

Casey's Comments

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As this year fades and the dawn of the next approaches, I am struck with a thought.

The other day I was lamenting with a friend about the recent shootings across our country. We arrived to the theory that it all comes down to common respect for others.

There is so much finger pointing going on that blame is being thrown in every direction. But maybe we all are to blame?

We seem to live in a society where individual rights are out weighing the good of all. Folks are so busy demanding respect for themselves that the needs of others are not a concern.

Being a simple Irish-American working stiff, I don't understand many things. But there is one idea

I have picked up along my journey through life. That is, we are all in this together.

I truly believe God created us to care for one another. It isn't enough to pay taxes and put a couple bucks in the plate at church each week. We need to think of the people around us and try to help each other where needed.

While on a visit before I moved to this area I was talking with a local farmer. His words were, "Out here you can get along okay if when a neighbor needs a hand, you help."

Those are such simple words. But I think we forget the simple things sometimes.

Now I'm the first person who needs to put this concept into practice. I hope to do a better job in 2013.



CHEYLIN SENIORS, Joshua Keltz, right, and Ruben Razo, have been selected to participate in the Kansas Eight-Man Division II All-Star game in Beloit on Saturday, June 8. Area coaches select high school seniors to participate in the game. Joshua is the son of Denise and Max Keltz; Ruben is the son of Lilia and Cipriano Guterrez.
Photo by Darci Shields

Bulletin Board

Death notice

Bird City resident, Lucille Wright, died Christmas Day in St. Francis. She was 94 years old. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Immanuel Methodist Church in Bird City. Burial will be in the Bird City Cemetery.

Frieda Black, 94, died Dec. 26 in the Smith County Hospital, Smith Center. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at St. Johns Lutheran Church, Bird City.

Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

New Year's Eve dance

Monday December 31, 8:30pm - 1:00 am, American Legion Hall. Sponsored by Century II Development. All ages welcome.

Veteran's Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' affairs will be in St. Francis on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m. To contact Ms Tubbs call 785-462-3572.

Information needed

To better serve the cattlemen of Cheyenne County, the sheriff's office is requesting landowners and stockmen provide locations, brands, descriptions and a contact phone number pertaining to livestock in pastures, grazed stock residue and CRP within the county. The officers will compile the contact numbers and locations, giving a copy to the county communications dispatch office to be used when stray livestock are found on the roads. The contact numbers are for officers' use only and will not be provided to the general public. Call the sheriff's office at 785-332-8880.

StoryTime Hour

Because of the holidays coming up, there will be no StoryTime Hour until after the first of the year. Keep an eye out, StoryTime Hour will be trying some new programs.

Bingo

The American Legion Auxiliary in Bird City will be conducting bingo games the first and third Saturdays of the month. Due to the extensive remodeling at the Legion hall, Bingo will be held at Bird City Senior Center until further notice.

Wesleyan service

The Wesleyan Community Church of Bird City is having Sunday evening services, starting at 6 p.m. There will be Contemporary Praise and Worship, followed by interactive preaching and Bible study.

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. Meeting place is the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 E. Fourth, Bird City. For more information, call 785-734-2739.

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.

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.

Obituary

Frieda Antholz Black

March 23, 1918 - Dec. 26, 2012

Frieda Sophia Antholz Black was born March 23, 1918, near Atwood, Kan., to Henry W. Antholz and Anna Friedrichs Antholz. She was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ludell and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City.

She attended Grand Prairie Country School north of McDonald and graduated from McDonald Rural High School in 1936. She attended Grand Island Business College, Grand Island, Neb., and then moved with some girlfriends to Denver. She worked in Denver until meeting Harvey A. Black there in October 1947. Harvey and Frieda were married in Denver on Jan. 30, 1948.

In 1950, Harvey and Frieda moved to the Henry Antholz farm two and one half miles north of McDonald. Two children were born to this union: Gregory Allen in 1954

and Noell Alane in 1956.

Both Frieda and Harvey enjoyed traveling to various states in the United States. For more than 20 years, they traveled to and wintered in Yuma, Ariz. In 1997, they hosted children and grandchildren for Christmas as part of their 50th wedding anniversary ongoing celebration. Frieda really enjoyed the "pinochle group" that was together for more than 50 years.

Frieda was active in St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City and taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, faithfully attended women's circle groups and especially enjoyed quilting at the church with other women. Frieda knew Jesus as her Savior and Lord and many times remarked that she "was ready to go to Heaven."

After a fall on Dec. 16, 2012, she

was hospitalized in Smith County Hospital, Smith Center. She had been living with daughter Noell and husband Greg Hubbard at their home in Smith Center since December 2011. She died early morning on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at the hospital.

Preceding her in death were her parents, stepmother Leona Antholz, sister Alma Antholz, brothers Arthur and Edwin Antholz, and beloved husband, Harvey Black.

She leaves to remember her life with thanksgiving to her son Gregory, and wife Jillene of Windsor, Colo.; granddaughter Breeann Reinholz and husband Mark; granddaughter Kaitlin Black; daughter, Noell Hubbard and husband Greg of Smith Center; grandsons Gabriel, Michael, and Landon Hubbard, granddaughter Kami Hubbard; and many other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 2012, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City with Pastor Jim Gleason officiating. Special music was provided by Sandy Binning, organist, flutist Kami Hubbard, and singers Hal and Becky Antholz.

Serving as casket bearers were Greg Hubbard, Gabriel Hubbard, Landon Hubbard, Hal Antholz, Craig Antholz and Gregory Black.


Honorary casket bearers were Breeann Reinholz, Kaitlin Black and Kami Hubbard.


Honored women and special friends from 50-year pinochle group were Irma Deeds, Hulda Dorsch and Vernetta Haack.

Burial was in Grace Cemetery at McDonald.


Memorials may be given to St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City or to The Gideons.

Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis, was in charge of arrangements.



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