



Casey's Comments

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A new tradition. I know those two words don't seem to fit together, but let me explain.

Whether we like it or not, the world around us changes. Someone you love may have to move away to go to school or find work. Or the company you work for might need to move you to a different town. Also we all have to deal with the loss of someone close to us when their time on earth ends.

But we all move forward and adapt to change. We must to survive and deal with it, it's how we're wired.

Our family began a new way of celebrating Thanksgiving this year. Rather than the usual way of the parents preparing the "big

meal," we went to Kansas City instead.

The two oldest boys, Travis and Trey, have relocated to the east. So my wife, the younger three kids and I drove there. Trey and his girl friend, Nichole, hosted the event which featured a big turkey and about 20 side dishes, not including a bounty of desserts.

After the feast we loaded up into two cars and drove in-town to watch the building lighting and fireworks display at The Plaza.

It was exciting to try something new, but much of the holiday was as it should be. We had plenty of good food with loved ones. So what if it was in a new location.

And looking at the clan that couldn't be separated by many miles, we knew we had much to be grateful for. For this year, new was very good.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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I am not really much of a television watcher, but with the Christmas season here, I will make an exception.

It appears to me that stations are allowing programs that are a bit more family orientated and just plain fun to watch. I have recently watched a Charlie Brown and Snoopy cartoon that I watched as a child, okay, I was 15. Anyway, I had fun watching it with my grandsons, Ivan and Joseph.

Want to know what I think? I think Christmas is making a come back. I think folks are starting to see that Christmas

is not just about presents, that was evident when the media and big business tried to call it "The Holiday Season" or tried to get everyone to say "Season's Greetings" and the nation said, "No, it's Christmas!"

Something happens to us around this time of the year. We become kinder, more giving and more aware of our own wealth in comparison to our nation's neighbors.

Want to know what I think? I think Christmas is bigger than we can even imagine. I think it has something to do with what comes alive during this time. It is the Story behind every Christmas, that Little Babe in a Manger and we can't get away from it.

One last time and I will be done. Want to know what I think? I think there are some people who pride themselves as being politically correct. Never using the "C" word in the workplace, not offending anyone by sending cards with "Season's Greetings", but behind closed doors, in the privacy of their own home, up on the mantel or tucked behind a large lamp is a Nativity.



Menu

Monday, Dec. 8
Breakfast: sausage patty.
Lunch: beef fajita, rice.

Tuesday, Dec. 9
Breakfast: yogurt, boiled egg.
Lunch: hot dog or childlog.

Wednesday, Dec. 10
Breakfast: pancake on a stick.
Lunch: sloppy joes, ice cream.

Thursday, Dec. 11
Breakfast: breakfast pockets.
Lunch: turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, roll.

Every breakfast is served with toast, cereal, juice and milk

Every lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk

Bulletin Board

Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner
Today (Thursday) is the last day to make reservations for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner that will be at noon on Wednesday at the Cheylin high school gymnasium.

Community Club
The Bird City Community Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Senior Center.

December senior birthdays
December senior birthdays will be on Monday at 3 p.m. at the center.

Cougar basketball
The Cougar high school and junior high boys and girls basketball teams will be playing against Heartland Christian School starting at 4 p.m. today (Thursday) at the McDonald gymnasium.

Cougar high school basketball team will be playing against Brewster at 4 p.m. on Friday at the Brewster school gymnasium. The Sagebrush Tournament is next week and will be announced. To get the most current information on sport activities, go online www.cheylin.com.

Shawna Blanka at 332-2875.

Village potluck
The Good Samaritan Society-St. Francis Village will be holding the annual potluck celebration of the Christmas Love Tree at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11. Everyone is welcome to come join friends and loved ones.

Hospital board
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Monday, Nov. 24. Because there was not a quorum of members, no decisions were made. The next hospital board meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 22, starting at 3 p.m. in the St. Francis Clinic basement.

Meeting planned for Colby
The annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development will be held on Dec. 10, at the City Limits Convention Center in Colby. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7. There will be a speaker plus a power point presentation of the year's activities.

For reservations contact Ruth Deines at the office at (785) 421-2151.

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.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group
There will be no Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group meeting in December.

