

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

Have you noticed? After weeks and weeks of repeated winter storms, we're getting a break. Temperatures are rising above freezing, the huge piles of snow and ice are melting and people are venturing outside again. I saw my first robin of the year in our backyard Monday. At the local hardware store they have seed packets displayed. With the thick blanket of white, that has been on our buffalo grass, I know

I will finally be able to run an aerator on our lawn and take some decent plugs out. For the first time since I relocated to Kansas, I am imagining how the wheat fields and pastures will look. I see vast expanses of green just around the corner. Spring isn't here yet, but with the days getting longer and warmer weather, it's clear that a great growing season is on the way. Gardeners and farmers rejoice!

For the Record

Jan. 4, A 1998 Freightliner owned by Hatfield Trucking and driven by Otis Coon, Bird City was westbound on hwy. 36 and turned left onto road 23. He missed the turn and slid into the ditch.

Jan. 6, A 1994 Ford Explorer driven by Frank Hayes Jr., Goodland was traveling north on road 15 when the vehicle lost control on the ice and rolled over in the east ditch.

Jan. 7, A 1998 Chevy Blazer driven by Ronda Zwegardt, St. Francis was northbound on Rd. 15 when the vehicle lost control on ice, slid into the ditch, and rolled onto its driver's side.

Jan. 10, A 2000 Chevy Silverado driven by Dustin Krien, St. Francis was southbound on road 15 when it lost control on ice, went in the ditch and flipped end over end and came to rest on the drivers side.

Jan. 12, A 2004 Ford pickup driven by Barbara Walden, Bird City was northbound on road 25 when it slid into the shoulder of the east side of the road and rolled onto its top.

Jan. 15, The theft of two hub-caps from a 1978 Cadillac on First in St. Francis was reported by Penny Archibald of Goodland.

Jan. 18, A 2003 Chevy Silverado driven by Alfred Hilt, St. Francis was northbound on Rd. 15 when it hit his ice and went into the west ditch and rolled over onto the passenger side.

Jan. 18, Criminal use of a financial card and breach of privacy was reported. Cash taken from an ATM (\$302) and Diesel fuel purchased (\$405).

Jan. 20, Criminal damage to property belonging to the City of St. Francis on hwy. 36 was reported. Two florescent light fixtures (\$50) were damaged.

Jan. 24, An attempted burglary and criminal damage was reported at Rd. L and Rd. 3 by Tim Stimbart.

Jan. 27, An individual was cited on hwy. 36 at mile marker 21 for transporting an open container.

Jan. 28, Jenik Oil reported the theft of a 50 foot air hose with ends (\$50).

Jan. 30, Chester Gardner driving a truck belonging to the City of St. Francis was backing out of the alley onto Scott Street when it struck a 1996 Ford Aerostar belonging to Randy Teeters.

Feb. 1, A domestic battery call was handled in St. Francis.

Feb. 2, A 1997 Chevy pickup driven by Michael Leonard, Goodland was eastbound on River Road when it hit ruts in the road and lost control.

Feb. 9, A 2004 Pontiac driven by Stevy Geise, Clyde, Kan. was northbound on Bird Ave., Bird City when it turned left onto Park Street and was struck by a 1994 Chevy pickup driven by Travis Havel, St. Francis who was also northbound on Bird Avenue.

Feb. 12, Criminal damage to property at First and College Streets was reported by Eddy Schultz. Windows were broken (\$50).

Feb. 16, A 1983 Dodge pickup driven by Gus Zwegardt, St. Francis backed out of the garage and into a chicken house.

On Feb. 9 at 11:50 p.m., 19-year-old Travis Havel, driving a 1994 Chevy pickup, and Stevy Geise, 19, driving a 2004 Pontiac, were traveling north on Bird Avenue, Bird City, when Geise turned left on Park Street and was struck by the Havel vehicle. Geise left the scene of the accident. He was charged with leaving the scene and minor in possession.



BIRD CITY SENIORS celebrating birthdays in February were; Emma Hopp, Lee Amsberry, Paul Roesener, Millie Glasco, Albert Gilliland, and Gwen Boswell.

Times Staff photo by Melinda Basnett

Bulletin Board

Soup dinner Feb. 25

A soup dinner, sponsored by the sophomore class, will be held from 11:30 to 1:30 on Sunday, Feb. 25, in the Cheylin cafeteria.

Cheylin Booster Club meeting
The Cheylin Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the high school library.

Senior Center monthly potluck
The Bird City Senior Center monthly potluck will take place at noon on Monday, Feb. 26.

St. John Lutheran Church
Beginning Feb. 21, Lenten services will be held at 6 p.m. every Wednesday until Easter at St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City. Fellowship will follow. Anyone is welcome to attend.

90th birthday
An open house is being held to help Meta (Bader) Dankenbring celebrate her 90th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, at the Bird City Senior Center. If you are unable to attend the open house you may send greetings to her at P.O. Box 295, Bird City, KS 67731.

Heart Association fundraiser
An American Heart Association basketball fundraiser, sponsored by Teens for Christ, will take place on

Sunday, March 4. The meal will be served from 11:30 to 12:45 in the Cheylin lunchroom in Bird City with games and special events held immediately following in the high school gym in Bird City. All proceeds go to the American Heart Association. Classified located elsewhere.

Bird seed business featured on QVC
Bird City Bird Seed will be featured on QVC, along with its owner Tabettha Ketzner, at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Prairie Land Food Pack sign up
Prairie Land Food Pack March sign up is during the noon hour on Feb. 24 at First Baptist Church in St. Francis or Feb. 25 through March 12 at Video Connection, Empire Motel during week days and at the office of Tim Poling, DDS from 8:30 a.m.

to noon on week days.
No Representative March 1
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will not be in St. Francis on Thursday, March 1, due to training in Wichita. She will be in St. Francis on March 15. You may contact the Colby office Monday, Wednesday or Friday

at (785) 462-3572.

