

Casey's Comments

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 Plenty of dark news is filling the world of media lately. Missing jetliners, Russian imperialism and deadly mudslides, just to name a few of the top sad stories. So it was nice to come across the escaped circus elephants in St. Louis. This could have been an equally depressing event as three giant pachyderms from the Moolah Shrine Circus got spooked and took off into the parking lot of the Family Arena in St. Charles, Mo. Luckily they only managed to cause some minor damage to some cars before they were safely returned to a proper place. It reminded me of the time the circus came to Bird City. Several years ago a group of trucks was traveling East on U.S.

36 when one of them tried to pull into the parking lot where Frontier Ag and its gas station are now. The driver miss judged the turn and dropped one side of his semi's rear wheels into the drainage ditch. What followed was a little bit of confusion as local authorities contacted a tow service and they discovered that one of the circus drivers had an existing warrant out. The truck was only transporting equipment as the animals either went through before or after these trucks. Eventually the semi was freed and the caravan continued on its way to a scheduled stop down the road. Not sure what happened to the fugitive from the law. But I still think it qualified for having the circus in Bird City.

McDonald News *By Sandy Binning*

Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson and Megan of Mound Ridge were weekend guests of Marlene Johnson. Gilbert Antholz's sister, Janet Griffith, was a Monday overnight guest of Gilbert and Janice. Gilbert and Janice, Janet, Blanche and Roy Koons, and Bob and Pricilla Antholz all enjoyed lunch Tuesday in Atwood. Tuesday afternoon, Gilbert and Janice called on Jean Skubal, Janice's sister, who is a patient in the Oberlin Hospital.

Jim Banister and Teryn Carmichael took Karlyne Atchison to lunch at the Diner in Bird City Wednesday. Joan Tongish and Eleanor visited Betty Lewis at the Atwood Hospital Friday. Joan Tongish, who is recovering from back surgery, had many visitors this past week. Doug Tongish visited his mother Saturday. Lois Morelock attended a baby shower for Megan Pfannenstiel in Hays Saturday.

Bulletin Board

Co-ed basketball
 The Cheylin Recreation Commission is sponsoring co-ed town team basketball, Sunday evenings, 7-9 p.m., at the Bird City High School gym. Call Nick Boyson 332-6031. 12

Special commissioners' meeting
 Commissioner, Dale Patton has called a special Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, to discuss the county's emergency medical service. The meeting will go into executive session to discuss personnel and there will be no decisions made.

Arms, Bumper to Bumper, Republican Valley Auto, or any board member. The banquet is March 29 at the Legion hall in Bird City. There will be a vote on amending a section of the by-laws. This year's drawing will be for an AR10 and a Winchester 243. 07

Cheylin school security
 All visitors must enter the west entrances for the elementary and high school buildings after 8:30 a.m. All other doors are locked for security purposes. Please report to the office upon entering building. There is visitor parking available in front of the high school west entrance and on the north side of the elementary building.

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.

The group gives confidential support in a safe place of mutual help and comfort to all who have

experienced the loss of a loved one.

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

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.

South of McDonald *By Sandy Binning*

Amy Waters was a guest of Bethel Goltl at the farm this past week. Owen visited and helped his Grandpa Doug Flemming.

Alan and Bethel Goltl, and Amy Waters traveled to the Denver area Wednesday and returned to the farm Thursday. Amy and Owen left for home Thursday.

Friday, Matt, Jack, and Sophie Goltl, and Matt Casa, a nephew of Bethel Goltl arrived at the farm. On Saturday they visited with Bethel at the farm and they all visited with Elaine, Kenny, and Brent Johnson in Bird City. Saturday evening Matt, Jack, Sophie, and Matt enjoyed supper at Big Eds with Paul Hayden and family. Matt, Jack, and Sophie and Matt all left for home Sunday afternoon.

Last weekend, Tayten Dewey was in a dance competition in Omaha, Neb. Kelly Dewey, Barb Morton, and Tru Dewey went with her.

Thursday guests of Tayten and Tru Dewey were Clara Kastens, and Tucker Prideaux.

