



Casey's Comments

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As I write this, I have to admit that I am a hypocrite of the first order.

Recently I voiced my opinion about the late Michael Jackson receiving gross amounts of praise and attention. With all of his indiscretions and oddities in real life simply being swept under the rug of society, he is being martyred as the best thing to happen to the free world since sliced bread. I thought "enough already!"

After believing that my hands were washed of the Jackson business, I was stopped by a friend on the street. He shared with me a copy of his *Freedom Bird* (a newsletter for his group of Vietnam Veterans of America.)

He wanted me to see a letter that came off the Internet that was reprinted in the issue. The soldier

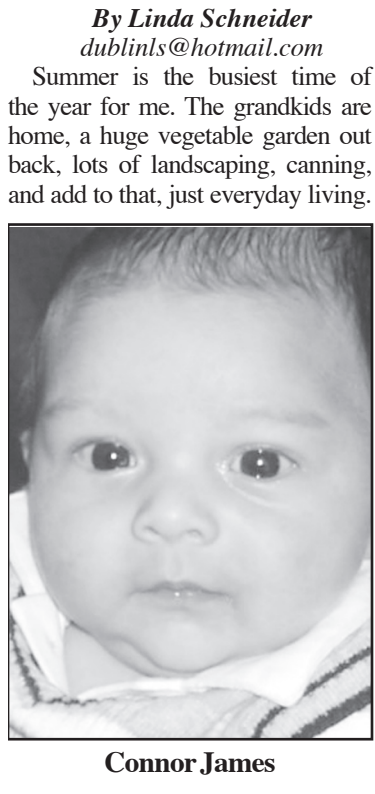
writing the piece was frustrated with the House of Representatives holding a moment of silence for Jackson.

I hate to admit when I'm not aware of something that has happened that is "newsworthy." I had to do a little research and found that indeed, the House did observe a moment of silence on June 26.

The gist of the soldier's gripe was, how could an entertainer be given such respect when military folks are risking their lives with little or no recognition? In other words, Michael Jackson wouldn't have a stage to "moon-walk" on if soldiers hadn't secured the freedoms we all enjoy everyday.

Now I have to promise I won't write about him anymore. Because, no matter what I come up with, none of the Michael Jackson sanctification will ever make sense.

Letters from Linda



By Linda Schneider
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Summer is the busiest time of the year for me. The grandkids are home, a huge vegetable garden out back, lots of landscaping, canning, and add to that, just everyday living.

I am enjoying the second half of my century of life! I am tired, but content.

Our nation is going through an historical and busy time also and I mean that in a positive way. There is a lot of reforming, restructuring, and transforming of every aspect of the American way of life and its dream.

Really, reforming and restructuring are other words for change, am I right? It is important for this to happen, just as a lake shore is changed by the rivers that feed it, so will reform and restructuring change the face of the United States of America.

Change is inevitable; otherwise, we would still be living without inside bathrooms. Change challenges our way of thinking and gets our hinnies off the living room couch to get involved with a cause, purpose, or crusade.

While I do not have any control over any unforeseen or unexpected changes, I can certainly transform my thoughts and behavior to meet changes head on. Plus, I can renew my way of thinking and submit to changes on my level. In short, I can overcome what may appear like a "Goliath" of change and not let it dictate how I will live my life.

If you agree with this kind of thinking, guess what, it is Christian thinking. Because words like transforming, renewing, submitting and overcoming are not modern concepts and cannot be accredited to Hindus, Buddhists or Muslims, they were first written in the Bible over 2,000 years ago.

Introducing

Darcy Andrews is proud to announce the birth of her son, Connor James, born June 4, 2009. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Lyle and Amy Andrews of Leavenworth, and great grandparents are Ilene Andrews, Marquette, and Ken and Barbara Beougher, Bird City.



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Bulletin Board

American Legion Auxiliary
The American Legion Auxiliary annual brunch will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday. Members are urged to come to the Girl State candidates give their reports.

Senior Center
The Bird City Senior Center will be celebrating August birthdays on Monday at 3 p.m. Come and enjoy cake and ice cream.

Carnival times
The carnival will start at 6 p.m. on Saturday night, not 4 p.m. as stated in the fair book. The Amusement Authority members and volunteers will have the carnival open at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. It will close at 11 p.m. on those nights but will be open until midnight on Saturday.

Western Plains Arts Association Programs for September
• Sunday, Sept. 13, 3 p.m. - The

Boulder Acoustic Society will present a lively band program of fiddle, accordion and drum music in Oberlin.

