



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

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Somedays I get that "life's not very fair to me" attitude. Here I am surrounded by worldly comforts and safety, but still I think I have it rough.

Imagine what it must have been like on Sept. 8, 2009 during the Battle of Ganjgal in Afghanistan. That was the morning when U.S. and Afghan troops entered a village, expecting a routine meeting with peaceful locals.

Instead the soldiers were trapped in an ambush with Taliban forces attacking on three sides. The Marines in charge of the group radioed for air support that never came. Pinned down they fought for their lives, waiting for help to arrive.

However, aid did not come from the air but from two other Marines

who disobeyed orders to give the trapped men a chance to escape. Staff Sgt. Juan J. Rodriguez-Chavez took the wheel of an armored vehicle as Corporal Dakota Meyer manned the machine gun turret. The two drove towards the hell that was ahead of them. Into harms way they advanced, bringing back 13 friendly wounded and allowing another 23 Marines and soldiers to evacuate. The fifth and final trip in was to collect the bodies of three Marines and a Navy corpsman who had fallen in the battle.

For their heroic act, Rodriguez-Chavez was awarded the Navy Cross while Meyer was presented the Medal of Honor from his Commander and Chief.

Isn't it funny how we can think we have it bad when our military carries such a heavy load?

Manager reports on swimming pool

Summer is over and Ann Burr, pool manager, reported 2,282 swimmers took time to cool down in the "old swimming hole" this year. Special activities included two "Dive In Movie" nights.

Tina Sager, swim instructor, had 35 students participate in the free swimming lessons provided by the Cheylin Recreation Committee and 10 with private lessons.

Improvements included: reconditioning the drinking fountain and a complete resurfacing of the

pool deck, which provided a safer and more comfortable environment for everyone.

Ten student lifeguards made sure everyone was safe, while learning life skills through interaction with the swimmers during the summer.

Improvements planned for next year include painting the pool and putting up sun shades for the kiddie pool and parents area in the northeast corner.

School Menu

Monday
Breakfast: Sausage patty
Lunch: Pizza stromboli, potato triangles

Tuesday
Breakfast: French toast sticks
Lunch: Baked potato bar, breadsticks

Wednesday
Breakfast: Oatmeal, boiled egg

Lunch: Fish sandwich, french fries

Thursday
Breakfast: Ham biscuit
Lunch: Cheese enchiladas, chocolate cake
Breakfast is daily served with toast, cereal, juice and milk
Lunch is daily served with salad bar, fruit and milk



Public meeting on Monday
The mayor and city council members urge all Bird City residents to attend a public forum at 7 p.m., on Monday at the Legion hall. The purpose of the forum is to receive input from members of the community concerning a proposed increase in the city water and sewer rates and future water line replacement options. The governing body values any ideas, suggestions and concerns of every resident and would greatly appreciate your input.

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.

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 at the Bird City American Legion hall.

Benefit dinner
A benefit dinner for Linda Elfers has been scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2, at the St. Francis high school cafeteria. Linda has recently been diagnosed with cancer and needs help with medical bills. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Donations matched by Thrivent for Lutherans.

Poker run
The Cheyenne County Cruisers will hold a poker run open to all types of vehicles on Sunday, Oct. 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. Arrive by 1 p.m. to get the instructions and draw the first card. For more information, contact Kent Kechter, 785-332-0039 or Scott Schultz, 785-332-3960.

Art Show
Celebrate autumn at the Yuma Art Show, Oct. 1-6, at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 110 W. 4th Ave, Yuma, Colo. Share your creativity by entering your work Friday, Sept. 30, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call Leta Smith (970) 358-4220, Pate Humphrey (970) 597-0717, or Gail Ardueser (970) 848-2393.

Winter Bowling Leagues
Anyone interested in joining a winter bowling league, contact Jenny Wright at 332-2211 or Mary Bier at 332-2119.
Senior Center Potluck

The Bird City Senior Center will hold their monthly potluck on Monday at noon.

Coffee and rolls
There will be free coffee and rolls at the Bird City Senior Center on Monday between 8-10 a.m.

Free popcorn
The Cheyenne Theater 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.

Treasurer's office
The Cheyenne County 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.

