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## **Casey's Comments**

#### By Casey McCormick

Coming back to work this week into a fresh new January. was a heavy dose of reality.

clinging to a runaway sleigh. next thing you know it will be As soon as we left the top of the mounting hill of months This of course is followed by we slammed into Halloween, took a slight turn and nailed Thanksgiving and before being fair. able to readjust our grips, and New Year's.

Get ready to disembark - the again! next stop is 2012!

So with the dust seeming to mccormickcasey@rocketmail.com settle around us, here we inched

Thursday, January 5, 2012

The sad thing is that this The holiday season was like temporary break won't last. Yep, spring break for the families. graduation. Then it will be summer time and the county

Guess we have to trade in Wham!, there went Christmas that sleigh for something with wheels. Because here .... we go ....

Spencer is survived by the

of Bountiful. Spencer's father,

Spencer is also survived by 10

siblings, Joseph Riddle (Laura),

Brigham Riddle (Blair), Heber

Riddle, John Riddle, David

(Jacob), Isaac Riddle, George

Riddle, Michael Riddle, and

Spencer is survived by his

grandparents, Chauncey and

Bertha (Allred) Riddle of Provo,

Cassandra

Sanford

### **Obituaries**

#### **Spencer Kimball Riddle** July 12, 1988- Dec. 11, 2011

Riddle, are an inspiration to all of us. Spencer Kimball family member, friend and husband, died on Dec. 11, 2011, love of his life, his wife, Nikki after an awe-inspiring, 23 year (Johnson) Riddle, formerly battle with cystic fibrosis. He of Bird City, Kan., and by his fought a valiant fight with great mother, Pamela Pickett Riddle, patience and good cheer.

Spencer was born in Bountiful, Mark A. Riddle, preceded Utah, on July 12, 1988, and Spencer in death by six months. spent his youth there, where he attended Bountiful High School. He had a keen mind and was an avid reader with an enthusiasm for a myriad of subjects. He loved logging onto Starbright World every day and volunteering his time mentoring young minds and Merry Riddle. Additionally, inspiring hundreds of chronic and terminally ill teens. He was passionate about helping others. One of his fondest dreams was to work as a psychologist or teacher, working to shape and mold the lives of young kids.

Someone said God takes his favorites home early. His family agreed.

He touched every life which against cystic fibrosis. crossed his path. His engaging smile revealed his king-sized Saturday, Dec. 17, in Bountiful. forgiving heart. His faith, his kindness, his sensitivity to was held on Friday, Dec. 16, after others, his selflessness, and his interment by releasing 24 red patience in suffering touched and purple balloons. "Breathe even the hearts of strangers and easy, sweet Spencer!!"

Samaritan Society County in Goodland.

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Utah. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Spencer K. Riddle Account at Zion's bank,

Riddle.

150 S Fort Lane, Layton, UT 84041 or to Nikki Riddle, P.O Box 412, Bird City, KS, to be Spencer was a favorite of all used to pay it forward and to with whom he came in contact. help others fighting their battles

> Funeral services were held A celebration of Spencer's life

**Neva Ruth Loomis** Feb. 16, 1923 - Dec. 31, 2011

Longtime Goodland resident died Oct. 16, 1983; two brothers Neva Ruth Loomis, 88, died Merle Mintling and Riley Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, at Good Mintling; and two sisters Eldeen Sherman Shores and LaVeta Vollmer. Surviving family includes her

She was born Feb. 16, 1923, son Roger Loomis and his wife in Hayes County, Neb., the Lynelle of Las Vegas, Nev.; her daughter of Ethel Dee (Barrett) daughter Linda Rogers and her and William Leslie Mintling. husband Rick of St. Francis; two grandchildren Shawn Rogers of New York, N.Y.; Dallas Friedli and her husband Larry of Hope, Kan.; three great-grandchildren Sydney Friedli, Amelia Friedli, and Hadley Friedli; two brothers Richard Mintling of Kearney, Neb.; Dean Mintling of Boulder, Colo.; and sister Twila Burkett of McCook, Neb.

#### **Community club**

The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Jan. 9 at the Senior Center. It will be a fun night with cards. Bring finger foods.

#### Get well cards

Mary Dorsch had hip surgery, and it went well. Cards and calls can be sent to; Room 6017, Select Specialty Hospital, 929 N. St Francis Wichita, KS. 67214, 316-291-4617

#### Home circle club

Avis Hazuka will be the hostess for the January meeting of the Home Circle Club. It will be held at the Manor on Thursday the 19 at 2 p.m.

#### **Emergency number**

The new phone number Cheyenne for County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

#### Get well cards

Get well cards and letters will reach Roberta Linin at: Shelly Beese, 6203 West 146th Street, Overland Park, KS 66223. Recycling

requesting that all recycling rules asking for donations of preschool, show your pride! Please call the

### **Bulletin Board**

down cardboard boxes before they are thrown in the bin.

#### Veterans' Affairs

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Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the County Clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Thursday, Jan. 5. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

#### Library books

While doing your cleaning, check under your bed for any overdue library books. The Bird City Public Library is not charging any fines for 6 months in an attempt to recover items. So please help out by returning items from months or years back. If we are not open please leave items in the outside return.

