



# Bulletin Board

## Casey's Comments

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We're all going through some tough times. The economy is unstable and its affect is felt by everyone.

Also there is uncertainty of what direction our country will go in with the new leadership.

In addition, we live in a dangerous world that seems to grow smaller each day.

But there is plenty of reason for hope. No one can say that our democracy doesn't work. That alone gives us hope for the future.

So with hope in mind, here's my list of what I'm thankful for:

A God that provides for me and my family.

A country where I'm free to express my faith and openly follow

my beliefs.

A nation where I can write how I feel or think without fear of retribution in this small column each week.

Fantastic public schools where my children are being well prepared for their futures.

A wholesome place to live in the Heartland of America with the best neighbors around.

A decent paying job that helps to provide for my family, which offers an income for as long as I'm willing to work hard for it.

And last, but certainly not least, I'm grateful for a loving family and many friends, both near and far.

May God bless you and yours on this day of thanks!

## Letters From Linda

**By Linda Schneider**  
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Thanksgiving is traditionally the start of month-long celebrations. Friends and family take time out of their busy schedules for visiting and eating, lots of eating!

However, for some people it is not any of the above. Newspapers and magazines are adding articles on how the holidays can affect our friends and loved ones, causing depression and despair, and how to help.

I believe everyone has someone in their life that needs uplifting, I even need it once in awhile. But, sometimes the encouragement from my family is not enough and when that happens I go to my other "friends," my books.

Over the last 10 years, I have read some great books by great authors. Most of the books were written 50 to 100 years ago, some even longer. You may have never heard of these authors and books, *The Christian's Secret to A Happy Life* by Hannah Whitell-Smith or

*The Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer or my favorite *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan.

*Pilgrim's Progress* was written in 1678 and has never been out of print since. Amazing feat considering other literary works. The reason I enjoyed this book, and I have read it twice, is that it is an allegory.

Allegories are writings that uses symbolism to help the reader understand truths and human experiences. The tale of this much-loved book is of a man named Christian that leaves his home to go to the Celestial City (Heaven), and his journey that takes him through depression and despair. A tale of unloading his "burden" and his key of "hope."

What is most interesting is that John Bunyan wrote this story while in prison 1660 through 1672 for unlicensed preaching. When I read this book I was in prison too, but not for unlicensed preaching.

## School Menu

**Monday, Dec. 1**

Breakfast: oatmeal, boiled egg

Lunch: chicken quesadilla, rice

**Tuesday, Dec. 2**

Breakfast: sausage cheese scone

Lunch: oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, roll

**Wednesday, Dec. 3**

Breakfast: ham, potato wedge

Lunch: fish, macaroni and cheese, roll

**Thursday, Dec. 4**

Breakfast: breakfast pizza

Lunch: hamburger on bun, fries

With every breakfast: toast, cereal, juice and milk

With every lunch: salad bar, fruit and milk

## Introducing

**Brandt Jared Officer**

Erin and Michael Officer of Broken Arrow, Okla., are proud to announce the birth of a son, Brandt Jared, on Nov. 24, 2008. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces. He has a big sister Lucy, 2-1/2 years old to welcome him home.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brandt of West Allis, Wis., and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Officer of McDonald. Great-grandmothers are Alice Cudnoski of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Betty Dewey of Seward.

## THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS TO ALL...

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## Community Club Lighting Contest

The sign-up for the December Community Club lighting contest begins Dec. 1 and ends Dec. 16. Call 9785) 734-2635 to be judged for one of the three prizes. Winners will be announced Santa Day, Dec. 20.

### Light Parade

The St. Francis Christmas Opening Light Parade will be held Friday at dusk. See related article. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 332-2961.

**Have you lost your jingle?**  
"Have You Lost Your Jingle?" program will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, at the Main St. Coffee Shop. For more information, contact the Extension office at 332-3171.

### Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, at the Senior Center in St. Francis. The St. Francis Community High School Music Department will present the program under the direction of Debbie Fiala.

