

Casey's Comments

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You know it's the "dog days" of summer.
The wheat is cut, leaving the shiny gold stubble fields and seed in the grainery. The next few weeks will bring the 55th Thresher Show and this year's version of the county fair. And the temperatures are right where they should be, in the 90s.
Speaking of "dog days," the other day Lezlie and I sitting on the back porch and watching our three canines. I told her that with the variety we have, it's just like watching the dog shows on TV.
Maybe I should describe our pets so you know why she laughed.
Starting from the bottom and working up, we have a Scottie named Ferguson Eliajason McIntyre. He sounds like royalty but don't let the name fool you. As a pup his tail was broken when a kennel door accidentally closed on it. A local breeder gave us a heck-of-a-deal since he was considered damaged goods. His talent is barking at the neighbor's cats, squirrels and falling leaves. I

think his thick Scottish head might have taken a hit too.
Next we have our princess, Freckles the Dalmatian. She's a bit of a mystery since Lez found her abandoned in the country over 8 years ago. The side of her face is sort of slanted, due to a little deformation, and her nipples don't line up right. She doesn't like strangers, or the other dogs for that matter, but she seems to like us.
The last one is the chocolate Lab named Cain. Our son, Trevor, brought him home about a year ago when he was a few weeks old. We are hopeful that he won't grow much more. He bounds around like a puppy but looks like a small horse. We had to get some balm from the local vet to put on his ears. The flies have been chewing them up good, but he didn't seem to mind. He's good at being a big dummy.
I guess they'll never win best in class, obedience or smarts, but we love them like family.
Hope you and your's are surviving the heat!

Letters from Linda

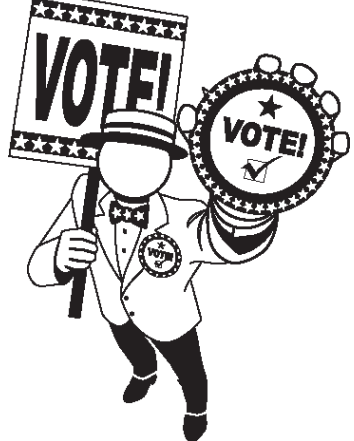
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I admit it! I was wrong.
Several weeks ago, I wrote about my thoughts, and opinions, about our nation's gas situation.
I wrote something about us being "addicted" to gas, and I laid out what I thought was a good case to support my belief. Moreover, I believed that most of you all thought as I did, conservation over our natural resources was more important than meeting the ever growing gasoline demand.
Well, I was wrong. In recent days, I have read, seen and heard through the media that the majority of Americans want to open up land for fuel exploration. Really, everyone knows that the crude oil is there already. And from what I hear, even if it is partially correct, that we have more than 200 years of fuel left, if we keep it in the family and not export it all out. Riiiiight.
While I do have trouble

believing that finding more oil the answer to our fuel shortage, it is the "keeping it in the family and not exporting it out" that I find it really tough to swallow. Because, after all, is it really a fact that the oil companies want ease the prices at our gas pump or is it about getting more, of well, more?
But, there is light at the end of the tunnel, so to speak. At the end of that column I wrote about gas, I wondered, what would happen after 200 years of having gasoline, what our nation would use? Well, some of the big named car makers are actually developing vehicles that can get up to 48 miles on the highway and just a few miles less on city streets, and some vehicles would be using electricity by the year 2010. That's good news.
Here is the bad news, if you believe the History Channel, the Aztec calendar that has been incredibly accurate for hundreds of years, ends in the year 2012.

Opportunity for public to meet the candidates

Plans are progressing for a candidate forum to be held on Monday, July 28. The forum will begin at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium.
All but two of the candidates for the Aug. 5 primary election have been contacted. All of the individuals running for county offices, as well as the three district court judges have been invited to attend.
Each candidate will be allowed to speak and a committee made up of people from St. Francis and Bird City will be preparing questions for the forum. If time allows, some questions may be taken from the audience.

Following the forum, refreshments will be served in the cafeteria to allow for more informal discussions.
Most candidates have expressed interest in attending the forum.



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Bulletin Board

Wanted
Favorite collections to display at Eggers 8 Museum during the Thresher Show. If interested, please call 785-734-2784 or 785-734-2575.

Red Hot Mama
Mark your calendar for Aug. 1 at 11 a.m. and attend the Red Hot Mama's Revue of song and dance at the Eggers 8 Museum.

Home Circle Club
The Home Circle Club will not meet this month.

Card shower
The children of Dick and Michele Rohweder are requesting a card shower to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 23, 1983, at the First Christian Church in St. Francis.
Cards can reach them at P.O. Box 1167, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Hilt family reunion
A Hilt family reunion will be held on Sunday, July 27, with a noon potluck at the home of Lydia Hilt.

Open Class Wheat Show
Those planning to enter the Cheyenne County Open Class Wheat Show need to have their samples to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Friday. For more information, call the office at 785-332-3171.

Football camp
It's time for football camp for boys entering the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grade! It will

be instructed by Tim Lambert and sponsored by the St. Francis Recreation Commission.
Equipment check-out will be Saturday, July 26, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the St. Francis Community High School. The camp dates are Monday, July 28, through Saturday, Aug. 2, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.
Questions can be directed to Mr. Lambert at 785-332-3237. There will be a fee.

