

Casey's Comments

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We live in a world that is full of mystery and uncertainty. The difficulty of deciding what is important or what is a passing fancy is a daily routine.

But there is a resource available with many of the answers. It is in a place that is easy to find. The resource is history and the place is our past.

I truly believe that few of the difficult situations our country, and we as individuals, must endure are really that unique. Somewhere, and sometime, a similar event has occurred and we can learn from the past. It is there for the finding.

One of my favorite historians, writers and statesmen is Winston Churchill. It has been stated that he is the only man who prophesied, made and wrote history.

I am currently reading the first book in his series about W.W. II.; *The Gathering Storm*. It is amazing to see a firsthand account of the many events which led to the second global conflict of the 20th Century.

Opponents labeled Churchill a "war monger," and said that he desired armed conflict. This is not true. Reading his account, Churchill spoke of the need for preparedness and shows many examples of how war could have been averted.

Sir Winston understood the importance of looking backward and learning from the past. When an American exchange student named James C. Humes met the British leader in 1953 he was given this advice: "Study history, study history. In history lies all the secrets of statecraft."

Letter From Linda

By Linda Schneider

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Have you ever been part of a captive audience? Sometimes they are good and sometimes they are irritating.

Let me clarify that, for me they are good, for my captive audience they are irritating.

How does someone become my captive audience? There are a number of ways: 1) just show up at my doorstop; 2) try and sell me something; 3) ask me any question; if I don't know the answer, we can look for it together, and my favorite captive audience situation: 4) driving to Denver. I mean, where can they go? I fill up the gas tank and turn off the radio, what I have is a prefect captive audience.

This past weekend my husband, Brad, had his long-time friend, Travis, visit from Phoenix. Our families have known each other for many years and they had a great time together.

But, when Travis had to catch his plane out of Denver on Monday and Brad had to work, guess who drove Travis to Denver? It was I.

We covered just about every topic known to modern man and

even fixed some of the world's problems on that drive. It was great! He even got a word in edgewise occasionally. But, the closer we got to Denver, the more he started looking for the airport off-ramp, saying things like, "That looks familiar" or "We must be getting close." As if I was going to miss it.

I did make the turn off and he did get to the airport on time. Travis was so worried about getting there on time; he jumped out of my vehicle before I even came to a complete stop! I asked him why he was in such a hurry because his flight was still four hours away! After a very quick good-bye, he disappeared into the crowd.

So, Travis was gone, now what was I to do for the drive back to Bird City? Then I remembered, Joseph, my 5-year-old grandson had come along for the ride. I asked him if he was ready for the ride home, Joseph said, "When I tell you, you drive up to the semi-trucks and I will make them honk!"

For the next three hours, I was the captive audience of a 5 year old.

Chatting With Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

What a busy time of year! Farming has started again, and it seems that everyone is trying to squeeze in meetings before summer. As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, I attended a Wind Summit in Colby. There seems to be some interest in the area on wind, so if you are interested, please let me know and we'll all get together to discuss the facts, pros & cons.

In the past couple of weeks I

also attended a workshop on the Kansas Brownfields program and a Rural Angel Initiative Conference. Brownfields are properties that may be redeveloped or reused, but the redevelopment may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. This program may assist in the cleanup and redevelopment of properties which in turn would improve community image, and allow for use of existing infrastructure on properties.

An Angel Investor is an affluent individual who provides capital for a business start-up, usually in exchange for convertible debt or ownership equity. At this conference we heard a presentation by a company currently seeking investors, and a session on building Angel Networks in our communities.

This week I'll be traveling to Wichita to a conference on the Transfer of Wealth, sponsored by the Kansas Association of Community Foundations. I look forward to discussing this information with you, so watch for more Chatterings!

Look for our ad in this week's paper for another opportunity to donate to the park. We have been asked by quite a few people if there are other opportunities to donate to the park renovation, and there is. A few months ago city council approved park benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles. Stop by the office to view a map of where these items will be placed and what can be purchased.

