



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

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Why don't we pay attention to our history lessons?

One of our troops went on a killing rampage while away at war. Unfortunately his targets were innocent Afghans. This incident is just another that forces us to wonder what we are doing in that country.

Personally, after taking out Osama bin Laden, we had probably gone as far in the War on Terror as possible in that region.

There is a real problem with being a foreign force occupying Afghanistan. It can't be done.

The British wanted to use it as a buffer so other forces couldn't enter their prized, Imperial jewel of India in the 1800s. A century later the Russians thought their tanks and helicopters could simply overwhelm an inferior

nation.

But Afghanistan can not be tamed by modern weapons or better trained soldiers.

Just like the Brits and Russians found out, the local Pashtun warriors will continue to blend in to the cities and villages or hide in the mountains. With their traditional Islamic creed of holding jihad against anyone from the west, they will not convert or quit but rather die first.

I have as much confidence in our fighting forces as anyone. But no matter how long we remain in that strange Asian country. Ain't much gonna change.

"The Afghan will bear poverty, insecurity of life; but he will not tolerate foreign rule. The moment he has a chance, he will rebel." John Lawrence, Viceroy to India and senior British official on the frontier in the late 1860s.

Cougar Sports

By Bru and the Crew

I know that track and golf season are not always the most exciting. However if you get out and get to some meets you will think differently. Here's what to watch for...

The golf team is returning junior Kenan Reeh and senior Wil Orten, both of whom went to state golf last year. They are joined by juniors Adam Orten and Rueben Razo, sophomores Ty Carmichael, Eddie Frisbie, Connor Hazuka, Alejandro Chaparro, and Casey Vandike, and freshmen Jacob Brubaker and Tristian Archer.

Bird City will possibly be hosting a golf meet this year. The appointed date would be on May 11. Read every week to find out if this plan is carried through. Other golf meets close to home include golf at Benkelman on Tuesday, April 3.

Cougar nation will also be excited about the up and coming track season. The Cougars return senior Ethan Young, who last year went to state in the shot put, senior Forrest Burr who went to state in the shot put and discus, and senior Austin Manners who was on Cheylin's state qualifying 4 x 100.

Look for these three to be the leaders for our younger athletes as well as the team

stars. Even though they have had the experience of going to state Cheylin boasts many other good athletes. Look for juniors Heath Churchwell, Josh Keltz, and Stephanie Busse, and sophomores Shayla Hubbard and Walker Janicke to all do well in their respective events.

In other Cougar news the National Honor Society games were held last Thursday at the McDonald gym. Honor society members include seniors Ethan Young, Wil Orten, and Jessica Turner; juniors Stephanie Busse, Adam Orten, and Kenan Reeh, and sophomores Walker Janicke and Ty Carmichael.



Bird City News

During Spring Break Dan Carson, Clint Bursch, Cort Anholz, Connor Hazuka, Tony Vandike, Casey, Derek, and Conner Vandike, Russ Jackson, Jayden Cahoj and Bobby from Wesleyan Community Church went to Kansas City to help with building a church for Hope Community Church. Pastor Carson said it was a great trip. They were much appreciated as the pastor told them, they accomplished more work in two days than anyone else who has helped with the construction.

Willy Martinez helped his nephew Tommy Gonzales drive back to Tampa Florida and flew back to Bird City.

Keith Headricks will celebrate his 80th birthday from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, at the Goodland Senior Center. Birthday cake and coffee will be served. Anyone having a story, please jot it down and bring it with you. Let your presence be your gift.

Death notice
Pearl Jane Powell, 73, of Mesa, Ariz., died March 12, 2012, in Mesa. She was born on Nov. 22, 1938. She is survived by her daughters Ellen Shultz, Martha Farley, Debra Peter and Carol Powell.
Pearl is predeceased by her husband, Lester Powell.
The ashes of Lester and Pearl will be buried at Grace Cemetery in McDonald, in late April or early May, arrangements pending. Please visit www.falconerfuneralhome.com.

Memoir-writing workshop
A memoir-writing workshop will be Saturday, March 24 at 1-4 p.m. at the Bird City Public Library. Call 785-332-8903 to pre-register. A \$10 registration fee, collected Saturday, will help cover expenses. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

Golf Club meeting
Bird City Golf Club meeting March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Cheylin cafeteria. All members and interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Senior potluck
Bird City Senior Center potluck at noon on Monday, March 26.

