



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Every chance that I get I use this column to touch on history. It's my way of bringing the subject to life. I also think history isn't in books alone.

Maybe I had too many teachers in school who failed to make it exciting for me and my fellow students, but history is alive and well, and all around us.

So here's today's lesson.

Part of our holidays were spent in Denver visiting family. Last Sunday Lezlie, our two youngest kids, Lexi and Joey, and I joined my twin brother, Kelly, his wife, Jenny, and my mother at the Museum of Natural History.

Our party trooped across the parking lot through inches of ice and slush to join many others to see artifacts recovered from the depths of the North Atlantic and the Titanic.

Now for the history lecture.

The Titanic, as its name suggests, was a huge ocean liner that was built at the height of the Industrial Age in Europe and America. She was constructed at the Harland and Wolff Ship Yards in Belfast, Ireland and made her maiden voyage from Southampton, England on April 10, 1912. After picking up passengers at Cherbourg, France and Queenstown, Ireland, Titanic began what was supposed to be a five-day trip across the Atlantic.

Although she had a sister ship, Olympic, that was similar, the

Titanic was one of a kind. No other passenger liner was her size and had her luxury.

She attracted the riches people of the time to travel on her. Millionaires like John Jacob Astor, Benjamin Guggenheim and Denver's own Molly Brown paid the equivalent of over \$70,000 today for their opulent, first class suites.

The Titanic was arrogantly described as "unsinkable" before she embarked for New York City. But at 11:40 p.m. on April 14 the proud ship struck an iceberg and sank in less than three hours.

Estimates vary but approximately 1,520 perished in one of the worst, peacetime disasters recorded. Today there is only one living passenger from the tragic event.

As we passed through the exhibit we traveled back to that fateful night. Seeing the objects and photographs of the people whose lives ended or were transformed in the frigid black waters that night was very sobering. Being there brought the past into the present.

In our modern history there have been several terrible events such as the Titanic's. The bombing of Pearl Harbor (1941), the assassination of President John F. Kennedy (1962) and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, to name a few.

Each shook our world and caused us to pause in disbelief. And each historical event brought us together as one.

And thus endeth the lesson for today. Happy New Year!

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider

Happy New Year! What a year it has been for my family and me. We have made some major moves and we have seen a lot of scenery, just this past holiday week alone we passed through five different states, twice!!

Yeah, I get exhausted just looking back at the year 2007. But, it is a new year and I am looking forward to what 2008 has in store for me. And the first problem I can foresee is just getting the date right when I write my checks! If the truth were known, I will still be using '2007 in December 2008.

Isn't that the way some of us look into the future? We expect

School Menu

Monday 1/07

Breakfast: pancakes, juice cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: meatballs, buttered noodles bread, salad bar fruit, milk.

Tuesday 1/08

Breakfast: sausage, scrambled egg, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad bar, fruit, milk

Wednesday 1/09

Breakfast: ham and cheese stromboli, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: pizza, salad bar, fruit, milk

Thursday 1/10

Breakfast: biscuits, bacon, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: rib barbecue sandwich, french fries salad bar, fruit, milk

problems. I think it is a mindset. If problems are expected, then there can be preparation for solving them. Isn't that what New Year's Resolutions are all about — solving those pesky problems from 2007 and not repeating them?

In the *Roget's International Thesaurus*, there are 24 different words that can be interchangeable with *resolution* in a sentence. Here are some of them: proposal, *solution*, endeavor, resolve... if that isn't a formula for problem solving then I am wrong about what some people expect for the upcoming year when they are making their 'New Year's Resolutions.

Problem solving is good. Then there are some folks who look to the upcoming year as a challenge or as a journey.

Take Weston Ribeau for instance. He has many physical and mental limitations. But, it is evident this young man has plans for his life in 2008 and 2009. He is moving forward and meeting each challenge with fortitude. By the way, *fortitude* is one of those words that can be used for resolution.

Lynn and Candy Glasco, on the other hand, can look to 2008 as a journey — a journey of faith. They see purpose and a plan, a Divine Plan. They are moving into 2008 with intent. And you guessed it, *intent* is another one of those words for resolution.

So there you have it! Three different New Year's Resolutions: *solutions* to solve 2008's problems, *fortitude* to meet 2008's challenges, and *intent* to follow 2008's purpose and plan. It's all in the mindset.

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Cheylin Sopbucks Cafe
Cheylin High School Sopbucks Cafe is open Wednesdays 7:30 - 8 a.m.

Commodities to be distributed
Government surplus commodities will be distributed from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Lebow Manor. You may pick up in person or send a signed permission note with another individual. Cheyenne County address is required

Please bring a strong sack or box for your items.
Commodities available include corn flakes, beef stew, macaroni and peanut butter.

The following guidelines went into effect on July 1. Guidelines are as follows (maximum monthly income): household of one - \$1,107; household of two - \$1,484; household of three - \$1,861; household of four - \$2,238; each additional family

member \$377.
Calf management school
A calf management school will be held in St. Francis starting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, at the Cheyenne County 4-H building. Veterinarians, Bob Mortimer and Dale Grotelueschen will be the main speakers.
Reservations are needed by Jan. 11 to cover meals and materials. There is no charge.
For more information, call (785) 332-3171.

