

Casey's Comments

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I mean no disrespect to a dead person. But I've had it up to here with the overboard tributes to Michael Jackson.

What does it say about our country and culture that this person is receiving the attention he's gotten? Yes, it's too bad he died at age 50. Yes, he sang some good songs and did a terrific dance. But come on.

One television presenter described his passing as losing one of the most influential Rock and Roll artists of all times. He said there were three momentous "explosions" in Rock music: first Elvis, then the Beatles and finally Jackson.

I'm sorry but I don't get it. Why is this guy being given cult status?

Just for a second let's forget about his freakish transformation from a handsome young man to

heavens knows what. And take out the accusations of child molestation.

What do you have? A guy who could sing and dance.

I admit that I like music and sports. But I don't want my kids to idolize professional athletes or musicians. Most have too much money to do them much good and it leads to corruption. Just look at the evening news.

How about using the media to remember the life of a doctor who saved lives? Or a teacher who got through to a kid, showing that they can change their world? Or how about one of the many people around us who live quiet, honest existences and work hard for a buck?

Who really makes a difference when all's said and done? Some multimillionaire who bathes in the spotlight or a normal Joe? You can guess which one I admire.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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Does it feel like your head is spinning? Do you have a kink in your neck as if you have been watching a tennis match? I sure do and it is not from watching a tennis match either, it's from watching the Democrats and Republicans duking it out in the media over, well, everything.

Going back over the last year, I can honestly say, "I saw it coming." I think a lot of people saw it coming.

We all knew whoever became president was going to have to deal with the same people in Congress. However, with President Obama's "change" campaign not really going into the details, I am now in overload with all the changes and cannot keep up or make any kind of rational opinion on important matters.

My husband, Brad, has asked me not to make any more comments on what the president says simply because it is difficult to follow what is going on.

An energy bill comprised of over 1,000 pages! For pete sakes and no one has actually read the whole thing! Furthermore, every time health insurance is mentioned it seems like some new ingredient is added to the mix.

However, there is a change going on in our nation that is under the radar blimp, it is a tiny, weak voice. The voice of morality, yep, I am hearing folks speaking out for morality.

Don't get in an uproar thinking I am leading this all to Christians, it is not. Because I believe a large portion of Christians have dropped the ball on morality, in my opinion. Our nation has the largest Christian population in the world, 280 million, yet most would say the American Christian is complacent, or Biblically speaking, lukewarm on morality.

So keep your ears and eyes opened, I have a feeling more and more people are going to stand up and speak out for morality, and from people who will surprise you.

Chatting with Cathy

Thanks to Darci and Sydney for taking such good care of the office while I was away. Canada was great, but the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in the Rocky Mountains was awesome!

There were more than 1,400 walkers, including 143 survivors and 136 men, that had their choice of walking a marathon (26.2 miles) or a marathon-and-a-half (39.3 miles) over the weekend. My partner and I had set our goal to walk the entire 39.3 miles. We started in Keystone, then after 26.2 miles on Saturday, our families met us at the Wellness Village in Frisco to visit and get a glimpse of why we have been "gone walkin'" so much the past few months. We then settled into our comfy blue two-man tent for a cool night (waking up with ice on our tents), and we were happy to get our sore

bodies out of our warm sleeping bags to start another day of walking! After a warm breakfast we hit the trail for our 13.1 mile jaunt to Breckenridge. Even though it wasn't a competitive fundraising event, we did enjoy making great time on Saturday and finishing in the top 5 on Sunday!

More than \$2.6 million was raised and at the closing ceremony on Sunday, new grants were awarded by the Avon Foundation for Women to local and regional breast cancer organizations to advance access for care and research.

Not only did I take in every detail of everything that took place because I was a participant, but I paid attention to other details of the weekend that could help me in my job as the executive director of a non-profit organization.

Bird City Council
Because of the harvest, the Bird City Council will hold its July meeting at 7 a.m. on Monday in City Hall.

Swim lessons
Swim lessons are being offered at the Bird City pool July 20-31. For more information call the pool office at 785-734-2241.

82nd birthday
The family of Arlie Archer is requesting a card shower for his 82nd birthday on June 30. Cards will reach Arlie at P.O. Box 22, McDonald, KS 67745-0022.

99th birthday
The family of Amelia Banister is honoring her with a card shower to help her celebrate her 99th birthday on July 4. Cards may be sent to her at P.O. Box 77, McDonald, KS 67745.