Chris Holste was over Sunday afternoon for birthday cake and ice cream at the Dewey home.

Kathy Banister kept a lunch date with two college friends Friday in Hays. After spending part of the afternoon visiting, Kathy traveled on to Topeka to spend the weekend with Debbie Banister.

On Sunday, Kathy and Debbie enjoyed lunch with Lonnie, Stacy, and Nicole Martin in Topeka and Kathy returned home afterwards.

Lifeguards needed

The City of Bird City is seeking applications for lifeguards for the 2014 summer. Candidates must be at least 15 years of age prior to application. Lifeguard, CPR and First Aid certification is preferred, but training will be available for applicants that are not certified. Duties will include, but not be limited to, daily pool operations, general maintenance and maintaining a safe environment for pool patrons. Individuals that are interested may pick up an application at City Hall, 111 E 4th Street in Bird City. Applications must be returned to City Hall prior to April 4th 2014.

Swimming Pool Manager Needed

The City of Bird City is seeking applications for the Summer Swimming Pool Manager. Duties will include, but not be limited to, daily operations, scheduling, general maintenance, and lifeguarding responsibilities. Management experience is preferred but not required. Candidates should possess current certifications in CPR, First Aid and lifeguarding. WSI certification is beneficial but not required. Interested individuals should pick up an application at City Hall, 111 E 4th Street in Bird City. Applications must be returned to City Hall prior to April 4th 2014.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Chad Sager, Atwood; Michael Sager, Denver, Colo.; Hal Sager, Bird City; Stanley Lamb, St. Francis; Eileen Moon, West Chester, Ohio; David Zumbahlen, Centralia; Marilyn Henning, Lakewood, Colo.; Dave Hickert, Bird City.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 49 min.

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CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6
 3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$6 All Others: \$8

Participate in the Cheyenne County Health Survey

March 20-31, 2014
 Help Cheyenne County improve access to quality health care!

The Cheyenne County Taskforce for Healthcare Improvement needs the help of the entire community. Please complete the online survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DHY-HC> or contact Carol Sloper at 785-332-2104 x170 for a paper copy.

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

Spring Health Fair 2014

Cheyenne County Spring Health Fair Men & Women Exams: April 14-18 all day in St. Francis
St. Francis- Call clinic for appointment 332-2682

Men & Women Exams: April 14-18 in Bird City 9:00 a.m. - noon
Bird City - Call clinic for appointment 734-2306

Exam Fee: \$25.00 due at time of service!

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

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513 S. Benton; 3 bdrm, 2 bath home ready to move into. Bsmt bath is newly upgraded and a possible non-code bdrm in basement; family room, beautiful dining room and much more. Detached garage, nice patio, lots of extras! Approx. 1482 sq. feet of living space!
LAND LISTING: CRP QUARTER WITH CONTRACT TO END SEPT. 2014; 142.87 acres of CRP with 15.47 acres of pasture! NE 23, T2S, R39W. Call for information.
117 W. Webster; Approx. 1635 sq. feet of living space in this 3 or 4 bdrm home which has 2 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, new Furnace and AC, family room in basement, laundry on the main floor. Move in Ready! Detached garage & great location.
1625 Rd G, St. Francis, Beautiful 2 bdrm, 2 bath home located on approx. 15 acres with several outbuildings for you to enjoy the serenity of Country Living! House is move in ready with lots of upgrades. Approx. 8 miles from town on Good Roads and a lot of "Grandview!"
411 E. Washington; This 2-story home has 3-4 bdrm, 2 baths, fireplace, new siding, new windows, kitchen remodel and much more. Detached 3-car garage; Close to schools and has a lot of character. Finished basement and ready for your busy family! PRICE REDUCED.
301 S. Adams; 1 bdrm, 1 bath, home located with an awesome Man Cave (a HUGE Garage)! Refinished hardwood floors, upgrades in wiring & plumbing, partial basement; Awesome front porch! Plenty of land to add on to the quaint older style home! Price reduced.
118 E. First; 2 bdrm, 2 bath; needs some work but would make you a comfortable home. Forced heat & air, detached garage and close to downtown. PRICE REDUCED.

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