



Casey's Comments

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Do you remember the old television commercials of the Texaco Men? A lady would drive her car into the Texaco station as four attendants rushed out.

One would check the tires' air pressure. The next would open the hood to look at the oil level. The third washed the windshield. The last man took care of filling up her fuel tank. Each looked like the other's clone, in their crisp white uniforms and caps.

These guys were so talented, they even sang on Milton Berle's and Jimmy Durante's TV shows.

Things have sure changed. I know that there are still some gas stations in this area that will fill your tank and clean the windshield. But most of us are pretty much used to filling up ourselves.

When I first began driving I still lived at home and was a full-time student on the west side of Denver. My parents helped me out by

giving me a Amoco credit card.

The station I usually went to was at the corner of West Colfax and Kipling. They had two islands in the 1970s. One was for self-service, the other full-service.

The full-service side gave you similar treatment to the Texaco Men, only one guy did all the work. Even though I knew the folks were helping me out with the credit card and that there was a responsibility involved, I still liked going to the full-service pump.

It's not that I was lazy, but having someone fill my tank made me feel important. I guess I thought I was a "big shot."

Anyway, my trips to the full service island soon came to an end once Mom got the invoice. Obviously she knew I liked full service too.

The parents still let me use the credit card, but you can sure bet that the receipts all had the price of gas from the self-serve island from then on.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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I was wondering what I would write this week. Sometimes I do not have a clue until I set down at my computer. I kick around a few thoughts until one takes off on its own.

This morning while I was on the treadmill (yes, I made a New Year's Resolution just like you) listening to the radio when I heard the song "Amazing Grace." Now I like that song, but it is not exactly "walking" music.

As I listened and tried to get a beat going to match my walk, a lyric caught my attention "...grace taught my heart to fear and grace my fear relieved..." and suddenly I was reliving the past two weeks.

The Schneider family had a narrow escape during that time and we have made some real changes in our lifestyle. It is not easy to move out of one's comfort zone and I have said it before, change does not always appear good at

first. Did I say that change takes work and commitment? Well, it does.

Now back to the song. I started thinking about what grace is and the last two weeks. Grace, in my understanding, means to give what is not deserved. Furthermore, and to take up walking time and make it more interesting. I thought about mercy, which is to withhold what is deserved, as I understand mercy.

As I was walking, I thought myself, "Brad and I celebrated our 13th-year anniversary on Monday, just two weeks after his heart attack. We had a great dinner and played cards — best two out of three — he won."

Still walking and thinking, I still have Brad, and if anyone really knew me, they would know that I do not deserve him. That's grace.

So, where is the mercy? It was in that card game. He deserved to lose!

School Menu

Editor's Note: Around this time of year, Cheylin lets each class choose their favorite school lunch menu, then features one class menu a week.

This week it is the sixth grade. Parents this may be a good week to join your kids at lunch!

Monday, 1/28
Breakfast: waffles, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk
Lunch: cheesy potato soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk

Tuesday, 1/29
Breakfast: breakfast burrito, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk
Lunch: cheese ravioli, bread sticks, dirt pudding, salad bar, fruit and milk

Wednesday, 1/30
Breakfast: pancake on a stick,

juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk
Lunch: hamburger steak in gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, salad bar, fruit and milk

Thursday, 1/31
Breakfast: scrambled eggs, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk
Lunch: hot dog or chili dog, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk



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Bulletin Board

Monthly potluck
The Bird City Senior Center will hold its monthly potluck on Monday, Jan. 28.

County Commissioners
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Hospital Guild
The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 4, at the Senior Center in St. Francis. Ilene O'Leary, Housing Authority, Cheyenne County manor will present the program.
Hostesses are Anita Miller and Elaine Kite.

Kansas Day celebration
Cheyenne County's 79th Kansas Day Celebration will be held Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Bird City Legion hall. Registration opens at 10:30 a.m. The potluck will begin at noon.

Hospital Board
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. today (Thursday) in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.

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.

Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 4, at the Solid Rock Baptist Church in St. Francis (412 S. Denison). All are welcome to attend to join in prayer, learning and fellowship as members work together to provide "Life for All."

