

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

I don't know why, but some folks around here need to be reminded of the importance of supporting local businesses. I'd like to share just one more example of a great benefit of shopping at home.

Buying a car or truck can be a difficult task. This is especially true when it comes to dealing with a big city auto trader.

As a teenager I was lucky to have a father who knew how to handle the city car salesman.

Dad always knew which vehicle he was after, having viewed the car ahead of time when the sales crew wasn't around.

On the day of the sale he had let his beard grow for a couple days, put on some dirty pants and a worn, white T-shirt. He held in his pockets what ever money was needed to make the purchase.

The car salesman would be waiting near the entrance of the lot, like

a pack of coyotes. Once one approached Dad, he would simply ask what the bottom line price was on his chosen vehicle.

Sometimes they would listen to him and the deal would go smooth. Within minutes the check was signed and we drove off.

Usually it went downhill from the start. The salesman would say, "Well, Mr. McCormick, that's just not how it works around here."

Dad knew the game and had a short fuse. It didn't take long for him to walk away, after a few choice words, and I'd be running to catch up.

Around here, the area dealers know their customers and visa versa. There is a mutual respect that is unique to small towns. If a buyer is treated dishonestly, it won't take long for the word to get out.

Just another reason to shop at home. Use it or lose it!

Open house will be held on Saturday

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.



Dankenbring

Handicap drive to soon be widened

By Karen Krien

Extending and widening the handicap drive west of the courthouse was approved by the Cheyenne County Commissioners at the Feb. 28 meeting. The bid deadline for the project is March 14.

At the Feb. 15 meeting, commissioners agreed that the handicap drive was too narrow and confining. It was hard to drive up and especially difficult to back out of it. When people got out of their cars, they stepped on the grass because the drive was not wide enough to use the cement.

Roger Jensen, contractor and St. Francis City Councilman, and Carl Williams, courthouse maintenance

man, talked about how the drive could be laid out to meet city codes. The cement is to be 6-inches deep and poured in sections which would allow a section to be removed if needed. There is a sewer line which runs under the aportion of the proposed drive.

The drive will be extended on north of the existing drive, then curve to the west, exiting onto Benton Street. Four feet will also be added to the present width.

Mr. Jensen had drawn up specifications for the job and these specs will be used by all contractors bidding the job. Those interested in bidding need to contact Terry Miller, county clerk.

Club Clip

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

Nineteen Cheyenne County Hospital Guild members met Monday, March 5, at the Cheyenne County Hospital for a delicious dinner.

Les Lacy brought the Guild up to date on the hospital and the future expectations.

After the meeting and the presentation, a tour was given on the new facilities.

The next meeting will be April 2 with Dr. Miller as speaker. The Guild will hold a bakeless bake sale.

Hostesses will be Dolores Wiley and Helen Burnham.

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Bulletin Board

Community Club

The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7:30 on Monday, March 12, at the Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Home Circle Club

Club members are going to try it again! The Home Circle Club will meet at Lebow Manor on Thursday, March 15 at 2 p.m. with Cossette Kimmel as hostess. There will be a long over due gift exchange at that time.

Senior Citizens Birthday

The Bird City Senior Citizens Center birthday celebration for March will be Monday March 12 at 3:00 p.m.

Prairie Land Food Program

The Prairie Land Food Program will hold an informational meeting Friday, March 9 at the Bird City Senior Center at 1:00 p.m.

City Council

A special meeting of the governing body of Bird City will be held on Monday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. to hold a regular council meeting.

School Board

The regular meeting of the Cheylin USD 103 Board of Education will be held Monday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Death notice

Florice Maxine (Pee Wee) Lauer died on March 4. Her funeral service was held March 6 at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis.

90th birthday

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90th birthday

An open house is being held in honor of Irene Kehlbeck to celebrate her 90th birthday. A reception will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at Fairview Estates in Colby. Those unable to attend may send birthday wishes to her at 1630 Sewell Ave., Apt. C6, Colby, KS 67701.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group

The Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, at the St. Francis Public Library.

Walk Kansas

Walk Kansas starts March 11. For more information on this exceptional opportunity to promote health and fitness, contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at (785) 332-3171.