Menu

Monday, 5/4

Breakfast: yogurt and muffin, toast, assorted cereal, juice and milk

Lunch: cheese enchiladas, vegetable, salad bar, fruit and milk

Tuesday, 5/5

Breakfast: pizza, assorted cereal, juice and milk

Lunch grade school: peanut butter/jelly sandwich, sack lunch, salad bar, fruit and milk

Lunch junior and high school: Chinese stir fry, salad bar, fruit and milk

Wednesday, 5/6

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

Lunch: baked potato bar, chile and cheese sauce, rolls, salad bar, fruit and milk

Thursday, 5/7

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

Lunch: cook's choice, salad bar, fruit and milk

American Legion Auxiliary
American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday.

Library Storytime
It 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, and it is the first in his *Chronicles of Narnia*.

Card shower
The family of Jake Wilkening will be honoring him on his 80th birthday on May 17. They welcome you to join in this celebration of his life. Please mail your cards to Jacob Wilkening, 310 Eustia, Apt. 2, Goodland, KS 67735.

Potluck planned
Cheyenne County Volunteer Hospice potluck will be at 11:30 on Monday at the Methodist Church in Bird City.

Bowling Fun Night
Cheyenne County Womens Bowling Fun Night will be at 7 p.m. on May 8 at the Cheyenne Bowl.

AARP
AARP will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, at the Senior Center. This will be the last meeting until September.

At 2:30, the high school music students will present the program. Clarence Illif will be the host and Willow Cook, the hostess. Roll call will be answered with favorite ice cream. All are welcome to attend.

Exercise classes
Exercise classes Monday and Wednesday 8 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 6 p.m. Variety of exercises—one just right for everyone! Meet at the Church of Christ building. Call Carol 332-3531 or Raedell 332-8919 for info or to arrange other times.

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

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild
The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at noon on Mon-

Calendar

May Calendar of Events
9 a.m. through 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3—"A Day of Fun on McDonald Main Street"; 2 p.m. Mother-Daughter Tea at the Senior Center; 8 p.m. karaoke at the Frosty Mug. Noon, Monday, May 5-McDonald Senior Citizens Potluck and Meeting

Noon, Wednesday, May 7-McDonald Area Development Meeting, Legion Hall

9 a.m., Wednesday, May 14-McDonald Garden Club plant and food sale at the McDonald Senior Center.

6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 15-Cheylin Awards Night and Supper

11 a.m., Saturday, May 17-Cheylin Senior Graduation, Cheylin Gym

7:30 p.m., Monday, May 19-Grade School Graduation, Cheylin Gym

Noon, Sunday, May 25-McDonald High School Alumni Day, grade school gym

Monday, May 26-Memorial Day

day for a salad luncheon. Kody Krien of Krien Pharmacy will give an update on prescriptions.

Hostesses are Nola Burrus, Dolores Kincheloe and Margaret Shay.

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.

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.

Sisters In Serenity Women's AA
A Sisters In Serenity women's Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at 5 p.m. on Sundays at 585 N. Franklin, City Hall, northwest basement door in Colby. There is a play room for younger children and a quiet space for older children on-site. For more n call (785) 672-3406 or (785) 538-2526.

These meetings are limited to female alcoholics to provide an opportunity for members to share with one another on problems related to drinking patterns and attempts to achieve stable sobriety. They also permit detailed discussion of various elements in the recovery program.

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.

Bulletin Board

Obituaries

David E. Williams

Feb. 19, 1915 - March 22, 2008
Services were held for David Edwin Williams, 93, of Forest Grove, Ore., who died Saturday, March 22, 2008, in his home.

Mr. Williams was born Feb. 19, 1915, in Franklin, Neb., the son of Frank E. Williams and Lucy Mae (Alexander) Williams. At the age of 3, he moved with his family to Bird City, Kan., where he was raised and received his education at Frontier Country School, Number 26.

He married Aileen R. McDaniel on June 9, 1934, in Goodland.

