By Casey McCormick

mccormickcasey@rocketmail.com Ever noticed how some people think they are better than others?

We all do it. It probably all began in America when our forefathers left the "Old World" to come to a new country. Things had to have been pretty bad to risk your, and your family's, future in an unknown place. At least that is what I've heard about the Irish. Our relatives had to have been dirt poor in a dirt poor land. I can't imagine what it took to get the funds just to make the trip over by ship. In fact one of the earliest McCormicks stowed away on a sailing ship out of northern Ireland in the late 1700s. Once he got over he became an indentured servant in South Carolina.

they were the lowest of the low. Of course nobody wants to be on the bottom, so they probably looked around and found others that appeared to be in worse shape. On the ladder of life people seem to need to have somebody on a lower

The funny thing is, what really makes someone better? It can't be money. There are plenty of rich folks around who behave pretty badly. Dollars can't buy class.

Is it in a last name? Problem with that is every family has a black sheep or two.

Maybe we are all the same. Perhaps what really matters is what we are carrying around inside of us. Could it be that no one is really better than anyone else?

Now that would be a difficult Anyway, once they got here standard for all of us to live by.

Open house planned for 90th birthday

Barbara Ewing will be 90 years old. A cake and coffee open house in her honor will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the St. Francis Senior Center. Her children, Jacque Hayes and Ron Ewing as well as other family members are hosting the event. They ask that no gifts be given.

Those unable to attend may send cards to her at P.O. Box 343, St. Francis, 67756.





Ewing

Book Review

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library **Promise Me**

By Richard Paul Evans

Beth Cardall has a secret. For eighteen years, she has had no choice but to keep it to herself, but on Christmas Eve 2008, all that is about to change.

unidentifiable illness; her marriage transformed from a seemingly happy and loving relationship to one full of betrayal and pain; her job at the dry cleaners was increasingly at risk; and she had lost any ability to trust, to hope, or to believe in herself. Then, on Christmas Day, as

she rushed through a blizzard to the nearest 7-Eleven, Beth encountered Matthew, a strikingly handsome, mysterious stranger, who would single-handedly change the course of her life.

Who is this man, and how does he seem to know so much about her? He pursues her relentlessly, For Beth, 1989 was a year marked and only after she's fallen deeply by tragedy. Her life was falling in love with him does she learn apart: her six-year-old daughter, his incredible secret, changing the Charlotte, was suffering from an world as she knows it, as well as her

From the New York Times bestselling author of the beloved classic The Christmas Box and the Christmas List comes a breathtaking story of the transcendent power of

Many Thanks To All

We would like to thank all our neighbors who sent cards, flowers, food, good wishes and prayers for our mother while she was in the hospital. We would also like to send a special thank you to Ray Johnson, Gary and Mary Moore, Kris Burns and Jim Melton for all your extra help taking care of things. And not to be forgotten the Cheyenne County EMTs, our United Methodist Church family for all the wonderful meals and Pastor Tom and Debbie Bailey for all your special care and help with everything.

With love, the family of Belinda Boyson

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Bulletin Board

75th birthday

Barbara Beougher will be celebrating her 75th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 1. To help her celebrate, her family is asking that people send cards to Barbara Beougher, Presbyterian Manor, 924 8th St., Room 315, Clay Center, KS 67432.

Free popcorn

Theater Cheyenne Committee is asking, that the first weekend of the month, those attending the movie bring a canned food donation for the Food Pantry and they will receive a free sack of popcorn.

Commissioners meeting

Cheyenne Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. today (Thursday), in the commissioners room in the courthouse

Music Club

The St. Francis Music Club will host its first meeting of the year at 6:30 p.m. on Monday at the home of Ruth Milliken. Members are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Students will be presenting the program. Dues will be collected. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Beth Maifeld, 332-3133 or Mrs. Milliken, 332-3421.

Treasurer's office

Cheyenne Treasurer's office wants people to come in and renew their driver's licenses on Sept. 29. New driver's license equipment will be installed Sept. 28. People can renew licenses for up to a year however, the office cannot renew CDL (Commercial Driver's licenses) nor issue new licenses.

For more information, contact the office at 785-332-8810.

Hospital board meeting Cheyenne County Hospital

Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, in the clinic basement meeting room.

