

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

sc McCormick@nwkansas.com  
The holidays are a time of great joy and brotherhood as we reflect on our many blessings. Trouble is we're too busy to see it!

At the newspaper it's a race to cover the many activities happening in the community. We also devote a lot of energy to our Christmas on Us promotion. On top of that, we want to end the year on a high note with Christmas and New Year's special sections. Oh, and we'd better not forget preparations for the First Baby of 2011.

On the home front we have two high schoolers involved in their sports and programs. Then there are the regular day-to-day responsibilities that never take a break.

Finally, we have a few "little" things that need attention, such as Christmas shopping, lighting, decorating and cards.

So I have to remind myself to stop and smell the mistletoe. Yes, life's duties are important. But so is finding the true meaning of the season.  
Happy Holidays!

## McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Thanksgiving Day guests of Joan Tongish were Jamie, Mikayla, and Katelyn Cody, Douglas Tongish, Clinton Hopkins, Mike Tongish and Betty Lewis.

Ray and Marlene Johnson spent Thanksgiving in McCook as guests of Ted and Dixie Bethell.

Ray and Marlene Johnson were Friday afternoon visitors of Bob and Helen Johnson.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Eleanor Swihart were Bruce and Shirley Swihart Ben and Karen Swihart of Sterling, Co., Addie Swihart, Steve and Debbie Swihart, Stephanie, Melissa and Christina all of Westminster, Co., Steve and Julie Foster of Craig, Co., Kevin and Danielle Foster and three children of Ft. Myers, Fla., Alison Swihart and daughter of Kansas City and Matt and Karen Cooper and three children.

Allison Swihart and Julia Foster were Thursday morning visitors of Owen and Phyllis Wingfield.

Chanda, Garrett and Oakley Dowling and Rachel and Jon Mallett and children, all of Manhattan, Ks. were guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka from Monday to Sunday. Additional Thanksgiving dinner guests were Agnes Sabatka, Laddie and Vera Kacirek, Kasey Sabatka, Grace, Ty, and John. Jennifer and Lilly Sabatka were unable to attend due to illness.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison were Brandon and Amanda Winter of Andale, Ks., David Banister of Salina, Kent and Joan Banister, George and Kathy Banister and Donnie Banister.

Brandon and Amanda Winter were Friday visitors of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison

to help put up their Christmas decorations.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson went to Trenton, Ne., on Sat. to attend a hog roast sponsored by Berexco Inc., an oil company.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson and Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and children were among the members of St. John's Church that attended the 125th anniversary celebration of Sacred Heart Church on Sunday evening.

December McDonald events  
Wednesday, Dec. 1 - McDonald Area Development meeting

Monday, Dec. 6 - McDonald Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 8 - Cheylin Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - McDonald Garden Club Christmas Cookie Party

Saturday, Dec. 18 - McDonald Lions Club Pancake Dinner, Santa day and MAD Bingo

## School Menu

### Monday

Breakfast: Pancakes.  
Lunch: Corn dogs, dessert.

### Tuesday

Breakfast: English muffin. Fruit.

Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce, breadsticks.

### Wednesday

Breakfast: Pancake on a stick.  
Lunch: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll.

### Thursday

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.  
Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, fries.



AT THE HOME of Jim and Sharon McCann you will find a Nativity scene to remind us all what Christmas is about.  
Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

## Bulletin Board

### Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will be having its Christmas potluck and gift exchange at noon on Thursday, Dec. 16. It will be held at the Manor with Joy Anderegge as hostess.

### Bird City 125th DVD

A memorable DVD of Bird City's 125th celebration and Main Street in Bird City is available with over 600 pictures. Call Candy Glasco at 785-734-2797 or e-mail lcg@eaglecom.net See ad in this issue of the Times with additional details.

### Monthly birthday party

The Bird City Senior Center monthly birthday party will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday.

### Funeral service

Funeral services for Elberta Calnon were held on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at the St. Francis Catholic Church.

### Salvation Army online

Salvation Army is currently running their Kettle campaign. Donations can be made to the Cheyenne County Salvation Army unit by going to onlinekettle.com (Select unit: First name: Cheyenne Co Last: Kansas) or they can be mailed to: TSA, PO Box 462, St Francis, KS 67756, or dropped off at the Cheyenne County Treasurer's office.

### Hand gun class

Will be offering a concealed hand gun class on Dec. 18 at the Cheyenne County Wildlife Clubhouse beginning at 8 a.m. Contact Terry Rieger at 785-332-5031. (See C.)

### A Candlelight Christmas

A Candlelight Christmas

Program will be presented by Tema Trumbo that will feature both vocal and instrumental Christmas music selections. The Christmas Program will be at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Friday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. Following the program will be cookies and hot apple cider. The public is welcome to attend.

### Christmas lights in the country

Residents who enjoy displays of outdoor Christmas light need to remember there are a number of displays in the rural areas around Cheyenne County. Just to name a few are the Don Krien, the Cliff Rethke and Brian Holzwarth homes.

