



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

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We made it through another holiday season and now life is returning to its regular, measured pace again. But we are left with some wonderful memories.

This year marked my 48th Christmas. Some are more memorable than others. For instance, the first few are a blur. And then there were the ones when I was still drinking, which also are a blur. But, for the most part, I can wax nostalgic with warm and cherished thoughts of gatherings with family and friends during the Christmases I do remember.

I received a special gift this year from my dad. This took a little doing since he hasn't been with us

since St. Patrick's Day of 1988.

But somehow one of Santa's helpers managed to bring me a small wrapped bundle with the tag saying it came from him. And the gift? A small, green, scuff-worn yo-yo.

Even as an adult, my dad had a lot of kid in him. He never forgot growing up in the Great Depression and having simple play things. His favorites were marbles and yo-yos. As a grownup he still kept a jar of colorful marbles on the dresser and a yo-yo in one of the drawers.

It's funny how even when a loved one is no longer with us we still have memories of the good times to keep them close. Oh, and watching my son play with my dad's yo-yo was the next best thing to having him there.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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I love living my life as a Christian and I can honestly say that because I have experienced life on both sides of the coin. What I mean by that is that I had lived a life with and without Jesus the Christ.

I have shared this previous life with my church family in the various churches that I have attended; however, I do not go into great depths unless the moment calls for it and glorifies Jesus' life in me and not to just reminisce my "glory days."

The year 1998, was the turning point in my life. After years of poor decisions and choices, I ended up in prison. Again, without going into all the details, I broke every single one of the Ten Commandments, every one! But, what put me in prison at the age of 43 was drugs. I know those who know me think, "But she looks like my grandmother!" It is true, after 28 years of living and working for drugs, I was finally caught. Spent 2 years in a Federal Prison Camp, a drop in the bucket of time considering some have spent decades there.

However, something wonderful happened in the first two weeks of my incarceration, I met Jesus and my life has never been the same since. My sentence did not change,

but I was able to do the time and not lose heart over my life.

I want to add just because I live my life for Jesus now does not mean that everyone I have hurt forgives me or even allows me into their life, I accept that as part of what I have sown, I will reap. Jesus forgives me and that is what keeps me going when others do not. Another thing, you won't find a more forgiving bunch of people than in prison.

However, I was no Mother Teresa, but guess what, I have been forgiven, accepted by the Beloved Jesus, and I will see Mother Teresa in heaven. This may not be good news to some folks, but it is what the Bible says.

Why this sudden confession you may ask. Well, I will tell you, it concerns recent emails I received about Jane Fonda, and I would like to share what I have learned about her.

In 2000, during a prison church service Pastor Russell Boates informed us that Jane Fonda was a new Christian and it was her chauffeur that led her to Christ. Needless to say, her husband, Ted Turner, divorced her for doing that.

Now, you know and I know Ms. Fonda was no Mother Teresa, but guess what? Mother Teresa, Ms. Fonda and I will be in heaven together and the Bible tells us so.

Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will be meeting at the Manor at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15. Carolyn Rosenfelt will be the hostess. Due to the cancellation of the December meeting, the gift exchange will be held at the January meeting.

January birthdays

The Senior Center will be celebrating January birthdays at 3 p.m. on Monday at the Center.

Cheylin sports

The Western Kansas Liberty League basketball tournaments will begin next week. Monday and Tuesday games are scheduled in Brewster. And Friday and Saturday in Goodland. All games will be announced for specific times. Cougar junior high basketball team will play Triplains at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, it is in the McDonald gymnasium. Times are subject to change. Go to online calendar for most current information. www.cheylin.com.

Library Story Time

Due to school schedule, there will be no Story Time on Friday.

Grandparents night

All Cheylin grandparents will be recognized during the boys varsity basketball game on Jan. 9, against Dighton at McDonald during halftime. All grandparents will receive free popcorn compliments of the Cheylin Booster Club.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The January meeting of the Cheyenne County Commissioner will be on the second Monday, Jan. 12, at 8 a.m. At that time, the newly elected officials will be sworn in.

Alzheimer's/Dementia support group

The Alzheimer's/Dementia support group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Public Library.

Bird City Community Club

The Bird City Community Club

will have their meeting on Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. They ask that you bring a finger food.

Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Cheyenne County Clinic basement. The physical therapy staff will be the presenters on exercise and the cold weather.

Soup dinner

The St. Francis Kids Wrestling club is holding a fundraising soup dinner at the grade school cafeteria on Sunday from 11:30 to 1 p.m. There will be two kinds of soup. Check ad in this issue for complete menu.

Free-throw competition

The local Knight of Columbus free-throw competition will be held beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11, at the St. Francis Community High School gym. See ad/story elsewhere in this issue for additional details.

Kids wrestling practice

The St. Francis kids wrestling club practices on Monday nights in the high school wrestling room. The kindergarten through third grade practice from 6:30 to 7:15 and the older kids practice 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Com-

mission 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.

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.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Inflation is a tax on savings. In 1933, FDR's New Deal (Change) to fix the Depression illegalized owning gold/ Not tied to value, lo...the green backs float! When wages were \$1 an hour, bread was 10 cents a loaf. Had you banked it for interest, what can it buy now?

Government is to set standards, not redistribute wealth. (Where doth the Constitution permit taxing everybody to benefit anyone?)

Name anyone overlooked by church charity, the compassion of God, unworthy of thy personal help, entitled to tax dollars? Nary anyone's Social Security tax was ever saved and returned to them plus interest?