Grief Support Group
The Grief Support Group will begin meeting again on Monday, March 26, and continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. (choose a time). Meeting place is the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 E. Fourth, Bird City. For more information, call 785-734-2739.

The group offers confidential support to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one in a safe place of mutual help and comfort.

No Sunday matinee
There will not be a Sunday matinee on March 25th. Look for more information on Sunday matinees in the future.

Library StoryTime
There will be StoryTime at the Bird City Library on Friday 9 a.m. through 10:30 a.m. Children ages 2 through 5 are invited to attend. Parents are welcomed also.

Tornado Safety drills
The Cheyenne County Communications Center will conduct monthly siren testing starting the second Wednesday in April at 9 a.m. The testing will continue through the end of September.

Bird City Alumni
The Bird City Alumni is planning the annual banquet for this year. It will be held on May 26 at the Cheylin High School. Any and all help will be appreciated. Contact the Bird City Library, 785-734-2203 or Dave Hickert 785-734-2522.

Wildlife banquet
The Cheyenne County Wildlife Banquet and membership meeting will be held on Friday, March 30, at the 4-H building in St. Francis. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Items of business on the agenda are: Elect new board members; treasurer's annual report; and review and amend bylaws.

Technicians needed
The Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Service is looking for emergency medical technicians (EMTs). A class will be offered in the near future. For more information, call 332-8888. Signup deadline is March 10.

Get well cards
Get well cards can be sent to: Myra Miller, Villa Rehab Center, 7950 West Mississippi Ave., Lakewood, CO, 80226, Room 49.

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

Recycling
The Bird City City Council is requesting that all recycling rules be followed especially breaking down cardboard boxes before they are thrown in the bin.

the outside return.

Free popcorn
The Cheyenne Theater Committee is asking, that the first weekend of the month, those attending the movie bring a canned food donation for the Food Pantry and they will receive a free sack of popcorn.

Tag deadline
All residents with last names beginning with "B" 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.
Driver's license needs to be presented or entered on form at time of renewal.

Meeting date change
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on March 29 instead of March 22. The meeting is held in the basement of the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis.

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.

Agencies team up to review truck laws

With recent changes in the regulations of farm truck and trailer hauling laws, many producers may have or do have questions regarding the regulation changes. To make sure area farmers and producers understand the new regulations and are in compliance, a meeting has been set for 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Cheyenne County Fair building.

Teaming up to sponsor the meeting to address the changes are K-State Research and Extension, Cheyenne County Sheriff's Department, Cheyenne County Farm Bureau, Frontier Ag and St. Francis Equity have teamed up to sponsor a meeting to address the changes.

Bryan Werth, Kansas Highway Patrol Inspector has agreed to come to Cheyenne County and discuss the new regulations. Some of the topics to be discussed include: anhydrous transportation, hauling hay, weight laws, hauling and into other states and licensing and registration. In addition, Bryan will be able to discuss any other topics and answer questions that may arise.

Coffee and rolls will be available. Please contact the Cheyenne County Extension office, 785-332-3171, by Monday, said Marty Fear, Extension agent, so we can plan for the meeting.

School Menu

School Menu
March 26 - March 29

Monday
Breakfast: polish sausage supreme
Lunch: French dip sandwich, cheesy green beans, pistachio salad

Tuesday
Breakfast: waffles
Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, mixed vegetables, breadsticks

Wednesday
Third grade lunch

Breakfast: sausage patty, biscuit and cheese
Lunch: oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, strawberries with bananas, red, white and blue bomb popsicles

Thursday
Breakfast: white chocolate chip-raspberry scones
Lunch: sloppy joes on bun, pepper fries, ice cream sundaes
Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.
Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk.

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Tdap - Tetanus Vaccine Clinic

(protects against tetanus; diphtheria & pertussis - whooping cough)

Friday, March 23, 2012

Cheyenne County Health Department

Located in basement of Cheyenne County Clinic
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

No appointment needed
For more information contact
Mila Bandel, RN County Health Nurse
785-332-2381

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