



## Casey's Comments

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It's interesting when new words or expressions become part of our daily language. We need words to communicate with one another. As our world changes, so do the words that help us to explain it. But sometimes we try to use words that are vague and that don't explain anything. An example of this is the new expression; "It is what it is."

Just what does it mean "It is what it is?"

I heard this said twice on national television last weekend. First it was a high school wrestler who had just won a championship match. When asked about

his achievement the athlete responded, "It is what it is."

What? Is it over? Is it satisfying? Is it not what he expected?

The other example was from an interview with a movie actress. When asked about her career she said, "It is what it is."

Again I ask, what is it? I'll tell you what I think it is. It is a cop out.

I tried the same thing years ago in elementary school. My assignment was to write a paper explaining something.

I wrote one word on the paper; "because."

Needless to say, I was sent back to my desk to try a little harder.

## Letters From Linda

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We live in a great county and I really mean that. Nowhere on the face of this planet are there more freedoms and tolerances given to its citizens.

I ask you, where can a person criticize their country's Commander-In-Chief, military generals or clergy and get away with it? It is here, and they get their own television series or website.

public outcry over the inhuman treatment; the Cattlemen's Association had to make a statement, and the slaughterhouse had to apologize. The public cried, "We will not buy your beef!" It had all the appearance of the sanctity of life.

Here is my beef (excuse the pun), if we want to use our hard won freedom to sanction life and the life we want sanction is a cow, then what is happening is that we are losing focus and using our "lesser" freedoms and tolerances. Furthermore, we are trying to show some semblance of the sanctity of life and there is a crack in this way of thinking, it is not big enough for a cow, but it is big enough for our children and elderly to fall through.

February has been the National Sanctity of Life month. Sanctity ~ the condition of being considered sacred or holy, and therefore entitled to respect and reverence. (Encarta World English Dictionary) I want to believe human life is what being described.

I can think of one country where the cow is reverence; a large portion of the population lives in squalor and poverty, while the cow roams freely, is bathed, eats off of plates and is fat as a cow.

It is a cow! I will say it again, "I do enjoy a good steak!"

Yeah, we have a great country. I love my country, but I believe there is a crack running through it. I believe our country has traded the great freedom that was so hard won, for a "lesser" freedom. A freedom that says, "I can, so I will." In addition, I am supposed to tolerate it.

I also believe that we traded what is the importance of "life" for the appearance of the importance of life. In addition, I am supposed to tolerate it.

I will not go into detail about what has my feathers all ruffled, but I will say this, "I do enjoy a good steak."

That statement may or may not mean a thing to you, but if you have watched the news recently you would have seen it too. A cow was down and had to be prodded to the slaughterhouse.

What I could not grasp was that it made national news! There was

## Bulletin Board

**Childhood Developmental Screening**  
The Cheylin School District is offering a free Childhood Developmental Screening on March 12. The screening will be held at the Bird City Methodist church. Appointments are needed, and can be made by calling the Cheylin Elementary School at 734-2351.

**Library Storytime**  
Books for Storytime: *The True Francine* by Marc Brown; *Baby Bear goes to the Beach* by Lorette Broekstra; *Know what? No, what?* by Arline and Joseph Baum; *Milo's Hat Trick* by Jon Agee; *Bones, Bones, Dinosaur Bones* by Byron Baron and *I Wonder Why... Butterflies Flutter*. Crafts and snacks following. Junior readers welcomed.

**Storm Spotter Training**  
The National Weather Service will be conducting a Severe Storm Spotters Training class at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, at the St. Francis high school cafeteria. The public is invited.

**Walk Kansas starts March 9**  
Walk Kansas is an 8-week walking program encouraging family members, schoolmates, co-workers, friends, and neighbors to come together as a team. A six-member team who will collectively walk 423 miles, the distance across Kansas. For information contact the Extension office 785-332-3171.

**Wrestling tournament canceled**  
The Little Kids wrestling tournament, which was to be held in St. Francis on Saturday, had been canceled.