Mr. Williams worked in the farming industry, settling down in Bird City in western Kansas to raise a family. In 1937, a crop of wheat was ready to harvest, when black clouds of change boiled up across the Kansas prairie, and a hailstorm took away their hopes of a harvest. Without an income and the Dust Bowl Depression dashing the hopes of much of America, they set out to the west.

They lived in Bird City until 1940, when they moved to LaGrande, Ore. In September of 1940, they moved to Springfield, Ore, where they lived for 57 years. They moved to Forest Grove, Ore., in June, 1997.

After moving to Oregon, he worked for Georgia Pacific Lumber Co., and later, the Rosboro Lumber Co. as a plywood panel patcher until 1980, when he retired.

He belonged to the Forest Grove Gospel Hall, where he had served as an elder.

He enjoyed music, playing the guitar and five-string banjo and singing bluegrass songs.

His brother, Robert Williams, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Aileen R. Williams, of the family home in Forest Grove; his daughters, Janice I. Singleton of Cornelius, Ore.; Donna M Goff and Ruth J. Williams, both of Forest Grove and Kathy Timonen of Hillsboro, Ore.; his son, Larry E. Williams, of Temecula, Calif.; his sister, Mary Hostynek of For-

est Grove, 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions to a charity that feeds the soul as well as the body of those in need.

Vada Leach

Nov. 23, 1927 - April 10, 2008
Vada Leach was born to Homer and Della Beeson on Nov. 23, 1927, in Bird City, Kan. and died on April 10, 2008, at Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, Kan.

Preceding Vada in death were her parents; sister, Myrtle Howell; brother, Elmer Beeson; sister-in-law, Darlyne Beeson; and two brothers-in-law, Harold Edmonds and Bob Howell.

Surviving her are husband, Bill; sister Ona Edmonds; sons and daughters: grandchildren and great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and many friends.

Vada grew up on a farm northwest of Bird City. She went to grade school at Green Ridge School District 8. After completing Cheyenne County Assessments, she went on to attend and graduate from Bird City High School in 1946. Following high school, she went to work in a grocery store for her sister and brother-in-law, Bob and Myrtle Howell in St. Francis.

On April 30, 1947, Vada married her neighborhood boyfriend, William W. Leach. This marriage continued up to 20-days short of 61 years. Vada and Bill were blessed with two daughters and two sons: Deloris and Warren Sager of LaCrosse, Janice and Gary Baldwin of Cleveland, Tenn., Gary and Merlie Leach of Bird City, and Dexter and Patti Leach of Minneola.

Vada enjoyed 11 grandchildren

and 14 great-grandchildren. She spent countless hours working on quilts and afghans which have become treasures for everyone.

She was an active member in the Wesleyan Church at St. Francis, being a treasurer for many years. Upon the St. Francis church closing, she continued her spiritual service at the Wesleyan Church in Bird City.

Vada also served others by being involved in emergency medical services for 8 years and was a generous blood donor to the American Red Cross. She felt a strong commitment to the American League Auxiliary serving as treasurer and working in other capacities for many years. She served faithfully each year at the Kansas Day celebrations and the Antique Engine Show.

Vada enjoyed sewing, knitting and quilting. She loved having a pretty yard and was known for her "Better Homes and Gardens" yard in the country. For many years she enjoyed bowling and the friendships that developed through those activities.

Vada was known for her hospitality and willingness to open her home to anyone and provide a meal especially for them.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cheyenne County Hospital, St Francis Good Samaritan Village, and the Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

Funeral services were held April 14 at the Wesleyan Church in Bird City with Pastor Dan Carson presiding over the services.

Interment was at the Bird City Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 49 min.

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Drama, Crime/Gangster and Adaptation

May 2, 3 & 4

Kevin Spacey, Jim Sturgess, Kate Bosworth, Lawrence Fishburne, Liza LaPira

Rating: PG-13 for some violence and sexual content including partial nudity.

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St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3

All Others: \$5

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