



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

Whatever happened to the Dixie Chicks?

Used to be, they were the hottest act in Country and Western music.

But then they stood up before audiences in Europe and poured obscenities on President Bush.

After that they said anyone who claimed to be a patriotic American was practicing "jingoism."

The term, "jingoism," came from Victorian England at the time of Imperialism.

During the Nineteenth Century the European powers were busy dividing up much of the world. The more powerful nations seemed justified in seizing the less powerful people, who were looked down upon as inferior.

According to the *Wikipedia* encyclopedia web-site; "Jingoism is today generally employed

as a deprecatory (devalued) term for the confident expressions of a Western and particularly Anglo-American, culture that viewed its superiority as both self-evident and merited."

In other words, if you are a patriotic American then you think you're better than anyone else.

Well, in my humble opinion, I don't think I'm any better than someone from another country, but I do live in the best country in the world!

That's how my relatives must have felt when they left Europe. That's how I was raised. That's how I hope my kids and grandkids will feel.

If being proud of this great land is too corny for the Dixie Chicks, then that's too bad for them.

By the way, whatever did happen to them anyway?

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider
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It is starting to get windy here in the midwest — very windy. I admit I am getting prepared for it. By "it," I mean the possibility of a tornado.

This is only my second year here and if last year is any indication of what could happen this year, I can honestly tell you I am a bit nervous.

But, it is a good nervous. The kind that gets me moving toward doing something about it.

I have heard some people say that they have never seen a tornado in all the time they have lived in Kansas. That may be true, but I am quite happy making my preparations, just in case.

There is something about knowing what to do when the unexpected happens that relaxes me. Talking to Loren White, assistant fire chief, and getting some good information off the internet helped a lot.

And what relaxes me the most is that I know that Bird City and surrounding communities have people who volunteer to make sure I am safe. We have the emergency medical service, the fire department, sheriff department and many others who volunteer to step out of the comfort and safety of their homes to secure our neighborhoods and towns.

I am going to take a moment right now and thank them all. Thank You!

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.

Wednesday lunch is kindergarten class choice.

Parents, join your kids for lunch this week!

Monday, 3/10

Breakfast: waffles, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk
Lunch: sausage gravy and biscuits, cheese, salad bar, fruit and milk

Tuesday, 3/11

Breakfast: scrambled eggs, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk

Lunch: corn dogs, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk

Wednesday, 3/12

Breakfast: english muffin, boiled egg, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk

Lunch: pizza, corn on the cob, ice cream bars, salad bar, fruit and milk

Thursday, 3/13

Breakfast: french toast, juice, toast, assorted cereal and milk
Lunch: chicken pattie sandwich, tater triangle, salad bar, fruit and milk

Soup & Pie Supper



Sunday, March 9
5 to 7 p.m.



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Bulletin Board

Bird City Community Club

The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the Fellowship hall.

Monthly birthday potluck

The Bird City Senior Center monthly birthday potluck will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, March 10.

Library Storytime

Come to the library and hear some great books at 10 a.m. on Friday; *I Love You, Sleepyhead* by Claire Freedman; *Where Wild Babies Sleep* by Ann Purmell; *Roar of a Snore* by Marsha Arnold; *Sleepy Bears* by Mem Fox; *Flashlight* by Betsy James; *Good Morning Granny Rose* by Warren Ludwig. Snack and crafts will follow reading. Junior Readers welcome.

4-H Club Days

On Friday, March 14, 4-H Club Days will be held at the St. Francis Grade School. The activities start

at 5:30 p.m.

Cheyenne County Fair Board

The Fair Board will meet tonight (Thursday) at the courthouse.

Cheyenne County Historical Society

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will meet at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11. Rachael Keller will present the program on "Wineries in Kansas."

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. March 14 in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Alzheimer's Dementia Support Group

The Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Public Library.

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 collec-

tively walk 423 miles, the distance across Kansas. For information contact the Extension office 785-332-3171.

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 high school auditorium.

Prairie Museum of Art and History

Jo Bricker and Fritz Ostmeyer, members of the Colby High Plains Art Club, will hold a joint exhibit featuring their artwork at the Colby museum in March. Gourd artist, Scott Ackeman's work will also be on display.

Wildlife banquet

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

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. You may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Fri-

day 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.



Banister

Student studies in Ireland

Washburn University student, Amanda Banister of McDonald is discovering new international learning opportunities by studying at Queens University in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

She is participating in a community health and mental health nursing program.

Amanda is the daughter of George and Kathy Banister of McDonald.

Society requests community support for grant proposal

Cheyenne County Historical Society submitted a grant proposal to myhometownhelper.com, but they need community support in order for the proposal to be considered by the sponsors, Hamburger Helper.

Hamburger Helper is giving away up to \$15,000 per community to help fund projects in hometowns all across America.

Historical Society grant proposal requests \$15,000 to help refurbish the museum's country church and gives three reasons: 1) to preserve our history; 2) to attract tourists to our isolated corner of the state; and 3) to be used as a cultural arts center to host community literary readings, small choirs, history lectures, art shows, recitals, family gatherings, etc. Money generated from these events would help maintain the building.

But these granters need to see community support when evaluating a project proposal. For that reason, the Historical Society is requesting everyone in the coun-

ty to support this proposal by telling how it would positively impact our county.

Do so by accessing <http://myhometownhelper.com/viewproject.aspx?tell=2&id=36957>. Once there, people are asked to read the entire proposal and post their comments. The site also allows people to send the link on to a friend, so they can post their comments.

Awards will be based both on

community support and on the merit of the project, including its impact and support within our community. Hamburger Helper will evaluate the proposal on the following criteria: 1) demonstrates a need in the broader community; 2) illustrates a helpful, creative or innovative concept that meets this need; 3) clearly identifies change/s that can be made as a result of receiving the award.

For The Record

In February, the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office performed over 96 hours of patrol inside the city limits of Bird City.

During the month, there were two traffic warnings and one traffic citation issued. Sheriff Deputies responded to a disorderly conduct complaint and a burglary investigation. A resident's welfare was checked on. Five civil service

papers were served. Investigation on damage done to a building within the city.

Three Emergency Medical Service assists and the performance of standard duties such as door and alley checks, school zone patrols, and making and maintaining positive contact with citizens, businesses, and schools.

Cheyenne County Wildlife Inc. Banquet

Friday, March 14
Dinner from 6:30-8 p.m.
with auction @ 8:15 p.m.
Bird City Legion Hall

Tickets available at *Bumper to Bumper
*Owens True-Value *Frontier Equity
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LAST DAY for Personal Property Assessment will be March 15, 2007

Taxable items include: golf carts, boats, trailers, dirt bikes, snowmobiles & non-ag 4-wheelers.

Real estate improvements or structural changes to buildings must also be reported to the Cheyenne County Appraiser's Office • 785-332-8830.

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

Jumper

March 7, 8 & 9
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