



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
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 These days everything seems to be about "change."
 It's as if all that has happened in America to this point is somehow flawed and should be replaced. Well, I know of one thing that needs to remain exactly as it is.
 Last week I attended a funeral for one of the few who remain of a rare breed: a World War II vet.
 I didn't know Henry Schirmer before the service, but afterwards I felt a certain understanding of him and his time here.
 Henry had a full life doing many of the simple things that make an ordinary man so extraordinary. He was a father, husband, farmer, neighbor and for many years taught Sunday school.
 But what struck me was how this quiet, unassuming citizen had given his all when his country needed his help. He was under

General George S. Patton, in the 3rd Army, for four campaigns that liberated Europe from the Nazi grip.
 Beyond that, Henry received the Bronze Star for trying to save another soldier's life. The only higher honor for a military member is the Congressional Medal of Honor.
 So, as this humble farmer was laid to rest, a honor guard from Ft. Riley fired a 21-gun-salute, played taps and presented his daughter with the neatly, folded American flag that had draped his casket.
 Our country is moving forward into uncharted waters, but the sacrifices of the brave men and women who have gotten us to this embarkation point should not be forgotten. That kind of service to country is something that can't be improved upon and requires no change.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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 What if you could see into the future? I am not talking about horoscopes or fortunetellers; I mean what if looking into one's own future was a skill. I wonder what our choices would be?
 Something I had to learn in prison was how to make good choices and the first thing I learned was choices consisted of two or more options. Now that may seem like a no-brainer to you, but for me it was revolutionary since all previous choices I based on my addictions.
 What happened as I learned to change the way I was making choices was, I started having feelings of being emotionally uncomfortable. I would have thoughts like, "Is what I am doing right?" or one day I would say "yes" only to say "no" later. I truly thought I was going out of my mind! Guess what! It was normal. What was happening to me was emotional dissonance and I was learning to become a person responsible for my choices. Dissonance means discord or different, some folks experience physical dissonance

learning how to drive.
 Now that I have laid the groundwork, last week was the annual Pro-Life March in Washington, D.C.; this year's hope was to encourage President Obama to change his stance of pro-choice on the issue of abortion. There's that word "choice."
 I am not here to place judgments on anyone or their choices — God only knows that would make me a hypocrite. I want to share something important I have learned about making choices. In *The Purpose Driven Life*, author Rick Warren hits right on the mark as he writes to the reader in the first chapter, first sentence; "It's not about you." If that causes you to be offended, it is emotional dissonance; because you believe it IS about you.
 Finally, I would like to leave you with something else I have learned, there is always hindsight looking back, but choices made cannot be changed; however, contained within every new choice are the promises of a hope, a future, a destiny and much more. "Choose wisely, grasshopper."

Introducing

Aubrey Lynn Brunswig
 Preston and Amber Brunswig, Wichita, announce the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Lynn Brunswig, born Dec. 19, 2008, at Wesley Birthing Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches. She was welcomed home by brother, Jace Brunswig.
 Grandparents are Chris and Melinda Taylor, Arkansas City, Mark and Diana Bosso, Arnold, Mo., and John Brunswig, Haigler, Neb. Great-grandparents are Leota Mayberry, Arkansas City; Al and Margaret Reed, Arkansas City; Edward and Emma Brunswig, Haigler, Neb. and LeRoy and Judy Taylor, Wichita.



Aubrey Brunswig

Cheylin sports

Cheylin high school junior varsity basketball team will play against Goodland at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at McDonald. Cheylin varsity basketball team will play against Grinnell 3 p.m. on Friday at Grinnell. Junior high basketball team will play against Golden Plains starting at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5 in the McDonald gymnasium.

Cheylin school events

Cheylin Scholar's Bowl junior high team will meet in Goodland at 4:30 p.m. on Monday. The Cheyenne County Spelling Bee will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Bird City high school gym.

Story Time

Story Time will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Bird City Library.

City council meeting

Bird City will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday.

Retirement open house

A retirement open house is being held for Betty Schorzman from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, at the Farm Service Agency, 614 B. West Highway 36.

Soup supper

The St. Francis Wrestling Club will be holding a soup supper before the high school wrestling dual with Goodland on Friday, Feb. 6, in the high school cafeteria. Ad elsewhere.

Tax help in Bird City/ St. Francis/McDonald

For those 60 and older needing tax help in filing forms in Cheyenne and Rawlins counties, help is available beginning Feb. 3: in Bird City on Tuesday mornings, St. Francis on Tuesday afternoons (1-4) and McDonald on Wednesday mornings. Call Johnene Cheney at (785) 538-2526 for appointment or more information.

