



Casey's Comments

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I just ran into a friend of mine who is taking his 10-year-old son to Disney World in Orlando, Fla. When I was a kid our family loaded up in the station wagon and drove from Denver to California to Disneyland. The trip was a pilgrimage to the holy land of all children, both young and old. Disneyland was the brain child of Walt Disney. His vision helped create a wonderland that everyone can identify with. Even if you've never been there, who doesn't know Mickey Mouse, Cinderella, Jiminy Cricket, Tinkerbell or Dumbo from TV or movies?

On another family trip, we flew to Florida to visit my grandparents, who had relocated from the

midwest. Even though I was in my early 20s, I still felt the same euphoria of my youth at Disney World. This was before the EP-COT Center was built. So I have another reason to go back someday.

To give you an idea of the power Disneyland had on me as a boy; after visiting there, it still played upon my mind.

On Christmas Eves I would lie in bed trying to fall asleep. The only way I could escape from the excitement of the presents waiting under our tree was to imagine being in Disneyland. By escaping the "here and now," thoughts of wandering the Magic Kingdom would eventually put me into a slumber.

I'm anxious to hear about my buddy and his son's adventures.

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider
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Does anyone remember that 1970s movie "Soilent Green?" If you don't remember, I will give you a brief description.

Charlton Heston starred as a man who lived in a world that had used up all its natural resources. Moreover, they determined who lived and died by their age. All peacefully done.

Well, because their natural resources were used up, they had one food. This food contained all the essential requirements to sustain life; its name is soilent green. A square green wafer.

Mr. Heston seeks to find out how it is made and the movie climaxes with him discovering what it is.

"Human bodies!" screams Mr. Heston.

Why did I bring this silly old movie up? I want to demonstrate how important information can be withheld from the public to keep emotions down and to make my point.

On March 8, the *Oklahoma Daily* released a report from the University of Oklahoma about

pharmaceuticals being found in over 40 American cities. While authorities insist that they are well below medical doses, I felt it was important; but then who am I?

I looked for more on this report on one of the internet major website, MSN, and it did not make it. So, I did a search and found it. But, not on any major network or newspaper. The pharmaceuticals ranged from antibiotics, anti-convulsants, mood stabilizers and sex hormones. I will not share with you the thoughts I had when I read the report.

I know most people just don't want to know those things, well, I do; but then again, who am I?

I am getting to my point here, what I believe is important and should be brought to the public's attention is quite different from what the media believes is important. I realized that a few weeks ago when that cow had fallen down and could not get back up made national news.

Because the website where I found the information is verry long, do a MSN Live Search of "44 cities water contaminated." And hold your nose!

Support is needed to get historical grant

County residents are asked to support a grant proposal for \$15,000 written by the Cheyenne County Historical Society to help refurbish Ye Ol' Country Church at the museum. Grants will be awarded according to need and community support.

Go to myhometownhelper.com. Click on "Find a Project." Then select "Kansas" and type in St. Francis. At the next page, click

on the name of the project. That will take you to the description of the grant proposal and a place to add comments. Deadline is March 31.

The society is aiming for at least 100 comments from the community. Help remind people to post comments. And send the link to friends, former Cheyenne County residents, etc.

South of McDonald

Debbie Banister helped with the Cheylin National Honor Society basketball games in McDonald Thursday evening.

George, Kathy, and Debbie Banister helped serve the fish fry

Friday evening at St. Joseph's in Bird City.

Sandy, Donna, Porsha, Bianca and Jazzmin Binning called on Bethel Goltl Friday afternoon.

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Hospitalized
Natalie Bursch, wife of Royce Bursch, is undergoing treatment at Presbyterian - St. Luke's Medical Center. Receiving cards from home would be welcome. The address for Presbyterian - St. Luke Medical Center is 1719 E. 19th Ave, BMT Room 3403, Denver, CO 80218. The end of the treatments will take place on April 15 but there will be an extended stay, other than at the hospital, in the Denver area.

