



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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So when does a sporting event become something more than a sporting event?

Last weekend Lezlie and I took our two youngest kids, Lexi and Joe, to Denver for a yearly pilgrimage. For 28 years people have been playing softball to raise money for Easter Seals of Colorado. For about the last 10 my twin brother has been able to arrange a game between his Masonic lodge and another.

As we have fun playing softball with teams made up of young kids to older gentlemen, funds are raised for an important cause. All of our children have had an opportunity to participate over the years. It's great to see them give of their time to help others.

Another example of sports meaning more than just a game is the recent Olympics. People from around the world were able to see

a side of China that normally isn't out there. And for 17 days folks could forget about politics and international problems and enjoy seeing the greatest athletes on this planet compete against each other.

Where else can you see an American running next to a Cuban? Or young people from both North and South Korea coming together in a way other than staring at each other from across the Demilitarized Zone? And how about a Lithuanian and Russian hugging after their event?

Soon the area schools will have volleyball and football teams playing other schools. Whether their team wins or losses, the athletes will have learned more about team work and giving rather than getting.

Yes, sometimes it is more than just a game.

Letter From Linda

By Linda Schneider
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Lately I have had the desire to read our nation's Constitution. I believe everyone should look it over and get an idea of what it says at least once in his or her lifetime.

From what I read, my understanding is that the Constitution is in part, a document laying out a governmental branch of checks and balances.

I wanted to share this with you because in California, judges have ruled that same-sex marriages are legal and are to be recognized by our nation as legal bond. If you were to read the blogging on the different chat websites, the majority are more concerned about the judicial branch of the government exercising unchecked power than the ruling.

I am concerned about it also, because judges can be swayed. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines "sway" as swinging from side to side. Defense lawyers and prosecutors know if they present a

case in a compelling way, a judge can be swayed to their side. That's why there are 35 million ways worldwide to receive punishment or get away with a crime that started with 10 simple laws.

Over the years, the judicial branch of government has taken on some controversial issues. However, setting legal precedents and redefining social and moral protocols are entirely different issues. Every time they make a ruling that shakes the foundation our nation was built on, the ripples are felt around the world.

Moreover, the beginning of our Constitutions says, "WE the people of the United States establish justice..." and the California voters are getting the opportunity to exercise their inalienable rights by voting in the November election on the social and moral issue of same-sex marriage.

Finally, voting is a luxury a large part of the world does not get to have and your vote does matter. GET OUT AND VOTE!

School Menu

Monday, Sept. 1

No School, Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Breakfast: hash browns, sausage link, toast, assorted cereal, juice and milk.

Lunch: corn dogs, nachos and cheese sauce, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Breakfast: pop tarts, toast, assorted cereal, juice and milk.

Lunch: pizza, dessert, salad bar,

fruit and milk.

Thursday, Sept. 4

Breakfast: sausage biscuit, toast, assorted cereal, juice and milk.

Lunch: oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, bread, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday, Sept. 5

Breakfast: french toast, toast, assorted cereal, juice and milk.

Lunch: pork rib sandwich, curly fries, salad bar, fruit and milk.

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Library Story Time

Bird City Library will be beginning Story Time at 10 a.m. through 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5. Ages 3 through 7 years old are welcome to hear stories, do a craft and enjoy a snack. Junior Reading Club will start at the same time and this is for older kids, 8 through 10, who want to read books on their own and discuss them in a group.

Cemetery tour

The Cheyenne County Historical Society is hosting a tour of the cemeteries of northeast Cheyenne County on Sunday, Sept. 14. Everyone interested is welcome to join the caravan of cars at 2 p.m. at the Shelter House at Van Doren Park in Bird City. Stan and Dee Dorsch will lead the way, stopping first at Evergreen near Big Timber.

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. The office will be closed on Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 1). The newspapers will be published and delivered one day later that week.

Swing Fore Your Health

The "Swing Fore Your Health" benefit golf tournament will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7, at Riverside Recreation in St. Francis. The proceeds will benefit

the hospital's major appliances needed for the future kitchen remodeling.

The public is welcome to attend the free-will luncheon prior to the start of the tournament in the Riverside dining room. It begins at 11:30 a.m. For information concerning the luncheon call Mila Bandel at 332-2149 or the actual golf tournament, call Heidi Tice or Shawna Blanka at 332-2104.

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. on Friday, Aug. 29, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Veterans Affairs Note date changed to Wednesday

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 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.

