



# Bulletin Board

## Casey's Comments

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I know it isn't wise to become too attached to material objects. Things don't add to a person's character or give them a larger heart. But some items do have value beyond their price tags.

Last weekend my wife and in-laws, Kurt and Margaret Bucholtz, went to Denver with me to help my mother prepare for a move. She's going to a smaller home on the opposite side of town.

Anyway, we helped wrap, pack and move along with other family members. Also, Mom sent us home with some things she no longer needs.

One of the pieces of furniture

that came back with us was an Ethan Allen apothecary chest of drawers.

Growing up, this cabinet stood inside the doorway into our kitchen. In addition to holding a variety of things needed around the house, the chest was there during family dinners at the nearby round table with its lazy Susan. It stood as siblings squabbled. Dad gave advise and Mom cooked countless meals.

The memories those pieces of wood and knobs share with me are too numerous to count or even remember in detail. But now it is in Kansas with me and will always remind me of younger days.

## Local turns travels into a celebration

In celebration of his upcoming 85th birthday, John Kamla recently realized a life-long dream by going to Hawaii.

He spent the first two days on Oahu, seeing such sights as Waikiki, Diamond Head, Hanauma Bay, Na Pali Lookout, the North Shore, Dole Plantation, Arizona Memorial, USS Missouri Battleship and highlights of Honolulu.

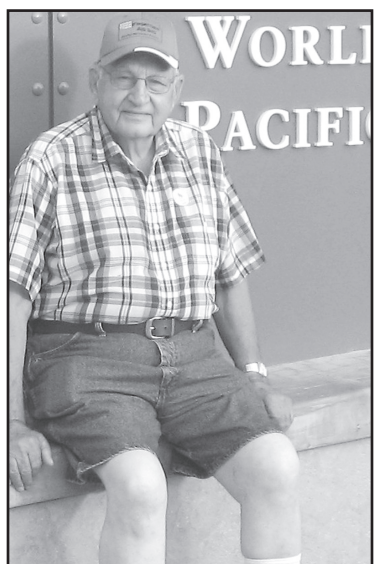
He then boarded Norwegian Cruise Lines' Pride of America for a seven-day cruise of Maui, the Big Island and Kauai.

While on Maui, John traveled the winding road to Hana, saw a black-sand beach and went to the Haleakala Volcano Crater at an elevation of 10,000 feet above sea level.

Hilo was the first stop on the Big Island and he went to Volcanoes National Park and Rainbow Falls. That evening the ship sailed around the southeast side of The Big Island, where he was able to view the lava of Kilaua Volcano as it poured into the ocean.

Kona was the second stop on the Big Island and from there, John visited a coffee plantation, a sacred Hawaiian village called Puuohouua o Honaunau National Historical Park and a farmers' market.

Next, the ship sailed for Kauai, where he took a riverboat cruise up Wailua River, visited the Fern Grotto, attended a traditional luau, and took in the sights of Waimea Canyon.



**CATCHING MANY of the sights in Hawaii, John Kamla celebrated his upcoming 85th birthday with a trip-of-a-lifetime.**

On the final afternoon of the cruise, the ship sailed around the northwest corner of Kauai and he viewed the spectacular Napali Coast, only accessible by helicopter or ship.

John remarked that much of Hawaii was more beautiful than he could even have imagined.

When he returned home, he said, "There's beauty here in Northwest Kansas, although most people probably can't see it. Sometimes, you don't know just how good you've got it."

John will turn 85 on Nov. 30.

### American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Legion Hall, Bird City.

### Republican meeting

The Cheyenne County Republican Committee will hold a dinner meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Main Street Java, St. Francis. Deb Lindsten, deputy county clerk, will talk about voting in the county. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### Church unity potluck lunch

All believers in St. Francis and Bird City are invited to a church unity potluck lunch at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3, at the American Legion Hall in Bird City. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own plates and silverware. Church families will be offering to provide drinks, cups, and napkins. And, of course, sponsors would like for those attending to bring the food!

### Notice of Annual Membership Meeting

Cheyenne County Development Corporation will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Oct. 12, at noon at the St. Francis Public Library on 121 N. Scott, St. Francis. All Cheyenne County registered voters are members and are welcome to attend.

### Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will hold their opening meeting of the new year at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4. The program will take place at Dr. Tim Poling's office and will be a Dental Update. Hostesses will be Anita Miller and Betty Loudon at the St. Francis Senior Center.

**Farm Safety and Health Week**  
National Farm Safety and Health Week started Sunday (Sept. 19-25). This year's theme is "ATVs: Work Smart. Ride Safe."

In 2009, there were 16 non-fatal farm incidents and 21 fatal incidents. There was one non-fatal ag industry incident and one fatal; 19 non-fatal ATV incidents

and four fatal incidents.

### Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians

Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians will be performing in Hoxie at 3 p.m. on Sunday in the Hoxie High School auditorium. The Royal Canadians will perform a concert of Big Band era tunes, and their logo has been to play "the sweetest music this side of heaven." This is a Western Plains Arts Commission and Kansas Arts Commission program with admission by season tickets or at the door.

### Yuma Art Show

The Yuma Art Show is scheduled for Oct. 2-7 at the Yuma Presbyterian Church, 110 W. 4th Avenue. Highlighted this year are featured artist June Andrews and honored artist Goldie Gorman. Meet both artists at the Grand Opening and Reception on Oct. 2 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The show will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the week, closing at 5 p.m. Thursday.

### County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. (today) Thursday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

### Fair board

The next regular meeting is set for 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7, in

the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

### Video cameras needed

The St. Francis Camera Committee needs one or more video cameras to record meetings. Contact *The Saint Francis Herald*.

### Store remodeling

The 2nd Beginnings Thrift Store in Bird City will open Oct. 1 after remodeling.

### BC Peace of Mind AA

Peace of Mind AA will meet at the St. Francis Public Library at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Contact Kris D. at (785) 332-4410 or (785) 772-5090.

### 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.

## Area groundwater program offered

The Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 Water Right Retirement Program sign-up starts on Oct. 1.

The State Conservation Commission will be accepting applications beginning Oct. 1.

The Water Right Retirement Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to help restore aquifers and streams in critical areas. Six "High Priority" units in the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 have been designated as eligible target areas by the chief engineer because of significant water level declines. They have been designated to be in need of aquifer recovery and are now closed to further appropriations of water. These six areas in Cheyenne, Sherman, Thomas, and Sheridan counties are also the subject of additional management program protocols being discussed with landowners by Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4.

Applicants who are selected for Water Right Retirement Program grants are compensated by the State Conservation Commission in exchange for the permanent retirement of a water right. Priority is given to retiring water rights in areas which would have the greatest impact on the aquifer system. A fixed rate price of \$2,000 per

acre-foot of Historic Consumptive Water Use is available for eligible water rights to be retired. Water Right Retirement Program grants are approved on the basis of competitive bids.

To be eligible, water rights must have been actively used in the last 10 years. Dryland farming is permitted after a water right is retired. Limited irrigation can be temporarily allowed to establish a permanent cover on the land being transitioned from irrigation. Partial water right reductions can also be considered for retirement grants.

The fall sign-up period is Oct. 1, through Nov. 15. If program funds are still available, a spring sign-up period will be held on Feb. 15 through March 31.

For more information, contact Steve Frost, Water Conservation Program Manager, at (785) 296-8964. Complete Water Right Retirement Program rules and regulations, applications, maps, and other details are posted on the State Conservation Commission web site at [www.scc.ks.gov](http://www.scc.ks.gov).

Information and assistance can also be provided at the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 in Colby, (785) 462-3915, or at the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources Field Office in Stockton, (785) 425-6787.

## Student numbers show Cheylin is up

Monday, Sept. 20, was the official "count day," or the official enrollment count for schools in Kansas. Cheylin reported 141 kindergarten through 12th grade students. This is an increase of three students from last year.

The largest grades are fourth and ninth with 15 students. Last year there were only six seniors and this year, the numbers more than doubled to 14. Elementary students total 68, junior high

has 34, and high school has 39 students.

The pre-kindergarten grades were not included in the full enrollment count, but has increased from seven to 12. The full-time equivalent count is 136 which is up from 135.5 for last year.

Jane Young, district clerk, said that the increases are a good thing for the school.

