



Casey's Comments

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It's gotten to the point that I don't even want to watch anything on TV. The political ads bombard the viewer constantly. And it's the same ads running over, and over, and over again. Enough already!

The good news is that we only have a little over one more week of this madness. Soon the polls will be closed and our nation will move on.

Who knows how this election will turn out? With the media bias

in the major networks, I believe that the results could be much closer than the opinion polls suggest.

That's what makes this year's vote very important. Remember Florida? It could come down to a matter of a few "Yea's" or "Nay's" for the presidential candidates.

Luckily we don't have to battle long lines at the polls here in Ag country. So take a few minutes and exercise your rights. Your vote could make the difference!

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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According to an article dated Aug. 21, 2008 at www.webmd.com, the undecided vote stands anywhere from 5 percent to 15 percent; however, the closer voting day comes, the more decided the undecided voter becomes.

Recently I was part of a conversation involving who was the best choice for president. I will not name whom I had this conversation with only because I believe the answer is based on the same conclusion many are making. I will say the person is in the 30s, white, happily married to an African-American and they have beautiful children.

They are raising their children to be loving, tolerant and accepting of cultural differences. The family attends church often and the parents would say they are raising their children in a Christian environment.

Now, back to my friend's answer, the choice was Barack Obama, and the reason for the choice was he came from a similar family; however, the similarity stop at the his interracial family. I asked my friend if he was aware that Mr. Obama lived a portion

of his early childhood exposed to Muslim philosophy, he did not know that. While the media does not feel the need to explore this subject too deeply or objectively, it is important to me.

Now, I am quite aware that as children grow there are no guarantees they will continue to follow their parents beliefs or even stay and help with the family business. But, it is nearly unanimous with child psychologists and educators what is taught and experienced in early childhood development is critical to how that child will think and react to the world around him. And what parent has not wished they had done something different in raising their children? Even Dr. Spock had to admit he made some wrong assumptions.

My point is this, know your candidate; they are not perfect and you need to get your head out of the cloud thinking they are the change this country needs just because of their race or gender.

I will end my soap box speech by quoting a Biblical proverb, "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Cheylin School shows interest in box tops

Campbell Soup Labels for Education and Nex-Tech Wireless.

Cheylin Elementary school has recently launched their 2008 Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign, Campbell's Soup Labels for Education and Nex-Tech Wireless promotion.

The box top program was started by General Mills in 1996. To date, the program has helped America's schools raise over \$200 million to buy the things they need but can't always afford, such as library books, school supplies and playground equipment.

Those who would like to help the students at Cheylin reach their goal to buy enrichment projects, earn items for the school and get a 3-percent rebate back from Nex-Tech can easily ways get involved.

Collect Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels from hundreds of familiar, participating products and bring them to the school or give them to a student. Those who have Nex-Tech wireless

phone service can sign up for the Nex-Tech School Rebate by paying online or calling Nex-Tech and saying you would like to participate in the Cheylin USD 109 school rebate.

Bird City News

Cassie Dorsch of Kansas City, Mo., spent from Tuesday until Sunday with her grandparents, Keith and Hulda Dorsch. Neighbors joined the Dorsches for a night of fun, food and lots of card playing.



Is your Halloween costume ready?

The Bird City Community Club will have a "special" prize for all children, kindergarten through fifth grade who come to the Legion Hall in a costume from 5 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 31. They hope to see all of the ghosts and goblins.

Movie night

Sunday is Movie Night at United Methodist Church, Bird City. This month's show will be two different movies: "The Last Sin Eater" based on the novel by Francine Rivers will be for older teens and adults shown in the sanctuary; and the new Veggie Tale movie, "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything" will be for the younger audience and shown upstairs. The movies are free and there will be an intermission with free snacks. Everyone is welcome.

Senior potluck

The Senior Center monthly potluck will be held at 12 p.m. on Monday at the Bird City Senior Center.

Western Plains Arts Association program

Mystic Works Entertainment will present The Eric Vaughn Magic Revue as a family show in the Hoxie High School auditorium at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26. This is a selection on the Western Plains Arts Association schedule.

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 3, at the Senior Center in St. Francis. Dr. Rebecca Allard will present the program on Medical Updates. Hostesses are Eileen Nolan and Sherry Schultz.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with S should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

CCDC annual meeting

Cheyenne County Development Corporation's annual meeting will take place at noon on Oct. 27 at the St. Francis Public Library.

