

Memoir writing workshop available

A memoir-writing workshop will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, for anyone interested in writing their memoirs or recording their memories. It will be held at the Bird City Public Library, 110 East Bressler.

Lucille Rossbach, St. Francis, will lead the workshop, during which participants will become acquainted with various techniques for writing their memoirs and be introduced to options for publishing them.

Please bring several action photographs of yourself or family members and any journaling you may have done. A small registration fee is needed to help cover expenses.

Call Lucille at 785-332-8903 or Wilma Mai at 785-852-4455 to

pre-register.

Lucille is one of the editors of Memories and Musings, a collection of memoirs recorded from the residents of the Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis. She is a retired English teacher who had some of her Idalia High School classes write the Gust of Dusts I, II, and III series, available on amazon.com, about the heritage of the Idalia, Colorado, area.

She now teaches part time and online for several colleges. Lucille has also been published in the journals of the National Council of the Teachers of English and the Bread Loaf School of English, Middlebury College, Vermont; and she has been featured in the Foxfire publications out of Rabun County, Georgia.

Club Clip

American Legion

On March 2, the American Legion Auxiliary 352 met at the American Legion hall in Bird City. There were nine members present.

For the program, Wanda read out of the book, "The Freedom Wars," by John W. Whitehead. In this booklet, the author tells us that with the government's relentless assault on our pocketbooks and freedoms, the economic and fiscal picture for many Americans is really bleak. The national debt is in the trillions. People are losing their homes and jobs, and millions have fallen into poverty. At the same time, lucrative tax breaks exist for the corporate rich, while the average citizen is heavily taxed. The constitution and civil liberties have been undermined at every step.

There is no better time to act than the present. Fear, apathy, escapism or reliance on some government official to save us will not carry the day. It is within our power as citizens to make a difference and seek corrective measures. That principle is the basis of the American governmental scheme.

We need to think like revolutionaries. Thus, we cannot be timid, or have lukewarm

emotions. We need to have passion, dedication and courage. And to paraphrase what Martin Luther King Jr. said, we have to demand change from the oppressors.

To do this, we need to get educated—know our rights. We need to get involved and be relentless. Get organized—conduct strategy sessions with others to develop both the methods and ways to force change. Be creative—fight with boldness and creative methods of dissent and resistance. Use the media—publicize your message to larger audiences. Although our rights are increasingly coming under attack, we still have certain freedoms. We can still fight back. We have the right to dissent, to protest and even to vigorously criticize or oppose the government and its laws.

The key to making a difference is in understanding the first step begins with you. We need to be the change we wish to see in the world.

This is really thought-provoking as we prepare for the election coming up in November. We really need to do our duty and become educated before we cast our vote for the next president of this country.



REGISTERED REPUBLICANS Calvin and Nancy Semler look over the ballot at the Cheyenne County Republican caucus last Saturday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Cheyenne County picks Santorum in caucus

The Republican caucus held in St. Francis on Saturday had good attendance with 99 voters.

Connie Jenkins, coordinator, reported Rick Santorum won the presidential primary race in Cheyenne County. He had 48 of the votes. Newt Gingrich racked

up 23 votes, Mitt Romney, 22, and Ron Paul, 6.

Mr. Santorum also won across the state of Kansas. With 97 percent of the precincts reporting, Mr. Santorum had 14,988 votes, Mr. Romney, 6,157, Mr. Gingrich, 4,185, and Mr. Paul 3,706.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Kelly Dewey and children with Barb Morton journeyed to Hays Saturday and visited with Linda Dewey and Ashley Wahrman and Ashley's baby, Bralyn.

George and Kathy Banister attended the noon March Family Potluck on Saturday at the Gove Long Term Care Center in Quinter with Kathy's mom, Laurene Dickman.

Joe Kramer received his 50 year

membership pin in the Masons at the St. Francis Masonic Lodge Sunday afternoon. Also attending the ceremony were Charlene Kramer and Dennis and Elda Kramer and girls.

Sunday supper guests for pizza at the George and Kathy Banister home were Karlyne Atchison and her son, Art Atchison, and his two daughters, Erika and Emily of Dallas Texas.

Lady Cougars play Wildcats twice in a row

By Nathan Fiala
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vs Wallace County

The Lady Cougars played the Wallace County Wildcats in Sharon Springs on Friday, Feb. 24. Cheylin had a rough first quarter with the Wildcats scoring 16 unanswered points. The Lady Cougars did much better in the second and third quarters but were again outscored in the fourth. Cheylin lost the game 57-37.

Stats for Cheylin were Marlene Dehn with 11 points and 10 rebounds, Shayla Hubbard with 11 points and three rebounds, Susannah Jones, 10 points and two rebounds, Stephanie Busse, three points and nine rebounds, Allie Frisbie, two points and two rebounds, Jessica Turner got three rebounds and Kalin Ritchey got two rebounds.

