

Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Why is it that if you hold onto old fashioned ideals you're considered "square" these days?

I don't understand why a person who places family values, patriotism and faith up high is thought to be out-of-step and behind the times.

You're square if you teach your children manners and values. In today's world when do you see a boy hold a door open for a older lady? Now a days the individual is supposed to come first. So what's the need of a respectful "please" or "thank you?"

You're square if you salute the flag. Heck, it's become an issue these days for some American

folks to even wear the flag on their lapels. God forbid you offend someone for being proud of this land!

You're square if you believe in God. Today the scientists have cracked open all the mysteries of the universe. Again, the individual can do it all, so who needs a god to lean on?

Well, I don't have all the answers to this crazy world but I do know this: if teaching my kids respect for others, having a fierce loyalty to my country and knowing that God controls my life, not me, makes me square then so be it.

I might not be the "coolest cat on the block," but I'll take my chances on this path.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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It is 39 days and a wake up until Election Day and I think most people have made their decision whom they will going to vote for, I have. I am going to try and not do the "count down" thing, but I might because it is that important to me.

I don't think people understand how important it is that they vote, unless that privilege had been taken away. And I don't think most people understand the meaning of the pursuit of happiness that is in our United States Constitution. Heck, I don't think most people understand the meaning of United States!

Anyway, looking back at our nation's founding fathers we have to understand the men and the times. It has said that we are nation built on the Christian religion, that may be true or not. Not all of the men who signed the Constitution could have been Christian, but they had one thing in common, they believed this nation should be free to pursue happiness.

What was happiness then? What is happiness now? Are they

the same? I believe the answer is another question, "What are you willing to die for in the pursuit of happiness?" What were our founding fathers willing to die and have their sons die for? It was the sanctity of the life of a new nation and its people, and anything else was treason remember Benedict Arnold?

I am not an historian and I believe we are a Christian nation, but it can be said that our nation was built on the sacrifices and blood of non-Christians also, it ensured that the future of the United States of America would be free to pursue happiness. The people stood together and died together, the times were called a birth of a nation.

I wonder if Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson were to come back from the dead today, what would they think? How would 200-year old America look the them? Did we get it? Would we get the thumbs up, or would Mr. Franklin slap his forehead and say to Mr. Jefferson, "I told you we should have written, *'the pursuit of national happiness!'*"

Library Storytime

Storytime will be at 10 a.m. on Friday. Ages 3 years through 7 years are invited to hear stories, have craft time and a snack. Junior Readers are welcomed.

Operation S.O.S.

A list of needed items will be posted in the Bird City American Legion Hall window. Donations will be taken through out September until Oct. 15. For more information, call Hulda Dorsch, 785-734-2792 or Wanda Dowdy, 785-734-2383.

Teens for Christ

Meetings will be held 6:30 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Bird City Lutheran Church basement. Sixth through 12 graders are invited to come and enjoy a meal and fellowship. Meeting schedule follows school schedule.

60th anniversary

Junior and Jerry Cress will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 3. Help them celebrate by sending a card to P.O. Box 176, Bird City, KS 67731.

Reminder about contour farming

Contour farming is written into all conservation plans where terraces are on a field, with very few exceptions. Contour farming includes the planting of crops. It is especially important to follow this guideline if the field has a highly erodible land (HEL) designation or if cost-shares were received for the construction of the terraces. It is also considered when future cost-share assistance is requested. Direct questions to the Natural Resources Conservation Service or Cheyenne County Conservation District on West Highway 36, Saint Francis; phone 785-332-2183 extension 3.

Middle East speaker

Cheryl Hancock, Middle Eastern broadcaster for Bible Voice Broadcasting, will be speaking at the St. Francis Community High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Sunday. She has been in St. Francis before and will have updates from the Middle East.

Ms. Hancock has lived in Israel since 1999 but travels internationally speaking to groups, churches and through television and radio interviews about the political situation in Israel and the Middle East. See article for more information.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. today (Thursday) in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild October meeting will take place at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6. Carol Gamblin will be giving a talk on the "911 Program." Hostesses are Anita Miller and Betty Loudon.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet on Thursday, Oct. 2.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, 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.

Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Nar-

cotics 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.



Adams and White

Wedding scheduled in Hays

Tara White and Riley Adams are planning a Nov. 8 wedding in Hays. Parents of the couple are Greg and Denise White, Lewis, and Rocky and Joyce Adams, Quinter.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are the late Gene and Shirley Pinalto and the late Bill and Jackie White.

