



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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 One thing we take great pride in at the newspaper is making everything we print clear and correct. Accuracy is the key to our success.
 Unfortunately, being a small town paper in the middle of nowhere, we don't get an opportunity to cover the big stories that impact our country and the world. So I'm taking a few lines to touch on some national events with an ever vigilant eye for detail.
 Word has come from the "Big Snapple" that Bernie made-off with a lot of people's money. Richie Cunningham is suspected as being part of the large Fonzie scheme.
 Also out of New Amsterdam, a juicy story about a rod, a bat

and a needle.
 Al Gore and environmentalists are worried about global warming. However, it has fishermen thrilled.
 In a related story, last St. Paddy's day saw many folks going green.
 Tom "Carnival" Cruise made a sofa leap of faith to Sciencetology.
 The English attacked the tabloids with a new weapon: Brit spears.
 The automakers couldn't help with transportation, so President Bahama had to bail out of Air Force One with them. He was okay since he had his new dog along, an air Dale.
 Hum, maybe we ought to stick to the local stuff we know something about.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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I believe every American citizen should attend at least one military funeral in their life, just one. If you did, you would never, never say one derogatory statement about our military men and women, or anything about their commitment to the security of our country ever again.
 You may not support the fighting that is going on around this world, but war is inevitable because of the nature of man. Moreover, since the written history of humankind, about 6,000 years, there has been recorded only 200 years of peace. And if I have said once, I have said it at least three other times — I believe it is the pursuit of happiness that everyone thinks they are entitled to that causes conflict, even at the expense of others
 I don't want to get off track here, just wanted to lay some groundwork for you to understand why I think going to a military funeral is important to attend.
 My husband and I recently went to a military funeral, my first. Everything was going just as other funerals I have attended; however,

when the procession approached the cemetery, it was different from anything I had ever seen before.
 I believe I counted 10 military personnel in full dress standing at attention around the grave site. When the coffin was in its final place, the soldiers gave a gun salute and marched silently, in formation, around the coffin and after the final words honoring this veteran were said from the clergy, the ceremony began.
 With three soldiers on each side, they began to fold the American flag draped over the coffin. In unison, without a word, in silent respect, they folded the flag, unfolded, then folded again. The folded flag was taken by one of the soldiers and passed to another soldier with a final salute, who, in turn, passed it to a family member on bended knee. It was quite emotional and somewhere here "Taps" was played.
 Yep, I am quite sure that if everyone had to attend a military funeral, they would never, never be able say anything derogatory against our military men and women or their service to secure our country.

Bulletin Board

Library Story Time

Story Time is back! It will be held at its usual time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday, weather permitting.

Senior potluck

The monthly potluck will be held at 12 p.m. on Monday and the Bird City Senior Center.

Eastern Star installation

At a stated meeting of the Doric Chapter held on March 12, the following were elected as new officers: Deb Lindsten, Worthy Matron; Jim Barnhart, Worthy Patron; Sharissa Andrist, Associate Matron; and Tom Stevens, Associate Patron. Public installation of all officers will take place on Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge hall.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program cut-off date

April 10 is the cutoff date for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2009 funding. Stop by your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center and visit with the Natural Resources Conservation Service or local conservation district staff to get more information about helping address your resource concerns.

Farm extrication program

A farm extrication program will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds. Contact Candi Douthit, 332-2104, if planning to attend.

Swine/beef clinic

A swine and beef clinic will

be held starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the St. Francis Equity meeting room, 123 N. River Street. Improving livestock projects and livestock feeding and nutritional needs will be discussed. A free lunch is provided. For more information, contact the Equity, 332-2113.

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. Classified ad.

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.

Hospital Board

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

Lenten schedule 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.

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.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am a concerned citizen of Cheyenne County and what I am concerned about is the way the Department of Social Services says they are working to keep families together, but it just does not appear to be that way.

They separate the children from their parents and have the parents

run themselves to death trying to keep this or that appointment. Then when the parents do everything that is asked of them, WHAM! Their children are gone. This has happened to some friends and I want to know what gives them the right to take the children?

One Concerned Citizen
 (Shirley Stately)

March brings resident's attention to colorectal cancer

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Although it is the third most common cause of cancer death in both men and women in American, it is preventable, treatable and beatable.

So what can you do to prevent colon cancer?

If a person is 50 or older, the

answer is simple: Get screened!

People may need to get tested earlier than age 50 if they have a family history of colon cancer — so these people are urged to talk to their doctor about getting tested.

For more information, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345.

School Menu

Monday, March 23 Breakfast: scrambled eggs Lunch: sausage gravy with biscuits, cheese sticks	Mandarin orange, dirt pudding with gummy worms
Tuesday, March 24 Breakfast: banana bread Lunch: Mexican casserole, cake	Thursday, March 26 Breakfast: pancakes Lunch: deli ham sandwich, french fries Breakfast is served with toast, cereal, milk and juice Lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk
Wednesday, March 25 Breakfast: bagels Lunch: lasagna, corn, bread,	

Help Wanted

Frontier Ag, Inc., is currently taking applications in the fertilizer service department. Some ag background a plus. CDL, preferred, but not mandatory; self-motivated, hard working team player sought. Full-time or part-time. Come in to apply or call 785-734-2331. Also, still looking for help wanted at the Tire Station.

2nd Beginnings Thrift Store

309 N. Bird Ave. ~ Bird City
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 Friday - 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday - 9 a.m.-Noon

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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.

Bird City Century II Development Foundation
 Would like to honor Robert Brubaker's 86th Birthday
Tuesday, March 24
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
 Bird City Century II Office
 Robert will be leaving the Century II Board of Directors after 24 years of service.

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