



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
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 I feel sorry for guys who never got their hands dirty.
 Elections have a way of showing the difference between the privileged few and the rest of us. It's ironic that the people leading the majority have so little in common with their constituents.
 Retrospect can show a person a lot. When I was younger I had several jobs that didn't seem very desirable at the time, but I'm grateful for the experience they offered.
 Right out of high school I needed to take some time to work before going to college. My twin brother helped get me hired on at the Benjamin Moore Paint factory that used to be a little over a block from where Coors Field stands in

Denver. Today the building houses upscale apartments.
 During my employment I learned many aspects of making paint. Whether it was heaving large bags of powdery pigment, filling huge tanks with oil or latex and water, putting paint in cans or often cleaning up after one of those jobs, it all was educational.
 The biggest lesson I learned was that I did not want to be a factory worker for the rest of my life. College was a little easier after the hard physical work at "Uncle Ben's."
 But I wouldn't change a thing about the times I dug plumbing ground irons or riding the backend of a trash truck. Because they sure helped me realize the dignity of a dirty job done well.

County health workers conduct mock drill

The Cheyenne County Health Department, Clinic and Hospital conducted a Point of Dispensing Mock Drill (also known as a POD) at the Cheyenne County Health Department on Tuesday, Jan. 24.
 The County Health Department can activate a Point of Dispensing Drill in an emergency situation to distribute medications to the county's entire population. The "Gold Standard" for this task is to distribute medications to the county population in 48 hours during an emergency incident, said Shawna Blanka, public information officer at the county hospital.
 The county health department has identified three locations throughout the county to distribute needed supplies and medicine to individuals during an emergency. For this mock drill, the point of dispensing was held at the clinic/health department in St. Francis, with hospital and emergency medical service as patients to

distribute vaccines as needed.
 During an emergency the Cheyenne County Health Department would request these supplies from the Kansas State Department of Health and Environment Emergency Preparedness department. The Kansas Department of Health would then contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which would send these needed supplies and medicine within 12 hours through the Strategic National Stockpile program.
 The Cheyenne County Health Department, Hospital and the Cheyenne County Office of Emergency Management have partnered to provide services to the community to distribute needed supplies and medicine during an emergency.
 Mrs. Blanka said this was just a test of hospital, clinic and public health staff in case a real incident occurs.

Bulletin Board

Grief support group
 Confidential Grief Support Group, for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, to be held in a safe place of mutual help and comfort. Information sessions will be Monday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City. Questions call 785-734-2739.

Historical meeting
 The Bird City Historical Association will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Bird City Senior Center, weather permitting. If in doubt, call 785-734-2750.

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

Library StoryTime
 StoryTime 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.

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

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!

Residents write book
 "Memories and Musing," a book written by Good Samaritan Village residents, will be available at the open house on Sunday, Feb. 12. More information to follow.

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.

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.

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.
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.

Noninsured crop assistance application due in March

The deadline for the United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency to accept applications under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program is March 15 for coverage for 2011 coarse grains such as feed.
 Crops eligible for the program benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. Included as eligible crops are forage crops for livestock such as cane, feed, silage, sudan, millet and peas (mechanically harvested or grazed).
 Producers who may wish to participate in the program must visit their local Farm Service office to complete an application for coverage and pay the service fee by March 15. Administrative service fees are collected in order to help offset the cost of implementing the program and range from \$250 per crop per administrative county

on their particular crop, a notice of loss must be filed with the local Farm Service office within 15 calendar days after the disaster, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer.
 Producers are responsible for providing accurate and complete loss and production information. This includes timely certifying the unit's planted acreage and production with Farm Service office. In general, acreage reporting deadlines are June 1 for small grain crops, and the earlier of Aug. 1 or 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing for all other crops.
 This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50-percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop.
 Contact the Farm Service office at 332-2183 before March 15 for more information.

*In Loving Memory
 To My Wife, Our Mother,
 Grandma & Great-Grandma
 Betty Gleason
 who passed away on 2-13-03*


Mom,
 It's been 9 years since I held your hand the day you went away. I wish we could have had more time, but it just didn't work out that way. I had more questions I should have ask, but thought you'd be here forever. So now I talk to you on the hill and wait for your answer from heaven. I Thank You, Miss You and Love You Very Much.

~ Claudette

**Open House for Bennie Weber's
 75th Birthday & 55 Years of Barbering
 Sunday, Feb. 12 — 1- 5 p.m.**

**Weber House, 1605 RD 15
 St. Francis**

Barbershop will be closed from
 Mar. 2 till possibly Mar. 17

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Retirement Open House
 Join us in celebrating
 Dave Penton's retirement
 Friday, Feb. 17, 2 to 3 p.m.
 in the hospital basement lobby.
 We appreciate Dave's 31 years of service
 with the Cheyenne County Hospital


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

You're invited

Open House
 Sunday, Feb. 12
 2 - 5 p.m.

**Good Samaritan Society -
 St. Francis Village**
 is celebrating the completion of the new
 section and we would like for you
 to join us in the celebration.



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