

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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I can't help watching the national news on television. The networks provide a quick overview of what is happening across this great land.

But then their bias comes through like a slap to the face.

The other morning, while I was getting ready for work, the television caught my attention. The broadcaster was talking about the war in Iraq and how the total number of United States service personnel who have died has reached 4,000.

She then said that this conflict has lasted longer, five years, than either the American Civil War or the United States involvement in World War II.

Her take was wrapped up with a comment about how it seems that Americans aren't "focused" on the war and that the economy has "gotten in the way."

Since she brought it up, how about comparing the three wars.

The numbers of soldiers killed during the Civil War are staggering. Weapons had out-paced military strategies and both

sides were from the same country, obviously.

During the four years (1861-1865) 620,000 Union and Confederate troops fell.

The United States entered World War II after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in late 1941. The European conflict ended before the Japanese surrender in mid-1945.

American losses were 416,800.

So on a yearly basis the Civil War averaged about 155,000 lives per year. World War II was close to 104,200 each year. The current Iraqi War is around 800.

This is not to down play the important job that the American military is doing today. Maybe a little positive public support from the networks would make their job a bit easier.

Throughout history there has been war. It is a sad fact in an imperfect world.

But until the day comes that there are no more tyrants and war lords, that there are no more Hitler, Tojos, Mussolinis, Saddam Husseins or Osama bin Ladens, there will be a need for nations that hold liberty and freedom dear to oppose them.

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider

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I enjoy keeping up with current events. Years ago, when I had all the time in the world, I read three different newspapers a day. Papers that had sections that went all the way up to section M1 and beyond, in addition to the classified pages.

And the articles that always caught my attention was the "signs of the times." I have found it fascinating to read and compare the different signs that have come up over the past 2000 years. Sometimes they are labeled predictions.

There have been famous predictions from famous people like Nostradamus, Jean Dixon, and of course Madam Bernice. The predictions they make range from earthquakes and famines to naming people like "Pilter" or "Kilter" or you get the idea.

We can get the giggles over them in looking back, but some of them were taken pretty seriously at the time they were made and some

where never taken seriously. I think everyone has their own idea of what the signs of the times are and I am no different.

My concern lately has been over more and more elected officials being exposed for the criminals they really are. How could they have been even elected unless they misled their constituents. And with the "big" election coming up in November, we really need to look very closely at the candidates. Time is running out for us to decide who will lead our country this time.

Want to know what I think the signs of the times are? Drum roll please. It is the times of the weeds are being sowed in with the good seeds, and we have no idea which are which until they have grown together and the weeds reveals itself by its very nature.

Voters have the responsibility of checking their candidates and choosing wisely and not because they do not like the other party.

Voting is every American's privilege, do not take it lightly.

School Menu

Menu

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

Monday, 3/31

Breakfast: ham biscuit, toast, juice, assorted cereal and milk
Lunch: chicken quesadillas, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk

Tuesday, 4/1

Breakfast: waffles, toast, juice, assorted cereal and milk
Lunch: pizza stromboli,

vegetables, salad bar, fruit and milk

Wednesday, 4/2

Breakfast: English muffin, sausage link, toast, juice, assorted cereal and milk

Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, bread, ice cream and toppings, salad bar, fruit and milk

Thursday, 4/3

Breakfast: breakfast pizza, toast, juice, assorted cereal and milk

Lunch: hot dogs, baked beans, salad bar, fruit and milk

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Library Storytime

There will not be a Library Storytime on Friday, this is because school will be in session. See you next week!

Death notice

G.M. Swede Calnon, St. Francis, died March 22, 2008. He was born on April 23, 1923 in Rawlins County.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 26 at St. Francis Catholic Church. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

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.

Support grant proposal/ additional information

County residents are being 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.

Bulletin Board

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.

Be sure to post to "Refurbish Historical Building for Cultural Arts Center," posted by the Cheyenne County Historical Society. (The other is a renegade site that got started when someone typed a comment into the projects application page. That site does not have a copy of the full grant proposal.)

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. Monday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 7, at the Senior Center in St. Francis. Dr. Rebecca Allard will present the program.

