



Casey's Comments

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You don't have to be Catholic to appreciate the Pope.

Pope Benedict XVI just finished his first papal visit to the United States. Wherever he went he was greeted by huge crowds of worshippers, all trying to get a look at the religious leader.

His message was one of hope and love. The Pope addressed some of the problems of the church, including the misbehavior of a handful of priests towards innocent boys.

Yes, there are things about the Catholic Church that are not right. Just like there are elements of the world around us that are not perfect.

But many people are too quick to judge the Catholic faith as well as other organized religions. There is a great deal of good in most reli-

gious groups, and the power of the masses is awesome.

I am not a Catholic, but I did have an opportunity to see the last Pope: John Paul II.

He came to Denver in 1993 to attend the World Youth Conference held at the Cherry Creek Reservoir. I was employed by a landscaping business and my boss and I were working close to East High School. We knew the pontiff would be flown there, so we joined the other people who were gathering to get a glimpse.

Three or four military helicopters landed on a grassy area and the Pope got out and walked about 100 feet from us. Many around us cheered as the Pope looked and waved in our direction.

He, too, brought with him a message of hope and love. You don't have to be a Catholic to appreciate that.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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Tell me if this has every happened to you — You are going along doing the right things, going to work, providing for your family, in general just doing what needs to be done to live. Then, POW, you wake up one morning and your life has suddenly been changed? Moreover, you have lost the confidence you once had in your ability to provide the basic needs for your family.

Well, it may not have happened to you, but it has probably happened to someone very close to you. In fact, if the daily news articles are right, it is going on throughout our nation, and I happen to believe the articles are right and times are tough.

So what do we do?
Since this is my column, I get to answer that question.

Since moving to Kansas, I have

learned that when times get tough and confusing, family and friends show up at the door to help. They come and help carry each other through it all.

When I first met my husband, Brad, in Phoenix, I could not figure him out. He was always wanting to help someone when I just did not want to get involved.

Then I found out he was born and raised in Kansas. So, what we have is a girl from California and a boy from Kansas — you do the math.

This is a hard concept to describe to "city people" (did I just say that!) that family and friends help one another through the rough times, when all they can think about is doing for themselves. But, that is the answer; does it sound too simple or maybe cliché?

Well, my next best answer would be to call your banker.

Couple plan July wedding

Tim Hickert and Becky Schippers are planning a July 4 wedding at the Thomas More Prep-Marian High Chapel in Hays.

Becky is the daughter of Lynn and Karla Davignon of Ellis and the late Mike Schippers.

She is a graduate of Thomas More Prep-Marian High of Hays and a graduate of Kansas State University. Becky teaches math at Junction City High School.

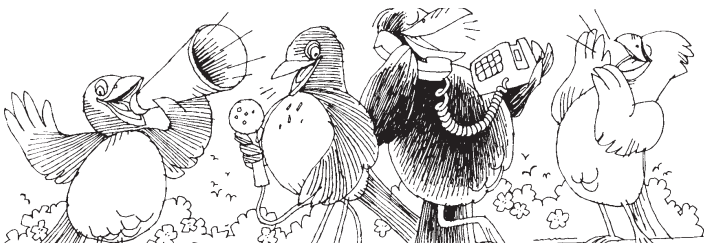
Tim is the son of Marge Hickert of the Hester Home, Benkelman, Neb., and the late Jim Hickert.

He is a graduate of Cheylin High



Hickert — Schippers

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Cards and letters

Jim Anderson has moved to Bellevue, Neb., and he would enjoy receiving cards and letters. His address is Jim Anderson, Bellevue Hillcrest Rehab Center, 1702 Hillcrest Drive, Room 80, Bellevue, NE 68005.

Interested in getting rid of old vehicle tires?

Cheylin FFA will be picking up used tires in the Cheylin district on May 3. Tires will be used for Bird City Dairy purposes. They will be picking them up by appointment only. To get an appointment contact Jayden Cahoj (785)-734-2213, Jacob White (785)-734-2622, Chris Basnett (785)-538-2325, or Lincoln Pochop (785)-538-2410. You must have appointment by May 1 and the amount of tires that will be picked up.

