

Petitions are needed to keep service

Petitions are being circulated and signed in an effort to allow county treasurers to continue issuing driver's licenses. The Department of Homeland Security is wanting to take that service away in an effort to tighten homeland security and prevent another 911 catastrophic disaster.

Consequently, it will cause people living in Cheyenne County to travel many miles to renew their driver's licenses. One of the proposed options is to create regional centers that will replace existing drivers' license office now managed by county treasurers.

Dolores Jenik, Cheyenne County Treasurer, sees this move as a hard-

ship to senior citizens, disabled drivers and the working class. All will have to take time off and travel out of county to a regional center miles away to apply for their federal identification card.

Congressman Jerry Moran has asked the Department of Homeland Security to recognize the authority of county treasurers in Kansas to continue to renew driver's licenses.

"Many Kansans enjoy the convenience of being able to renew their driver's license, change their name or address, or have other license permits processed by their local county treasurer," Moran said. "Kansans should not have to travel long distances to renew

their driver's licenses." Mark Schemm, Smith County Treasurer, added, "Let's keep homeland security at home. It is wrong to force senior citizens and the disabled to travel long distances to obtain driver's license services at regional centers."

"If you would like to continue to renew your drivers' license in

the Cheyenne County Treasurer's office as opposed to a regional center, stop by the treasurer's office and sign the petition," Mrs. Jenik said.

"Hopefully a large number of signatures will convince state and federal officials to continue service as is and not move this service to a regional center."



Loma and Victor McAtee

Couple to celebrate wedding anniversary

Victor A. and Loma N. McAtee, Lyons, formerly of St. Francis, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a come-and-go reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Celebration Center in Lyons.

Mr. McAtee and the former Loma Groth were married Oct. 15, 1946, at the Baptist Church in Frederick.

He is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served in Iwo Jima and Japan during World War II.

Both are recently retired, he as

maintenance director for Tumbleweed Apartments and she from the Bunting Dunlap Pharmacy, both in Lyons.

Hosts for the event are their children and spouses, Terry and Jean McAtee of Great Bend, Farrell and Becky McAtee of St. Francis, and Randy and Kathy McAtee of Yukon, Okla., and their 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The couple requests no gifts, but cards may be mailed to them at 517 West Moses, Lyons, KS 67554.

Flu shots available starting on Oct. 30

Chilly weather has set in and the leaves are falling, which means winter is right around the corner, and with it, flu season.

The Cheyenne County Clinic and Health Department at 221 W. First St. will be giving flu shots starting Monday. Office hours at the health department are: St. Francis - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thurs-

days; Bird City - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays.

Susan Roelfs, county health nurse, reminds people 65 and over and those with chronic illness should have a flu vaccine.

There is enough flu vaccine to adequately vaccinate all those needing it.

Interesting Facts

- If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.
- Actor Tommy Lee Jones and vice-president Al Gore were freshman roommates at Harvard.
- All of the clocks in the movie

- "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
- James Doohan, who plays Lt. Commander Montgomery Scott on Star Trek, is missing the entire middle finger of his right hand.
- The Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters.

Soup cook off /spook parade is Tuesday

Get ready for lots of great-tasting soup and a spook parade.

The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the American Legion in Bird City. There will be a soup cookoff with last year's winner, Theresa Knapp, Bird City, challenging all area cooks to make a batch of their favorite soup and enter it in the contest.

There will also be hot dogs and a dessert bar.

There will be a free-will offering and funds will be used for community-sponsored projects.

"So far, four other people have volunteered to make soup and are up for the challenge," said Deb Smith, one of the organizers of the cook off, adding that more cooks are needed!

Those interested in making soup should call Mrs. Smith at 785-734-2517.

How it works

Everyone attending the cook off will be given one ticket so they can vote for their favorite soup. The winner will be awarded bragging rights for an entire year.

Spook parade

The spook parade will start at 6

p.m. with all the "spooks" receiving candy to kick off the traditional night of trick-or-treating.

New this year will be the pumpkin decorating/carving contest for kindergartners through eighth grade. Age divisions are kindergarten through fourth grade; and fifth through eighth grade. The top three winners in each division will win a prize.

Pumpkins must be at the Legion hall by 5:30 p.m. in order to be judged. Pumpkins can also be picked up after the soup cook off.

"Mark your calendars for a fun-filled night to view the spooks, jack-o-lanterns and enjoy the cook off," Mrs. Smith said.

Fun Facts

- The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.
- The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.
- The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.

100th birthday planned

An open house is being held to help Ruth Petitjean celebrate her 100th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5. The family is hosting the event at the Good Samaritan Home, 601 Main, Arapahoe, Neb. Everyone is welcome to help Ruth celebrate the day with cake and ice cream.

Cards and letters will reach her at Good Samaritan Center, P.O. Box 448, Arapahoe, NE 68922.

Ruth is the mother of Charles Petitjean, St. Francis, and Cheryl Ahrens, Arapahoe.



Ruth Petitjean

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Roger Neitzel, thank you for your quick actions. Bettye Winston, Steve and Vicki, we appreciate all you did for both of us.

Earl Hankins, Shannon Grover, SF police department, SF fire department, Bird City EMT's, Larry Finley, our dear Eric, and anyone else that was helping at the scene that we didn't know about. Thank you.

Trista and the other nurses and staff in ER at Cheyenne County, we appreciate the many things you did for us to make the long wait easier. St. Francis EMT's Mark and Michael, you were great!

To our neighbors, family and friends for the abundance of food, cards, balloons, plants, visits, calls and prayers, we truly appreciate each gesture. To the Eudora, KS group - your card was such a fun surprise!

To the churches for keeping us in your prayers, thank you and keep praying for a full recovery.

Krien Pharmacy-Kody and Penny for all of your guidance and understanding, and Iona, Amy and Hailey, thanks for working extra.

Bartlett Grain-Doug for allowing Eric to be with us.

Bing and Steve-for keeping the parts department in order at Yost Farm supply.

Diana and Gordy, John and Allene, Jan and Chris, Donna and Norvin, you are all simply the best! You have helped us through a rough spot, once again. Thank you so much.

And to Eric-you always make us smile. Thank you for spending so much time with us in Greeley and since being home.

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