

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

The United States of America joined an exclusive club last Tuesday. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, our population passed the 300 million mark. Only two other countries, China and India, can make the same boast. The Census Bureau figures it this way. America gains one person every 11 seconds. The reason for this is births come more often than deaths. A child is born every seven seconds, but a death occurs every 13 seconds. There is another variable. Each 31 seconds an immigrant enters this country. I checked their website but was unable to find out the ratio of legal to illegal migration. Some other information given by the Census Bureau deals with demographics.

It came as no surprise, big cities are growing more than rural areas. From 1970 to 2000, folks living in the suburbs grew from 38 percent to 50 percent. A sad number was the drop in married-couple households. It fell from nearly 75 percent in 1967 to 50 percent today. Nonfamily households rose from 17 percent to 33 percent. Out of all of this there is one fact that pleases me most of all. When the census lady comes around Lezlie is the one she talks to. A final figure: at 1:10 p.m., E.D.T., on Oct. 17, 2006, the United States Census Bureau estimates the world population at 6,550,993,799. See, you do count!

Young riders race at Nebraska track

The Janickes were racing on Oct. 1 (just the boys). After taking about two months off from racing, the Janicke family went to Wauneta, Neb. to catch another race. The weather was great and everyone had a good time. Walker rode like he had not taken any time off. He beat the boys he had been beating earlier this year and he could catch a couple boys who generally go a little faster. Walker ended up in fourth place for the day.



JORDAN JANICKE does a good job at Wauneta. Photo courtesy of Lori Janicke

Devon was a little rusty and lacked a little confidence because of a crash at home in August. He still rode decent and was fourth in both of his classes, the 65cc and 50cc 7-8 year olds. Jordan had the best day of everyone. He raced at the same time as Devon so there is always some confusion as to what place everyone is in. He seemed to be riding well and having a good time. At the end of the day he went to get his trophy and he was awarded second place in the 50cc 4-6 year old class. Needless to say he was pretty happy with the size of his trophy. Clayton didn't race because he is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Annual Holiday Craft Fair
The annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the American Legion Hall in Bird City. Lunch will be available.

Cheylin Spook Parade
Cheylin Student Government will be sponsoring the Cheylin Spook Parade for pre-school-6th grade on Tuesday Oct. 31. Plans are to parade downtown at 2:30 p.m. weather permitting. If it is too cold or rainy, the parade will be in the high school gym. Any pre-school children, parents, businesses, or individuals that would like to participate or bring goodies for the kids, please be there 15 minutes early so you can get lined up.

Community Soup Cook-off/ Spook Parade
Community Soup Cook-Off and Spook Parade will begin at 5:30 Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the Bird City American Legion. Look for ad in this issue of the Times.

Bird City Senior Center potluck
Bird City Senior Center will have their potluck at noon on Monday, Oct. 23. The Center will not have monthly potluck during November and December.

County Development Corporation annual meeting
The Cheyenne County Development Corporation will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at the Heritage Corner Cafe, Bird City. All Cheyenne County residents who are registered voters are members of the Corporation, and are welcome to attend.

Reformation Weekend
Reformation Weekend will be held at the First Baptist Church October 27-29. Dr. Roy Hargrave of Ormand Beach, Fla., will be speaking. The conference is free and child care will be provided. For more information and conference schedule, please call 332-3921.

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. Crafters planning to have a booth at the show should contact the Chamber office, 785-332-2961, Tammy Grice, 785-332-2910 or Bonnie Zwegardt, 785-332-2569.

Cheyenne Community Meth Watch
Tom Raile, Cheyenne County Law Enforcement officer, will be presenting the Cheyenne Community Meth Watch program at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19, at Cheylin Grade Schol cafeteria and at 7:30

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.

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.

Hospital Board
The next meeting of the hospital board has been set for 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.

Reception for gubernatorial candidate
A reception for gubernatorial candidate, Jim Barnett will be held at the Technical College Student Union in Goodland, at 6 p.m. mountain time (7 p.m. central time) on Wednesday evening, Oct. 18. Refreshments will be served.

Western Plains Arts Association
The following Western Plains Arts Association presentations will be taking place between now and Nov. 2. Wichita Children's Theatre will do *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* in four area schools and an evening performance, on Oct. 19 and Oct. 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

Correction
In the Oct. 12 Bird City City Council meeting article, the ambulance service is applying for a grant to purchase a stair chair (not scare chair) and a Zoll defibrillator (not Zolo).

