



Casey's Comments

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This is the time of year when a few minutes of porch sitting is a welcome luxury. The Autumn weather still hasn't kicked in, so the evenings are perfect and still. At sunset, when the skies look more like a colorful painting than the end to an ordinary day, the front porch is the place to be.

With the leaves taking on red and golden hues a neighbor or two waves as they also breathe in the beauty while they walk the

quiet streets. Sometimes we just lounge and take in the scenery. But often the kids stop for a moment to sit on the porch rail and tell us what's going on in their worlds. Our days seem especially busy with work and the three kids playing Fall sports. It's like every evening has a game to attend or some kind of function happening. So when we can steal a few moments from our busy schedules, the front porch is the place we will be.

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider
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Have you heard the good news? Story has it that there is a freeze acomin'.

What, that's not good news to you? Well, it is to me and I'm going to explain why. In May, I shared with my readers our family garden — the gut buster — and it was. We had green beans, radishes, turnips, peas, okra, melons, squash and cucumbers, cucumbers, cucumbers! Did I mention we had cucumbers?

While I have a breather here, I want to say thank you to the women (and some men) that helped make this canning project possible. To Mabel Carsten, Edna Roesner, Jane Brubaker, Roy Shrader, Danae Magnani, Cindy Burr and many others who donated jars and

recipes that I will cherish for as long as I have a canning breath! Moreover, my husband Brad thanks you. If you don't think so, just ask anyone who has been over to our home. He has every jar on display behind a curtain in the dining area and at every meal instead of reading the newspaper, watching television or having just a friendly conversation with his adoring wife, he pulls those curtains wide open and looks at those jars as if they were gold bars in Fort Knox. We had quite a variety of vegetables and my sister, Pam and I canned 90 percent of what came out of that gut buster. We got up early, went to bed late, ate meals standing up, just to get this canning done and it is almost over. There's a freeze acomin'!

For The Record

During the October City Council meeting, Sheriff Craig Van Allen gave the Bird City September report, answered questions from Councilman Ray Magnani about calling dispatch, and from Tabetta Ketzner, city clerk, about a dog pound in Bird City.

Councilman Magnani was concerned about calls made to dispatch that were not being relayed to a deputy. He reported that the dispatcher was making the decisions on the importance of the call and Councilman Magnani wanted it clarify if it was the dispatcher's duty.

"It is not the duty of the dispatcher to make that decision and I will see that all calls are relayed to our deputies," said Sheriff Van Allen. "Our deputies must be made aware of even the minor incidents, it is our call."

Mrs. Ketzner followed up from past meetings about the procedure for building a dog pound in Bird City.

Sheriff Van Allen explained that building a dog kennel/pound entails many logistical problems along with passing county and state ordinances. In addition, the city would have to hire someone to take care of the animals and shelter.

"What should we do about the dogs that are loose in the city limits?" asked Mrs. Ketzner. He told her that the residents can call the Sheriff's Office at 785-332-8880, and a deputy will respond;

do not call the emergency 911. He continued to say that if the dog is tagged or the officers know whom the animal belongs to, they would return the animal. However, if the dog is not tagged and owner unknown, there is no plan for that now; unless it is vicious then the deputies will take the necessary steps to contain it. Council asked if St. Francis would take the animals. Sheriff Van Allen said that their permits would not allow it. No action was taken.

Sheriff Van Allen informed the council that Officer Ken Allard, St. Francis Police, would be riding along with the sheriff to do field training.

For the month of September, deputies performed over 118 hours of patrol and casework in the city of Bird City.

The deputies checked doors of businesses and preformed patrol at home football games. They were being visible during school hours and try to make weekly contact with school officials.

The deputies responded to one child in need of care investigation, one firearm being discharged in city limits, one burglary alarm, one suspicious vehicle at Van Doren Park, three noise complaints, and one Fire Department assist with gas line.

Deputies also gave out six traffic warnings and answered two dogs at large and removed one dog.

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Bulletin Board

October birthdays

October birthdays will be celebrated at the Senior Center at 3 p.m. on Monday.

Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will meet at the Manor at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16. The hostess will be Hollis DaPron.

Storytime

A wonderful time is being had at the library on Fridays! Parents may drop the kids off for an hour of crafts, games and story reading. Junior readers always welcome. Storytime follows the school schedule.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15 in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.

Cheyenne County Historical Society

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will hold its regular business meeting at 5 p.m. on

Tuesday, Oct. 14 at the museum.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, 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 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.