Ambassadors Music Ministry Team
The Ambassadors Music Ministry Team from the Association Free Lutheran Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., will present an inspirational concert at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. The 60-minute concert includes more than 10 songs, two testimonies of faith and a brief message.

Hospice volunteers meeting
Hospice volunteers will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City with a potluck lunch. The topic "What do caregivers need" (how Hospice volunteers can provide support to the patient's family too) will be presented by Shanda Draper LBSW. All persons interested in Hospice services are welcome to attend.

Landscape Lawn and Garden Tours
The Cheyenne County Conservation's Landscape Lawn and Garden Tours are planned for Saturday, July 18, and Sunday, July 19, with stops in both St. Francis and Bird City.

These tours are a culmination of water conservation activities hosted by the local advisory board to the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development Area council.

Check *The Saint Francis Herald*

and *Bird City Times* next week for additional information and a complete schedule of the tour.

Office closed
The *Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of the Fourth of July.

Landfill closed July 4
The Cheyenne County Landfill will be closed on Saturday, July 4.

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.

Fair Board
In July, the Fair Board will not be meeting until Thursday, July 16, at the fairgrounds.

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 call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Association hosted second Relay for Life fundraiser

On June 12 and 13, the Northeast Barrel Association hosted the second Relay For Life fundraiser by having several barrel races including a bikini race. A caravan of barrel racers converged on the Yuma (Colo.) County Fairgrounds Friday night and Saturday to participate in the festivities.

The fundraiser race for the Relay For Life was the bikini race. Spectators bid on the bikini, swim suit or swim trunk clad racers. All of the money raised from the auction was donated to the Relay For Life.

The 15-and-over division racers competed for a \$500 jackpot and the contestant with the fastest time wearing a "true bikini" received a \$200 bonus. The buyer of each winner received a prize for buying the racer and donating their money to the Relay For Life.

The winners and their buyers were: 1D - first, Hannah Montey - buyer, Golda Tharp, second, Dakota Roubideaux - buyer, Shenel Wells.

2D - first, Judy Kapperman - buyer, Cindy Fiedler; second Susan Jensen - buyer, Town and Country Shoes.

3D - first, Amanda McMillan - buyer, Annette Nissim; second, Kendra Timm, - buyer, Julia's Style and Barber.

4D - open.

5D - first Bethany Gable, - buyer, Cindy Fiedler; second, Susie Brueggeman - buyer, Neal Penton.



SUSAN JENSEN runs the barrels to raise money for the relay for life. The event was held at the Yuma County Fairgrounds.

Hannah Montey won the \$200 bonus.

The 14-and-under bikini racers were running for the six fastest times as they each got a \$50 bonus donated by Bob and Cindy Fiedler. They were Taylor Hendrix, Ashley Amen, Madalyn Gable, Antonette Vigil, Monica Drury, and Tori Schneider.

The auction's success was due to the generosity of the buyers. The buyers spending the most money were Fred and Kay Bushner and they received a propane barbecue grill.

Susan Jensen, Bird City, was among the riders on Saturday. The race was an open 5D, had \$1,500 added to the payout, and was Better Barrel Races approved.

There were 77 contestants in this race and the top six in each division were:

1D - Myra Masters, Hannah Montey, Tawni Salzbrenner, Taylor Hendrix, Judy shaul, Shanahan Doherty.

2D - Judy Kapperman, Shelly Boyd, Victoria Robinson, Lisa McCorkle, Susan Jensen, Kylie Schmidt.

3D - Jani Hawkins, Ty Cleveland, Patty McDonald, Kindi Kirchenschlager, Joyce Peters, Kindi Kirchenschlager.

4D - Stacy Dysan, Marlene Wade, Sarah Heermann, Amanda McMillan, Danielle Lamb, Kacey Raiter.

5D - Christine Vach, Deb Drury, Karla Hansen, Joyce Peters, Deb O'Doherty, Victoria Robinson.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am a concerned citizen who would like to know what right the Social and Rehabilitation Services and our judges have to keep families apart and do our children like they do.

One time the children see their parents for two hours a week, then send them to another home, and not even let them see their grandparents for years.

How does the Social and Rehabilitation Services get away with making the decision to do our little children like that? Because that

makes them very confused. Please explain how Social and Rehabilitation Services can do this?

In my opinion, it is child abuse that can cause children to have problems after they are older.

Shirley Statley
Bird City,

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