Cheyenne County Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 3.

Relay For Life kick-off meeting

Relay for Life kick-off meeting will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, at the Equity meeting room. You may pick up your "team packets" and get information about this year's Relay. Refreshments will be served.

Health Fair scheduled

The St. Francis Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic will host a health fair from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10 at the St. Francis Grade School gym. Lab work results will be available at the health fair.

Annual Recognition

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program annual recognition banquet and dance will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 at City Limits Convention Center in Colby.

Call your RSVP to (785) 462-6744. All area senior citizens are invited to the dance.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs,

will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 3, 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.

Chatting With Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

"Did You Know?"

In preparing for an upcoming committee meeting, it came to me that the information I was gathering would be great information in my column. I'll title this one and the next few weeks' column, "Did you know?"

Did you know that there are over 500 community foundations in the United States, and that the Bird City Century II Development Foundation is one of those?

Did you know that the Bird City Century II Development Foundation was founded in 1985 by Edgar Robertson, Robert Brubaker, Floyd Jensen, Robert L. Jones, and Floyd Wright? What foresight and positive contributions to the community these gentlemen have made!

Did you know that you too can give to the Foundation to one of their existing funds? Or better yet, start your own?

Did you know that you receive tax benefits when donating to the Bird City Century II Development Foundation?

Did you know that the Foundation prints an annual report each year, and you have access to this report? You can find it at www.birdcity.com or stop by the office to pick up a color copy! The annual report gives you access to information such as grants made, board of directors and staff, statement of financial position and scholarship recipients.

I continue to educate myself on community foundations and charities by reading publications through the Council on Foundations, by reading the Chronicle of Philanthropy, and by becoming involved as a board member with organizations such as the Kansas Associations of Community Foundations. My hope is to pass on as much information to you as possible so we can all grow together with the changing times, for the betterment of the Bird City community, and the Bird City Century II Development Foundation.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by and visit!

Help Wanted

Frontier Ag, Inc., is currently taking applications for all positions. We have seasonal as well as full-time positions available. We offer a competitive benefit package. For more details please call Robert at 785-734-2331. You may obtain an application at our Bird City Office or by going to the employment opportunities link on our website. <http://www.frontieraginc.com>



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Obituary

Arlene (Richers) Bruder

April 9, 1920 - March 15, 2008

Arlene Bruder, 87, of Bird City, Kan., died at her daughter's home on March 15, 2008, of complications from pneumonia.

Arlene was born in 1920 in St. Francis, daughter of Henry John Richers and Christina (Walz) Richers. Arlene moved to Denver, Colo., when she was a teenager and eventually spent most of her working career at Martin Marietta.

She is survived by husband, Don Bruder of Bird City; daughter, Charlene Dellinger of Denver; sister, Elvera Neitzel of Bird City; sister, Viola Wright of Brush, Colo.; brother, Elmer Richers of Denver; and numerous nieces and nephews living in Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

Arlene was preceded in death by daughter, Sharon Bonebrake; brothers, Herman Richers and

Albert Richers; and sisters, Adele Locke and Norma Pizel.

Arlene and Don relocated to Bird City many years ago where they became members of St. John Lutheran Church. Arlene remained active doing volunteer work in Bird City and several surrounding communities.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 25, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or a charity of your choice.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Don Antholz, Atwood; Bird City Century II, Bird City; Cheyenne County Clerk, St. Francis; Lyle Fisher, Tonganoxie; R. Bilson, Smolan; Merle Hitchcock, Bird City;

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 52 min.

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Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department Health Fair.

Lab Draws

April 7-9, 7 to 10 a.m. in County Health Department
April 8, 7-10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic

The lab work includes:

1. Complete Profile \$40 includes the following lab tests:
 - CMP (complete metabolic profile) that will test your sugar, electrolytes, kidney and liver function
 - Lipid Panel that will check your cholesterol
 - TSH that checks your thyroid
 - CBC (complete blood count) that checks for anemia and possible infections
 2. PSA (prostate specific antigen) that checks the prostate, \$20
- Pap and prostrate exams April 8-10 in St. Francis Clinic
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.