Extension program
"Knowledge for Life - My Guy and His Health" will be presented by Melinda Daily, Sunflower District Family Community Service Wallace County, at 10 a.m. on Feb. 26 at the Cheyenne County Extension Office.

Sign up to attend before Feb. 22 at by calling the local Extension Office at (785) 332-3171.

Western Plains Art Association
Western Plains Art Association will present The Hughes Brothers of Branson at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Hoxie High School Auditorium. They will do an entertaining family variety show.

Open House
Bankwest is holding an open house from 9 to 4 on Wednesday, Feb. 21 to welcome Tye Faulkender and Mike Bandel as loan officers. Ad located elsewhere.

Health Fair
The Cheyenne County Hospital will be sponsoring a Health Fair for men and women with lab draw dates of March 26 and March 28 and exam dates of March 27 through March 29. Check ad below for times and additional information concerning exams.

Tax help
AARP Tax-Aide is available in St. Francis with middle- and low-incomes. AARP volunteers Rowland Roelfs and Wayne Keeker will be available at the St. Francis Library from 2 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and at the St. Francis Senior Center from 2 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays through April 15.

Development Corporation
grant

Grant applications for up to \$500 may be submitted to Midwest Energy by March 1. Your organization may contact Carol at the Cheyenne County Development Corporation at 332-3508 to submit an application.

Wildlife Banquet
Mark your calendar for March 23 when the Cheyenne County Wildlife Banquet will be held.

Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous
Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

Sainty Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous
Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-6542 for more information.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter
Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services 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 if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Bicycles still being collected
The Lions Club is still collecting bicycles to take to the Norton Correctional facility to be repaired. The bicycles made be taken to the Saint Francis Herald office for later pickup. Please bring to front door of Herald.

Investigation of local burglary announced

On Feb. 3 at approximately 1 a.m., a burglary took place at Frontier Equity in Bird City. An arrest led to other charges.

Jon Stephens, 20, St. Francis, was arrested and charged with the burglary. A search of the Stephens home resulted in items taken from the Cheyenne Bowl in April and Stephens was also charged with this burglary.

Stephens was taken to the Sherman County Bastille and released on a \$5,000 cash bond. His first court appearance was Feb. 6. The trial has been set for March 30.

Stephens was charged with burglary at the Cheyenne Bowl on April 9. He was also charged with the theft of \$2,685 in cash, two beer signs worth \$1,000 each and criminal damage to property. His first appearance on these charges will be March 8.

Stephens was also charged with 21 counts of breach of privacy, attempted unlawful and unlawful use of a financial card during the period of Dec. 29 through Feb. 3. The preliminary hearing for this charge will be March 30.

Student News

Creighton University

Hayley Young daughter of Rod and Jane Young of Bird City was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Creighton University Omaha, Neb. for the Fall semester of the 2006-2007 academic year.

University of Nebraska

Kori Underwood, freshman at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Neb. has been named one of 16 new board members for the Student Alumni Association.

The board plans and coordinates events and programs for the 1,900-member student group at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and serves as a volunteer corps for Nebraska Alumni Association activities such as Home Husker Huddles, the RED Gala and the Breakfast for Champions.



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RENTAL HOUSING IN BIRD CITY
Rental Housing is needed during the construction of the dairy February - September 2007. Rent is paid for by the dairy contractor, Wilhite Dairy.

Rental Housing is needed for dairy employees starting September 2007. Rent & utilities are paid for by Bird City Dairy, Mike & Clay McCarty, owners.

BIRD CITY CENTURY II

Development Foundation

785-734-2556

"A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE BIRD CITY COMMUNITY."

Corrections

The Saint Francis Herald will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 332-3162 to report errors. We believe that news stories should be fair and factual, and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

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Casey at 785-332-3162**

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hour, 24 min.

Feb. 23, 24 & 25 **Epic Movie**

Starring: Kal Penn, Adam Campbell, Jennifer Coolidge, Jayma Mays, Faune Chambers

Comedy/Action/Adventure

Rating: PG-13

Cheyenne Theater
St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747

Children 11 & under: \$2 12-18 yr.: \$3 Senior Citizens: \$3 Adults: \$4

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

The Cheyenne County Hospital will be sponsoring a Health Fair for Men and Women. We will offer a female exam that includes a breast and pelvic exam with pap smear, the male exam will include a prostate check. There are two lab exams available - the lab profile will be a Chemistry Panel (with TSH and Lipid panel) and PSA. The fee is due at time of service and will not be billed to insurance.

Lab Draws Dates and Times
Mon., March 26 - Wed., March 28 • 7-10 a.m. daily
•No appointment needed. •PLEASE REMEMBER TO FAST FOR THE CHEM PANEL LAB TEST (nothing to eat or drink except water after your evening meal)

Lab Draw Location: Cheyenne Co. Health Dept. (located in the Cheyenne Co. Clinic basement)

Exam dates and times:
Tues., March 27 • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Wed., March 28 • 1:30-5:00 p.m.
Thurs., March 29 • 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Cheyenne Co. Clinic - St. Francis

Fee: Female Exam - \$25; Male Exam - \$25; Chemistry Panel w/TSH & Lipid - \$35; PSA - \$20.

Please contact the Cheyenne County Clinic to schedule your exam or if you have additional questions at 785-332-2682.
The Cheyenne County Clinic and Health Department will be sponsoring health fairs twice a year being offered the last week of March and last week of September.