**Work party at the museum**  
Join enthusiastic members of the Cheyenne County Historical Society Thursday and Friday for a work party! The museum doors will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. All help is welcome!

**Kansans for Life**  
The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at the Wesleyan

Community Church in Bird City at 7:30 p.m. on Monday. All in the community are welcome to join in prayer, learning and fellowship and work together to provide Life for All.

**Murder Can Be Habit-Forming**  
*Murder Can Be Habit-Forming*, produced by On Stage Inc., is set for March 15 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the St. Francis high school auditorium.

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

**Cheyenne County Commissioners**  
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

**Cheyenne County Hospital Guild**  
The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at noon on Monday at the Cheyenne County Hospital. The program is a "Lunch With Les."

**Wildlife banquet**  
The Cheyenne County Wildlife annual banquet will be held on March 14.

**Veterans Affairs**  
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Com-

mission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. March 6, at the county clerk's office. You may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Mon., Wed., or Friday at 785-462-3572.

**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.

## Overseas discount available

Postal service customers now have more choices for sending packages and saving money. Beginning Mar. 3, Bird City area customers can ship 50 percent more with a new, larger Priority Mail flat-rate box - and the packaging is free. Customers also will receive a \$2 discount when sending the new box - fully loaded, we hope - to an APO/FPO address for U.S. military serving overseas.

"The Postal Service is very proud to offer our customers an historic new postage discount when they mail our new flat-rate box to their friends and loved ones serving in the military overseas," said Sonja Weeden, postmaster.

Merchants on e-bay, small businesses and time-strapped householders are expected to embrace the new, larger box, which can be mailed directly from the home or business without the hassle of weighing the parcel or computing postage. Postage can be purchased and printed over the Internet through the Postal Service's Click-N-Ship service at usps.com,

where customers can also request a free package pickup by their letter carrier the following day.

The new flat-rate boxes are available free of charge, and can be ordered at usps.com - under "Shipping Supplies," click *Supplies* - or by phone at 800-610-8734.

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## 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.*

**Tuesday lunch is senior class choice.**

**Monday, 3/3**  
Breakfast: tornado, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk  
Lunch: beef nuggets, baked potato, salad bar, fruit and milk

**Tuesday, 3/4**  
Breakfast: muffin, sausage link, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk  
Lunch: ham and cheese squares, corn, fruit pizza, salad bar, fruit and milk

**Wednesday, 3/5**  
Breakfast: breakfast burrito, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk  
Lunch: hamburger sandwich, curly fries, salad bar, fruit and milk

**Thursday, 3/6**  
NO SCHOOL

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 37 min.

### The Spiderwick Chronicles

Feb. 29, Mar. 1 & 2 Kids/family, Science fiction/fantasy and adaptation  
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Thank you.  
Cheyenne County Hospital staff

### Help Wanted

The Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis, KS needs 2 medical Technologists to perform lab procedures, interpret results, maintain lab instruments. BS Med Tech w/AMT or equivalent certificate. Send resume to lab manager, 210 W. 1st St., St. Francis, KS. 67756

## Registered Nurse Wanted

Seeking a registered nurse with extensive experience in labor, delivery and post-partum nursing cares. Duties will include working with the Director of Nursing and medical staff to coordinate the nursing care in Obstetrics Department.

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8 Pokemon 23k Gold Plated Trading Cards; Baseball Prints: Babe Ruth, Jimmie Foxx, Lou Gehrig; Parker Display Cabinet; Dietz Lanterns; Uncle Sam 3 Coin Bank; Triner Scale; Toy Transformer Elec. Train w/ Track; Toy Tractor; Old World Pottery Vase; Carnival Glass; Musical Jewelry Boxes; Cast Iron Banks-Roadster, The One That Got Away, Monkey Bank, Hometown Batter, Trick Dog, Bear Hunter; 8-12 Place settings Nagoya Nippon China w/ Serving Pieces; Johann Haviland Bavaria China, Germany; Old Bottles; Many Other Items Too Numerous to Mention!

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