



Casey's Comments

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Every day you hear it. America's best days are behind us. We've reached our high point and are on the way down.

Nuts! I'm tired of listening to what is wrong with this country. Here are a few of the things we still have right.

The national anthem being played before sporting events and other gatherings. When men remove hats and all present place a hand on their chest, it is a wonderful sign of respect for what it means to be an American.

Church services in which we are all free to worship as we choose. Freedom of speech. What other country can we agree to disagree and say our peace without fear of retribution?

Blood drive set for Wednesday

On Wednesday, from noon to 4 p.m., many Cheylin High School students will be giving blood for the first time at the Cheylin High School and Bird City community blood drive. The drive will be held in the gym and the students host the drive and participate as first-time donors.

"The Red Cross is asking everyone to share hope with someone in need," said Dawn Gabel, donor recruitment representative for the American Red Cross. "You probably know someone who has needed blood and may not know that they have; but they are people who need you to give. That is the message we send to the students so they understand the chain of need being passed to them as they become adults."

The Bird City Blood Drive has a long tradition of helping the Red Cross meet the need of local hos-

A free market system that is controlled by supply and demand. Anyone can make it big if they have something that others are willing to pay for.

A strong military, because there will always be tyrants and governments who will only be deterred by knowing you can't mess with us. Military cemeteries so we don't forget where our freedoms came from.

Natural beauty that stretches from coast to coast. There is always something amazing and new to our senses waiting right in our own backyard.

And finally, a wonderful variety of people who came from other countries that did not have the incredible rights that citizens of the United States of America enjoy day in and day out.

We are not done yet!

The goal at the school is 40 donations from both community members and students.

"The goal for a blood drive is actually a reflection of the order for blood at the hospital level." Ms. Gabel said, "There is little room for failure—that is what I tell the kids."

Donors are asked to take a moment and note their appointment time they have already made, or make an appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

All blood types are needed to ensure the Red Cross maintains an adequate blood supply. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years of age.

Introducing

Casen James Todd

Casen James Dodd, son of Cody and Susanne Todd, was born at 7:37 a.m. on March 18, 2011, at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, Kan. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. He has two brothers, Caleb and Shane Todd, to welcome him home.

Grandparents are Richard and Connie Allaman of Goodland, Merton and Donna Todd of Lawton, Okla., and the late Julie Todd. Great grandparents are Helen Rohr of Goodland and the late Walt Rohr, the late Mert and Darlene Todd, the late Thelma and Toohy Allaman and the late Wayne and Doris Curry.



Todd

Menu

April 18-21

Monday

Breakfast: Yogurt.
Lunch: Beef nuggets, baked potatoes, roll.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Sausage biscuit.
Lunch: Homemade cheeseburger macaroni, with roll.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Cherry wrap.
Lunch: Easter dinner, turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes with roll.

Thursday

Breakfast: French toast.
Lunch: Hot dogs and baked beans.

84th birthday

Ray Johnson will be celebrating his 84th birthday on April 18. Cards and well wishes will reach him at P.O. Box 3, McDonald, KS 67745.

Cemetery board meeting

Cemetery board District 2, will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Carry and Conceal class offered

A carry and conceal class is being offered on April 16. Contact Rex Murray, 332-0408. (note ad)

Bake-less food sale

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild is having a bake-less sale to raise money for the hospital. Those wishing to contribute should send their donations to Dolores Kincheloe, Box 574, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Volunteer Inservice

The May/June Hospice Services Volunteer Inservice will take place at 11:30 a.m. on May 2, at the Wesleyan Church, 309 W. 5th, Bird City. The topic is "Supporting the Challenging Caregiver and Infection Control Reminders for in the Private Home." What volunteers need to know. There is a potluck lunch with the meeting.

Yard Beautiful

K-State Extension, K-State Master Gardener and Bird City Century II presented "Yard Beautiful" programs on April 7 and April 12. Additional programs will be presented on April 19 and April 26.

Tuesday, April 19: 6:30 p.m., Bird City Legion Hall, "Home

Pests" by Dana Belshe; "Gardening 101" by Candi Douthit.

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m., Bird City Legion Hall, "Worm Composting" presented by Christy Rasure; "Ornamental Grasses" presented by Justin Lohr.

For additional information, call (785) 332-3171.

Car show

The Saturday in the Park car and bike show is set for Saturday, May 14, in St. Francis. All vendors interested in coming must register by May 1. Contact Scott Schultz, 785-332-3960 or Kent Kechter, 332-0039.

County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday.

Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with H and I 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.

A driver's license needs to be presented or entered on form at time of renewal.

Horseman's Day

High Plains Horseman's Day is scheduled for April 16 at the Logan County Fairgrounds beginning at 8:30 a.m. Featured clinicians are Jay and Gena Jensen. There is also a Cowpokes Session for ages 7-12. For information call Thomas County Extension Office at (785) 460-4582 or online at www.thomas.ksu.edu.

"The Call to Holiness"

Stewards of Hope: "The Call to Holiness" will be presented in a series of lessons at the St. Francis Catholic Church. The sessions will be held every Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. during the six weeks of Lent. The sessions will provide enrichment for the season of Lent.