Historical society programs
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 beginning with P, Q and R 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.
Driver's license needs to be 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
Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter
Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-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
• The crushed cement at the landfill does not sell for \$15 a load... it sells for \$15 a ton.

Obituary

Rodney Lewis Partch
June 13, 1921 - Sept. 8, 2011

Rodney Lewis Partch, 90, was born June 13, 1921 in Bird City, Kan. He died on Sept. 8, 2011, in Benkelman, Neb.

Rodney was the only child of Faye Partch and Belle Howell Partch. He attended school in Bird City from grade one through his senior year.

Rodney helped his father at the grocery store in Bird City and was active in the Boy Scouts. He always proudly remembered being a member of the mile track relay team his senior year, losing only one race - the finals at the state track meet.

After graduating from high school, Rodney attended Kansas State College of Agriculture, later known as Kansas State University. While at K-State, he worked in the dairy barns and agronomy fields.

He played basketball for the Wildcats and became a member of the Legends Club. He was active in the Sigma Nu Fraternity and graduated from K-State in 1944.

Rodney married Elizabeth (Bette) Petersen on Sept. 6, 1944, in Pasadena, Calif. They returned to Hoxie where he was the county extension agent.

After working in Sheridan, Decatur and Mitchell counties as an

agricultural agent and for K-State as a field agronomist, he and Bette moved to Bird City where he joined his father in farming.

He was a member of the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City and taught Sunday school for many years. He enjoyed yard work and flowers, woodworking, bird watching, checking his fields and K-State sports.

Rodney and Bette had two children, Sue and Ted. He enjoyed attending their school activities.

Rodney and Bette organized the Happy Larks 4-H Club southwest of Bird City. He served as president of the Bird City Board of Education and on the board of directors for the Federal Land Bank.

In 2003, Ted and Rodney were selected as the State Wheat Quality Champions at the Kansas State Fair and had their picture taken with then-Governor Kath-

leen Sebelius.
Rodney was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Bette, who died in July 2009.

Survivors include Sue and her husband, Glenn, of Salina, and Ted and his wife, Carol, of Bird City; grandchildren, Shelly and Tim Blake of Shawnee, Jill and Drew Paugh of Ellis, Randy and Katie Partch of Benkelman, Kevin Partch of Kearney, Neb., and two great-grandchildren, Cooper Paugh and baby boy Blake (due anytime).

Funeral services were held Sept. 10 at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City, with Rev. Tom Bailey officiating. Casket bearers were Glenn Laubhan, Drew Paugh, Kevin Partch, Randy Partch, Steve Busse and Tony Walden.

Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery. Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

2 hr. 17 min.

The Help

Sept. 23, 24 & 25

Drama and Adaptation

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3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$5

All Others: \$6
All Others: \$7

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our 2011 4-H year a great year! Thanks to our parents, project leaders, Cheyenne County Extension office, fair board, fair superintendents, trophy and belt buckle sponsors, and our premium sale buyers; Bankwest; Truck and Tractor of Goodland; Farm Bureau; Neitzel Insurance; Leach Insurance; Frewen Insurance; Mills Ranch; and One More Year Ranch. Special thanks to Tom and Mike Bandel, Lyn and Cindy Wiley, Dustin and Randy Andrist. Your time and support is truly appreciated.

Mariah and Martin Beikeman

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Health Fair 2011

Join us for the Cheyenne County Health Fair

Oct. 10 - 14, 2011

Blood Lab Draws: Monday, Oct. 10, 11, 12

from 7 to 10 a.m. in **St. Francis** at the **Cheyenne County Health Department** (no appointment needed for lab draws)

Blood Lab Draws: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 12

7 to 10 a.m. at the **Bird City Clinic** (no appointment needed for lab draws)

Lab Fee: \$45.00 due at time of service!



No food or drinks after midnight except water & your prescription medication!

St. Francis —
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EXAM: Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 12; All day on Thursday, Oct. 13, and All day on Friday, Oct. 14 In St. Francis - Call clinic for appointment 332-2682

Bird City —
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m. - noon; Thursday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. - noon and Friday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. - noon. In Bird City - Call clinic for appointment 734-2200

Exam Fee: \$25 due at time of service!

For more information contact: Mila Badnel, RN County Health Nurse 785-332-2381. Sponsored by Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic & Health Department

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