



# Bulletin Board

## Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**  
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"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35  
A new restaurant opened in St. Francis. It has also closed.  
For Valentine's Day my wife and I stayed home and made a special dinner for our two high school kids and their dates.  
Menus were made for Chateau McCormick. The table was decorated with table cloth, candles, rose petals, confetti and chocolates. Fabric napkins were neatly folded with silverware and the good china. Non-alcoholic punch was served in crystal wine glasses and the ambiance was completed with piano music by Richard Clayderman's "From Paris With

Love" recording.  
Lezlie wore a nice suit and I had on a chef's coat. The dinner included shrimp appetizers, Romaine lettuce salads, fresh rolls, New York strip steaks and a hot pasta side dish. The culmination was a special Butter Finger dessert made with candy bars, ice cream, pudding and whipped topping.  
After the dinner the couples left for the Valentine's Dance at the school and other Saturday night activities. We had to take pictures before they left, of course.  
I don't know who had more fun, the dinner guests or us doing the shopping, organizing, cooking and overall entertaining. It made for a Valentine's Day to remember.

## Letters from Linda

**By Linda Schneider**  
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I have shared in past writings that many times I sit down at my computer and do not know what I am going to write about for the week. I will go through a few ideas I have had throughout the weekend and just start typing.  
However, this day was different — very different, because out of the blue, I started thinking about Terri Schiavo. Remembering what happened to her caused me to get angry, real angry again!  
So just for my own information, I Googled her and found that March will be the fourth anniversary when her so-called husband (his name does not deserve to be mentioned!) got the OK from the courts to "allow her to die with dignity." The nation watched for two weeks while Terri was "allowed to die with dignity" and in my opinion, it was a public execution.  
Nevertheless, that is nothing new for us, now is it? Slowly, ever so slowly, our nation is losing

sight of the sanctity of life. Unless that life measures up to society's usefulness, it is a burden. Moreover, what happened to Terri only fulfilled what had been on most people's mind anyway, "I would not want to live that way and it was the humane thing to do."  
We are not talking about a dog that had been run over by a car, although there would have probably been more public outcry if the incident had been made public; remember the cow incident?  
Terri was a human being, a most precious child of God and, as Christians should know, to be the apple of His eye does not demand "usefulness." In fact, there is nothing God's child could do that would make Him love him or her more, how unlike the world's view its own citizens.  
I do believe Terri Schiavo is a reminder that no matter how civilized we think we are, when the opportunity arises; we will crucify the innocent in the name of a better way of life.

## Letter to the Editor

A Prayer for Our Nation Dear Editor,  
If ever our country and its leaders need our support and prayers, it is now. At a recent Sunday service at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bird City, our congregation prayed the following for our nation, the people and our leaders:  
Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.  
Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to You.  
Bless our Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the

sanctity of life—from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.  
Bless the people of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice, and equality.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us a people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country, and our world.  
Agnes Burk  
Bird City

**Cougar sports**  
Today (Thursday) the Cougar basketball teams travels to Sharon Springs for the Freedom League Basketball Tournament. On Friday, the high school plays against Golden Plains at Rexford, games start at 4 p.m. Saturday continues with the Freedom League Tournament in Sharon Spring, additional information to be announced.  
Monday and Tuesday will start the high school basketball regionals, times and places to be announced.

**Story Time**  
With Friday attendance scheduled at Cheylin, there will be no Story Time at the library this week. Look for changes in time for Story Time in the following weeks.

**Spaghetti dinner**  
An after-church spaghetti dinner will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, at the Cheylin cafeteria, sponsored by the St. Joseph Catholic Youth Organization.

**Western Plains Arts Association**  
**Celebrate the Love of Sound**  
A winter concert "Celebrate the Love of Sound" is being performed by the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra, sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association. The concert will be given at the Gateway Civic Center in Oberlin at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

**Bye Bye Birdie**  
On Sunday, March 1, the Windwood Theatricals will present a large production show of the famous musical *Bye Bye Birdie* at 7:30 p.m. in the Oakley High School auditorium. The program is part of the Western Plains Arts Association schedule for this year.