Peace of Mind AA

Peace of Mind AA will meet at the St. Francis Public Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Contact Kris D. at (785) 332-4410 or (785) 772-5090.

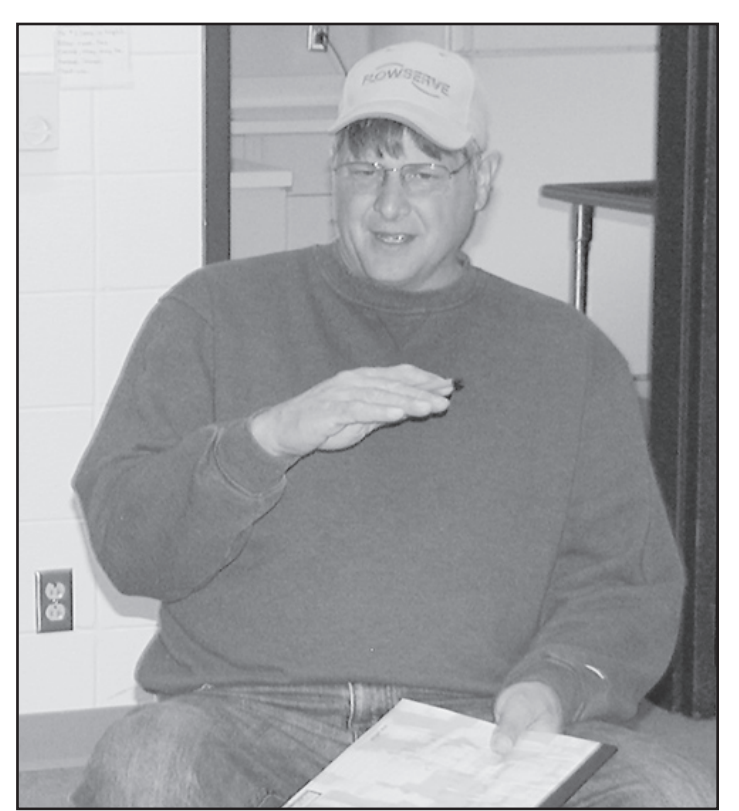
Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/

Methodist Education Building on Sunday nights at 8 p.m. and Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7day-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.



DENNIS HENGEN, golf coach, talks to the group.

Group planning educational workshop

On April 11, Members from the Northwest Kansas Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans began planning free financial education workshops: "Identity Theft: What you need to know?" at two locations.

The events will take place: at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5th and Country Club Drive in Colby and at 7 p.m. mountain time on Thursday, April 28, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 222 W 13th Street in Goodland.

"Identity Theft: what you need to know?" is a free 50-minute workshop designed to help participants learn how identity theft can occur, tips to help pro-

tect themselves and steps to take if identity theft happens to them. The workshops will be led by Jim Jordan, Thrivent Financial Representative and are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to Genesis. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact: Wilma Mai at 785-852-4455 or wilma@maifarms.com.

All Thrivent members belong to a local chapter that provides a way for them to give back to their communities, congregations and causes they care about through charitable activities and educational events.

Fatal accident happens at Bird City Dairy

An accident at the Bird City Dairy on March 29, took the life of a 52-year-old man.

Randy Schlenker of Lehr, N.D., was pronounced dead when the emergency medical team arrived at the dairy. Sheriff Craig Van Allen reported that Schlenker had deliv-

ered a semi load of commodities for the dairy. He was standing in front of the truck when a tractor with a mixing wagon backed into the semi, causing it to roll forward, catching Schlenker between the truck and a loader.

What a great show of support for Cheylin Schools! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the fundraiser such a successful event. We give special thanks to Rose Hengen and the band and choir students for the musical entertainment; the high school classes, NHS and the golf team for their creative goodie baskets; the faculty, staff and the community members for providing food and helping serve; the American Legion for the use of the facility; Royce Rambat for auctioneering; Gilbert and Janice Antholz for providing the meat; Hot Brush for the Cougar magnet; Frontier Ag for the ice; Avis Hazuka and Dianna Carson for the delicious rolls; Cort and Meg Antholz and Channel Seeds for the seed corn; Pochop Farm and Ranch for the beef bundle; Mr. Bolen for the car detail and all the silent auction and food donations.

The fundraiser brought in over \$23,000. The generosity of the Cheylin Community was overwhelming and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Cheylin Board of Education

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. **1 hr. 35 min.**

Hop
April 15, 16 & 17
Comedy, Kids/Family and Holiday
Russell Brand, James Marsden, Kaley Cuoco, Gary Cole, Elizabeth Perkins
PG for some mild rude humor.

CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
Children 12 & Under: \$4 All Others: \$6

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

Public Meeting

The Community Builders will be hosting a series of public meetings to assess the healthcare needs in Cheyenne County. This is the first meeting in the series.

- Increase awareness of the importance of local healthcare
- Identify any unmet healthcare needs
- Identify health-related issues in the community.

Please come share your input!

Thursday, April 28
St. Francis Riverside Recreation
Lunch will be provided
Serving starts at 11:45 a.m.
The meeting will last one hour

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 21 to:
Hospital Front desk at 785-332-2104 or
Email Tom Keller at: tomekeller48@gmail.com

Your input is needed. Please plan to attend this meeting.

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