Quilting

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan is hosting a seven-week quilting workshop

School supporters join booster club

The Cheylin Booster Club met on Monday in the high school library. Members present were Jan Busse, Jane Young, Pam Johnson, Wendy White, Randy Miller, Bobbie Walden, Kendall Cahoj, Jolene Reeh, Tina Sager, Deb Pochop, Dixie Louderbaugh and Jeri Antholz. New officers are Mrs. White, president; Mrs. Busse, treasurer and Mrs. Reeh, secretary.

An announcement was made of the purchase of a 42-inch fan for the gymnasium. Mrs. Louderbaugh will look into the purchase of new school banners for the McDonald gym because of the addition of Dighton to the league and the possibility of Grinnell and Wheatland separating their athletic teams.

The soap scrimmage will be held Friday, Aug. 29. The high school volleyball team will play in the gym from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by the football team scrimmage at 7 p.m. To attend the volleyball and football scrimmages, fans are asked to bring bottled water, individual Gatorade packets, liquid soap or body wash.

To kick off the new athletic season, the Booster Club will sponsor a "Tailgate Party" that evening at the

football field beginning at 5 p.m. A meal deal menu will give you a choice of barbecue chicken or beef kabobs plus cream cheese poppers, baked beans, salad, watermelon and iced tea.

Booster Club members are needed to work at the "Tailgate Party." A table will be set up at both the volleyball and football games to welcome new members to the Booster Club.

Booster Club members will take turns providing breakfast for the high school sports teams after their 6 a.m. practices the first week of school. Mrs. Busse will be in charge of the concession stand this year. Jan purchased a new money box for the concession stand. The purchase was approved. Jane Young brought up the subject of purchasing special shirts for each of the coaches. She will look into styles and prices.

At the next meeting, the Booster Club will plan the meal for the Homecoming game which is scheduled for Sept. 18. The next meeting of Booster Club will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library.

beginning Oct. 7. Call (785) 689-4846 for additional details.

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.

Obituary

Irene I. Burkhalter

March 21, 1915 - Aug. 21, 2008

Irene I. Burkhalter of rural Cheyenne County, Kan., died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008, at the Sarah Ann Hester Memorial Home in Benkelman, Neb., at the age of 93.

She was born in Gaylord to Robert and Elizabeth (Dowd) Conry on March 21, 1915, and moved with her family to Oberlin, and then on to St. Francis, where she graduated from high school After graduation, Irene taught at schools in rural western Kansas, including St. Francis, and in Nebraska, including schools in both Parks and Benkelman.

On Nov. 4, 1947, Irene was united in marriage to Arthur Dale Burkhalter in St. Francis. They made their home in the Big Timber community of Cheyenne County.

To this union, three children were born: Terry, Cynthia "Cindy" and Kevin.

While Irene was serving as a caring mother and a loving wife, she also continued to teach school. She attended summer school for several years at Kearney State Teachers College where she received her bachelor of science degree. She utilized this degree expanding the minds of young kindergartners at the Benkelman

schools until she retired in 1986.

As an active citizen of her community, Irene served as a member of St. Joseph Catholic Churches in both Bird City and Benkelman, and was a member of the Altar Society in both parishes.

Irene loved to play cards and to read, continuing to do both until close to the end of her life.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Robert and Elizabeth Conry; her husband, Arthur Burkhalter; her brother, Floyd Conry; her sister, Berniece Conry; and a grandson, Ryan Sloan.

Survivors include her children, Terry Sutton and husband, Clyde of Ness City, Cindy Sloan and husband, Wayne of Manhattan, and Kevin Burkhalter and wife, Jeanette of Bird City; eight grandchildren nine great-grandchildren; one step great-grandchild; sisters, Agnes Annen of Mount Angel, Ore., and Adeline Susa of Woodburn, Ore.; and numerous other relatives and friends.

A Vigil and Rosary Service was held Friday, Aug. 22, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Benkelman. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Aug. 23, with Reverend Father Sean Redmond as celebrant. An inurnment followed at the Benkelman Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in her name.

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Registration will begin 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. Prizes will be awarded for the top winners of each flight.

"Free Will" Luncheon for the Public at the Riverside Dining Room, St. Francis, Ks. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Cheyenne County Hospital's Major Appliances for the future kitchen remodel.

For more information or to sign up a team, please call Shawna or Heidi at 785-332-2104

Thank You

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