



# Bulletin Board

## Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**  
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 There are few things more satisfying than having a seed or seedling planted in the spring turn into a jar of goodness in the late summer.  
 Once again all the effort of turning soil, weeding, watering, nurturing and caring for a little plot of earth that is our garden has all been worth while. The days and nights spent worrying about hail and mornings and afternoons with backs bent over have paid out, several time over.  
 Lezlie and I have put up three batches of pickled cucumbers and okra. Yellow squash, zucchini, green peppers and jalapenos have graced our table. And now the tomatoes have arrived.  
 Nothing, I mean nothing, can compare to the flavor of a just picked, home-grown tomato. Just ask our daughter Lexi. This time

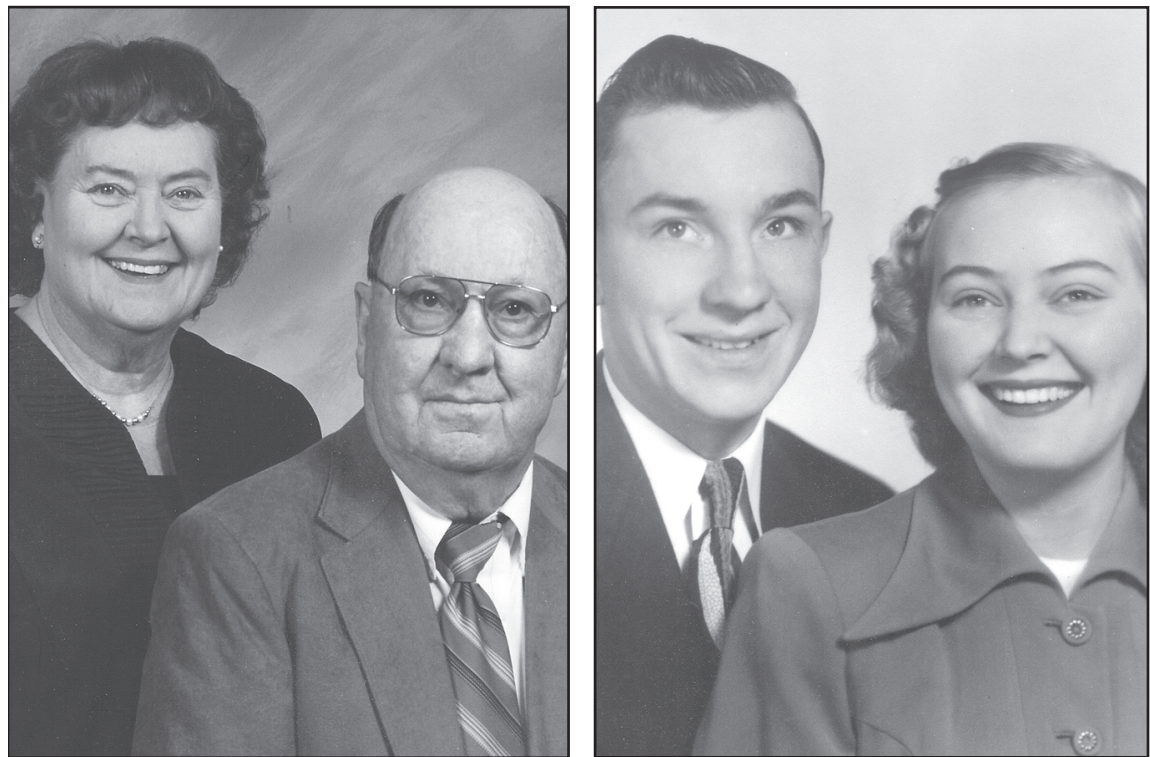
of year we can't have enough tomatoes to go with the cottage cheese around to keep her happy.  
 Last weekend, with over 50 red beauties on the counter, Lez and I got busy making her famous salsa. Even in a hot kitchen, it is a pleasure to be around piles of fresh onion, garlic, peppers and, of course, blanched and peeled tomatoes. Our little kitchen takes on the look of a Mexican factory as we alternate between boiling pots and rattling Mason jars and lids that are sterilizing.  
 The entire scene is a delight to the senses. Bright colors, pungent smells and production sounds go together as canned salsa lines the counter.  
 Stepping back, a feeling of accomplishment comes with seeing the final glory of our little, side-yard garden. Now where are the tortilla chips?

