



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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The other day I crossed the street, taking a different angle than usual. I made an interesting discovery.

A child's footprints make a path on a patch of concrete on Main Street, along the corner where Lampe Hardware stands.

No doubt the construction worker whose pad had been altered was not pleased at the time, but the bare foot tracks show the path some tiny feet took years ago.

In our lives we leave imprints on the world we live in, whether we notice or not.

Traces of our past are left for others to see. Perhaps it is in a photograph that still hangs in the high school we attended, marking a major accomplishment at that time. Or an address with our name and number that leaves clues in a tattered, out-of-date phone directory. And it might even be in a kid who carries the same color hair and eyes from past generations.

Often we feel that our lives are unnoticed and we aren't making a difference. But, even subtly, our time here touches others and the footprints of our past leave a mark.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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Back when I was thinking about what I would name my column, I picked "Letters from Linda" because I wanted it to resemble thoughts I would write to a friend, I even toyed with starting every week with "Dear Friends" and ending with "From Linda."

Well, this week my letter is going to specific people, so here goes:

Dear Christian friends, What were you thinking when you voted for a president that was pro-choice!? You knew it, he never once denied where he stood. Now President Obama has allowed government funding on both abortion in foreign countries and research on embryonic stem cell research.

Did you not read his agenda or his views on such important issues? One of the fundamental beliefs Christians have is the sanctity of life. All life is valuable and

purposeful.

Since the first century, Christians have been known to advocate life. Josephus, first century Jewish historian, recorded many unusual activities Christians did; one was rescuing newborn babies from the trash heaps where they were discarded as rubbish.

If you want President Obama to know how you feel about pro-choice, send a red envelope with this written on the back: Dear Mr. President, This envelope is empty, it represents a child that was not allowed to live and the potential that will never be known. Mail it so that the envelope will reach his address by March 31.

His address is, President Barack Obama, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20500.

From Linda

By the way, has anyone heard from Reverend Al Sharpton on these two issues? I didn't think so.

Bird City News

Family and friends gathered at the Bird City Diner on March 6 to celebrate Meta Dankenbring's 92 birthday.

Guest arrived at 6 p.m. to enjoy carrot cake made and decorated by Julie Bock and ice cream. Before the cake was cut, everyone sang *Happy Birthday*.

Those who attended were Gerald and Phyllis Wright, Wil and Adam Orten, all of Bird City. Mil Dankenbring, Hutchinson, Keith and Cinda Dankenbring, Vic Dankenbring, Diane Hockenberry, and

Jason, Jennifer Padgett, and Mahru all of St. Francis.

After the cake and ice cream was eaten, everyone went to Meta's home to continue with the celebration.

Mil Dankenbring spent Thursday night through Saturday visiting at his mother's home.

Sunday, Meta had a surprise visit from her granddaughter, Teresa Lipsey, Bloomfield, Colo. They attended church and had lunch together. Teresa then visited with her family in St. Francis

School Menu

Monday, March 16

Breakfast: cooks' choice
Lunch: grill bites, baked potatoes, roll

Tuesday, March 17

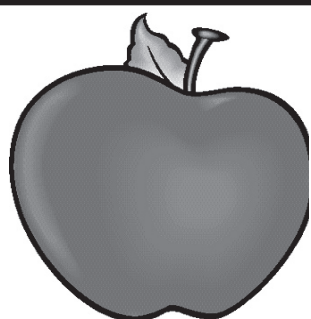
Breakfast: french toast
Lunch: corn dog

Wednesday, March 18

Breakfast: ham biscuit
Lunch: cheese enchiladas, vegetables, dirt pudding

Thursday, March 19

Breakfast: sausage scrambled eggs
Lunch: hamburger on bun, baked beans



Breakfast is served with toast, cereal, juice and milk

Lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk

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Home Circle Club

Home Circle Club will be meeting at 2 p.m. next Thursday at the Manor. Dorothy Chipperfield will be hostess. Don't forget to wear your green.

92nd birthday

The family of Irene Kehlbeck is hosting a card shower to help her celebrate her 92nd birthday on Monday, March 16. Cards may be sent to her at 1630 Sewell Ave. Apt. C6. Colby, KS 67701.

Teens for Christ

For a fund raiser the Bird City Teens for Christ will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts. The deadline for ordering will be March 25 and delivery will be on April 3. For more information call 785-734-2703. Note classified ad.

Informational Candidates Forum

An Informational Candidates Forum is being planned for 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the high school cafeteria. Candidates include those running for the St. Francis Board of Education, the St. Francis City Council and the Cheyenne County Extension/4-H Council. There will be a short informal question and answer period followed by a meet-and-greet coffee.

Diabetes Support Group

Tyler Raile, physician assistant, will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday meeting. The support meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. in the basement of the clinic. For more information, contact Mila Bandel, R.N., county health nurse, 332-2381.