Kansans for Life
The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis at 7:30 p.m. on Monday. All in the community are welcome to join them in prayer, learning and fellowship as they work together to provide "Life for All."

Hospice meeting
Hospice will meet on Monday,

Jan. 7, at Solid Rock Baptist Church (412 S. Denison) with a potluck lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. All interested persons are welcome.

Windsong Chorus
Chapter U, P.E.O. is sponsoring the Windsong Chorus on Jan. 27 at the high school in St. Francis at 3:30 p.m. CST. Check ad for details.

Kids Wrestling practice
The next St. Francis Wrestling Club's little kids wrestling practices will be on Jan. 7.

Veterans Affairs
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. (today) at the county clerk's office. You may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous
Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on

Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

Sainty Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous
Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-6542 for more information

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter
Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour 7 day-a-week services 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 if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624

Chatting w/Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

New Year's Resolutions... We try hard each year, but we get busy and our resolutions seem harder to keep. Resolutions can be anything from exercising more, catching up on scrapbooking, giving more to charity, volunteering more in our community, or helping our neighbors.

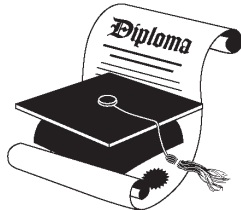
These have all landed on my list at some point in time. What are your resolutions? If your's happens to be giving more to charity or volunteering more in your community, the Foundation can help you. Come in and visit me to find out how we can help you keep your resolution this year!

Holiday time brings lots of cheer
Together with family and friends most dear

I hope your's is grand in every way
And good health and good fortune through '08 will stay.
Wishing you and yours a Happy New Year!

Student graduates

Andrew Duayne Smith graduated Friday, Dec., 14, from Colorado School of Mines in Golden with a bachelor of science degree in metallurgical and materials engineering. Andy is a 2003 graduate of Cheylin High School. He is the son of Scott Smith and Melissa Zeller.



WE WISH YOU A MERRY Christmas! The streets of Bird City were alive with the caroling by the Teens for Christ during the holidays.

Ball players keep improving

By Colleen Shrader

The Cheylin basketball players were busy the weeks before Christmas, but the players are improving and making their coaches proud.

At Brewster during the Shootout Classic, the high school teams played three games. The first games were played on Tuesday, Dec. 4 against Rawlins County. The teams both fell to the Buffs.

Cheylin teams played their second round on that Friday, Dec. 7. On Friday the Lady Cougars played Golden Plains and the men played St. Francis.

The Saturday games for that week were postponed due to snow and were played in the morning on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Playing for seventh place, the girls played Triplains and the boys played Stratton.

During the free throw competition at Sagebrush, Mindy Antholz shot for the girls and Sam Hengen shot for the boys. Mindy and Sam both made 17 of the 25 free throws putting Mindy in fourth place. The three-point competitors were Lincoln Pochop and Antholz.

Even though the boys and girls teams both received eighth place in the tournament they are improving as they showed during their games against the Dundy County Tigers.

The following includes the Sagebrush Tournament games for Tuesday.

Lady Cougars
Rawlins County 59, Cheylin 32

"We played a tough game against a fast team," Coach Deb Pochop said. "Rawlins County came out with a tough denial full-court press that shook us up.

"If not for the 16 point first quarter deficit, we would have come out a lot closer.

"We learned a few things about ourselves and our strengths and weaknesses, so now we know what we need to work on!"

C	02	10	13	07	32
RC	18	10	19	12	59

Game stats for the Rawlins County game:

Points: Kaedra Dixon 10; Tia Sager 10; Colleen Shrader 6; Naomi Reeh 4; Whitney Churchwell 2.

Rebounds: Sager 8; Shrader 7; Dixon 4; Antholz 3; Blanca Ponce 2; Churchwell 2; Ana Ponce 1; Reeh 1.

Assists: Reeh 5; Shrader 4; Dixon 1.

Steals: Sager 2; A. Ponce 2; B. Ponce 2; Antholz 1; Carmichael 1; Samantha Robertson 1.

Blocks: Antholz 2; Dixon 2; Sager 1.

Cougars

Rawlins County 76, Cheylin 48

C	14	10	12	12	48
RC	15	22	19	20	76

Game stats for the Rawlins County game:

Points: Pochop 15; Hengen 14; Chris Walden 8; Jacob White 7; Adrian Garcia 2; Heath Antholz 2;

Rebounds- Pochop 7; Antholz 5; Walden 5; Vance Churchwell 4; Hengen 3; Justin Miller 2; White 1.

Happy Holidays
and best wishes in the New Year

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movie this week

Jan. 4, 5, 6

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All Others: \$5

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You will notice a change in your statements from the Cheyenne County Hospital beginning January 1, 2008. In the future, you will receive an individual statement each time you receive services at our facility.

Once the balance on the account becomes your responsibility, a statement will be generated. The new statements allow you to know what your financially responsible for within a matter of days. If you are unable to pay the amount in full, you will be requested to call the hospital or CBO to establish mutually acceptable payment arrangements.

Once a promissory note is signed, all accounts included in the balance of the note will be combined to one account. You will receive a coupon book containing due dates and amounts as agreed upon in the promissory note; you will no longer receive individual statements on these balances. If new balances occur as a result of services you receive after establishing payment arrangements, you will be required to make new payment arrangements in order to add the new balance(s) to your existing payment plan.