Finance management class

"Personal Finance Management"

Bulletin Board

class, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, 7 to 8 p.m., at the St. Francis Library. The class is free. Call Leigh Ann Bandel 332-2399 or Carol Redding 332-6197 for reservations.

Free screening for young children

A free screening for young children will be held Tuesday, Oct. 28, starting at 9 a.m. at the First Christian Church. This annual developmental screening is recommended for all young children who have not yet entered kindergarten. Call Teri Richard, 332-8143, at the grade school to schedule an appointment.

Hospital Board

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

meeting room in St. Francis.

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.

Sisters In Serenity Women's AA

A Sisters In Serenity women's Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at 5 p.m. on Sundays at 585 N. Franklin, City Hall, northwest basement door in Colby. There is a play room for younger children and a quiet space for older children on-site. For more information call (785) 672-3406 or (785) 538-2526.

These meetings are limited to female alcoholics to provide an

opportunity for members to share with one another on problems related to drinking patterns and attempts to achieve stable sobriety.

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

Club Clip

Cheylin Booster Club

Wendy White reviewed the quote and design choices for the football field sign she received from The Hot Brush. The members approved the \$400 quote for a 4X8' aluminum sign and option three for the design. Wendy White will finalize the sign order with Mike Boyson.

Jane Young mentioned that the 2008 senior class had leftover funds and could be contacted about using the funds for the football sign. She agreed to contact Anita Pochop in regards to coordinating this with the class members.

Jan Busse reported that the duffel bags had been distributed to the freshmen and new high school students. She did note that the artwork/lettering was screen printed rather than embroidered. She has not ordered the practice jerseys. Wendy White didn't know if the \$9.99 price reduction would still be available and told Jan Busse to go ahead with the order even if they were \$14.99.

Laurie Leonard indicated that the Cougar flag had been received and paid in full. Due to a problem with the stitching, a second flag was made and will be picked up on Oct. 2. The first flag may be available to use in the gymnasium or at the football field. The purchased artwork is available for use on any other projects, contact Laurie Leonard if needed.

Laurie Leonard and Tina

Sager plan to have the booster club membership flyers ready to hand out on or before the next home game. Jan Busse suggested members do a monthly mailing of the school calendar page to keep the community informed. She agreed to check on postage costs and Jane Young agreed to check on getting copies made at the school. Another suggestion was to have a booster club appreciation party, this was tabled until the November meeting.


The fireworks for the football games have been purchased and Wendy White is working on getting someone to set them off for home games.

Jane Young reviewed several choices available for the coach shirts and the fundraiser shirts/jackets/hats with the members. After some discussion on the shirt design choices, the members approved ordering 15 coach shirts with Cheylin Cougars Coach and Cougar head logo and a minimum order of short sleeved polo shirts to sell to the community. Then orders can be taken for additional polo shirts. The members requested that the orders be made through one company. Jane Young agreed to get these orders placed.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. in the high school library.

Join us in congratulating
Blanca Ponce
for acquiring her U.S. CITIZENSHIP.
The City will hold a reception for her at the
McDonald Senior Center
Sunday, Nov. 2, 2 - 4 p.m.
Congratulations from MAD

BOB STREVEY
for State Representative



To change Washington and Topeka change who represents us.
Vote for someone who has the courage to do what is necessary to fix our current mess.
Elect those who support ethanol and wind/solar development.
I will vote Pro-life and Pro-family.
www.votebob.com
Paid for by Bob Strevey campaign, Greg Lohofener, Treasurer

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 58 min.
Eagle Eye
Oct. 24, 25 & 26
Drama and Thriller
Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson, Anthony Azizi, Billy Bob Thornton
PG-13 for intense sequences of action and violence, and for language.
CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

Cheylin School Presents
Li' Abner
Thurs., Nov. 6 - Evening Performance - 7:30 p.m.
(tickets can be purchased at the door)
Sat., Nov. 8 - Dinner Theater
Contact Rose Hengen for more information
785-734-2341

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL
210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS
785-332-2104
"Happiest Baby On The Block"
"The new way to calm crying and help your baby sleep longer"
Wednesday, Oct. 29
6-8 p.m.
Cheyenne County Clinic conference room which is located in the basement of the clinic.
This is for new or expecting parents teaching them 5 proven techniques to stop a baby from crying.
New parents are encouraged to bring their newborns.
There is no charge and attendees will receive a book and swaddling blanket.

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