Man wants to know country road rules

By Karen Krien
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A man wanting to know the county rules concerning roads and whether or not they should be closed or opened met with the Cheyenne County Commissioners on Tuesday, Sept. 31.

Craig Schoenrogge, St. Francis, had a letter for the commissioners which he read. He wanted to know just what rules the county followed in regards to county roads. I want a copy of those rules, he said, so I can try to follow them.

"I have tried applying Kansas Statutes to the road situation in the county and have had no luck," he said.

Mr. Schoenrogge was at a prior meeting discussing the opening and closing of county roads 15 and 16 between M. He said the roads had never been closed but it had not been maintained. If the county chose to not maintain it, then he thought the road should be closed.

He said gas and oil activity is steadily increasing in the county and he could see public and private lands becoming an economic issue. With these roads open, he could see it possibly being to his and others advantage.

He went on to say that Dave Flemming, county engineer, said there were several roads in the county, especially in the northern part of the county, that were similar status to those that Mr. Schoenrogge was referring to.

"If a public road exists in this county, then the public should be able to access these roads without worrying about causing conflict, paying damages or disrupting another's use," he said.

He said that Rodney Bracelin farms land joining his land and the commissioners had suggested at the Sept. 15 meeting that he talk to Mr. Bracelin about removing obstructions (what are the obstructions).

He said at that meeting either the same day or a day later, Mr. Bracelin said he was not interested in having the road opened and didn't care if Craig Schoenrogge did. Consequently, Mr. Schoenrogge said he didn't care what Mr. Bracelin said or thought.

He (Mr. Bracelin) is, Mr. Schoenrogge said, farming taxpayer's land (the road) and so, of course, he is not going to want

the road opened. "While I can certainly appreciate the economic pleasure that Mr. Bracelin derives from farming the taxpayer's land free of charge, I would suggest that this might not be the best way to determine public benefit, otherwise it may become quite difficult to travel in Cheyenne County," he said.

"For example, if I owned land on both sides of County Road 15, I doubt that the county would want me to build a grain bin in the middle of the road. I further suspect that this would be against the law one might even suggest Kansas statute 68-545." (This statute refers to unlawful obstructions, excavations, removal of materials, dumping trash or plowing roads.)

Mr. Schoenrogge pointed out that he had tried to correlate the total miles of county roads with the figure the state uses to compute the highway fund.

"I have not been successful," he said, asserting that the County may or may not be receiving their fair share of State tax dollars.

Mr. Schoenrogge stated that according to the County Engineer it appears that the City of St. Francis has a well located in the County Right of Way for Road M.

At that point, Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, had to leave the meeting for an appointment. Since Andy Beikman was unable to be at the meeting, that left only Ray Lee, commissioner, and not enough for a quorum. The matter was tabled until another meeting.

Bird City News

Joan Smith was hostess to an early autumn pinocle party at her home. Those present included Barbara Waters, Vernetta Haack, Mary Dorsch, Millie Glasco, Marlene Young and Bonnie Burr. Jan Schornikow was welcomed as a new member. The afternoon was enjoyed by all those present.



Letter To The Editor

To the editor
Support Our Soldiers (S.O.S.)
Reminder:

Do you care that men and women are laying their lives on the line for you? Do you appreciate that they have kept the terrorists off our soil? Do you care that many of our "take for granted" items such as food, hygiene and comfort products, are

needed to be done. She herded cows on horseback, milked cows, and took care of feeding the farm animals. Mary was married to Ron Roth, who is deceased. She is survived by two sons, Frankie and Gordon Dale of Denver; two daughters, Rita Mae Harris of Aurora, Colo., and Beverly Olsen of Glasco; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, George D. Fishel, Layton, Utah; and three sisters, Theo Long, Evans, Colo.; Doris Witt, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Jean Gilsdorf, Azusa, Calif.

Preceding her in death were her father, William J. Fishel and mother, Rowena Fishel; half-sister, Minnie May Glasco and brother, Gordon E. Fishel.

Graveside services will be held at the Bird City Cemetery, October 18, at 2 p.m., with Reverend Becky Davison officiating.

Hulda Dorsch

The Cheyenne County Courthouse will be CLOSED

Monday, October 13

in observance of Columbus Day.



AUCTION

Sat., Oct. 11, 2008 @ 10 am CT

Auction Site: From Bird City, Ks: 4.5 mi. East on HWY 36 to Rd 33, South 3.5 mi. to Rd L, then East 3/4 mi.

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