Divine Mercy Morning of Recollection

Divine Mercy Morning of Recollection is from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City. It will be given by Father Tony Stephens, a light lunch will be served. Check classified for additional information.

Hospice volunteers needed

Hospice Services is seeking volunteers to join the hospice team in providing comfort, compassion and end-of-life care. Hospice volunteers and staff help people and their families grapple with difficult decisions and situations every day. Cheyenne County is planning Hospice Volunteer Training from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 4 and 5. Consider this opportunity. If there are any questions, please contact Edie Walters at (785) 332-2280, or the Hospice office at 1-800-315-5122.

Help needed at the museum

Lend a hand at Cheyenne County Museum's work day next Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come for the day, or just a couple of hours. Any help given is welcome!

The Historical Society board will meet at 3:30 that day to plan upcoming events and discuss business. Flip your calendars forward to April and circle Sunday, April 26. A festive open house celebration is planned for the museum

from 2 to 4 that afternoon.

Fresthaus-Musikanten

The Western Plains Arts Association will be present Fresthaus-Musikanten, playing lovely German band music at 3 p.m. central time, Sunday at the Goodland High School auditorium.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will be meeting on Friday not Monday, at 8 a.m. in the commissioners room at the Courthouse.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet on Thursday, March 26, in the basement of the St. Francis Clinic.

Veterans Affairs

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

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.

Correction

In the "Conservation award given to group" article in the March 5 paper, it was incorrectly reported that the "Cheyenne County Natural Resources Conservation Service board was the winner of the Kansas Earth Team Volunteer Group award." It should have read that the "Cheyenne County

Conservation District board of supervisors was the winner of the Kansas Earth Team Volunteer Group award." Members of the Cheyenne County Conservation District board of supervisors include Spencer Schlepp (chairman), Randy Rueb, Lonnie Willis, Clint Bursch, Roger Orth and Myra Hyde (associate member).



WHO'S STEALING the ball from who? Haleigh Rucker (left) and Jordan Janicke fight for the ball in 3-on-3 basketball competition. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

R.J. and Susie Sabatka spent the weekend in Manhattan to attend Grandparent's Day with Taylor Wilson at his school.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were visitors of Barney Kacirek and of Laddie and Vera Kacirek this past week.

Friends who enjoyed Sunday lunch together at the Frosty Mug were Louis and Liz Sabatka, Agnes Reeh, Bud and Helen Frisbie, R.J. and Susie Sabatka and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Jerry and Betty Knapp were Friday supper guests of Lynn and Rita Officer.

On Saturday evening, Betty and Jerry Knapp met their friends, Larry and Diane Radcliff of Impe-

rial, Neb., at Big Ed's for supper.

Kenneth Wilkinson returned home on Sunday evening from the Hays Medical Center where he had undergone surgery on Friday.

Joan Tongish, Betty Lewis, and Betty Knapp enjoyed Friday lunch together at the Frosty Mug.

R.J. and Susie Sabatka and Kasey and Jennifer and family were weekend guests of Rachel and Jon Mallett in Manhattan. They were celebrating Addie Mallett's first birthday. Chanda and Garrett Dowling of Springfield, Mo., also joined the family for the celebrations.

Shirley Swihart of St. Francis spent Friday with Eleanor Swihart.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Kathy and Debbie Banister helped serve the Catholic Youth Organization spaghetti dinner at the Cheylin cafeteria Sunday in Bird City.

Betty, Jerry, and Brenda Knapp were Friday evening and supper guests of Rita and Lynn Officer.

John Binning is home for spring break from Hutchinson.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and

children were Saturday evening and supper guests of Ote, Ellen, and Linda Dewey.

Sunday afternoon guests of Tom, Kelly, Tayten, and Tru Dewey were Tyrel, Heather, Jordan, and Tucker Prideaux, and Dick and Linda Roesch.

Sunday evening and supper guests of Tom, Kelly, Tayten, and Tru Dewey were Craig and Barb Morton, and Ote, Ellen, and Linda Dewey.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 40 min.

Hotel For Dogs

March 13, 14 & 15

Comedy, Kids/Family and Adaptation

Emma Roberts, Don Cheadle, Johnny Simmons, Lisa Kudrow, Kevin Dillon

PG for brief mild thematic elements, language and some crude humor.

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All Others: \$5

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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:

- 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
 - PSA (prostate specific antigen) that checks the prostate, \$20
- Pap and prostate exams March 24, 25, 26, normal clinic hours at the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis & Bird City
- Appointment required for pap and prostate exams. Please call the St. Francis Clinic at 785-332-2682 or 785-734-2200 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.**

Bette Partch

is having a birthday
March 16
Please send a card
to P.O. Box 513
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