Grandparents of the bridegroom-elect are Esther Ruder of Hays and the late Edwin Ruder, and Don Patterson of Quinter and the late Yvette Patterson.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Lewis High School. She received her bachelor of science degree in physics from Fort Hays State University in 2005, and is currently pursuing her doctor of philosophy in biomedical engineering at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Ore.

The groom-elect is a 2000 graduate of Quinter High School. He received his associate degree from North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit in 2001, and is currently employed by Ace Plumbing in Sandy, Ore.

Trust gives gift to local library

The Bird City Public Library recently received \$9,843 from the Dilsaver Remainder Trust, Fort Collins, Colo.

The Dilsaver's have owned ground in Cheyenne County since the early 1900 teens. In those early years, they lived at Smith Center and rented the ground here to local farmers.

Later they moved to Fort Collins. They continued to purchase ground in the Bird City area, both west and south of town over the years.

The library board is hopeful they can automate and purchase new furniture to honor the Dilsaver's memory.

The library is extremely appreciative for the Dilsaver's gift and generosity.

Historic celebration to be held this weekend

By Casey McCormick

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A page of frontier history will be celebrated this weekend in nearby Hayes Center, Neb. The Grand Duke Alexis Rendezvous will be held on Sept. 26, 27 and 28.

Activities will include black powder shoots, hawk and knife throwing, living historian presentations, tribal dancing and much more. Tours will be provided to the monument that marks the event.

In 1872 Grand Duke Alexis, third son to Czar Nicholas II, made a goodwill visit to the United States. After sailing to New York City and taking a train to Chicago, the Grand Duke was taken by special rail to North Platte, Neb. for a "royal" buffalo hunt.

General Phil Sheridan was given the responsibility of hosting the event by President U. S. Grant. Also with the hunting party was Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer, Buffalo Bill

Cody, George Forsyth (staff officer to Sheridan) of Beecher Island fame, and a local Buller Sioux chief, Spotted Tail, and his entire village.

Luxurious accommodations, unlike anything seen on the prairie before, awaited the Grand Duke. The Indians showed how they hunted buffalo with bows and arrows and entertained the visitors with a war dance, performed each night.

Alexis used his revolver to drop a small cow at a distance of 30 yards. His party gave him three cheers and toasted the kill with champagne.

The Rendezvous will be held 11 and a half miles northeast of Hayes Center.

For additional information contact Jim Singleton (308-286-3676.) Doris Vlasin (308-286-3463) or Gina Melton (308-963-4369.) Or visit www.grandduke-alexis.com or www.thelastgreatbuffalohunt.com.



Martin and Weeden

November wedding planned

Gabriel Weeden and Kristina Martin are planning a Nov. 8 wedding at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Olpe.

Parents of the couple are Dennis and Sonja Weeden of St. Francis and Roland and Rosemary Martin of Olpe.

Gabriel is a 2002 graduate of St. Francis Community High School. He attended Kansas State University where he received his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics in 2006 and his master's degree in 2008. Gabriel will be working as an agricultural economist for the south-central region of the Kansas Farm Management Association in Hutchinson.

Kristina is a 2003 graduate of Olpe High School and a 2008 graduate of Kansas State Univer-

sity, with degrees in agribusiness and accounting. She is currently working for Kennedy and Coe Public Accountants in Pratt.

The couple plan to marry Nov. 8 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Olpe.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 37 min.

The House Bunny
Comedy

Sept. 26, 27 & 28

Anna Faris, Katharine McPhee, Emma Stone, Rumer Willis, Kat Dennings

PG-13 for sex-related humor, partial nudity and brief strong language.

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Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

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Flu Shot Vaccine Clinic
Saturday, Sept. 27
Cheyenne County Clinic
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bird City Clinic
Saturday, Oct. 4
9 a.m. - Noon

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\$20 payable at time of service if no insurance coverage.

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New listing!
415 E. Emerson, St. Francis, KS

This home is in mint move-in condition! Main floor offers nice living room, dining area, kitchen with appliances, two bedrooms and bath. The basement is finished with a family room and laundry area. Outside you'll find no paint siding, screen in back porch, detached garage and "hobby" shed. \$49,000. Please contact Donna Moore, listing agent, to view this home. 1-800-974-2426 or cell (785) 899-8089.

785-899-2328 800-974-2426
1023 Main Street ~ Goodland, KS

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