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### Thursday, March 29, 2012

### **Casey's Comments**

#### By Casey McCormick

mccormickcasey@rocketmail.com Blessings mysterious packages.

in Denver. As the group sat around made their presence known. Many a table we reflected on how much has changed in my life in five years.

For it was on April 1, 2007 that a near fatal case of pancreatitis set in. What started with what seemed and the world about me differently. an upset stomach soon saw me But the support I had has been a travel from the local clinic to our county hospital then a flightfor-life to a front range facilities intensive care unit.

By the grace of God it was not my time to go further. My wife, mother, brothers,

sister and their other halves took turns making sure I had company can come in at all times. Then there were the visitors from home, who, in either Last weekend we visited family physical form or notes and cards, were sending prayers on my behalf, I would later learn.

Life has taken many wonderful turns since that time. Not a day goes by that I don't look at myself constant.

Why it took a close encounter to the other side, I'll never know. But what an amazing gift it has been. Thanks for being there with

me.

### **Cougar Activities**

#### By Jacob Brubaker

doesn't matter what activities, parents. classes or clubs you're in.

time of year that work gets done. constantly boasts one of the best It's when all the year's work bands in the league. As regional pays off. Like tax season for an and state competition approach, accountant or harvest for a farmer, everyone is under pressure to pass it's busy all day and all night, but I music pieces, learn their solos suppose that's just life.

So let's analyze what life might be like for our students.

First, and for most, there's classes.

there's always pressure to do well. of schedules as well. The ever However, the pressure is on even important sports practice also more so for Cheylin students.

is expected as the norm. With a variety of tests in science, mathematical skills, English, will start next week.

grammar, and history, the race As I look around our Cheylin to gather knowledge is on. School, I'm reminded how this This creates stress for teachers, is a particularly stressful time. It students, and even some worried

Band and choir students are This is crunch time. This is the facing the grind as well. Cheylin and practice with accompanists. This takes a lot of school time and much personal time as well.

Other activates include schedule of FFA and FCCLA With state tests approaching events. This can take time out takes considerable time. So for AYP is always expected and all those who think teenagers for some students, exemplary have stress free lives, you're dead wrong.

The first track and golf meets

### **School Menu**

School Menu April 2 – April 5 Monday

Breakfast: English muffin, milk. sausage link, yogurt. Lunch: Beef stroganoff, butter salad bar, fruit and milk. noodles, biscuits.

Tuesday

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Breakfast: Blueberry scones, yogurt. Lunch: Pigs'n a blanket,

vegetable. Wednesday

Sophomore class lunch. Breakfast: Pancakes.

rice, rolls. Breakfast is daily served with toast, cereal, fruit juice and

Lunch is daily served with



• Use empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps farmer farm transition workshop conduct monthly siren testing them neat and you can write on will be held at the Rawlins starting the second Wednesday

#### Get well cards appreciated

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Get well cards of care and concern may be sent to Lavern Young, in care of Janet Young-Elliott, Box 200644, Evans, CO 80620.

#### Retirement

retiring. Help her celebrate April 1, from 2-4 p.m. at the Federated Church of McDonald.

#### Home circle club

Carol Peters will be the hostess for the April meeting of the Home of services for Saint Joseph Circle Club. It will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, at the manor

#### Forage plot tour

The Cheyenne County forage plot tour will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Crooked Creek Angus. The plot is located just over 1 mile south of U.S. 36 and K-27 intersection, on the east side of the road. The speaker is Keith Harmoney, K-State forage specialist from Hays. He will be discussing wheat triticale, barley, 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's rye, and turnips.

Supper will follow at Captain Hooks in Wheeler. The sponsors for the meal are First National Bank, Bankwest, Farm Credit of Western Kansas and Western State Bank.

#### **Civil war presentation**

Christi Antholz welcomes everyone to come to her "Red Carpet" presentation to meet a few Civil War stars as they walk the Red Carpet in the Cheylin cafeteria on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. As a class project, each of her students were required to research and dress to portray their favorite Civil War Star.

#### Soles4Souls

Stephanie Busse is asking people to put their old but good shoes in collection boxes at Hometown Market, Cheylin Elementary and High schools and the Bird City Library. The shoes will be donated to Soles4Souls, which distributes them to 127 countries including the United States. The shoe drive will end April 12.

#### **Church meeting**

Come to an appreciation of the Fullness of Faith in the Catholic tradition. Join them for a series of faith-enriching audio sessions this Lent. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 625 River St., Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. April 1- Benedict XVI: Light of the World" a conversation with Peter Weewald.

#### Leadership and beginning farmer workshop

AFFA leadership and beginning Communications Center will the roll what appliance it belongs County High School, Atwood, in April at 9 a.m. The testing

### **Bulletin Board**

Backers will serve lunch from noon to 12:40 and the program will follow. For more information, call 785-626-8066.

