



## Casey's Comments

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Last weekend I was able to wear my kilt in the Cheyenne County Fair Parade. The Hilltop General Store ran a float with the title, "It's a Small World After All." Kids rode the display wearing costumes from different countries and I walked along side representing Ireland, with a flag, and Scotland, with my kilt.

A lot of people in America don't really know what to think about a man in a kilt. If you're one, let me explain.

For centuries, Scotland was ruled by numerous families named clans. Each was identified by a particular plaid, known as a tartan. By seeing what tartan a person wore, it was easy to tell if they were a Campbell, Buchanan, MacDonald, MacIntosh, Ross, Stewart or another family name.

The United States and Scotland share a common bond since they were both under English rule in the 1700s. The Scots rebelled behind the "Great Pretender," Prince Charles Edward, in 1745.

The English were hard pressed by the kilt wearing warriors from the north, who were turned back just outside of London. The rebellion failed when the English, under the Duke of Cumberland, defeated the Scottish army on the field of Culloden near Inverness, Scotland.

To punish the Scots, an Act of Parliament was passed which disarmed the rebels and made the wearing of tartan a penal offense. This act was not repealed until 1785, several years after the Americans had gained independence from the English crown.

The tartan I wear is the ancient hunting of the McIntyre clan. That just happens to be my mother's maiden name. My kilt was made in Inverness in 1983. It has been worn to weddings, funerals, formal dinners, Highland games and even a round of golf (What could be more Scottish than that?) Now I can add a parade to the list.

Although my loyalties are 100 percent American, each time I put on my kilt it is with pride of my Scottish roots.

## Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider  
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Have you ever heard, "We have the know how... We have the technology..."? A person might assume that statement would clear up a lot of confusion about how our world runs. However, in the last few decades some technology has done more harm than good, in my opinion.

Don't get me wrong. Technology has its place, for sure. However, I feel technology has taken a twisted path and I am not talking about finding cures for diseases or the answer to world hunger. I am speaking of the technology that answers every desire, whim and fantasy of a person's mind. Every single one of them.

One example is Cryogenic, the freezing of a person's body at the moment of death for the sole reason of bringing it back to life at a later date, when technology has caught up with the "answers," whatever they may be. I did some research on the subject for a class paper — very creepy.

Another example: I had a philosophy teacher about 10 years ago who believed that in his lifetime technology would be so ad-

vanced that at the moment of his death, scientists/doctors will be able to write his "consciousness" on a computer chip and store it until a robot is built just for him. I find that kind of potential technology creepy also. One more example and then I will tell you a parable.

I was recently shopping when I walked by the magazine rack and something caught my eye, "Man gives birth" on the cover of a well-known entertainment magazine. Curiosity got the better of me; I took the bait and opened to the story. Short story — not a man but a transgender — a woman who had a transgender operation and she still has her ovaries, for what reasons I can't understand if she wants to be a he.

Now the parable: "A group of scientists and California judges approached the Throne of God and announced that they had the technology and know how to create whatever He can create.

"Okay, show Me," said God. They bent down to grab a handful of dirt and God shook His finger at them and said, "Oh, no you don't — get your own dirt."

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### Death notice

Funeral services for Dorothy Elizabeth Moore will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Church of Christ in St. Francis. Dorothy died on Aug. 10, 2008. Interment will be in the Arnold Cemetery, Arnold, Neb.

### 90th birthday

The children and grandchildren of Lucille Wright are having a card shower to help her celebrate her 90th birthday on Aug. 26.

You can address greetings to her at P.O. Box 474, Bird City, KS 67731, or phone her at (785) 734-2276.

### Graveside service

There will be a graveside service at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 17 for Joan Lorimer Ahmed at the Atwood Cemetery on the south of U.S. 36 on angle road. Joan died in December. There will be a lunch at noon at the Prairie Development Center in Atwood.

After the service the family will meet with friends for dessert and drinks back at Prairie Development Center.

### Offices closed on Sept. 1.

Ad, picture and story deadline for the Sept. 4 issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2, as the offices will be closed on Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 1). The newspapers will be published and delivered one day later that week.

### Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

### Library Art Gallery

Henry Schirmer's mementos of World War II will be on display in the Art Gallery of the St. Francis Public Library during the month of August.

### 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. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

### Treasure Hunt map

Those planning to participate in the Sept. 19, 20 and 21 U.S. 36 Border to Border Treasure Hunt and want to be listed on the St. Francis Treasure Hunt map need to contact

Betty Orth, at 785-332-2540 or 785-332-4024.

### 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. Call 1-800-794-4624.

## Obituary

### Nannie Blanche Draper

July 6, 1919 - Aug. 8, 2008

Nannie Blanche Draper, 89, died Friday, Aug. 8, 2008, at Dundy County Hospital in Benkelman, Neb.

She was born July 6, 1919, in Davie County, N. C., the daughter of Samuel Wesley and Lola Elizabeth (Cook) Ellis.

Blanche moved with her family from North Carolina to Nebraska in 1920 by train, and lived on a farm northwest of Benkelman with her family. She attended country school near her home.

On Oct. 4, 1946, Blanche was united in marriage to Raymond Donald Draper at St. Francis, Kan. They settled on a small farm southwest of Benkelman. To this union seven children were born, three sons and four daughters.

Blanche spent most of her life on the farm, raising her children, doing farm chores, working in her flower garden and doing her Ellis and Draper genealogy.

After Raymond's death in 1991, Blanche stayed on the farm for two more years before moving into her home in Benkelman. After living two years in town, her health began to decline. She then retired to the Hester Memorial Home, where she enjoyed spending time with the other residents.

Preceding her in death were her

parents, Samuel and Lola Ellis; her husband, Raymond Draper; three brothers; one sister; eight brothers-in-law; five sisters-in-law; three grandsons, Jason Draper, Joey Turner and Kevin Brown and one great-granddaughter, Cassandra Eckhoff.

Survivors include her children, Wesley Draper of Benkelman, Clyde Draper of Crawford, Neb.; Frankie Draper of Benkelman, Elizabeth Semler and husband, Clifford, of St. Francis, Donna Draper of Bird City, Alma Draper of Benkelman, Barbara Brown and husband, Mark, of St. Francis; 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two great-

great-grandchildren; two sisters; one brother; two brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Forch Funeral Chapel in Benkelman with Reverend Brian Fong officiating.

Casket bearers were Wesley Draper, Frank Draper, Clifford Semler, Mark Brown, Brent Whittington and Cody Semler.

Honorary casket bearers were all of Blanche's grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Interment followed at the Benkelman Cemetery in Benkelman.

## Club Clip

### Go-Getters

The Go-Getters 4-H club held their club tour at the county fair. On Thursday evening the members and their parents toured all

of the members projects and exhibits. This was considered their August meeting.

Reporter, Aryn Sturgeon

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m.

2 hr. 32 min.

## The Dark Knight

Aug. 15, 16 & 17

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PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and some menace.

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All Others: \$5

I would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support throughout my campaigning. A special thank you to my daughter, Kattie, and to Janice Krien for all your help.

My family & I would like to say thank you to all that supported me through your votes. I am looking forward to being able to continue serving the residents of this county as your County Treasurer.

Dolores Jenik & Family

## THANK YOU to all who:

- voted for me in the August 5th Primary
- supported and assisted us during the campaign
- offered prayers and encouragement

We appreciate meeting many wonderful people who have shown kindness and a willingness to listen.

KEVIN N. BERENS

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## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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"Swing Fore Your Health"



The Cheyenne County Hospital will be having their 6th Annual "Swing Fore Your Health" golf tournament on Sunday, Sept. 7 with registration beginning at noon and tee-off at 1 p.m.

The tournament will be \$60 per person and in the format of a 3-person scramble with prizes awarded for the top winners of each flight.

For more information or to sign up a team, please contact Shawna or Heidi at 332-2104.

## Get your kids ready for School!

\*Clothes \*Furniture \*Washer/dryer \*Stove  
\*Household items — Such as dishes, silverware, etc.

2nd Beginnings  
Thrift Store

Wednesdays: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon

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