Ag Talk with Jeanne

Guidelines for Replanting Wheat

By Jeanne Falk, K-State Multi-County Agronomist
Some wheat in our area is being replanted due to crusting issues from recent hard rains. Replanting almost always occurs late in the season, so it is important for producers to adjust their normal seeding rates. Generally, when wheat is planted late, there is reduced root and tiller development, according to Jim Shroyer, K-State crop-production specialist. This subjects the new wheat to wind damage and increases the possibility of winterkill damage. Yields are typically lower when seeding after the optimal range of planting dates. In a seven-year study in southwest Kansas, wheat planted Nov. 1 yielded 23 percent less than wheat planted Oct. 1. Wheat planted Dec. 1 yielded 40 percent less than wheat planted Oct. 1. Whenever wheat is planted later than the optimal planting date range, the seeding rate needs to be increased to compensate for the lack of tillering and to limit the potential yield loss. Even with higher seeding rates,

grain yields will be lower when planted late than at the optimal date and seeding rate. However, yields won't be as low as they would have been if a lower seeding rate had been used. In other words, by increasing the seeding rate for delayed planting dates, the yield decrease is not as severe. When wheat is planted late and it doesn't emerge until after Jan. 1, generally yields will be only 40 to 60 percent of normal. In western Kansas, normal seeding rates are 50 to 60 pounds per acre, but after the optimal planting date has passed, the seeding rate should be increased by about 10 to 15 pounds per acre per week, so that by Nov. 1, the seeding rate should be 100 to 120 pounds per acre. When wheat is no-till planted into row crop stubble, seeding rates are typically increased by 50 percent, even when planted during the first half of the optimal range of dates. When the expected planting date is past the halfway mark of the optimal planting range or later, the seeding rate should be 100 to 120 pounds per acre.

Recipe

Green Tomato Pie
5-7 chopped green tomatoes
1 cup sugar or substitute
2 T. flour
dash salt
2 T. lemon juice
2 T. cinnamon and 1/2 t. nutmeg (apple pie spice)
2 T. butter
2 crusts
Prepare green tomatoes, toss with sugar, flour, salt, spices, lemon juice. Fill 9-inch pastry-lined pie pan. Dot with butter. Add top crust, cut four small cuts. Spread with one-pat butter, sprinkle with sugar. Bake 400 degrees for 50 minutes. Submitted by Neva DeGood St. Francis

The City of Bird City is looking for a CITY TREASURER, Duties will include but not limited to:

Doing the budget & having it published, quarterly statements of the financial records of the city, payroll, taxes, KPERS, keeping ledgers of all money received & paid out, printing checks, monthly balancing of the bank accounts. If you are interested please inquire at the city hall. The deadline for all applications is October 23, 2006.

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Notice of Annual Stockholders Meeting of Wheeler Cooperative Merc. Equity Union
To be held in the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas Fri., Oct. 27, 2006. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with meal following.
THE AGENDA:
Reading of annual report.
Election of one director.
All other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.
R.S.V.P. 785-332-2281 Steve Busse, Secretary

Wanted
JOBS • JOBS
If you are interested in long term, stable employment, have basic computer skills or are willing to learn, enjoy helping people and can pass a background check, read on! Good Wages, benefits, opportunity for advancement, no travel or shift work. Work in an air conditioned, clean facility in Bird City. Bilingual a plus, active seniors welcome. We are testing the availability of the workforce in the area for a prospective business in the Bird City area. Send either a resume or letter of interest by Oct. 15, 2006 to Bird City Jobs, c/o TC #4, P.O. Box 488, Bird City, Ks. 67731.
BIRD CITY CENTURY II
Development Foundation
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SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hours, 19 min.
Oct. 20, 21 & 22
Starring: Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher, Neal McDonough, Melissa Sagemiller, Clancy Brown
The Guardian
Action/Adventure and Drama
Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of action/peril, brief strong language and some sensuality.
Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747
Children 11 & under: \$2 12-18 yr.: \$3 Senior Citizens: \$3 Adults: \$4

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ...
It's a whole lot easier to say yes, than it is to say no —
Having served on numerous boards, I have never been a yes man. I believe in voting for what I think is right.
Ernie Ketzner
Cheyenne County Commissioner District 1
Pol. adv. pd. for by Ernie Ketzner

Employment Opportunity at Cheyenne County Hospital Full-Time Nursing Assistant
CNA certificate preferred. Successful applicants will possess basic computer skills, excellent communication abilities and the willingness to become part of our TEAM of healthcare professionals. Weekend rotation is required.
Cheyenne County Hospital is an equal opportunity employer. Excellent benefit package including; Health/Dental insurance, sick leave, a generous retirement plan, paid holidays and more.
If interested in joining our team in our newly renovated facility, stop in and fill out an application or contact Tenille for more details. 785-332-2104

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104
FLU VACCINES are here and will be available at the Cheyenne County Clinic and Cheyenne County Health Dept. starting **Oct. 30.**
Reminder
Those 65 years and over and those with chronic illness should have the Flu Vaccine.
NOTICE
Please DO NOT allow your kids to play, ride bikes, scooters or be on the new ambulance entrance. This is for everyone's safety. Thanks for you cooperation!

Corrections
The Saint Francis Herald will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 332-3162 to report errors. We believe that news stories should be fair and factual, and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

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