**American Legion Auxiliary**  
 The American Legion Auxiliary will be meeting at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10.  
**Home Circle Club**  
 Hostess Lucille Wright will have the September meeting of the Home Circle Club at her home. It will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16.  
**Offices closed on Sept. 6**  
 Ad, pictures and story deadline for the Sept. 9 issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7, as the office will be closed on Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 6). The newspapers will be published and delivered one day later that week.  
**90th birthday**  
 Clarence "Zim" Zimbelman will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Sept. 13. Best wishes can be sent to him at Clarence Zimbelman, c/o Margot LaPanse, 1257 S. Mesa Ct., Superior, CO 80027.

**Horse Fun Day**  
 Horse Fun Day will be held Sunday at the fairgrounds in St. Francis. Registration starts at 1 p.m. and the action will begin at 1:30 p.m. See article for more information.  
**Republican meeting**  
 A meeting of the elected Republican Precinct Committee Men and Women will be held at 7:30, Tuesday at the St. Francis Community Church. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and reorganize.  
 All Republicans are welcome.  
**Store remodeling**  
 The 2nd Beginnings Thrift Store in Bird City will be closed until Oct. 1 due to remodeling.  
**Hospice meeting**  
 There will be a Hospice potluck meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at the United Methodist Church in Bird City.  
**WPAA**  
 Western Plains Arts Association will present Summer The Drummer And The Kansas City Street Band on Sunday, Sept. 12, in the Goodland High School auditorium at 3 p.m. central time.

**Fair Board**  
 The Cheyenne County Fair Board will be meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m.  
**Commissioners**  
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the courthouse in St. Francis.  
**US 36 Treasure Hunt**  
 The fifth annual U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt is coming soon, Sept. 17-19. Vendor maps available starting the week of Sept. 6. They can be picked up at the Extension office, 300 Benton (Northrup lot mailbox) and various other places in St. Francis.  
**Narcotics Anonymous**  
 Narcotics Anonymous meetings

are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Sunday nights at 8 p.m. and Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.  
**Northwest Kansas Family Shelter**  
 Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7day-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.  
**Correction**  
 In last week's accident report, it listed R.L. Walz as not wearing a seatbelt when his pickup rolled. The sheriff said it appeared that Walz was not wearing a seatbelt but he could have been.



Junior and Jerry Cress

## Several occasions call for celebration

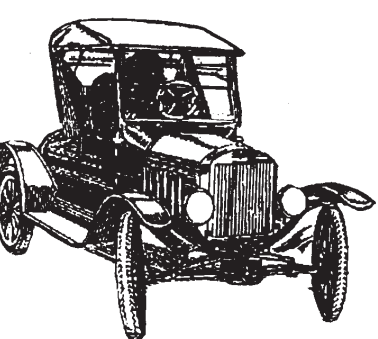
Junior and Jerry Cress will celebrate their 62nd anniversary on Oct. 3. Junior's 80th birthday will be Sept. 17 and Jerry's 80th birthday is Oct. 4.

Junior and Jerry lived in Bird City most of their lives. They now live with their daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Kenny Riemer. They would enjoy hearing from

their friends in Bird City to help them celebrate these special days. Cards and letters can be sent to them at 13086 Myrna Lane, Eckert, CO 81418.

## Cheyenne Co Developing

**By Chuck Kribs**  
**Buy local!**  
 In our last column, we took ourselves to task for buying car insurance "not local." Now it's time to point out some basics about "buying local" and take some others to the line.  
 Buying from a locally owned and operated business keeps about 45 percent of revenue in our community. Buying from a local business which is not locally owned results in about a 14-percent retention. Buying from a "big box" store, not in our community results in? You guessed it - a ZERO retention.  
 Unfortunately, this is too often the case, not only with individuals but with organizations. We see service organizations buying supplies for fair concessions at Walmart. We see event planners



buying comestibles from out of our country. We see community projects buying materials from out of our state. We see construction projects, funded by public funds or foundations using contractors from out of state or out of country.  
 If we ask, why? The answer is usually: "we get a better price." Well? Isn't that a good reason?

Maybe. But, in almost every case, local suppliers/vendors/contractors have not even been asked to offer a competitive price. That is just plain wrong! We must give local business a chance to be competitive.  
 We need to ask ourselves, if these organizations don't support our communities support them?  
 So, the next time you are asked to make a donation, buy a ticket, put up a poster or whatever, don't be afraid to ask, where is the money going to be spent? Then let your conscience be your guide.

