



Casey's Comments

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A frightening trend is occurring in America. Major city newspapers are going under.

This is due to a drop in advertising revenues and the increase of Internet use by more and more adults.

Perhaps this is the way of a free market economy and the change should be accepted as inevitable. But there is something that really worries me, both as a newspaper man and a citizen.

Sure websites can report the news and in a faster manner. You don't have to wait for your paper to come out. But there is a downfall to Internet reporting.

Papers rely on reporters who use several sources to get the story as accurate as possible. Even then,

follow up calls are made before an article goes to print.

In addition, stories are proofed by editors and checked for accuracy.

Who can say that the same diligence will come from the Internet?

This is not to say the newspaper's bias does not come through, but credibility is what keeps readers trusting their news source.

I'm bothered that the watchfulness that has exposed corrupt individuals, groups and organizations may disappear. And the thoroughness of big city coverage will become a thing of the past.

Will the Internet continue to play the roll of watch dog for our society?

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider
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The past two weeks I have had the opportunity to learn about some folks in Bird City and McDonald. They are the people you will be voting for in next week's election for mayor, city council and the board of education.

As I was reading over their short bios, I was struck by the fact of the unique position I am in, considering where I was just 11 years ago.

If anyone had told me that I would some day write for a newspaper about mayors, council and school board members, I would have choked on the marijuana joint I was smoking!

If anyone had told me then

that I would some day be going to church every Sunday, I would have belched from the beer I was drinking!

If anyone had told me that I would still be married to the same man after 15 years, be raising two young boys and caring for family members, I probably would have said something unladylike! But, I didn't know Jesus then.

Caring for community and family just wasn't something I did 11 years ago, but I didn't know Jesus back then.

Anyway, after reading the candidates' bios, I thought about the unique part I am playing in our community and its history, and I owe it all to Jesus.

Chatting With Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

"Never limit yourself because of others' limited imagination; never limit others because of your own limited imagination." - Mae Jemison.

This past week I attended Leadership Advantage: Kansas women's leadership conference at the newly renovated Fox Pavilion in historic downtown Hays. The "walking conference" held educational and motivating breakout sessions in downtown historic buildings throughout the day. It was motivating to see renovation of older buildings - inspiring even more ideas for downtown Bird City!

"Chasing a Unicorn: Finding balance in work and life" was one session I attended. We assessed and determined our personal values and behavior, my top 5 turned out to be: Independent, Ambitious, Helpful, Self-Respect, and Recognition. (I was told there are no right or wrong answers, thank goodness!) We then examined our daily schedules and personal commitments to see if we have a balance of work and life - I need to do a little work on mine!

For my last session, I chose "Fitting Fitness into a Busy Schedule" since this is a big part of my life right now. Maybe I should have picked "Emotional Intelligence" or "The Cost of

Gender Miscommunication", but as we all know, part of Leadership is taking care of ourselves. Fitness gives us increased energy, a more positive outlook, greater self-esteem and reduces stress. I know that if I am taking care of myself, the people around me are better taken care of!

This year's conference featured a special service project. Inspired by two young Kansas women who lost their lives in 2008, the "Kansas Clothes Drive for Women" was held throughout the day and continues on. Clothing was collected to send to centers around the state that provide aid to women in need. Please let me know if you would like more information on this awesome project!

So, you may think that this was a "girl power" gathering... in a way it was, but it was also a great motivator to become more productive at work and home, and put an emphasis on the things we are doing, that we are doing the right things, and doing things right. And remember what Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis said, "I am a woman above everything else."



Bulletin Board

Cheylin track meet
 It will be a home advantage for the junior and high school track teams today (Thursday). Junior high games begin at 10 a.m. and the high school team starts at 3 p.m.

High school track will be at Hoxie on Friday with the meet starting at 3 p.m.

Story time
 Story time will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at the library. Weather permitting.

Bingo
 Bingo will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the American Legion Hall in Bird City.

Cheylin golf
 High school golf tees off at 10 a.m. Central Time on Tuesday in Benkelman, Neb.

Spring Planting Kick-Off
 Bird City Community Club is hosting a "Spring Planting Kick-Off" party at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, at the Legion Hall.

There will be cards, games and visiting for all ages with a pancake and sausage supper from 5:30 to 6:30. Join in cards, a silent auction and an afternoon of fun.

Bird City Community Club
 Bird City Community Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13 in the Senior Center.

American Legion Auxiliary
 The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Legion Hall. Members are encouraged to attend to hear the guest speaker.

fellowship and refreshments in the Peace Fellowship hall directly following the performance.

Job's Daughters official visit
 Job's Daughters, Bethel 52, will have their official visit from Grand Guardian Donna Doll at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Masonic Lodge in St. Francis.

Agricultural Water Enhancement Program
 The Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service re-opened it request for proposals for the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program, established in the new farm bill to promote ground and surface water conservation and water quality improvement, and extended the deadline through April 1.

Details about the Request for Proposals can be viewed at the Federal Register at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>. From the main page enter Agricultural Water Enhancement Program in the quick Search box and submit.

Call the Department of Agriculture Service Center at (785) 332-2183 for additional information.

AARP
 AARP will be having their April meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, at the Senior Center. The program will be at 2:30 with Rick Reeser speaking on wind turbines.

The hostess will be Ilene Raile. All are welcome to join the members.

Hospital Guild
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday 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.

Rehabilitation equipment
 The St. Francis Lions Club would like the community to be aware of the availability of rehabilitation equipment that is loaned out, free of charge, to anyone who needs it. Some of the items available include: walkers, wheelchairs,

hospital beds, toilet risers, bathtub chairs and crutches. For a complete list and to check out an item, please see Terry Miller at the Cheyenne County Courthouse.

Hospital board meeting
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting was cancelled on March 26 because of the snowy weather. It has been rescheduled for 3 p.m. on Thursday in the clinic basement meeting room.

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 Catholic Youth Organization 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.

Fair Board
 The Cheyenne County Fair Board will be meeting tonight (Thursday).

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.

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.

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 number 1-800-794-4624.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 34 min.

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I would appreciate your vote for school board on April 7th.

Thank you, Belinda Serrano

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Sale Location: 25963 Rd. 2, Rawlins County, KS
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