Hostesses are Donna Northrup and Annette Erskin.

### Kansans for Life

The Airport Authority had good news for the Cheyenne County Commissioners when they met on Friday.

Dave Yost and Ron Loudon, Authority members, had brought Diane Hofer, who is with Olsons Associates, Lincoln, Neb. Ms. Hofer said the Federal Aviation Administration has changed the plans for the airport runway renovation. The runway will be completely redone, widening it to 75-feet and it will be constructed of concrete, not asphalt. New runway lights will also be put in at the same time.

In the future, the runway will be extended to the south. Right now, there is not sufficient money.

Milling up the old asphalt runway and running the concrete for the new one will cost approximately \$1.9 million. The county's share of the cost is 5 percent.

The project will be bid in 2009. Ms. Hofer said congress is slow in giving out the money and the Aviation Administration doesn't have the authorization to write the grants. She figured it would probably be July or August before the bids were let and construction could be as late as next fall or the spring of 2010.

Mr. Yost said the county was fortunate to get in on the ground floor

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at the First Christian Church in St. Francis (118 E. Webster) on Monday, Dec. 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All in the community are welcome to join in prayer, learning and fellowship as they work together to provide "Life for All."

### Courthouse closed

The Cheyenne County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28.

### Christmas Caroling

The Good Samaritan Society would enjoy having groups come in to share their Christmas caroling. If interested, give Cathy Loop a call at 785-332-2531 to set up a time.

### Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 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 Meth-

odist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

### Narcotics/Alcohol Anonymous

For anyone looking for support in recovery, Bird City is now making available weekly meetings. Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays with Narcotics Anonymous and Fridays with Alcohol Anonymous, starting Nov. 18 and 21 at the Senior Center.

### 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.

## Parade floats go up and down Main St.

**By Karen Krien**  
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It will be like a fairy wonderland as the sixth Light Parade comes down St. Francis' Main Street starting at 6 p.m. on Friday. What makes it even more spectacular, is the floats will go back up the street so people won't miss anything on the float.

People are asked to not move their cars until the parade has gone back up the street to the school.

There have been reports of people making their floats in garages and storage buildings. There should be more lights, maybe more music and, at the end, Santa Claus.

The parade is one of the activities marking the Christmas Opening in St. Francis sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, reminds people, who are still undecided about what their float will be, that there is no theme — just Christmas. Entries can be floats, four wheelers, horse and buggies, hayracks, walking individuals — The limits of an entry are endless.

There are two rules: 1) no Santas on floats (it may confusing to small children if there is more than the "real" Santa at the end of the parade); and no candy thrown (it is dark and drivers may not see a child dart out after candy

and there could be an accident).

At the end of the parade, Santa will hop off his ride at First National Bank where he will be talking to children and giving out candy. This is an opportune time for parents and grandparents to bring their cameras for that special photo.

### Remember to vote

Secretary Bracelin reminds people to vote for their favorite float. Entries can be picked up and left at Owens True Value, Stuart's Jewelry, Schultz's, Sainty Stitches, Donna's Gift Palace, Main St. Coffee and Ross Manufacturing.

The entry with the most votes will receive the People's Choice Award and will have the honor of displaying the plaque for the next year. Last year's winner was Lampe Hardware with a spectacular display of fireworks.

### Other activities

Other activities on Friday include: the Treasure Hunt, collecting tickets for drawings to be held on Dec. 15, a soup supper, and shopping and visiting with friends and neighbors. The Knights of Columbus will have their drawing for meat after the parade in front of Owens True Value. The St. Francis Girl Scouts will also be holding a candy/nut sale at Main St. Coffee.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 29 min.

### Madagascar 2

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Christmas lights judged during the month of December.

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Contact Tracy Neitzel for more information @ 785-332-5590 or 785-332-2217.

**Good Samaritan Society**

St. Francis Village  
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St. Francis, KS 67786  
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Please bring;  
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**Your Current Medication List**

**When: Saturday, Dec. 6 From 9 a.m. - noon**  
**Where: Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis**

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