District commander/vice commander in Bird City

American Legion 6th District commander and vice commander will be meeting with the Bird City Post 352 and the St. Francis Post 137 from 10:50 to 11:50 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Bird City American Legion hall.

Beecher Island Reunion

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 motorcycle and 18. There will be a variety bike tags and pay their vehicle of entertainment during the personal property tax by the end celebration. Look for more information in upcoming issues of The Herald.

Disc golf tournament

Roadkill Rendezvous disc tournament has been set for Saturday, Sept. 17, at the roadside disc golf course, south of the museum on U.S. 36. The tournament proceeds will be given to benefit Zero's Youth Center. For information call 785-332-0308. 35-37c

Fifth Quarter

A Fifth Quarter will be held following the game Friday night at First Baptist Church. All junior and senior high youth are urged to attend this time of fun, food and fellowship. The Fifth Quarter will end at 11 p.m.

Historical society programs

Mark your calendars for two upcoming programs which will be presented by the Cheyenne County Historical Society on Sunday, Sept. 18 and Sunday, Oct. 23.

Rod Laird, "Grandfather of the modern rebirth of alatl use," will speak on Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. in the Old Country Church on U.S. 36. He will be talking about the Megafauna(largeanimals, mostly now extinct) of the Pleistocene (Ice Age), the Paleoamericans of Cheyenne County who hunted them, the weapon they used (the atlatl), and how a classroom learning activity in a Wyoming middle school became a worldwide sport. Rod plans to bring a Clovis biface found by his Uncle Chase Dunn on South Fork after the great flood of 1935. A biface is a flaked blade of stone that furnished flakes for tool-making. He'll also have lots of tools and artifacts, including atlatls. This presentation is open to everyone interested.

Sunday, Oct. 23, the Historical Society will host Audrey Kalivoda, at the St. Francis Public Library. She will preview her newest DVD, "Kansas, the Center of it All." This event will begin at 2 p.m. with a reception following.

Tag deadline

All residents with last names The 112th Beecher Island beginning with P, Q and R should Reunion has been set for purchase their car, pickup,

of the month to avoid paying a penalty. Driver's license needs to be

and

presented or entered on form at time of renewal.

Cheyenne County ambassadors

If you are proud of your community and your county and want to tell folks about it, stop by the Cheyenne County Development office at 107 W. Washington in St. Francis and pick up an "Ambassadors" package. Take one along on a trip or to an event. Let everyone know what a great place we live in!

Narcotics Anonymous

Anonymous

motorized meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 daya-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

• The crushed cement at the landfill does not sell for \$15 a load... it sells for \$15 a ton.

Club holds poker run for cancer

The Chevenne County Cruisers Wray, Colo., then on to Haigler, 2, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the city park in downtown St. Francis. All proceeds will go to benefit Linda Elfers, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Participants are asked to arrive by 1 p.m. to get the instructions and draw the first card. There is a \$20 charge which includes the poker hand and meal after the run. Extra meals are an additional

will hold a poker run open to all Benkelman, Bird City and back types of vehicles on Sunday, Oct. to St. Francis, approximately 125 miles. Those under the age of 18

will need a parent or guardian signature on the release form. People who do not want to

participate in the run can make a donation to Mrs. Elfers through the Cruisers Club.

A rain date has been set for Oct. 9, same time and place. For more information, contact Kent Kechter, 785-332-0039 or Scott The route is from St. Francis, to Schultz, 785-332-3960.

School Menu

Lunch:

Monday

Breakfast: Sausage links, hash Lunch: Frito chili pie, corn

Tuesday Breakfast: Yogurt

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, breadsticks

Wednesday Breakfast: Apple cinnamon

mushroom gravy, potatoes, roll **Thursday**

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs Lunch: Turkey sandwich,

Hamburger

oatmeal cookies Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk Lunch is served daily with salad

bar, fruit and milk

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 58 min.

Crazy Stupid Love

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Diabetes Support Group

Wednesday, Sept. 21 1:30 p.m. in the Clinic Basement **Conference Room.**

For more information, please contact the County Health at 785-332-2381

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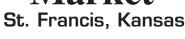
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Bird City

Saturday, Sept. 24



Market



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Contact: Jerry Fortin 785-475-8203 Jay Fortin 785-475-8303 Darren Fortin 785-470-7156

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