



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
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 Once again, life comes full circle. Last week, over the kid's Spring Break, Lezlie and I took our oldest son living at home to Wichita to visit the school he plans to attend next fall. Trevor, the senior, plans to attend Wichita Area Tech School to become an airplane mechanic. While touring the facility, we saw all the components of plane and jet craft that he will eventually master. I couldn't help but have a few flash backs of my own youth. After high school, I attended a college in Denver to get my grades up (imagine that). Soon I was able to get accepted at the universities in Norman and Stillwater, Okla., and Tempe, Ariz.

My mother and I scheduled meetings and first flew to Oklahoma City to see the two schools there. I preferred O.S.U. to Oklahoma. I guess the ivy covered, brick buildings made me think I was really going to a place of higher learning. Next we took a jet to Phoenix to visit Arizona State. I forgot about learning when I saw all the golf courses and swimming pools. After I became a Sun Devil, once again my grades dropped as I put fun before studies. However, I did eventually graduate from that same school in Colorado. My hopes are that Trevor doesn't take the actual route I did. But it's sure that he'll grow a lot when he goes to college far from home. And the day will come when he too will get a glimpse into his child's future.

Letter from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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 Have you had enough change yet? The main problem with change is that no one knows what it will look like until it has reached its true form. And with so much going on in this presidential administration, this has been difficult to follow. I have recently read that President Obama is "back pedaling" on his campaign promises. How I read this is he wants to change the "change" he spoke about during the campaign. This is not unusual during any election. It is only after the person is in office that the voters find out if what was said is really what he meant. So, not fulfilling those promises during the campaign when all he wanted was votes and saying anything to get them is not the real issue. What I think a lot of people are concerned about now is President Obama believing he is a "One Man Show," that he has all the answers, and those who voted for him thought so too. However, he has some agendas that no one

cared to address during the campaign. There are some real and legitimate concerns that he is appointing people in his cabinet that are radical pro-choice. And it appears that very soon there will be no one in high profile office positions to advocate the unborn, the elderly or those whose quality of life is in question. You think I am being paranoid? Think back to Terri Shavio. Let me quickly remind you, the courts ruled in favored of a man who wanted her to die with dignity over her parents who were caring for her. Sure this man was legally married to Ms. Shavio, but he was living with another woman and having children. And don't think it can't happen to you, because it can! Anyway, I think when all is said and done in the Obama administration; the only "change" that he can really take credit for in his administration is now pro-choice and no longer pro-life. And pro-choice, no matter how it attractive is sounds, is not the choice for life.

School Menu

Monday, March 30
 Breakfast: pizza Stromboli
 Lunch: chicken legs, mashed potatoes, roll
Tuesday, March 31
 Breakfast: scones
 Lunch: pizza, broccoli rice casserole
Wednesday, April 1
 Breakfast: breakfast burritos
 Lunch: taco salad, cinnamon bread
Thursday, April 2
 Breakfast: sausage gravy, biscuit
 Lunch: turkey sandwich, fries
 Breakfast is served with toast, cereal, juice and milk
 Lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk

Honor Roll

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Story Time

Story Time will be at 10 a.m. through 11 a.m. at the Bird City Library. Ages 3-7 are welcomed for an hour of crafts and reading.

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 6 at the Senior Center in St. Francis. Janelle Bowers, Emergency Medical Service Director will be giving an Emergency Medication Technician Update.

Hostesses are Helen Burnham and Dolores Wiley.

3-on-3 tourney

The St. Francis Recreational Youth Basketball 3-on-3 basketball tourney will be Saturday. Starting time is 9 a.m. at the St. Francis high school gym.

4-H Club Day

Cheyenne County 4-H Club Day will start at 5 p.m. on Friday at the St. Francis high school.

Congressman visits St. Francis
 Congressman Jerry Moran will be in St. Francis from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13, at the Church of Christ meeting room, 502 W. Spencer.

Fish Fry

The CYO will be holding a fish fry at the Bird City Catholic Church on Friday, April 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. See ad in classifieds.

Easter food baskets

The Food Pantry Easter food basket pickup will be April 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at the west entrance of the courthouse. For additional information call 332-2145 or 332-3326.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will be meeting on Thursday, April 2.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet today (Thursday) 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. April 2, 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.

Sappa Valley Shootout

The Sappa Valley Shootout Youth 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held in Oberlin on Saturday, April 25. Boys and girls in grades one through eight are eligible to participate. The tournament will be held in the Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School gym. Entry forms are available for download at sappavalleyshootout.com and will also be available at area schools. Entry fee is due by April 17.

For more information, visit the website or call Angie Erickson

at (785) 332-5338.

Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with B 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.

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 at 7 p.m. on Friday 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.

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.

Lenten schedule

The St. Francis Lenten service and lunch schedule is as follows: Wednesday: April 1: Community Church; April 8: Good Samaritan Village.

A free-will donation will be taken to cover the cost of the lunch and to support the work of the St. Francis Ministerial Association.

Library Art Gallery

Homemade quilts by Patsy Reithe are on display at the St. Francis Library Art Gallery during the month of March.

Anyone who has, or knows of, a collection or a partial collection, of interesting items for the Art Gallery is encouraged to call Penny Gienger at 332-3949

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.

Introducing

Kalia Hope Sowers

Big sisters, Eliana and Adrianna, would like to announce the birth of their sister, Kalia Hope Sowers.

Kalia was born March 13, 2009, at 11:48 p.m. She was born at home attended by midwife and friend, Kelsey Hobbs.

Kalia weighed in at 5 pounds 6 ounces and was 18-inches long.

The parents are Josh and Sara Sowers. Maternal grandparents are Derek and Stacy Crow, Goodland, and Rick Baugher, Augusta. Paternal grandparents are Dan and Lori Sowers, Bird City.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ronny and Shirley Crow, Wichita, Rod and Diane Kinkelaar, Wichita, and John and Shirley Stewart, Augusta. Paternal great-grandparent is Lewis Sowers, Bird City.

Maternal great-great-grand-



Kalia Hope Sowers

mothers are Dorothy Wilson, Harper, and Bobbie Brane, Wichita. She was also welcomed by 15 excited aunts and uncles.

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March 30: 6-9 p.m.
 & April 6: 6-9 p.m.

Cheyenne County Clinic
 basement
 St. Francis

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CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

April Calendar

Dr. Rubinowitz	April 28
Dr. Reeves	April 8
Dr. Frankum	April 1 & April 15
Dr. Johnson	April 20
Dr. Warren	April 2, 9, 16, 30
Dr. Saba	April 24
Dr. Uymera	April 22, 27
Mammogram	April 7, 28

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 785-332-2104

Wanted

Cleaning prior to Thresher Show and during show. For more information and application contact Donna Wright at 785-734-2504 or 785-734-2629



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