

Casey's Comments

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I remember what it was like growing up during the Cold War.

Living in the U. S. in the 1960s was hard not to sometimes wonder about all those Soviet nuclear missiles pointed at us. In Denver we had Cheyenne Mountain, with the NORAD base inside, to the south and Rocky Flats, nuke weapons provider, to the north. It was obvious we were in the cross hairs should the Russians start shooting.

But those days are over. So is the need for all the missile silos that lay hidden underground in different parts of our country. So what do you do with the old, unused silos?

Some developers are transforming them into condominiums. In fact if you're interested,

you can buy space in one not too far from us in central Kansas.

There were 72 Atlas F-series silo complexes built in America. Several were positioned around the now extinct Schilling Air Force Base near Salina. The closest to us would be #8 outside Wilson.

The cost to build each in 1960's dollars was \$15 million. It is estimated that cost would be about \$60 million today.

The question I have to ask is why set up home in a missile silo? Yes there are risks with living anywhere. But why would you need to be in a reinforced concrete bunker that could withstand 500 m.p.h. winds? Wouldn't it be easier just to hunker down in the storm cellar instead?

Because, last I heard, the Cold War is over.

Association holds annual meeting

By Norma Martinez

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After the Kansas Day celebration on Sunday the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association held a meeting at the Methodist Church with 15 people present. Last year's show was up in attendance, and plans are being made to make this year's show better than last year's.

During the last meeting it was decided that something needed to be done to insulate Building 5 where the food is served for the barbecue. Rod Klepper applied for and received a grant from Century II in the amount of \$18,000 to make the following upgrades to this building: apply spray on insulation on the walls and ceiling, install wooden side walls for protection, paint the entire inside of the building, and install 10 56-inch ceiling fans for ventilation.

Gerald Wright purchased eight new industrial gym lights from the St. Francis high school for

\$400 to be used in the Steam Engine room which will provide better lighting.

Ken Beougher donated a new whistle for one of the Nichols and Shephard Steam Engines, Art Wilkins has donated a heavy duty welding table for the welding shop, and Lonnie Coon acquired a heavy-duty vice for the machine shop.

Motion was made and carried to obtain the services of John Schaffner, the Cowboy Poet Chuckwagon Cook to provide a Saturday morning breakfast consisting of pancakes, ham, juice and coffee. He sets up chuckwagon style and cooks over the open coals. The charge will only be the price of the meal.

It was brought to everyone's attention that the deadline is April 2 for articles to be put into the newsletter. The annual thresher show meeting is set for March 3. All interested people are invited to attend.

School Menu

Monday

Breakfast: cinnamon raisin biscuits, sausage patties

Lunch: deli ham sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, broccoli salad

Tuesday

Breakfast: pancakes

Lunch: chicken fajitas, rice, vegetables, rolls

Wednesday

Fifth grade lunch

Breakfast: blueberry scones, yogurt

Lunch: quesadillas, cream corn, bananas and strawberries, dirt pudding

Thursday

Breakfast: scrambled eggs with cheese

Lunch: hamburger patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, snicker salad

Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.

Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk

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Bulletin Board

Meeting postponed

The Bird City Historical Association, Inc. meeting will be postponed until Feb. 10. If you have any questions about this, please call 785-734-2383.

Cinco de Mayo planning

A Cinco de Mayo celebration planning will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Cheylin Elementary cafeteria. The menu will be discussed. All those interested in the celebration are urged to attend.

Library StoryTime

Story Time will be Friday at 9 a.m. through 10:30 a.m. Parents and friends are invited to bring ages 3 - 5 years old for time of reading and fun. Come for 10 minutes or for the entire time.

Home Circle

Cheryl Lee will be the hostess for the February meeting of the Home Circle Club. It will be held at the Manor on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. Be sure to wear red!

Hospital Guild meets

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, at the St. Francis Senior Center. Cheryl Lee, R.N., will speak about home health services. Hostesses are Lucille Price and Wilma Lampe.

Commodities distribution

Cheyenne County commodity distribution of government surplus will be from 5 to 5:30 p.m., on Thursday at the Church of Christ, 502 W. Spencer in St. Francis.

The types of food vary and include vegetables, fruits, juices, meat, cereals, peanut butter, non-fat dried milk and pastas.

The food is shipped to the Church of Christ. It is supplied four or more times per year.

To be eligible for commodities, the household's total monthly income must be below:

\$1,180 - household of one;
\$1,594 - household of two;
\$2,008 - household of three;
\$2,422 - household of four. For each additional family member, add \$414.

