



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

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I'm a little confused. I keep hearing about "change" and how good it is supposed to be. Then I look around me and things don't look all that great.

Our federal government continues to throw big bucks around but the economy continues to falter. Whatever "change" that is supposed to be coming sure doesn't seem to be helping much.

Not that the feds are the only group that has me mixed up. This Nov. 2, California voters will decide whether pot should be legal. Huh?

I'm not talking marijuana for medical use. Nope. This is "go down to the corner store to pick up a couple of doobies," legalization!

The argument is that it's only pot. This isn't promoting the "bad" criminals who only dabble in cocaine and methamphetamine. Even presidents have tried this stuff. It can't be that bad...

Isn't California one of the lead runners to outlaw cigarettes? I'm no genius but I can't imagine that a marijuana cigarette is healthy and a viable alternative to tobacco.

I'm sure the \$1.5 billion that could come from state taxation would help a state as screwed up as California. But am I the only one who sees a bit of hypocrisy here?

Maybe I am wrong and should see this as a step forward. Oh well, lets just count it up to more "change."

Local product shows talent during concert

Lauren Zweygardt, 2007 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, and Kaedra Dixon, 2007 graduate of Cheylin High School, will perform with the Highland Singers of Sterling College on Oct. 23 at the United Methodist Church in Atwood. The concert begins at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

The public is also welcome to attend a potluck meal with the singers at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall prior to the concert.

The Highland Singers is a small vocal ensemble selected from the larger group called the Sterling

Chorale. They perform a variety of musical styles from classical to contemporary. The Singers represent the school by touring high schools and churches throughout the school year working closely with the admissions department and alumni office.

The Highland Singers have been invited to perform this December in Kansas City and in Lincoln Center in New York City this spring.

Lauren is the daughter of Kary and Kim Zweygardt of St. Francis. Kaedra is the daughter of Kevin and Abbi Dixon of Atwood.

Art on exhibition for former Cheylin grad

Samantha Beeson, Bird City, junior at Bethany College, Lindsborg, has artwork which will be on display at the Bethany College Autumn Student Art Exhibition, now on display at Mingenback Art Center, Gallery on the campus.

Sponsored by the Bethany College Art Department, the show features 81 works by students currently enrolled in art classes.

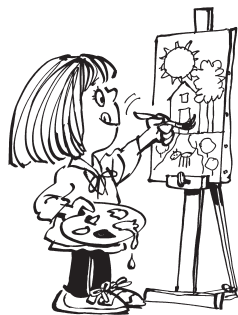
"Because the show is self-selecting, not juried, this is an opportunity for students to choose what they feel is their best work to exhibit," said Caroline Kahler, chair of the art department. "We encourage students who aren't majors to enter work and hope to foster camaraderie in the department, where students support each other."

The diverse exhibit showcases

a variety of styles and different types of work, including ceramics, crafts, design, drawing, painting and sculpture.

A closing reception for the artists and the public will be held Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Mingenback Art Center.

Students taking Gallery Practice class installed the exhibition under the direction of instructor, Professor Ed Pogue.



Whistle identification

The Bird City whistle blows at 7 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m. for 10 continuous seconds. The fire whistle has three 8 second blasts with a 6 second space. The tornado whistle is a 3-5 minute continuous blast. The all clear signal is six short fluctuating blasts.

Potluck

The Bird City Senior Center potluck will be held at noon on Monday.

Notice of annual meeting

The annual stockholders meeting of Wheeler Cooperative Mercantile Equity Union is to be held in the high school cafeteria in St. Francis on Wednesday, Nov. 3. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meal following. Please call (785) 322-2281 with the number of guests attending. Additional information in legal notices.

Annual meeting

The 34th annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development, Inc. will be held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 27, at the Cowboy Junction, 2649 280th Ave., Hill City. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6 p.m. followed by the evening's speaker. A Power Point presentation will also be made showing this past year's business loan, grant and housing activity for northwest Kansas.

All individuals interested in economic development for northwest Kansas are encouraged to attend. For reservations, contact Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission office at (785) 421-2151 or email nwkpdc@ruraltel.net by Monday, Oct. 25.

Reformation conference

First Baptist Church in St. Francis will be hosting a Reformation Weekend Conference Oct. 29-31. This year's theme is

"A Great God Demands a Great Response." Bill Ascol, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Owasso, Okla., will be preaching in each of the five sessions. Session times are: Friday, 7 p.m., Saturday 10:30 a.m., 1:30pm, 7 p.m., and Sunday 10:30 a.m. Registration is free and child care is provided. For more information call 785-332-3921 or 785-332-2959 or on the internet go to fbcestfrancis.org.

Holiday Craft Show

The annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30 in the American Legion Hall in Bird City. Contact Barb Gerdes. Ad in this issue.

Common Threads Quilt Guild
Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m tonight (Thursday) at Sainty Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

Self defense inservice

A self-defense inservice will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 25 in the St. Francis Clinic conference room.

This will review basic self defense techniques an individual can use in situations they don't feel comfortable in, whether at work, home or elsewhere. The teacher is a former sheriff's deputy and our sheriff's department will be assisting with the course. Those interested in attending, should contact Candi, 332-2104.

Doric Chapter 404

Doric Chapter 404 Order of Eastern Star will be having a Halloween party on Oct. 28. A potluck supper will held at 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall for members, families and any guests.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Video cameras needed

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Saturday, Oct. 30
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with S should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

A driver's license needs to be presented or entered on form at time of renewal.

Haigler Fall Tumbleweed Festival

The Haigler Fall Tumbleweed Festival will be held on Saturday. At that time, the refurbished School District 67 South, now the Haigler Cornerstone Museum, will be open.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the county clerk's office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday

or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

Wray Health Fair

Blood draw dates at the Wray Health Fair are through Oct. 21 from 6 to 9:30 a.m.. May take normal medications prior to test. Fast for 12 hours (but drink plenty of water). The Fair date is Oct. 27 at the WRAC from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Number to call for blood draw appointment is (970) 332-4811. Call (970) 332-2245 for further information.

Peace of Mind AA

Peace of Mind AA will meet at the St. Francis Public Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. 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.

School Menu

Oct. 25 -28

Menu subject to change

Monday

Breakfast: Pizza and pizza stromboli.

Lunch: Soft shell taco, rice.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Pancake on a stick.

Lunch: Potato bar, chili, cheese

sauce and roll.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Raspberry white chocolate cone.

Lunch: Hot dog on a bun.

Thursday

Breakfast: Breakfast burritos.

Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich and fries.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 45 min.

You Again

Oct. 22, 23 & 24

PG for brief mild language and rude behavior.

Kristen Bell, Jamie Lee Curtis, Sigourney Weaver, Odette Yustman, Victor Garber

Comedy

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Children 12 & Under: \$3

All Others: \$5

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Access

785-421-2151 or pick up an application at Century II in Bird City.



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Thank you for successful Summer Reading Program at the Bird City public library. Thanks to Tammy Carmichael, Amy Hendricks, Teryn Carmichael, Danae Magnani, and Whitney Churchwell.

Thank you, Darla Deeds

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