#### **Books needed**

The Cheylin elementary parent group is planning a book exchange The Bird City Council is supper this spring. They are star banner" for your window to

## ommissioners accept resignation

Cheyenne County The Commissioners met for the last meeting of the year with little business on the agenda.

A letter of resignation from Karen Flemming, deputy appraiser, was read and accepted. Later, Bruce Webb, appraiser, and Mrs. Flemming attended the meeting. Mr. Webb asked if he could hire Mrs. Flemming on a part-time basis. He assured the commissioners he would not go over budget.

asked Webb the Mr. commissioners if they would consider increasing the county mileage reimbursement to coincide with the federal mileage allowance. The county's mileage allowance is \$.40 per mile. The federal allowance is \$.50 per mile. The commissioners agreed to raise the mileage rate.

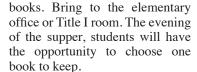
Mr. Webb asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made upon coming out.

#### **Road and bridge** department report Dave Flemming, county road

and bridge department supervisor, went over his work schedule and monthly budget. He had the Penco Engineering agreement which allows the firm local public authority to do the engineering inspection on Armknecht corner project. The Armknecht corner is located in southwest Cheyenne County and, in the past several years, there was a fatal accident reported at the corner.

Bids for a "super structure" replacement on the bridge east of the Alvin Holzwarth farm were reviewed. The bridge is located west of St. Francis. Husker Steel's bid for \$39,870 was accepted and signed.

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#### 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.

#### Tag deadline

beginning with W, X, Y, Z 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.

#### Blue star banners

Do you have a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter serving in active duty military service? The Goodland Elks Lodge 1528 would along with the I-Carly spaghetti like to present you with a "blue

be followed especially breaking elementary or junior high level secretary at (785) 890-6251 to visit with her about this.

**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 All residents with last names 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 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.

the county's "Exercise Program The next meeting of

Manager.' commissioners has been • The commissioners decided for 8 a.m. on Monday in the to not transfer equipment reserve commissioners' room in the funds other than those that had courthouse. As of Wednesday, already been transferred. few items of business were on the agenda.

Jerold DeBoer, Penco Engineering, thanked the commissioners for their support throughout the year.

Next meeting

### Basketball contest set

The annual Knights of Columbus competition to start at 2 p.m. Free Throw Contest will be held The winners will move on to the Sunday, Jan. 15, in the St. Francis District contest in Atwood on high school gym. All boys and girls, ages 10 through 14, as of Jan. 1, are eligible to participate in their own age and gender group.

Those interested in participating may get an application from either the grade school or high school office or may contact Mike Antholz at 332-3482. It will need need to have participants in each to be filled out and signed by both of the age groups. You may also the participant and their parent, sign up at the competition as long then brought to the competition as you bring a copy of your birth along with a copy of their birth certificate. certificate.

approximately 1 p.m. with the let's all have some fun!

Saturday, Feb.4. Anyone who goes to school in either Cheylin or St. Francis may participate.

Editor's note: The above article

was taken from the unapproved

minutes of the Dec. 30 Cheyenne

County Commissioners' meeting.

In case of inclement weather, the contest will be moved to Sunday, Jan. 22.

To make this a successful competition, Mr. Antholz said, we

So, Mr. Antholz said, bring your The doors will open at kids, age 10 through 14, out and

Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, vegetable.

Lunch: barbecue rib on a bun,

Breakfast is daily served with

Lunch is daily served with salad

toast, cereal, juice and milk.

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**School Menu** 

session In other business • Ryan Murray was appointed

Breakfast:

curly fries, dessert.

biscuits.

She graduated from high school in Hayes Center, Neb.

On Feb. 7, 1943, she and Edwin Warren Loomis were married. Following Edwin's honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1945, the couple returned to Hayes Center to make their home. With Edwin's work with Co-op, they moved to Bird City in 1955, and then in 1968, to Quinter. They also lived in Houston, Texas, for two years and Sabetha, Kan. for three years. In 1975, Edwin's work brought them to Goodland to make their home.

her husband Edwin Loomis, who KS 67735.

The funeral will be private and will be followed by burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

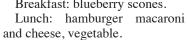
Memorials may be designated to Genesis or Good Samaritan Society Sherman County, and may be mailed to Koons Funeral Preceding her in death were Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland,



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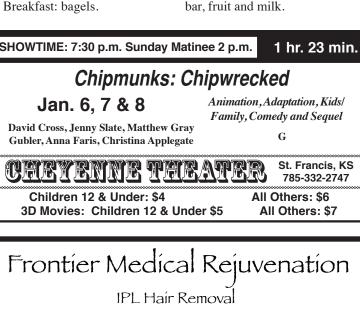
Jan. 9 – Jan. 12

Monday

Tuesday Breakfast: boiled egg, yogurt.

Lunch: chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, bread. Wednesday

Breakfast: bagels.



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#### Thursday sausage gravy,



# **Diabetes Support** Group

Wednesday, Jan. 18 1:30 p.m. in the Clinic Basement **Conference Room.** 

Kirsten Angell the new Dietician for CCH will be the guest speaker For more information, please contact the County Health at 785-332-2381

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