



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
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 Over the last couple of years I've received e-mails with pictures of the bill board for a restaurant called Casa D'Ice. The bill board doesn't tell you what the soup de jour is or what the happy hour specials are. Instead, the owner uses the board to give out a piece of his mind.
 Casa D'Ice is located in North Versailles, just outside of Pittsburgh, Pa. The owner, an Italian-American named Bill Balsamico, opened the restaurant after 23 years in the ice business.
 Mr. Balsamico's family moved from Italy to the United States in the early 20th century. Like most immigrants of that time, they adopted the English language and adapted to the "New World."
 After the attacks of 9-11, Mr. Balsamico found himself watching news broadcasts on television after closing up his business at night. He had something to say about the state of affairs that this country was in, so he started using the bill board for his opinions.

These are a few of his messages:
 "This is America. Why must we press "I" to proceed in English?"
 "Two presidential candidates each will blow over \$125 million for a job that pays \$400,000 yearly. Must have a great dental plan."
 "Political Correctness will result in the loss of our ancestry-culture-heritage and eventually our country. Wake up America!"
 The signs got my curiosity up so I gave him a call.
 "I take from context whatever someone does that irritates me," Mr. Balsamico said.
 I feel like Mr. Balsamico and I have something in common. He uses his bill board and I write a weekly opinion. Agree or disagree, at least people are reading what we have to say. Hopefully, they get a little bit of something to think about.
 When I get close to Pittsburgh in the future I plan on visiting Casa D'Ice for the linguini in clam sauce. You can visit it too and check out the bill board at www.casadice.com.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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 I went to Cintia's Quinceanera, just to take pictures and get some information about an event that was happening in our community. And what happened is I got caught up in the party and nearly forgot to get the pictures!
 I got talking with Deb Smith and Anita Burke, meeting people, looking at the decorations, and of course, eating.
 But let's get passed all the usual things that go on at a party and get to the reason why I was there. I was there to observe and write about something that a lot of Americans never get to experience, a Hispanic tradition.
 I am not talking about family tradition like eating roast on Sundays or celebrating the 4th of July


at Uncle Ernie's place, this is cultural tradition that is rooted with the family and the church.
 There are many cultural traditions that celebrate the passage of childhood to maturity and they too are rooted with the family and church. There is an understanding that a change has happened, childhood things can no longer be looked at with longing.
 I did get to talk to Cintia after her coming-out birthday party and she said that she felt different and that she is now expected to think about more mature things.
 I thought to myself, when was that last time a birthday meant something as important being expected to think more maturely, and quite honestly, I couldn't recall one time.

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. It is freshmen week. Parents, join your kids for lunch this week!
Monday, 2/18
 Breakfast: cherry fajita, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk
 Lunch: chicken pattie, buttered noodles, bread, salad bar, fruit and milk
Tuesday, 2/19
 Breakfast: ham biscuit, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk

Lunch: baked potato bar, chili and cheese, rolls, salad bar, fruit and milk
Wednesday, 2/20
 Breakfast: Poptarts, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk
 Lunch: lasagna, breadsticks, green beans, ice cream, salad bar, fruit and milk
Thursday, 2/21
 Breakfast: pancakes, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk
 Lunch: rib barbecue sandwich, potato wedges, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk

The Cheyenne County Courthouse & Landfill will be CLOSED Mon., Feb. 18 in observance of Presidents' Day



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Bulletin Board

Home Circle Club
 The Home Circle Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21., at the Lebow Manor. Carol March will be the hostess.
Library Storytime
 Storytime will be at 10 a.m. on Friday. The book selection will be, *10 Little Rubber Ducks* Eric Carle; *Sheep in Wolves Clothing* by Satoshi Kitamura; *Tale of a Crocodile, From a Congo Folktale* Ann Kim; *Sheep in a Jeep* Nancy Shaw; and *It all began with a Drip, Drip, Drip* retold by Joan M. Lexan.
 Crafts and a snack will follow.

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.
Sisters In Serenity Women's AA
 A Sisters In Serenity women's 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.

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80th birthday
 An 80th birthday celebration is being held for Norvin Northrup from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Harper home, 305 S. Quincy St. Cards may be sent to 1465 Road 15, St. Francis, KS 67756.
Cheyenne County Commissioners
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.
Hospital Board
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Tag deadline
 All residents with last names beginning with A 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.
Wildlife banquet
 The Cheyenne County Wildlife annual banquet will be held on March 14.
Prairie Land Food
 Prairie Land Food pickup will take place from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the First Baptist Church.
Veterans Affairs
 Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 21, 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.

Did you know?
 More than 5,000 Relay For Life events are planned in 2008 in the United States. Teams of eight to 15 people form a relay and camp out at the local track, stadium park or

fairgrounds. In St. Francis, Relay For Life is held at Sawhill Park.
 People take turns walking, jogging or running around the block.
 Relays are overnight events (12 hours) and each team is to have a representative on the track at all times during the relay. Relay for Life is a worldwide movement and takes place in 19 countries outside the United States.
 "Make plans to form your team today," said Mrs. Bracelin at 785-332-2757.

2008 Relay for Life will be held in June

implement!). These suggestions, taken from the Association of Small Foundations, may help you get the children in your family excited about giving:
 "Consider giving a three-part allowance, with one part to spend, one to save, and one to donate."
 "Create a "family fund" or "grandchildren fund" and invite children to nominate their favorite charities.
 "Develop family giving rituals, perhaps around the holidays, in which children can participate."
 "If your time is limited, or if you live far away from the children in your family, consider using birthdays or holidays to get them excited about giving. Give them a book with a philanthropic message, or make a donation in their name. Talk to them about what philanthropy means to you. Share examples of why you support particular causes or institutions.
 If any of these ideas interest you, please give me a call or stop by the office and we can discuss ways to give to local charities and create a meaningful experience - more than just writing a check.

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South of McDonald by Sandy Binning
 Dan and Margie Hubbard enjoyed the a valentine's supper and program at the Federated Church in McDonald Sunday evening. George and Kathy Banister attended the Cheylin/Healey basketball games in McDonald Friday and the Cheylin/Hitchcock County basketball games in McDonald Saturday.

Cheyenne County Farm Bureau would like to congratulate the lucky winners of our National Food Check Out-Week Contest

Nancy Semler, \$15 gift certificate to Hometown Market, Bird City
 Crissy Cooks, \$15 gift certificate to Hilltop Market
 Merlyn Yonkey, \$15 gift certificate to St. Francis Supers
 Cathy Ritchey, \$15 gift certificate to P&L Meat Market

Thanks to everyone who participated



Clayton Janicke and Brenda Johnson draw a winner.

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Bird City Alumni & Cheylin Alumni Address Update Form
 Business Development Scholarship Information
 Latest Bird City News

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CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
 Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

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Please remember to visit the Cheyenne County Hospital website at www.cheyennecountyhospital.com.

We have added two new sections to the website which include newborn arrival pictures and the option to pay your bill online. Please check these out on the website.