## Two groups organize annual prayer walk

Two groups of "Prayer Walkers for Life" will be walking to each church in Bird City and St. Francis on Sunday. The walk will begin at 2 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis, and at 3 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City.

The participants will pray at each church for the congregation and its pastor. The pastor or a member of the congregation will have the opportunity to pray for those who work to preserve and

enhance life for all.

At the end of the walk, both groups will meet at the Wesleyan Community Church in Bird City at 4 p.m. for a time of fellowship and a brief meeting.

The event is being sponsored by Cheyenne County Kansans for Life. Everyone is urged to participate.

For details, call 785-734-2703 in Bird City or 785-332-2950 in St. Francis.

## South of McDonald

**By Sandy Binning**

Rita Officer spent the weekend in Great Bend with family.

Diane Montgomery, along with others from McDonald, attended the Women Of Faith Conference in Denver this weekend.

Friday evening, Tom and Kelly Dewey, Tayten and Tru enjoyed supper with Doug and Janice Cates, Laurel and Nathan.

Sophie Ginther of Atwood was a Friday overnight guest of Porsha Binning. Additional Saturday play guests of Bianca and Jazzmin Binning were Kaylee McFee and Zoie Horinek.

Elaine Johnson and Bethel Golt traveled to Hoyt Friday to visit their great nephew and his family. They returned home Sunday evening.

Jane Casa of Chico, Calif., was a Tuesday evening and overnight guest of Bethel Golt before returning to California.

Matthew Golt of Wichita was a weekend guest of his mother, Bethel Golt.

Dan and Margie Hubbard attended the "Welcome Back To Kansas" party at the Antholz residence Sunday evening.

## School Menu

**Oct. 4-7 Monday, Oct. 4**  
Breakfast: Pancakes.  
Lunch: Mexican casserole and roll.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 5**  
Breakfast: Bagels.  
Lunch: Ham and cheese square, dessert.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6**  
Breakfast: Ham and egg casserole.  
Lunch: Chili and roll.  
**Thursday, Oct. 7**  
Breakfast: Omelets.  
Lunch: Hamburger and fries.

## Influenza "Flu" Clinic Scheduled:

**Friday, Oct. 1, 2010**  
**7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

No appointment needed

**Cheyenne County Health Department located in basement of the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis.**  
(Elevator available for use to basement)

**Cheyenne County Clinic—Bird City**  
**Sat., Oct. 2, 9 a.m. - noon**

No appointment necessary

(Note: We will not be having Saturday clinic in St. Francis this day.)

**Mila Bandel, RN**

County Health Nurse at 785-332-2381

**SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 44 min.**

**Ramona & Beezus**

**Oct. 1, 2 & 3** *Rated G*

Joey King, Selena Gomez, John Corbett, Bridget Moynahan, Ginnifer Goodwin

Comedy, Kids/ Family and Adaptation

**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

**Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department Will Be Sponsoring a Health Fair for men and women.**

There are two lab exams available – the lab profile will be a Chemistry Panel (with TSH and Lipid panel) and PSA. The lab draws will be offered for three mornings in St. Francis and one morning in Bird City.

We will offer a female exam that includes a breast and pelvic exam with Pap smear. The male exam will include a prostate check. The fee is due at time of service and will not be billed to insurance.

**Lab Draws**

**Monday, Oct. 4, 5, 6 from 7 to 10 a.m. in St. Francis Cheyenne County Clinic basement**

**Tuesday, Oct. 5, 7 to 10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic**

• No appointment needed.

• **Please remember to fast for the Chem Panel Lab Test (Nothing to eat or drink except water after your evening meal)**

**Lab Fee:** Chemistry Panel with TSH and Lipid \$40  
A1C — tests to check average blood sugar over 3 month period \$20  
PSA \$20

**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EXAM SCHEDULE**

**EXAM DATES: St. Francis —**  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 6, 7 and 8  
Cheyenne County Clinic, St. Francis.

**Bird City —**  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 6, 7 and 8  
Bird City Clinic

**Exam Fee:** Female Exam \$25  
Male Exam \$25

Please contact the Cheyenne County Clinic to schedule your exam Or if you have additional questions at 785-332-2682.

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