If anyone else foisted this pyramid, ponzi, chain letter scheme, they would be incarcerated! If family and the church cannot take care for their own, how can they support everybody else's kin?

Would even Karl Marx cringe at this utopian nightmare of welfare gifts, subsidies exceeding the legal exemption for a taxpayer?

In 1957, a German farmer plowing with a cow and a horse, told me America made a big mistake helping Russia! Had the U.S.A. stayed out, Germany would have conquered the U.S.S.R. and collapsed trying to police that huge mass of land.

Sending troops out to save the world while illegals are flooding the U.S.A. is national suicide!

The Replicates (A Replicat is a Democrat faking Republican, or a Republican faking Democrat) only twice balanced the budget since F.D.R. Their wars for false prosperity cost all the dead corpses.

Irresponsible bailouts-whose next? Who will bail out the U.S.A.? Trillions of debt burdening generations to come is taxation without representation and morally wrong! If \$700 billion is about \$2,300 per member of every family, what is the total debt pro-rated to every citizen?

Abolish retirement dollars for

every elected official! Dock their pay by the same percent as the deficit!

"But if any provide not for his own family, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." I Timothy 5:8.

Frank Sowers,
Benkelman, Neb.

Bird City News

On New Year's day, Dottie Cook was the lunch guest of Brad and Linda Schneider. Dottie and her great-grandson, Ivan, enjoyed several games of dominos and cards. Also stopping in were great grandchildren, Jaquelyn and Jade Ketzner.

On Christmas day, Brad and Linda Schneider had a house full with many visitors and guests arriving. Brad's mother, Dottie Cook, St. Francis, and brothers, Buster Schneider, Waunita, Neb., and Curt Schneider, Hamlet, Neb., were Christmas dinner guests. Also John Kroenlein, Goodland, enjoyed dinner with the family.

Later in the afternoon, Nick and Heidi Ketzner, Dylan, Brady and Hayden, Bird City, Charles and Ghia Query, Taylor and Nate, Colby, dropped by to visit and pictures were taken with Great-Grandma Dottie and family.

On the Sunday evening before Christmas, friends and family were welcomed at the Wesleyan Church Christmas program.

Many guests watched the play called "All I Want for Christmas is Jesus." The play was directed by Phyllis Wright and children's parts assisted by Becky Antholz.

Following the play, guests enjoyed hot soup and chili, along with some homemade goodies.

Woman killed in single car accident

By Karen Krien

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On Saturday morning, a St. Francis resident who was in the process of moving to Albuquerque, N.M., was killed in a single-car accident between Hugo and Limon, Colo., in Lincoln County.

Laurene Kay Crabtree Rohn, 64, had moved back to her hometown, St. Francis, several years ago. She often enjoyed coffee with a group at Main St. Coffee, was a member of the Classy Classic Red Hatters and volunteered her time at the Methodist Church Thrift Store.

She recently sold her home and was moving to Albuquerque to be near her daughter. She had stayed in St. Francis long enough to see that the moving van had her possessions and, then she and her granddaughter, Maggie Rohn, 12, had begun the trip to Albuquerque.

According to the Colorado State Patrol report, Mrs. Rohn was traveling west on I-70 in a 2005 Buick LeSabre, when she left the road at mile marker 376, went into the median, struck a

post which sent her back onto the west-bound lane. The car spun, then rolled four times, landing on its wheels.

Mrs. Rohn was pronounced dead on the scene. Maggie was taken to the Lincoln Community Hospital where she was treated for minor injuries. Both were wearing seat belts.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Lawrence Wesleyan Church in Lawrence. Burial will be private.

Mrs. Rohn was born in 1944 to Kenneth "KC" and Ada Wall Crabtree. She graduated from St. Francis Community High School with the class of 1962. She went to work for the telephone company and retired from Southwestern Bell.

While living in St. Francis, she was a member of the Bird City Wesleyan Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherry Rohn, Lawrence, and Teresa Rohn-Penn, Albuquerque; two brothers, Larry, Lenexa and Jerry, Arvada, Colo., and seven grandchildren.

School Menu

This week it is the fifth graders choice lunch on Wednesday

Monday, Jan. 12

Breakfast: blueberry muffins.
Lunch: cheeseburger macaroni roll.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Breakfast: sausage biscuit.
Lunch: pork fritters, baked beans, roll.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Breakfast: breakfast burritos.

Lunch: pizza, corn-on-the-cob, strawberries and bananas, dirt pudding.

Thursday, Jan. 15

Breakfast: pancakes.
Lunch: chicken patty sandwich, potato wedge.

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

Every lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk.

For the Record

In the month of December, the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office performed 135.5 hours of patrol and criminal casework in the City of Bird City.

Deputies responded to seven traffic warnings, seven traffic citations, one hit and run motor

vehicle collision and two welfare checks.

In addition, deputies had two criminal investigations, one search warrant executed, one identity and forgery investigation, four court papers served and one dog complaint.

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Casey at 785-332-3162

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hr. 35 min.

Australia
Romance and War

Jan. 9, 10 & 11

Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, David Wenham, Bryan Brown, Jack Thompson PG-13 for some violence, a scene of sensuality, and brief strong language.

CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

It's not too late for flu shots!
Both Cheyenne County Clinic and Cheyenne County Health Department still have flu vaccine left.
Stop by and get your flu shot if you haven't already.

Check your renewal dates

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The Saint Francis Herald

Area - \$33 KS - \$38
Out-of-State - \$42

Bird City Times

KS - \$30
Out-of-State - \$34