



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

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Life is a journey. Sometimes along that journey something new is found. Or a new experience can occur when something old is found.

Last Sunday I went for a drive in the country with my wife and her folks, Kurt and Margaret Bucholtz. They took me to see Horse Thief Cave.

Story has it that the cave had two rooms. The back was large enough to hide up to six horses. The front room allowed space for the "hombres" to bunk down and use as a kitchen.

The entrance was covered by a board door and there was an escape hole out of the rear.

A picture of the cave is printed in E.S. Sutton's book, *Sutton's Southwest Nebraska* (1983.) He

states that the cave was last used before 1890.

Horse Thief Cave is located in Cheyenne County, just south of the Nebraska state line. There is a round marker identifying the location along Road 17 just north of Road DD.

Standing down in the ravine your imagination can really run. It is easy to picture the masked bandits herding their stolen ponies into the cave as a posse rides the high ground, looking in vain.

The northwest corner of Kansas can't be beat for its rich history. Whether it is learning more about the prehistoric, nomadic, native people, tracing Custer's trail as he pursued renegade Indians or seeing where Lindbergh liked to barnstorm, this place has countless stories to tell.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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I watched something very disturbing on the news this past week. You probably did too; it was the televised beating of a young adult female.

I was stunned to say the least. Several stations had their own guest speakers talk about the incident and they were not surprised by what they saw, even more shocking.

While everyone had his or her own opinion of the why's, one speaker said something that struck me as true, she said that with the feminist movement, young girls are becoming more aggressive in the way they approach life, work, and personal relationships.

I wholly agree that women should have equality in life, work and personal relationships; however, the striving for equality has turned into power domination.

Catfights have been going on ever since there have been two

women on the same planet, so we do not need any encouragement from outside sources. In my neighborhood, it was common practice for girls to hide the old double-edged razor blades in their beehive hairdos. In addition, the fights were over, you guessed it, boys.

Today, it is more difficult to understand the reasoning behind a beating like the one televised, because it is not just about boys anymore.

The Cheylin Elementary school is sponsoring a "Girls Night Out" on Monday for fourth through eighth grade girls and their moms/guardians. The program will discuss some of the issues I mentioned above and more, I am sure. This is the way we start educating our girls, at an early age. They need the information to handle those girls/women they will come into contact in their future work place and personal relationships. It will be great stuff and worth your time.

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

We have an untapped resource in western Kansas - WIND! Have you thought about wind energy to operate your farm, the school or your business?

I (and another 150+ people) attended a Wind Energy Summit in Colby on Monday. I had to learn a lot about dairy operations when working on recruiting a dairy to Bird City, now I am on to learning about wind energy. I have a lot to learn, and if any of you would like to learn with me, please let me know!

Did you know that Kansas is the third best wind resource state in the United States but we only produced 3 percent of our electricity from wind in 2007? Quoting Kansas Lieutenant Governor, Mark Parkinson, "Wind power has the opportunity to be a great economic force for

our state."

When looking at the Kansas Wind Resource Map, western Kansas has the greatest wind for wind energy production. So, what do we need to do? Push our legislators to create state policies for community wind. Kansas is currently behind in policies for wind. There are no loan programs, no grants, no state sales tax exemptions, no tax credits, no rebate programs, and no net metering. Policies are needed to assist our counties and county commissioners.

In the meantime, while our legislators are working in Topeka, we can begin to lay some groundwork here. Give me a call (785-734-2556), or stop by the office at 107 West Bressler, if you are interested in helping me research wind energy opportunities for our area.

Library open house

April 13-19 has been designated as National Library Week. The Bird City Library will be having open house 2 p.m. through 5 p.m. on Thursday. The library is encouraging all library patrons to bring in all overdue items; No fines will be required during this week.

Card shower

Albert "Bud" Enfield of Goodland will be celebrating his 80th birthday on April 19. His family is requesting a card shower to honor him on his birthday. Address cards to him at 2473 Caldwell, Goodland KS 67735.

Health Fair rescheduled

The St. Francis Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic Health Fair, which was postponed due to a snow storm has been rescheduled to 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the St. Francis Grade School gym. Lab work results will be available at the health fair.

Water Off

The city of Bird City will be having the water tower cleaned. The water will be turned off 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, April 25.

Bird City High School Alumni

The Bird City High School Alumni will meet at 6 p.m. on May 24. They are featuring a luau. Tickets are available until May 15 at the bank in Bird City or by calling Joyce Moore at (785) 899-6145 or mailing a check to her at 304 E 10th, Goodland KS 67735. (classified ad elsewhere).

AARP meeting

AARP will be meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Senior Center. At 2:30 p.m., Rodney Neitzel will be the speaker. Gladys Cullum and Bud Houtman will be hostess and host. All are welcome to attend.

Cemetery Board meeting

Cemetery Board, District 2, will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 21 in the commissioners room in the courthouse.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 6 at Sawhill Park. Team members will walk until 7 a.m. Saturday, June 7, to raise the funds pledged for research for a cure for cancer.

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 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.



AN APRIL SNOWSTORM provided nice moisture for the area on Thursday. School was closed for the day and several other activities were postponed. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Book Review

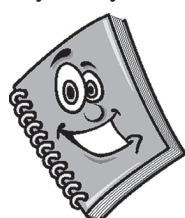
Book Review from The Bird City Library Hiding From Hemingway By Jacq LaMarche

What goes through a man's mind when he reaches his crossroads? To one side is the conformity of the mainstream-fulfillment and adventure are on the other. Only one path can be chosen.

Hiding from Hemingway is the story of a man, Chad, who comes to his crossroads, leaving him with a decision that would forever change his life. He meets a girl, Sara, who is struggling

to overcome the ghosts and frustration of her past. Together, they search to find meaning in their existence.

The story is one of adventure, hardship and monumental decisions, and has an ending that will stay with you forever.



SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 49 min.

College Road Trip

April 18, 19 & 20

Martin Lawrence, Raven Symone, Ametia Walker, Michael Landes, Brianna Russo

Comedy

Rating: G

CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3

All Others: \$5

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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Health Fair

will be held at the Elementary Grade School on Thursday, April 17th From 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. There will be providers available to go over lab results. See You There!

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