**Double D Wranglers**  
The Double D Wranglers will perform at 7:30 p.m. at The Gateway in Oberlin on Saturday, Feb. 28. The trio features yodeling, harmonies and instruments, all in one package. Call (785) 475-3557 or (785) 470-0218 for details.

**Hospital Board**  
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

**Commissioners**  
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet on Friday, Feb. 27, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.  
**Livestock Showmanship Clinic**  
There will be a cattle and swine showmanship clinic on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Equity meeting room in St. Francis. Danielle Stout will be the presenter. Also speaking will be Steve Parks. This event is sponsored by the St. Francis Equity.

**Tag deadline**  
All residents with last names beginning with A 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.  
**Cheyenne County Wildlife Banquet**  
The Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet will be held on March 27. The location will be the 4-H Building in St. Francis.

**Veterans Affairs**  
Jody Tubs, 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.

**Free tax preparation**  
Free tax preparation for young and old, Wednesdays at the St. Francis Public Library from 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursdays at the St. Francis Senior Center again from 2 to 5 p.m. Bring last year's tax return, and your property tax statement which you received last November. Or for an appointment call Rowland Roelfs, (785) 332-3490

**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.

**Daffodil Days**  
Daffodils are the official flower of the American Cancer Society. Orders for daffodil's for Daffodil Days may be made between now and Feb. 27 at First National Bank, Bankwest, United Methodist Thrift Store, Main St. Coffee and Owens True Value. For more information call Gloria Bracelin at 332-2757 or Betty Petersen at 332-8990.  
**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. They also permit detailed discussion of various ele-

ments in the recovery program.  
**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.

## McDonald News

**By Vera Kacirek**  
The McDonald Area Development valentine drawing for meals at the two local restaurants was held on Saturday. Winners were Dave Hubbard and Delores Archer.  
Betty Lewis and Eleanor Swihart accompanied Joan Tongish to Colby on Monday where she had cataract surgery.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Wednesday visitors of Laddie Kacirek and Alice Faimon at the Good Samaritan Home. On Thursday they attended the retirement party for Lindon Montgomery.  
Jerry and Betty Knapp were in Goodland from Friday to Sunday to babysit with the Purvis children.

## South of McDonald

**By Sandy Binning**  
Joe and Charlene Kramer attended the Valentine's Supper at the St. Francis Grade School Saturday evening. They also called on Margaret Shay before supper.  
Sunday and overnight guests of Lindon and Diane Montgomery were Diane's nieces, Shea Bax and her husband, Jonathan of Denver,

and Megan Sherrill also of Denver.  
Debbie Banister attended the Valentine's Supper last Sunday evening out at St. John's with some of her friends.  
Debbie Banister attended the League Instrumental Clinic at Sharon Springs Monday.



## School Menu

<b>Monday, Feb. 23</b> Breakfast: muffin, boiled egg Lunch: chicken fajita, rice	<b>Thursday, Feb. 26</b> Junior's choice for lunch Breakfast: scone Lunch: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, apples
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 24</b> Breakfast: sausage biscuit Lunch: Frito chili pie, roll	Breakfast is served with toast, cereal, juice and milk Lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 25</b> Breakfast: oatmeal, fruit Lunch: fish on bun, fries	

## Wilson Brothers Angus

**Saturday, February 28, 2009**  
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**Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department Will Be Sponsoring a Health Fair.**

**Lab Draws**  
March 23, 24, 25, 7 to 10 a.m. in County Health Department  
March 24, 7-10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic  
No appointment needed. Please remember to fast for the Chem Panel Lab Test  
The lab work includes:  
1. Complete Profile \$40 includes the following lab tests:  
CMP (complete metabolic profile) that will test your sugar, electrolytes, kidney and liver function  
Lipid Panel that will check your cholesterol  
TSH that checks your thyroid  
CBC (complete blood count) that checks for anemia and possible infections  
2. PSA (prostate specific antigen) that checks the prostate, \$20  
Pap and prostrate exams March 24, 25, 26, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis.  
**Appointment required for pap and prostrate exams. Please call the St. Francis Clinic at 785-332-2682 to schedule. Cost is \$25.** Lab results will be available at the Health Fair Exhibit Booth on Thursday, March 26 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the St. Francis Grade School.

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