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**Meet Marty Fear,**  
**Cheyenne County Livestock Extension Agent for District 3**  
**Thursday, Sept. 9**  
**4-5 p.m.**  
 Cheyenne County Courthouse basement, St. Francis

**Flu Season is Here!**  
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## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:  
 In the past week President Obama has voiced his support for a Muslim Mosque to be built at Ground Zero, the site of the 9-11 terrorist attacks in New York City. This causes me to wonder what was the president doing and thinking on that fateful day.  
 It seems like the president is disconnected to the American people and their feelings. It has been suggested by many of our nation's leaders that the mosque is really a tribute to glorify the 9-11 Islamic terrorists that killed 3,000 Americans and caused so much grief and pain. It was a terrible strike against the United States, and we will never forget it.  
 In my opinion, building a large expensive mosque 13 stores high looming over ground zero is disrespectful and dishonoring to the victims and their families of 9-11. What happened to the plans to erect a memorial in honor of the victims?  
 Most Americans support the Constitutional rights that call for freedom of religion; but not at ground zero! New York already has over a hundred Muslim mosques, and there are mega Muslim mosques being built all over America. Why is it so important to build one near ground zero where so many Americans were murdered?  
 The project is headed up by Muslim cleric Feisal Abdul Rauf. This is the same cleric who is being funded by the United States State Department.  
 It has been said by the State Department that Feisal Abdul Rauf is a distinguished Muslim cleric and they have a program through their Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau that send people from Muslim communities here in this country around the world to help people overseas understand our society and the role of religion

within our society.  
 I ask is this coming from the same president who during his visit to Turkey told the Muslim audience that America is not a Christian, Jewish or Muslim nation. And has the U.S. State Department sent a Christian or Jewish or any other religious representative to the Middle East to "help people overseas understand our society and the role of religion..."  
 November elections are coming up and I urge everyone to vote, but more than that; vote for the candidate that puts Americans first and not their own agenda.  
 Let your voice be heard!  
 Marilyn Frisbie  
 McDonald  
 What value do ye get per \$1: wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? Alcohol, drugs, tobacco, body painting, piercing, tattoos, lotteries, sports, and such like! "Woe unto him. That giveth his neighbor drink... At the last, it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder"... "Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh...nor print any marks upon you."  
 On news, "Woman was trampled to death by spooked horses...Lil dog half blinded (an eye left dangling)! Kids health org cities, "6 Dead, 9,300 injured by fireworks...  
 ...so let the tradition fizzle out!" They don't hold a candle to a door rattling, house shuddering, thunder booming, panoramic, lightning blitz, ANYHOW! What value do ye get per \$1?  
 "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mark 8: 36-37.  
 Frank Sowers, Benkelman, Neb.

## School Menu

Menu subject to change  
**Tuesday, Sept. 7**  
 Breakfast: Apple wraps.  
 Lunch: Quesadillas and rice.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 8**  
 Breakfast: Tornadoes.  
 Lunch: Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes and roll.  
**Thursday, Sept. 9**

Breakfast: Breakfast bites.  
 Lunch: Sausage gravy and biscuit.  
**Friday, Sept. 10**  
 Breakfast: Polish sausage supreme.  
 Lunch: Grilled cheese and tomato soup.

## South of McDonald

**By Sandy Binning**  
 Chuck and Mitzi McNall, Clay and Megan, all of Holdridge, Neb., were weekend guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey. Tom and Kelly Dewey, Tom and Kelly Dewey and children joined them for Sunday lunch.  
 Ellen Dewey called on Hattie Toth and Shirley Williams in Atwood Wednesday afternoon. Tom and Kelly Dewey, Tayten and Tru attended Tucker Prideaux's third birthday party in Atwood Saturday.

**SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. 2 hr. 10 min.**

**Inception**  
**Sept. 3, 4 & 5**  
*PG-13 for sequences of violence and action throughout.*  
 Leonardo DiCaprio, Ken Watanabe, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Marion Cotillard, Ellen Page, Tom Hardy  
**CHEYENNE THEATER** St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747  
 Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

**CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL** 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

**Diabetes Support Group meeting**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**Cheyenne County Clinic Basement**  
**Topic: Diabetes 101**  
**Monica Wacker, Diabetic Educator from McCook, Nebraska will be the guest speaker**  
**For more information contact:**  
**Mila Bandel, RN**  
**County Health Nurse at 785-332-2381**