Community Vacation Bible Study

The public is welcome to enjoy an Italian dinner 11:30 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 27 at the American Legion Hall. A free will offering will be taken to fund the Bible school. (Classified ad)

Senior Center

Bird City Senior Center will be holding a potluck at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28.

Library Storytime

Storytime is a great way for pre-kindergartners and kindergartners to learn about the library. Storytime starts at 10 a.m. on Friday, with snacks and crafts following. Junior Readers are welcome, they are now reading *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis, it is the first in his *Narnia* series.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet on Thursday, May 1 at the courthouse.

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at noon on May 5

for a salad luncheon. Kody Krien of Krien Pharmacy will give an update on prescription meds.

Hostesses are Nola Burrus, Dolores Kincheloe and Margaret Shay.

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. Wednesday, April 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

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).

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.

History Tour

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission is sponsoring a History Tour of the towns of Dresden, Clayton and Jennings on Sunday. They will leave the Gateway Center at 2 p.m. For details and fees call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

Farm Service Agency news

The Farm Service Agency has announced continued approval of Frontier Ag, Inc., as a licensed Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement (UGRSA) warehouse. Their capacity has been changed from 19,456,000 bushels to 30,861,000 bushels.

School Menu

Monday, 4/28

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

Lunch: ham and cheese stromboli, tater triangles, salad bar, fruit and milk

Tuesday, 4/29

Breakfast: polish sausage supreme, assorted cereal, juice and milk

Lunch: chicken fajitas, rice, salad bar, fruit and milk

Wednesday, 4/30

Breakfast: oatmeal and fruit, toast, assorted cereal, juice and milk

Lunch: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, rolls, salad bar, fruit and milk

Thursday, 5/1

Breakfast: pancakes, toast, assorted cereal, juice and milk

Lunch: sloppy joes, french fries, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk

Full-Time Help Wanted

The City of Bird City is now seeking applications for full time city clerk. Applicant should have knowledge of general office equipment. Computer skills & bookkeeping skills beneficial, applicant should be able to work closely with the city treasurer & be available for council meetings.

Applicant will have 6-8 weeks training with current city clerk with an approximate start date of July 1, 2008.

A high school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Compensation based upon experience for 35 hours per week. Applications may be obtained from the city clerk's office at 111 E. 4th, Po Box 219, Bird City, Ks. 67731, 785-734-2616.

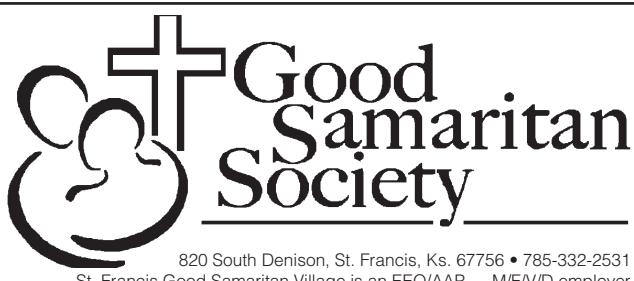
All applications must be returned to the city clerk's office by April 30, 2008 for review at the May city council meeting. Applicant will be subject to drug, alcohol & background checks. The City of Bird City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 1, 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 Saintry Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous

Saintry 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 please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

McDonald Springfest

The third annual McDonald Springfest will be held on Saturday, May 3 on main street in downtown McDonald. (Classified ad)

Lutheran church hosts convention

The Women of St John Lutheran Church, Bird City, hosted the spring cluster convention of the Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church of America on Saturday, April 19.

Twenty-four women and visitors of Evangelical Lutheran Church of America from Bird City, Brewster, Goodland, Oberlin, Sharon Springs, and St Francis attended.

The business meeting and Bible study, which were based on Mary and Martha (Luke 38-42) was led by Ardythe Cederberg of Oberlin. Wilma Mai of Sharon Springs led the litany.

Kathy Ouellette of Washington,

the Synod Representative was present to report on the Synod Convention, walking in the word program (on internet) and campus ministry.

After a noon luncheon of salad/sandwich potluck, Tom Keller of St Francis presented a program on the Heifer International Project and his trip to Romania.

The offering will go to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Synod and The Heifer International.

The nice day was closed with installation of officers and communion service by Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Oberlin.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 49 min.

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