwide event designed to mobilize volunteers all over the United States. It will be held on Oct. 28. In 2005, over 3 million people across the nation came out and volunteered. Our Make A Difference Day events will involve Operation Supporting Our Soldiers and its volunteers packing and sealing boxes full of goodies to send to troops stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Kosovo, Kuwait and Qatar. Homemade cookies, holiday decorations, and other non-perish-

able items will be packaged and made ready for shipping. Many of these items will be donated between now and then at locations in the surrounding areas. Operation Support Our Troops was founded in 2002 by the families of the 388th Medical Logistics Reserve Unit from Hays. Since its inception, the operation has sent almost 6,500 packages containing a wide range of supplies, such as 300 pillows, over 2,800 dozen homemade cookies and countless food and toiletry items people take for granted here. Last year, 1000 care packages were sent for the holidays. If funding permits they plan to send at least 800 this year. "If you would like to help the group reach their goal, whether by monetary donation or collection of items to send, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the project or visit the website," said Mrs. Dorsch. "If you know of a soldier that you would like to receive a Christmas/holiday box please give me their name and address to include on the mailing list."

Bird City American Legion Auxiliary
The Save Our Soldiers collection for boxes to be sent to Armed Services personnel overseas is collecting items this month. Toothpaste and chapstick are two of the items that are really needed. The care packages mean a great deal to soldiers stationed overseas for long periods of time.

Bird City Community Club
The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7:30 on Thursday, Oct. 9, at the fellowship hall.

Home Circle Club
The Home Circle Club will meet at Lebow Manor on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 2:00 p.m. Norma Butcher will be hostess.

The Interstate Dialysis Center
There will be an open-house to celebrate the opening of The Interstate Dialysis Center on Saturday,

Oct. 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 334 S. 13 St. Burlington, Colo. 80807 Please respond to 719-346-6080. Facility Administrator, Courtney Maguire, Regional Director, Brenda Shrader, Medical Director, Clancy Howard, M. D.

Fur-harvest education courses
Two fur-harvest education courses are being planned in October. The first is set from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at Bellamy Farm, 1615 Rd. 51, 11 miles south of Goodland. The next day, Sunday, Oct. 29, a class will be held at the Cheyenne County Gun Club, 1/3 mile south of St. Francis on Road 14, south of U.S. 36. Times are the same. Preregistration is needed and lunch will be served. Call Mike Hopper, Kansas Wildlife and Parks officer, 785-899-5199, for more information or to register.

60th anniversary card shower
Dean and Erna Blume will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 20. Helping them celebrate will be their children; Linda Marshall and husband, Wayne of Hays, and Roger Blume and wife, Melinda of Goodland, and grandchildren, Richard Marshall of McCook, Jeff Marshall and wife, Tara of Topeka and great-grandchildren, Spencer and Ethan Marshall of Topeka. Dean and Erna were the second couple to be married at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Cards may be sent to the couple at P.O. Box 473, Goodland, KS 67735.

Vet rep in St. Francis
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, at 9:30 a.m. central time on Thursday, Oct. 19, 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.

Association to Benefit Cheyenne County
The Association to Benefit Cheyenne County meets every third Thursday of the month at the Diamond R.

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.

Cheyenne County Commissioners
The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 16, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse in St. Francis.

Computer workshop
Anyone interested in a mini workshop on a lap top computer, please contact the St. Francis Public Library at 332-3292 by Oct. 10.

Western Plains Arts Association
The following Western Plains Arts Association presentations will be taking place between now and Nov. 2: Ron Radford, a Flamenco guitarist, will do a public performance at Sunday, Oct. 8, at Sharon Springs High School with two school presentations at Brewster Schools the next day, Oct. 9; Wichita Children's Theatre will do *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* in

four area schools and an evening performance, on Oct. 19/20 at Hoxie, Quinter, Winona, Colby and Goodland High School; *Ballet Folklorico* will do a visual fiesta of culture featuring regional dances of old Mexico on Nov. 2 at Oakley.

Insired
Cal and Cindy Turner of C.C. Turner Concerts will be presenting three performances at the Assembly of God Church in Oberlin. The first one is at 7 p.m. on Saturday, the second one is at 11 a.m. Sunday at a special morning service and the final one at 7 p.m. Sunday evening. The concert will include a uplifting, motivating event packed full of music, stories, gift give aways and loads of fun for folks of all ages. Admission is free.

Annual Craft Show held Nov. 4
The annual St. Francis Craft Show sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, has been set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 4 at the grade school located at Washington and Francis streets. The show offers a variety of items including wreaths, wooden painted items, Santa dolls, candles, ornaments, wood furniture, sweatshirts, floral arrangements, bird houses, baked goods, jewelry, barnwood items and many more things. Crafter planning to have a booth at the show should contact the Chamber office, 785-332-2961, Tammy Grice, 785-332-2910 or Bonnie Zweygardt, 785-332-2569.