Fair board meeting changed
The July meeting of the Cheyenne County Fair Board will be held at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

Pressure lid testing
There will be pressure lid testing at the Cheyenne County Extension Office through Friday, July 25. The number for the Extension office is (785) 332-3171.

Carnival volunteers
Volunteers needed to help with carnival cleanup and painting before the fair. Meet with others at the fairgrounds each Thursday at 7 p.m.
Volunteers are also needed to help with games and rides during the fair, Aug. 6-9. Get your name on the list by calling DeEtta Knorr, 785-332-2551.

Veterans Affairs
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 17, at the county clerk's office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Club Clip

Kanred Club
The Kanred Family Community Education group met on Monday, July 7, at the LeBow Manor in Bird City.

There were four members present, Jerry Cress, Treva Henry, Dorothy Mast and Wanda Dowdy, and one visitor, Wuanita Stately.
For roll call, memories of the Fourth of July were shared. At the start of the meeting, Treva read the Kansas Association of Family Community Education creed.
For the program, Mrs. Henry taught the lesson about "How Kansans Move into Health." This was a very important lesson because it showed the need for healthy food in order to remain healthy and to modify, treat or control risk factors that can affect health.
Each member received handouts from Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service that can be review to assist in remembering the points of the lesson.
Mrs. Henry brought to the member's attention an article, "Cash and Care", from the AARP

Magazine about a way of dividing assets so that if there is a need to use Assisted Living or Nursing Home Care, this can protect the one spouse who is not in need of care.
At the next meeting, the members will begin to work on the journal about Kanred and its existence of over 80 years. Mrs. Dowdy brought the journal that she had made in honor of her late husband, Marvin. She showed it to the group to get some kind of an idea of how to make a journal and have it so that it will be protected in years to come. She had used materials that are acid free so that she was able archive the newspaper articles, old pictures and documentation from Marvin's military service that were used in her journal. The journal will be a great asset for future members.
At the end of the meeting, refreshments were provided by Mrs. Henry and enjoyed by the members. There was good time of fellowship around the table.
Next month will not be a regular meeting, but members will meet on Aug. 4.

Meet & Greet with coffee!
Carl Jenkins
(Republican Candidate for Cheyenne County Treasurer)
Sat., July 26th
Heritage Corner Cafe
Bird City
9 - 11 a.m.

Sat., Aug. 2
Main Street Coffee
St. Francis
9 - 11 a.m.

Pol. adv paid for by Carl Jenkins For Treasurer, Kate Jenkins Treas.

Scott Showalter
Republican
District Judge, Position 2
Life long resident of NW Kansas, 10 year Sherman County Attorney, 14 years as Court Trustee for the 15th Judicial District. Will provide a strong and effective voice in the legal system for the residents of Northwest Kansas. "Honest, dedicated and experienced" with 25 years of legal practice.

Paid for by Showalter for Judge - Tom Palmer, treasurer

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 in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Facts

Interesting Facts
• There are only four words in the English language which end in "-dous": tremendous, Horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.
• Los Angeles's full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los angeles de Porciuncula"-and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: "L.A."
• A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
• An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
• Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch
Tourism contributes over \$5 billion to the Kansas economy each year with two thirds spent on food, lodging and retail purchases. This is a marketing opportunity we can't afford to pass up!

With the Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Show right around the corner, we are concentrating on our marketing efforts for the show and for Bird City. I hope all of you take the time to come out to the show.

The Cheylin students had the opportunity to tour the Thresher Show grounds earlier this year and I believe it sparked some interest - enough that they would like to see more!

Bring your friends and family and support your hometown event, July 31, August 1 and 2.

What else do we have to market in Bird City?
A lot more! For a few years now I have talked off and on about agritourism. Agritourism is the crossroads of tourism and agriculture.

The majority of our nation's population no longer lives in rural communities, and fewer and fewer have a clear concept of how their food is grown. They've not given much thought to the special equipment and very special people it requires to plant, nurture

and harvest fruits, nuts, livestock, vegetables and dairy products.
Surprisingly, many had also forgotten how very different life was in their own urban environment: they didn't have the clear blue skies and starlit nights, the air wasn't as clean and fresh, the pace wasn't as relaxed and natural.

There are many activities we have to offer in the Bird City area, and if we work together to create a group of agritourism activities (an AgCluster), we could see even a bigger return on our investment.
What if we could offer the following: Pick-Your-Own gives consumers the opportunity to pick their own produce; Wagon or Buggy Rides; Petting Corral; Classes and Demonstrations; Food Concessions/Restaurants; Trail Rides; Cowboy Poetry; Bunkhouse Lodging - let's think about working together to create some additional income for the family farm and offer an experience of a lifetime.

For more information about agritourism, please feel free to stop by the Bird City Century II Development Foundation office. Additional information can also be found at <http://www.kansasagritourism.org>

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 1 hr. 37 min.
Wall-E
July 18, 19 & 20 Animation
Benjamin Burt, Jeff Garlin, Elissa Knight, Fred Willard, John Ratzenberger
Rating: G
CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

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(Republican Candidate for Cheyenne County Sheriff)
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