Sanctity of Life Benefit

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life annual Sanctity of Life Benefit Spaghetti Dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 1, at the St. Francis Catholic Church. Note classified ad for further details.

Kansas Day in Bird City

Cheyenne County's 80th Kansas Day celebration will be held Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Bird City Legion Hall. Registration opens at 10:30 a.m.. The potluck will begin at noon. Dr. Arnold Schofield Kansas historian, will be the guest speaker and his topic will be "Using Mules on the Cattle Trails of Kansas." Other entertainment will be provided by Cheylin and St. Francis students, The Swingin' Seniors and St. Francis Singers. This is the

80th year that Cheyenne County has celebrated Kansas Day in Bird City.

Basketball clinic

A Jeff Boschee Basketball Clinic will be held at the Colby High School June 29 and 30. The emphasis of the clinic is on individual shooting, passing and dribbling. Boschee, a former Kansas University player, will be assisted by current university players. The clinic is for players in grade three through grade nine. For application or information contact David Devaney, clinic director, at (816) 941-2623 or go to www.jeffboscheebasketballclinics.com.

Program deadlines extended
 The 2009 application evaluation period cutoff date for Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) has been reset to April 10 due to receipt of the Interim Rules and a change to the national deadline for obligations. Funding decision will be made by May 22 with obligation of new contracts to be completed by July 1. Public comment is being taken on these Interim Rules through March 16.

Historical Society meeting

Dr. Arnold Schofield will speak to the Historical Society about the Kidder Massacre and Fort Wallace on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. Everyone interested is invited to this presentation at Ye Olde Country Church.

Hospital Guild

The February meeting of the Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 2, at the senior citizen's center. Mila Bandel, Cheyenne County Home Health Nurse, will present the program. Hostesses are Wilma Lampe and Lucille Price.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4.

Board of Education

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12.

Sports schedule

The high school varsity basketball teams will play Brewster on Tuesday night at home and travel to Goodland on Friday night. There will also be C-team games at Goodland.
 The high school varsity wrestling squad will attend the Northwest Kansas League Tournament on Saturday and will be

meeting Goodland at home in a dual on Friday night and attending the Phillipsburg Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Western Plains Arts Association

On Sunday, Feb. 8, Cabaret Theatre from Omaha, Neb., will entertain with vocal harmonies at 3 p.m. at the St. Francis Community High School auditorium. They will be performing at the school on Monday.

Wichita Children's Theatre will present Amelia Earhart at an evening program on Thursday, Jan. 29, in Quinter. The group will be presenting the program at schools in Sharon Springs, Brewster, Golden Plains and Wheatland on Thursday, Jan. 29 and Friday, Jan. 30.

High School Art Exhibition

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum will be presenting the 32nd annual High School Art Exhibit from Feb. 6 through March 8. Students from 12 high schools will be showing off their artistic talents consisting of a variety of art forms.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 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.

CheyenneCoDevelopments

By Chuck Kribs

What about Cheyenne County? Our economy in this county seems to be falling apart more every day.

We here in Cheyenne County are fortunate, in that we don't have massive plant closings, high unemployment, unbearable welfare costs. BUT we will see, are seeing, a trickle-down effect from the downturn.

We ask: What about Cheyenne County? What can we do, all of us, to maintain what we have and even grow in this downturn?

Diane and I, Cheyenne County Development Corporation, will be hosting a county-wide meeting in the near future, and asking you, "What about Cheyenne County?"

We want you to give that some thought, and bring to that meeting your ideas, your energy, to answer that question. "What about Cheyenne County?"

We have had a number of ques-

tions regarding "wind farms." People are asking what the downside is of those big towers. We have done some research, and will have available at the office, a paper addressing the "Pros and Cons" of wind energy. Stop in if you are interested in picking one up. Or, just stop in....

Quotes

"Acceptance of what happened is the first step to overcoming the consequence of any misfortune."
 — William James

"Things turn out best for people who make the best of the way things turn out."
 — Anon.

"Life's under no obligation to give us what we expect. We take what we get and are thankful it's no worse than this."
 — Margaret Mitchell

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All Others: \$5

Fireman's Hamburger Dinner



Sunday, Feb. 8
 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 at the Bird City
 Firehouse

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This is a full time position that will rotate weekends and share call time. Cheyenne County Hospital has sincere commitment to staff development with competitive wages and benefits. For more information about our facility or to fill out an on-line application and resume please visit www.cheyennecountyhospital.com. You may send a resume to kmeyer@cheyennecountyhospital.com or call 785-332-2104 and ask for Kary or Darrell. We are looking for a team player to join the staff at Cheyenne County Hospital, the Shining Star of Rural Health Care.

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