Relay for Life

A Relay for Life organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, at the home of Susie Walz, 205 E. Webster, St. Francis. Anyone interesting in helping with the Relay in August is welcome to attend.

AARP

AARP regular monthly meeting takes place at 2 p.m. on March 8 at the St. Francis Senior Center.

The program will be by Dorothy Smestad of Sainty Stitches, the new fabric shop. Roll call will be "Are You Irish or Not?" Anette Erskin will be the hostess

Association to Benefit Cheyenne County

The Association to Benefit Cheyenne County meets every third

Thursday of the month at the Diamond R.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.

Cheyenne County Preschool

Cheyenne County Preschool is now taking applications for the 07-08 school year. If your child will be 3 or 4 by August 2007, call Lindsey Emig at 785-332-3110 or stop by the classroom located at 222 E. Webster, St. Francis from 7:30 to 3:30.

Veterans' Affairs Representative

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs visits St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. the first and third (March 15) Thursdays of every month at the County Clerk's office in the courthouse to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. Ms. Tubbs is available in the Colby office any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. The phone number is 785-462-3572.

Western Plains Arts Association

On March 11, Windwood Theatricals will present *Some Enchanted Evening: The Songs of Rogers and Hammerstein* at 3 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center in Colby. This is a Western Plains Arts Association presentation.

Prairie Land Food Pack sign-up

Prairie Land Food Pack March sign up takes place 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.

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.

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.

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.



Kehlbeck

Woman celebrates birthday

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Basketball team finishes the season

The Cheylin Cougar boys basketball season ended with a 4-17 record. Despite the record, the team had a successful season. In over 10 of the games this year the Cougars had the lead in the fourth quarter and of those 10, six of those games Cheylin had the lead in the final two minutes of the game.

"There were a lot of exciting, down to the wire games this year." Coach Morgan Grippen said. "I am proud of the effort the kids put into every game and every practice. We will now look to build on this and hopefully put us one step closer to qualifying for the state tournament in the near future."

The team would like to congratulate Lincoln Pochop for making the Western Kansas Liberty League All-League Team.

Season Leading Scorers: Lincoln Pochop 269, Terry Jensen 185, Jacob White 142, Sam Hengen 129, Lucius White 128, Josh Garner 37, Justin Miller 13, Max Hengen 10, Vance Churchwell 7, Eric Estrada 2.

Season Leading Rebounds: Pochop 125, Jensen 107, S. Hengen 91, L. White 76, Garner 42, J. White 41, Churchwell 14, M. Hengen 7, Miller 4, Estrada 1.

The team finished with a 58 percent average in free throws.

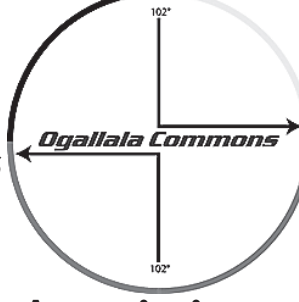
Bird City News

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith returned home from Lubbock, Tex. on Thursday after a 10 day visit with their daughter and her husband, Dee and Jim Riebel and niece Marylin

and husband Kenny Taylor. Dean and Joan Smith visited Ardis Boersma at Fairview Estates in Colby on Monday afternoon.



Mark your calendars & watch for flyers, brochures and articles for more information!



Cheyenne Initiative Association Community Futures Forum

Friday, March 30 ~ 7 p.m.

BIRD CITY CENTURY II Development Foundation

785-734-2556

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

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 50 min.

March 9, 10 & 11

Starring: Nicolas Cage, Wes Bentley, Eva Mendes, Matthew Long, Peter Fonda

Ghost Rider

Action/Adventure, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Suspense/Horror, Thriller and Adaptation

Rating: PG-13 for horror violence and disturbing images.

Cheyenne Theater

St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

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

Call for Special Meeting of the Governing Body

A **Special Meeting** of the **Governing Body** is hereby called to be held at **City Hall** on **Monday, March 12, 2007** at **7:00 p.m.**, the object of said meeting is to hold the Regular City Council Meeting.
Jana Diers, City Clerk

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.

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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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For more information contact: Casey at 785-332-3162