Bicycles still being collected
The Lions Club is still collecting bicycles to take to the Norton Correctional facility to be repaired. The bicycles made be taken to the Saint Francis Herald office for later pickup.

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

For the Record

Sept. 2 - Frontier Equity Exchange reported the theft of a gas nozzle valued at \$75.

Sept. 3 - A 1990 Chevy pickup driven by Don Krien, St. Francis, was at County Roads 14 and R and had passed a 1996 Chevy 2500 driven by Courtney Douthit, St. Francis, when Douthit turned into Krien's vehicle.

Sept. 12 - Criminal damage to property was reported by Valerie Clark. 320 N. College St. Damage in the amount of \$100 was done to gravel and lawn grass.

Sept. 13 - John Larson reported that sometime between Aug. 5 and Sept. 13 criminal damage was done to a wooden door on County Road R.

Sept. 13 - A 1998 Oldsmobile driven by Judy Raile, St. Francis, was east bound on U.S. 36 making a left turn to Dennison St. as a 1996 Pontiac driven by Cara Hunt, St. Francis, also east bound on U.S. 36, hit front left of Raile's vehicle with it's rear. Hunt said she was unable to see because of the sun.

Sept. 13 - A 2006 Humbolt driven by Sierra Castor, Wray, failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Washington and Benton streets and hit a 1989 Ford Crown Victoria driven by Kenneth Voeller, St. Francis, who had come to a stop and was proceeding across the intersection.

Sept. 15 - A 1995 Chevy Silverado driven by Roger Neitzel was northbound on College St. when a 2000 Honda attempted to pass it on the left side as Neitzel was turning left. The Honda struck the left front of the Chevy and then left the roadway.

Sept. 15 - A 1994 Jeep Wrangler driven by Merlyn Sherlock, St. Francis, and owned by Royce Gienger, was northbound on Road 13 and failed to yield the right of way at Road R. Sherlock's vehicle T-boned a 1990 Buick LaSabre driven by Darrell Zweygardt who was westbound on road R. Sherlock's vehicle traveled approximately 45 feet northwest from the point of impact, entered the ditch and rolled onto the passenger side.

Sept. 16 - The theft of an Artic Cat 4-wheeler valued at \$5,000 was reported by Harland Loyd, St. Francis. The 4-wheeler was recovered on Sept. 17.

Sept. 17 - The theft of two meals valued at \$29 was reported by Connie Miller of The Heritage Corner Cafe in Bird City.

Sept. 17 - A 2001 Chevy GMC driven by Tyler Larson, St. Francis, was southbound on a St. Francis street when it struck the rear of a vehicle owned by Brad and Mary Barnhart that was legally parked.

Sept. 20 - Victim of a criminal threat was Tina Walz.

Sept. 23 - An individual was charged with Driving Under the Influence and Transporting an open container.

Sept. 25 - A 2005 Chevy Silverado driven by William Van Meter of Eastview, Ky. struck a deer while traveling west on U.S. 36.

Oct. 3 - Ronald Harding, age 61, of Goodland was driving a 1992 Dodge Ram when he left it in reverse in a private drive on E. Washington St. He got out of the vehicle and it traveled backward into the southeast corner of the house. Harding was hit by the drivers side door and the front left wheel.

Oct. 3 - Burglary and theft was reported by Pat Rose at the Windmill Restaurant. Ice cream bars valued at \$5 and dollar bills valued \$100 were taken.

Oct. 7 - At approximately 5:35 p.m. a brown 1993 Ford van stopped at Burr's Liquor Store and made a purchase. When the van left the driver ran over the stop sign at the corner of Adams St. and U.S. 36 access road.

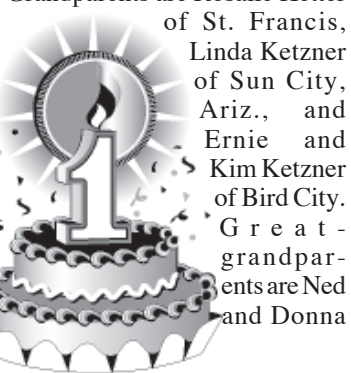
Oct. 8 - A 1997 Dodge Ram 1500 driven by John Bargo was eastbound on Rd. W when the horse trailer he was pulling lost control and rolled the trailer containing three horses. The driver had tipped the trailer back up and moved the pickup by the time the officer had arrived. None of the horses were injured.

Birthday celebrated with family and friends

Brady John Ketzner celebrated his first birthday on Aug. 22. He is the son of Nick and Heidi Ketzner of Bird City. Also helping him celebrate was his brother, Dylan and other family and friends.



Brady Ketzner Johnson of Bird City, Dottie Cook and Charlene Fritsche, both of Goodland.



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Ernie Ketzner Cheyenne County Commissioner District 1
Pol. adv. pd. for by Ernie Ketzner

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Nadja Button and Patrick Delano

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Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to the hospital and clinic!

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