The Lady Cougars again played the Wallace County Wildcats on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The game was their first playoff game in the sub-state basketball tournament. Cheylin got off to a better start this time around, scoring 11 points in the first quarter to Wallace County's 22. The girls were more competitive this game, but they still lost 70-46.

Stats for the Lady Cougars were Busse with 15 points and 12 rebounds, Dehn with 11 points and six rebounds, Hubbard, 10 points and one rebound, Jones, six points and two rebounds, Frisbie, two points and three rebounds, Turner, two points and one rebound, and Kalin Ritchey had two rebounds.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Amelia Banister was part of a small group from the Good Samaritan of Atwood who attended the Senior Citizen dinner Monday in McDonald.

Louise Akers of Limon was a weekend guest of her sister, LaVina Waters and her husband Fred.

Brenda Knapp of Colby was a Friday evening and Saturday guest of her parents, Jerry and Betty Knapp.

Weekend guests of Marlene Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson of Moundridge, Kan.

Art Atchison and daughters Erika and Emily of Dallas, Texas, arrived late Saturday afternoon to

spend some time with his mother, Karlyne Atchison, and other relatives. They all visited Amelia Banister over the weekend at the Atwood Good Samaritan.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson helped their great-granddaughter Claire celebrate her fifth birthday at the home of her parents, JJ and Lori Denny of Colby on Sunday afternoon. Later that evening they were supper guests of Josh and Sammi Johnson of Bird City to celebrate the March birthdays of Josh, Kenny and Walt Biggs. Others attending the birthday supper were Rod and Lisa Johnson, Walt and Bonnie Biggs and Monty Biggs.

McDonald Seniors

Joan Tongish welcomed 29 guests to the March 5 meeting at the McDonald Senior Center. Friends from Bird City, St. Francis, McDonald, and from the Good Samaritan, Atwood came to enjoy the day.

Phyllis Wingfield had decorated the tables with pretty bags of popcorn and St. Patrick candy coins at each place setting. Nurse Rose Whitehurst was present to check blood pressure. Nurse Shari Horinek spoke to the group about services available at the Atwood Good Samaritan Center.

Marlene Johnson read a poem, and gave thanks for the meal and the many blessings.

After enjoying the bountiful meal and visiting, Bingo was played with Kenneth Wilkinson the blackout game winner.

A short business meeting was held. President Joan thanked everyone for their help. The rummage sale date will be Friday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone wanting to donate items may phone Marlene Johnson, 538-2596, or Joan Tongish, 538-2536.

April committees: Poem and prayer - Emma Threlkel; bingo - Phyllis Wingfield; prizes - Joan Tongish; kitchen duty - Lavina Waters, Emma Threlkel and Annie Antholz

Upcoming Promotions

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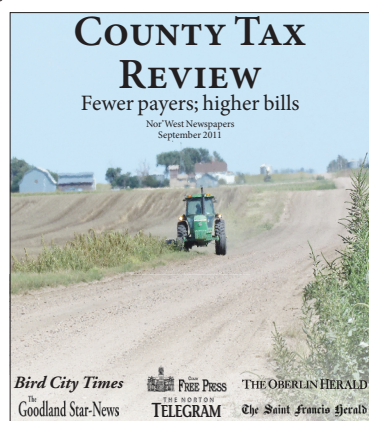


3rd Place! Feature Photo by Karen Krien



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL found these boys listening attentively to their teachers. Above, Adam Leibbrandt, first grader, had all of his supplies in front of him. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

3rd Place! Special Sections by Norwest Newspapers



3rd Place! Editorial by Steve Haynes

A whole lot of ideas can threaten our liberty

By hit, America drifts and slides toward becoming a high-tech police state. He by hit, freedoms slip away. And it always sounds like a good idea. There is no energy on the left—or on the right. The finest comes from the bureaucracy, the security apparatus, from authoritarian thinkers on either side of the aisle. Think this is silly? The reason why we all the supposedly conservative Republicans in Tepeka putting themselves on the back for passing a law forcing all Kansas to show a photo ID card before they can vote? Election fraud's never been a problem here. What's next? Having checkpoints where police ask for our citizenship papers, as in some third-rate communist dictatorship from the Cold War era? Or, we call these drink-driver check points. Having license checkpoints. Drug inspections. And we are not done there, right? If you think our liberties are not being, try to get on an airplane without your ID. If you're stopped for some traffic infraction, notice that the officer is likely to chat you up. He may ask you where you've been or where you're going. If your answer is a little hesitant, he might ask if you'd mind him searching the car. It's loads of fun, having your car searched and dismantled while you sit beside the road. The other day, Homeland Security agents except in and took over the train depot in St. Francis, Kan. They stopped and searched anyone who entered, whether they intended to board a train or not. Who knows if the Transportation Security Administration even has that kind of authority. But rail security sounds like a good idea. Government computers track your internet, your bank accounts, much of your life. And the government can access private com-