Spaghetti Luncheon
The annual spaghetti luncheon benefit for Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will be hosted by the St. Francis Community Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3. Funds raised will be used for life causes in Cheyenne County and other parts of the nation.

Sisters In Serenity Women's AA
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Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at 5 p.m. on Sundays at 585 N. Franklin, City Hall, northwest basement door in Colby. There is a play room for younger children and a quiet space for older children on-site. For more information call (785) 672-3406 or (785) 538-2526.

These meetings are limited to female alcoholics to provide an opportunity for members to share with one another on problems related to drinking patterns and attempts to achieve stable sobriety. They also permit detailed discussion of various elements in the recovery program.

Veterans Affairs
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas

Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the county clerk's office.

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

Behind the Scene

Cheyenne County Historical Society officers for 2008 were installed by Glenn Isernhagen at the Jan. 20 quarterly meeting. In accepting the office of president, Lea Keller encouraged members to pitch in, take on responsibility and use their talents and interests to aide the entire organization. Parts of Ms. Keller's "Pep Talk" are included in the following paragraphs.

"Today we are sitting in a wonderful building that is a result of individuals who saw a need for the preservation of the history of Cheyenne County.

It all started in a room in the courthouse and this building and the church and this organization of 100 plus members is the result

of thousands of hours of volunteer time and labor and thousands of donated dollars. This county and thousands of other people will forever be indebted to those people who brought us to this point in time.

Now in the 21st century we have the responsibility not only to maintain these facilities, and the artifacts and historical documents already gathered and cataloged, but also we must add to what is in place.

This job and responsibility can no longer be efficiently accomplished by just a handful of people. It will take many more enthusiastic volunteers to donate time and money.

It costs money to maintain physical structures so we must operate as a business with budgets and accountings of monies received and spent. There are various ways to acquire the necessary funds to maintain the status quo. But, our mission as the Historical Society needs to go beyond the status quo

and add to what is in place.

The board is elected, and a director hired, to oversee the day-to-day operations of our business. But it is the membership that does the bulk of the work. That happens in committees, which work on their own, to accomplish the tasks for which they have assumed responsibility.

We must keep in mind that to perpetuate the museum and this organization we must reach out to the community and entice others to join the cause. We need to work on getting younger people interested in the preservation of the county's history.

In short we need to make the Historical Society an organization that is appealing to the younger generation, and utilize individuals in their area of interest in order to maintain and grow. It will be a task for many. We will always be grateful for the few who got us to this point but they have established an entity that requires a network of people to continue."

Correction

The Go-Getters 4-H club will have their next meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10.

College freshman attends stock show

Josh Johnson ended his first semester at Casper College, Casper, Wyo., with a trip to Phoenix, Ariz., for the Arizona National Stock Show Dec. 26 to Jan. 3. This trip was one of the many all-expense paid trips offered to the freshman judging team. Traveling to Phoenix was a choice that was made at the beginning of the school year because on this trip they would be "taking cattle" to show and sell, not just to be evaluating. This commitment was made by two other team members and Josh to participate with six steers. They were from then on responsible for the management of the cattle. From deciding what and how much to feed - to getting them fit for the show ring. Also, how to doctor them when they got sick. Their efforts paid off when winning banners were brought back to Casper for: Grand Champion European Pen Of Three - Reserve Grand



Johnson

Champion Pen of Three Over-all - and Reserve Grand Champion European Steer.

As with any other judging team trip they try not to ever miss a tourist attraction. While in Phoenix, they were able to see the stadium where this year's Super Bowl will be played and on their way home they visited the Grand Canyon and Four Corners.

Being part of the freshman judging team, which consists of six boys and 12 girls, has allowed Josh to travel around the United States to various farms, ranches, colleges, and universities which includes the well known Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind., to evaluate different species of livestock. In addition to their ventures they toured the Cargill Meat Processing Plant in Dodge City which is the largest in the world.

Upon returning for the second semester the team will be making several trips to the Denver Stock Show and later on in the year they will be headed to the Iowa Beef Expo and the Cow Palace in Sacramento, Calif.

Johnson is graduate of Cheylin High School.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 31 min.

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