### Yuletide Festival

The Yuletide Festival, sponsored by the St. Francis Music Club, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, at the St. Francis high school auditorium. The program will feature local talent. The Candy Store will be open for purchasing homemade goodies. A freewill offering will be taken (See ad.)

### Herald/Times/Advocate updates

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 31.

The deadline for the Country Advocate which will be inserted in the Dec. 30th issue of The Herald and Times is on Thursday, Dec. 23.

### Holiday Community Chorus

Performances for the Holiday Community Chorus are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Yuletide Festival at the St. Francis Community High School;

Saturday, Dec. 18, at Salem Lutheran Church and Sunday, Dec. 19, at Peace Lutheran Church, this one will benefit the food pantry. For more information call Neala at (785) 332-8996.

### Video cameras needed

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

### Wildlife range open

The Cheyenne County Wildlife range has reopened.

### 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.

## Club Clip

### McDonald Area Development

The McDonald Area Development committee met on Wednesday, Dec. 1, with ten members present. All reports were accepted as read.

The business meeting was spent finalizing plans for the Dec. 18 Christmas Bingo. It will be held in conjunction with the Lions Club Pancake and Sausage meal and Santa's visit on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Members will meet on Dec. 9 to get the Bingo prizes set up in the Legion Building. The Bingo

games will start immediately after Santa leaves to go back to the North Pole.

Jay Gordon will call the Bingo games. There are lots of prizes, so everyone will have a chance to win a prize or maybe two or three. It was decided to hire some kids to help with the clean-up.

Tickets will be given for the big prizes. Jan Curtin volunteered to make the posters for advertising. MAD will put an add in the Square Deal.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 38 min.

## Unstoppable

Dec. 10, 11 & 12

PG 13 for sequences of action and peril and some language.

Denzel Washington, Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson, Jessy Schram, Kevin Dunn

Action/Adventure, Drama and Thriller

CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3

All Others: \$5

## ORDER YOUR MEMORABLE DVD BIRD CITY'S 125TH CELEBRATION AND MAIN STREET BIRD CITY IN 2010

DVD consists of around 600 pictures, chronological order of the week prior and all 3 days of all the activities during the Celebration.

It also includes pictures of "Main Street Bird City" in 2010 business, schools, churches and surrounding area.

Lots of pictures of People - maybe YOU!

1 - DVD \$20.00 plus shipping if applicable

contact Candy Glasco 785-734-2797 or lcg@eaglecom.net

## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

## Diabetes Support Group Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010  
1:30 p.m.

Cheyenne County Clinic Basement

Topic: Diabetes Video Series - Diabetes Home Skills for Self-Care Diabetes & Related Health Concerns

Treatment Plan - education, nutrition, & exercise

For more information contact Mila Bandel, RN - County Health Nurse 785-332-2381

Fifth Street Apartments in Bird City, Kansas, have 2-bedroom duplex apartments for rent. We are offering free cable television for one year to new tenants. Applicants must income qualify for this property. For more information and an application you may contact N.W. Kansas Housing, Inc. at 785-421-2151 or pick up an application at Century II in Bird City.

The Key to Saving on Your Insurance.

Talk to us about our Companion Policy Discounts. Insure your home and cars with Shelter and you could qualify for additional discounts.

It's never been easier to keep all of your keys together and save money at the same time.

Don Holliman  
514 Main, Atwood, Ks. 67730  
785-626-3082

ShellerInsurance.com

## Santa Day

Saturday, Dec. 18  
American Legion Hall, Bird City

### Dinner

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Free-will offering  
Program  
12:30 p.m.  
Prizes and Blizzard Machine

BIRD CITY CENTURY II  
Development Foundation  
785-734-2556  
WWW.BIRDCITY.COM  
"FOR GOOD. FOR EVER."

## The Bird City Times

(USPS 056-720)  
Serving the communities of Bird City and McDonald

Casey McCormick, Editor  
Norma Martinez, Co-Editor  
Karen Krien - Publisher  
Shawn C. McCormick - Adv. Mgr.  
Periodicals postage paid at Bird City, Kansas 67731-0220  
Phone (785) 734-7031  
Fax (785) 332-3001  
Or Phone (785) 332-3162  
E-Mail bc.times@nwkansas.com  
Published every Thursday  
\$33 per year in Cheyenne and surrounding counties; other in-state \$36 and all out-of-state subscriptions, \$40 (strictly in advance).

Postmaster: Send address correction to P.O. Box 220 Bird City, Kansas 67731-0220

Official City Newspaper  
Published Weekly By  
Nor'West Newspapers, Incorporated  
Bird City, KS 67731

KANSAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**Bird City Times**  
Renew your Times subscription or subscribe today!

RATES  
Kansas - \$33 Area - \$36  
Out-of-State - \$40  
College:  
Kansas - \$30  
Out-of-State - \$33

Just cut out this coupon and mail it to:  
The Bird City Times  
P.O. Box 220  
Bird City, Kansas 67731

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## American Profile

Celebrating Hometown Life  
See American Profile magazine in this week's issue of

## The Bird City Times

(available in local area only)

Brought to you by  
The Times

"Your sponsorship could be right here."  
For more information contact:  
Casey at 785-332-3162