Fair board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Residents write book

"Memories and musing," a book written by Good Samaritan Village residents, will be available at the open house on Sun-

day, Feb. 12. More information to follow.

Get well cards

Mary Dorsch had hip surgery, and she is home at the farm. Cards and calls can be sent to her there.

Veterans' Affairs

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. Those unable to come can contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, or the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

Emergency number

The new phone number for Cheyenne 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

The Bird City City Council is requesting that all recycling rules be followed especially breaking down cardboard boxes before they are thrown in the bin.

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 along with the I-Carly spaghetti supper this spring. They are asking for donations of preschool, elementary or junior high level books. Bring to the elementary office or Title I room. The evening of the supper, students will have the opportunity to choose one book to keep.

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

All residents with last names

beginning with A 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.

Treasurer's office

Due to illness, the county treasurer's office will only have one clerk in the office from Thursday, Feb. 2, through Tuesday, Feb. 7. The office will also be closed from noon to 1 p.m. each of those days. Note that the deadline for heavy trucks and trailers is Feb. 29.



Baker - Bunjes

Couple planning May wedding in Colorado

Alyssa Christine Bunjes and Zachariah Courtney Baker are planning to be married on May 25 in Thornton, Colo., where they currently live.

Alyssa is the daughter of Nancy Bunjes of Thornton, and Dale Bunjes of Cowley, Wyo., and formerly of St. Francis. She is the granddaughter of Carol Nott of Thornton, and the late Ed Nott; and L.A. and Kay Bunjes of St. Francis.

Zachariah is the son of Tom and Sandy Baker of Thornton. He is the grandson of the late James G. Costan and the late Dolores L. Kroll.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Horizon High School, Thornton, and received her bachelor's degree in nursing in 2009 from the Denver School of Nursing. She is currently employed by Exempla St Joseph's Hospital in Denver, Colo., as a registered nurse.

The groom-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Horizon High School and attended Western State College in Gunnison and Metro State College in Denver. He is employed by AT&T Mobility in Thornton as a retail sales consultant.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. Sunday Matinee 2 p.m. 2 hr. 26 min.

War Horse
Action/Adventure, Adaptation, Drama
Feb. 3, 4 & 5
Peter Mullan, Emily Watson, Niels Arestrup, David Thewlis, Tom Hiddleston
PG-13 (for intense sequences of war violence)

CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6
3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$5 All Others: \$7

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

Diabetes Support Group

Wednesday, Feb. 15
1:30 p.m.
in the Clinic Basement Conference Room.

Dr. Mary Beth Miller will be the guest speaker - topic Blood Draw Lab Values - What do they mean?

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

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2004 Chevy Tahoe, Leather, 4WD loaded, T8520A	\$11,850
2005 Ford F-250 Lariat, L. Box, 133K miles, #T9945A	\$17,500
2006 Ford 250, R/C, L. box, Local Trade, 100K, #T4374A	\$19,000
2006 Toyota Camry, 103K, T4408B	\$8,900
2007 Ford F150 Lariat Crew Cab, Leather, 91K, #T0005A	\$25,500
2007 Ford F-150 King Ranch, Crew Cab, 69K, #T6497B	\$27,400
2007 Ford Edge, 70K, #T6601A	\$17,900
2008 Mercedes C300 Sport, 56K, loaded, #4538VA	\$28,995
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2008 Toyota Tundra, 2 WD, SRS, #T1028C	\$26,000
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2009 Lincoln MKZ, Super low miles, 16K, #85233A	\$27,900
2009 Cadillac STS, loaded, #T2882A	\$29,000
2010 Ford F250 XLT, Crew Cab, 6.8L gas, 45K, #7973A	\$34,000
2010 Ford F-150 XLT, 11,500 miles, #T4951A	\$31,950
2010 Ford F-150 4x4, Blue, Crew Cab, 34K, #T1028A	\$33,500
2010 Ford F-150 XLT, Crew Cab, Blue/silver, 5K, #T0244A	\$32,900
2010 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer, #T3404A	\$29,000
2011 Ford Taurus SEL, #06614A Was \$33,000 Now \$29,300	
2011 Ford Edge Limited, #T8768A Was \$35,700 Now \$31,300	

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Come & Go Wedding Reception
for Rocky & Hannah (Sowers) Gomez

Saturday, Feb. 4
2 - 4 p.m.
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