• Sunday, Sept. 27, 3 p.m. - The Russian virtuoso musicians, The Flying Balalaika Brothers, will perform their folk music and also music melding with American bluegrass and contemporary international acoustic styles in St. Francis.

• Monday, Sept. 28: A school performance of The Flying Balalaika Brothers for St. Francis students.

Cemetery tour planned
The Historical Society plans a Southwest Cheyenne County Cemetery Tour for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13. The event is still in the planning stages. If you have information about any southwest county cemeteries, please contact the Historical Society: 785-332-3991 or 785-332-3569.

Dane Hansen Museum
The Dane G. Hansen Museum is presenting "Ultra-Realistic Sculpture by Marc Sijan" scheduled to open on Friday and run through Oct. 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 office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt
It's time to register for the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt on Sept. 18, 19, and 20. Those wanting to be listed on the local map, please contact Betty Orth 785-332-2540 or email orth@kans.com. There is a small fee. Deadline is Aug. 15. Please call for further 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.

Saintly Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous
Saintly 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.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In 2005 I bought a building in Bird City, Kan., where it is located on main street. It is a beautiful old building that was build in 1920 by Henry Hickert. The ground level floor was used for many things in its day, including a bank, the city post office, a photography studio, news paper office, insurance offices, and restaurants. The upper level was used as doctors offices, telephone office and later as apartments.

Wanting to make sure the future of the old building would be solid, I decided to find out if the building was eligible to be listed with the Historical Society. After some time and a lot of research and writing back and forth, the building, now called the Henry Hickert Building was accepted first on the Kansas Historical Society's list of Historic Places and then on the National

Historical Society's list of Historic places in the fall of 2007.

Since the Historical Society does not issue individual plaques, I decided the building "needed" one, and bought a beautiful brass plaque which hung proudly on the front of the Henry Hickert Building.

Some one has stolen that plaque right off the front of the building and I want it back where it belongs. I am offering a reward for information about the disappearance of it and/or the return of it. I have reported it stolen with the Cheyenne County Sheriff Department, and any person with information may contact them or myself.

Sincerely,
Connie Rooney
McDonald, KS
785-734-7769 or 785-538-2200

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

It was good to see you all at the Thresher Show, and appreciate you stopped by our booth, giving us your business ideas! As much as I would love one, I'm not sure if we could get a Starbucks or Cold Stone in Bird City, but I try to never say never 'cause you just never know! Following are the ideas that were given to us - our hope is that these ideas will get people talking and who knows, maybe we can utilize our E-Community Loan Fund and the Business Development Scholarship to see a few of these ideas become a reality for our community.

The list includes Motel, hotel, mall, Bed and Breakfast, home builder, ice cream truck, McDonald's, Arby's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pet Store, Subway,

toy store, tractor store, vet clinic, Nike Outlet Mall, Target, Chinese restaurant, Wendy's, Burger King, bus stop, zoo, Pizza Hut, museum, Sonic, rodeo, Mexican restaurant, castle, garden shop, donut shop, Maurices, paper store, Old Navy, Ross, sports shop, arcade, Walgreen's, Chick-fil-a, ice cream shop, Chuck-E-Cheese, Wal-Mart, dirt bike track, a fair, game stop, school supply store, Macy's, hair shop, Aeropostale, water park, Holister, Adidas Outlet, Zeros, jewelry store, grill cleaning, pillow making, bay horses, game room, bowling alley, Cold Stone, bakery, wood shop, Home Depot, hat shop, car shop, Starbuck's, animal center, aquarium, hospital, lake, Great Wolf Lodge, El Durango, Holiday Inn

Club Clip

Senior Citizen News
Joan Tongish welcomed 40 senior citizens and nurse, Rose Whitehurst, to the Aug. 3 meeting of the McDonald Senior Citizens. Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged.

Vera Kacirek read a humorous reading "Farmer Puter" and then led a prayer of thanksgiving for the wonderful summer, and all its blessings.

Tables were decorated with cute little dogs, representing the "Dog Days of Summer," made by Phyllis Wingfield.

After a wonderful potluck dinner, Phyllis Wingfield called the bingo games with Ratha Lea Loker winning the blackout game.

At the business meeting, reports were accepted as read. Joan thanked Ray Johnson for the mowing and also stated that Laura Brogan had cleaned the center. She also thanked everyone who had helped prepare the meal or worked in the kitchen.

There was no new business so September committees were appointed as follows: Bingo: Leonard Vyzourek; Prizes: Joan Tongish; Poem and Prayer, Eleanor Swihart; kitchen help: Phyllis Wilkinson, Betty Lewis and Annie Antholz.

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m.

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