#### **Catholic Church schedule**

Schedule of services for Saint After 41 years Rita officer is Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in St. Francis: Palm Sunday (8:30 a.m. April 1); Holy Thursday (8 p.m. April 5); Good Friday (7:30 p.m. April 6); Easter Sunday (10:30 a.m. April 8). Schedule Catholic Church in Bird City: Palm Sunday (10:30 a.m. April 1); Holy Thursday (6:30 p.m. April 5); Good Friday (2:30 p.m. April 6); Easter Vigil (9:30 p.m. Saturday April 7).

> Come worship with us during Holy Week as the Lenten season comes to its climactic close.

> > Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis at 10:30 until office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veterans' Affairs claims work on Thursday, April 5. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

#### Museum news

Wednesday, April 18, is spring cleaning time at the Cheyenne County Museum. Bring cleaning supplies and join the fun from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Spend the day or just a few hours. We are preparing for the museum opening in May and Alumni Reunion weekend in June. Everyone is welcome!

#### Meeting date change

County Cheyenne The 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.

#### **Grief Support Group**

The Grief Support Group will begin meeting again on Monday, March 26, and continue to meet every second and fourth Monday 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.

### Tornado Safety drills

The Cheyenne County

on Thursday, April 5. The FFA will continue through the end of Food Pantry and they will receive September.

#### **Bird City Alumni**

The Bird City Alumni is planning the annual banquet for beginning with "B" 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, personal property tax by the end 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.

#### **Emergency number**

The new phone number Cheyenne County for 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 Shelter provides 24-hour-7 daybe followed especially breaking a-week service to victims of down cardboard boxes before domestic violence and sexual they are thrown in the bin.

#### Free popcorn

The Cheyenne Theater first weekend of the month, in need of assistance, please call those attending the movie bring the toll-free number 1-800-794a canned food donation for the 4624.



supper

Eleanor

a surprise party for Freida Black's the hospital.

94th birthday in Smith Center, Friday. It was held at the home of of Dallas, Texas were Thursday Greg and Noel Hubbard, Landon and Cammy.

Wayne and Peggy Sager were to Denver. Wednesday overnight guests of Jim and Lois Morelock.

Fred and Lavina Waters traveled Jan Antholz. to Hays Saturday to visit Hulda



Debbie Banister returned Copeland spent Wednesday till to Topeka Wednesday after Sunday at the Binning Ranch spending her Spring Break with helping with the calving. her parents, George and Kathy Banister. Thursday in Denver.

George and Kathy Banister helped with the fish fry Friday afternoon and evening at St. Josephs in Bird City. John Binning and Mary a free sack of popcorn.

#### Tag deadline

All residents with last names should purchase their car, pickup motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

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

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#### **Narcotics Anonymous**

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/ Methodist Education Building on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

#### Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Committee is asking, that the Kansas area. For information or

Gilbert and Jan Antholz attended Dorsch and Owen Wingfield in James Atchison and Tom Ball

Atchison. They were on their way

Sunday dinner with Gilbert and

Joe and Charlene Kramer and

Diane and Kailey Shay spent

Leon and Nancy Brunton were

Sunday overnight and Monday

guests of Joe and Charlene

guests of Karlyne

Swihart enjoyed

Lunch: Grilled sandwich, tomato soup, smiley fries, dirt pudding, bananas and strawberries.

Thursday Breakfast: Breakfast bites. Lunch: Chicken quesadillas,

• For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dish-washing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. The mix won't re-freeze.



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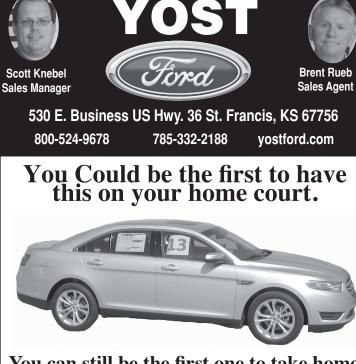
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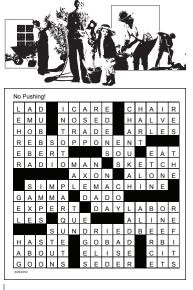
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Blood Lab Draws: Monday, April 16th, Tuesday, April 17th, Wednesday, April 18th 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day in St. Francis at the Cheyenne County Health Department (no appointment needed for lab draws) Blood Lab Draws: Tuesday, April 17th and Wednesday, April 18th 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day in Bird City at the clinic (no appointment needed for lab draws) Lab Fee: \$45.00 due at time of service! Men and Women Exams also available April 18 – 20th – must make an appointment. 785-332-2682 St. Francis clinic 785-734-2200 Bird City clinic

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