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

Home Circle Club
The Home Circle Club will be meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 20, at the Manor. Carol Peters will be hostess.

Basketball tournament
The ninth annual Atwood Three-on-Three Basketball Tourney will be held Saturday, April 5. Entries are due by March 28. For more information, see classified ad on Page 4.

Card shower
A card shower is being held to help Henry Schirmer celebrate his 90th birthday on March 15. Mail cards to him in care of the Good Samaritan Village, 820 S. Denison, St. Francis, Ks 67756.

Diet program
Change One - One Meal At A Time will be held at noon on Tuesday at the United Methodist Church, St. Francis. Presented by Melinda Daily, Sunflower Extension Agent, the program will talk about how to loose weight. Those planning to attend need to call the extension office at 332-3171 by Monday as lunch will be served.

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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.

City Council
The St. Francis City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the new city hall building.

Hospital Board
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Basketball tournament
Sappa Valley Shootout youth Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament will be held in Oberlin on Saturday, April 12. Boys and girls, grades one-12, are eligible. For more information, visit the website or contact Angie Erickson, 785-322-5338.

Address change
A new mailing address for agencies within the United States Department of Agriculture Service Center (Cheyenne County Conservation District, Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service) is effective immediately: (agency name): 614B West Business US Highway 36, St. Francis, KS 67756-5776.

Tag deadline
All residents with last names beginning with B 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.

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

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.

Life of Bob Dole at Dane Hansen Museum

The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics, Lawrence and the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum of Logan is proud to offer a special exhibit entitled "You'll Never Walk Alone; The Public and Private Life of Bob Dole. This will be on display for two weeks only, April 4 through April 20, at the Hansen Museum in Logan. Admission is free. Viewing hours are Monday through Friday 9 to noon and 1 to 4, Saturday 9 to noon and 1 to 5 and Sunday 1 to 5.

Environmental Protection Group news
The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group (NWLEPG) would like to remind homeowners who are on old septic systems or have old cesspools of possible cost-share finding to upgrade to an approved septic system. Your County Conservation District office may or may not have these funds available at this time. Current funds have to be applied for by the end of March and the upgrade must be completed by the end of June. Additional funds will be available after July 1 of this year. Contract your Conservation District.

Veterans Affairs
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 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.

Correction

Owens Wingfield joined the McDonald Lions Club in February 1952, not 1934. He has been a member for 56 years and had perfect attendance for over 48 years.

At the time when Mr. Wingfield served as District Lions Governor in 1960-1961, there were eight districts in Kansas, not four.

Mr. Wingfield has lived in northwest Kansas all his life except the first year. Phyllis, his wife, was born in Marion County, Kan. and moved to McDonald in 1951 after they were married.

School Menu

This week the fourth graders have picked their favorite food for lunch on Thursday.
Why not join them for lunch!

Monday, 3/17
Breakfast: egg and cheese biscuit, toast, juice, assorted cereal and milk
Lunch: chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, salad bar, fruit and milk

Tuesday, 3/18
Breakfast: oatmeal, fruit, toast, juice, assorted cereal and milk
Lunch: ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, salad bar, fruit

and milk

Wednesday, 3/19
Breakfast: donuts, toast, juice, assorted cereal and milk
Lunch: spaghetti, breadsticks, corn on the cob, salad bar, fruit and milk

Thursday, 3/20
Breakfast: hash browns, sausage link, toast, juice, assorted cereal and milk
Lunch: deli turkey sandwich, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk

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

The Bucket List
Comedy/drama

March 13, 14 & 15
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Rating: PG-13 for language, including a sexual reference

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LAST DAY for Personal Property Assessment will be March 15, 2008

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

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Lab Draws
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April 8, 7-10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic
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1. Complete Profile \$40 includes the following lab tests:
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Pap and prostrate exams April 9-10 in Bird City Clinic

Appointment required for pap and prostrate exams. Please call the St. Francis Clinic at 785-332-2682 to schedule. Cost is \$25.