Basketball tournament
The MAC Attack youth basketball tournament will be held in McCook the weekend of Jan. 24 and 25. Students in grades fourth through eighth may participate. The deadline for entering is Jan. 12. Entries are on a first come, first serve basis. Entry forms can be picked up at the Sports Shoppe in McCook or online at www.mccookoptimistclub.org. Completed forms with entry fee should be sent to McCook Optimist Club, 208 Norris Ave. McCook, NE 69001. For additional information

call Bob Elder at (308) 345-4296.

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

Narcotics/Alcohol Anonymous
For anyone looking for support in recovery, Bird City is now having 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.

Story Time
Story Time will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Bird City Library. Ages 3 to 7 are invited.

Scholar Bowl
Cheylin Scholars' Bowl meet will be at 4 p.m. on Monday at Colby. Junior high Scholars' Bowl meet will be at 4 p.m. on Monday at Tribune.

McDonald Garden Club
The Cookie Party planned by the McDonald Garden Club for Wednesday, Dec. 10, has been changed to Tuesday, Dec. 9. The change is due to the Cheylin School Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner on Dec. 10.

Winter Concert
Cheylin students, kindergarten through 12th grade, will be performing their Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Cheylin high school gymnasium. The community is welcome to celebrate with students and staff the holiday season with music and laughter.

Little Kids Wrestling
Little Kids Wrestling practice will begin Monday, Dec. 8, in the high school wrestling room. Kindergarten through third grade will practice from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. and fourth through sixth grade will be from 7:15 to 8:15. If you have any questions please call Clay Keller at 332-3108 or

South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Joe, Charlene, and Dennis Kramer and Ryan and Diane Shay and children were Thanksgiving guests of Leon and Nancy Brunton of Ozawkie and other Kramer family members.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children went with Kelly's parents, Craig and Barb Morton to their aunt, Shelly Brungardt's home in Hays for Thanksgiving dinner.

Marvin, Kristina and Braxton Springer were weekend guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children.

Tom and Kelly Dewey attended the Braxmeyer - McQuitty wedding Saturday afternoon in Atwood.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended Brody Migchelbrink's first birthday party Saturday in Atwood.

Margie and Dan Hubbard attended Shayla Hubbard's 13th birthday party Sunday at the home of Dave and Sylvia Hubbard.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard were Dave and Sylvia Hubbard and family, George and Dixie Louderbaugh and family, and Bob and Phyllis Cass.

Thanksgiving weekend guests

of Lindon and Diane Montgomery were Jeff, Ginger, Erin and Jackson Montgomery of Abilene, Texas, Mark, Catina, Jayden, Lindi, and Jenna Montgomery of Denver, Colo., Brad, Misty, Bella and Benet Montgomery of Edmond, Okla., Brian, Shannon, Blayne, Alex, and Gage Kauffman of Kansas City, Mo., and Linda McGuckin of Overland Park. Betty Lewis was an additional Thanksgiving dinner guest of the Montgomerys.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Bethel Golt were Don Bruder, Elvera Neitzel, Elaine and Kenny Johnson, Don and Daphne Roberts, all of Bird City, and Matt Golt of Wichita.

Friday afternoon visitors of Bethel Golt were Marty, Sophia and Jack Golt of Wichita.

Karlys and Karyn Rieb of Denver arrived late Friday night at the Bethel Golt home. They were guests until Sunday afternoon.

Brandon Winter and Amanda Banister spent Thursday until Saturday with George and Kathy Banister.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Jerry and Sandy Binning were Shaun, Merinda, Devon, and Trinity Crayton, and Garrett, Donna, Porsha, Bianca, and Jazzmin Binning.

Garrett, Donna, Porsha, Bianca, and Jazzmin Binning attended the Emily Braxmeyer - Josh McQuitty wedding in Atwood Saturday afternoon.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of George and Kathy Banister and Debbie were Brandon Winter, Amanda Banister, David Banister, Amelia Banister, Karlyne Atchison, Paula and Dillon Atchison and Donnie Banister.

David Banister came home Wednesday for Thanksgiving break.

Kathy Banister attended the Scholars Bowl meet at Grainfield Monday.

Dan and Margie Hubbard, Lynn and Rita Officer, Lindon and Diane Montgomery and Garrett and Donna Binning and daughters all attended the Thanksgiving dinner Sunday at the Federated Church in McDonald.

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