



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

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 Sometimes good intentions can really run amuck.
 I'm speaking of Scotland's release of terrorist Abdel Basal al-Megrahi on the basis of "compassionate grounds."
 I wish I could defend the Scots for what they did. I wish all nations were ruled by compassion and good will. I wish we lived in a perfect world. But we don't.
 Here is a little review, in case you missed it the first time. In 1988 al-Megrahi conspired with other terrorists and successfully blew up Pan America flight 103 as the Boeing 747 flew high above Lockerbie, Scotland. All of those aboard, which were mostly American, died a horrible death. There were 259 who perished in the air. The Scots also suffered that

day as 11 people from the small village were killed by the falling wreckage.
 Today, the prisoner al-Megrahi has developed prostate cancer and is only given several months to live. So what if he has only served an average of 11 days for each of the 270 victims of the bombing?
 Now the good intentions of the Scottish government might have worked if the people of Libya were on the same page. But al-Megrahi's home country, its leader, Muammar al-Qaddafi and all those who have only hatred for all things Western, turned his return into a celebration. He was paraded along like the home team returning from victory.
 Compassionate grounds might sound good and noble, but in the world of reality the words have little meaning.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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 There is so much going on going on in our nation that I found it difficult to respond to just one concern and I only have limited space to write. I have thought about getting a website, www.lindasopinion.haha, but after a second thought, nah.
 I have been following the Castor Semenya story in the news. She is the gold medal winner of the Women's 800-meter run event in the World Athletics Championship and her qualifications to keep her medal are currently at stake.
 Ms. Semenya's gender has been questioned by both her competitors and the International Association of Athletics Federation. Furthermore, the questioning and testing has traumatized her family, her fellow countrymen, and herself. I want to give my thoughts of what I think is going on.
 From what I have read in the news, the tests taken are to determine if Ms. Semenya has an unfair advantage over her female competitors because her anatomy, physiology, chromosomal make-up and genetic composition. And

in the world of athletic competition, testing is fair and reasonable. Every participating athlete should be prepared to submit and answer any charge that has been laid against them. Whether it's about drugs, gender or any other concern, athletic organizations have the right to address them. It levels the playing field and why performance enhancers, or steroids, are prohibited.
 A woman who has a six-pack for abs and small breasts doesn't make her a man, nor does a man with no facial hair make a woman. But, I have a legitimate question to ask: if a man has an operation to change his gender and become a woman legally, should she be able to compete in women's sports?
 Finally, if what the family of Ms. Semenya says is true, that she has always been mistaken for a boy, always participated in boys sports, but is a girl, I don't understand why there is so much trauma about being questioned now and would welcome the chance to prove it by testing.
 On a personal note, I would like to see Ms. Semenya keep her medal.

Pancake/sausage feed
 A pancake and sausage feed will be held Thursday, Sept. 10 to benefit the Bird City Golf Club. Check ad in this issue.
Cheylin sports
 On Friday, the high school football and volleyball teams will be having their Soap Scrimmage. The evening will begin with the Booster Club Tailgate Party at 5:30 p.m. Volleyball will start at 6:30 p.m. and football at 7:30 p.m. See Ad.
 On Tuesday, the high school volleyball team will be traveling to Grainfield to play against Wheatland/Grinnell.
 Thursday, Sept. 3, junior high football and volleyball teams will be going to Healy to play against Lane County. Come and cheer our Cougar teams.
Bird City council meeting
 Bird City Council will be holding its regular September meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.
Bird City 125-year celebration
 The first meeting to discuss the quasiquicentennial event will be held at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the City Hall conference room. All interested people should attend to help make this the best quasiquicentennial celebration Bird City has ever seen!

been changed from Saturday, Sept. 12 to this Saturday. The contact information and registration number is 785-899-5461 [Goodland Public Library]. The time is 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Call to register. This workshop is free.
 This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to get started in genealogy research and for those who just need more information. Sponsored by Daughters of the American Revolution.
Fair Board
 The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet Thursday, Sept. 4, at the courthouse.
Commissioners to meet
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.
Hospital Board
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Tag deadline
 All residents with last names beginning with M, N and O 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.
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.
Cemetery tour planned
 The Historical Society plans a Southwest Cheyenne County Cemetery Tour for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13. If you have information about any southwest county cemeteries, please contact the Historical Society: 785-332-3991 or 785-332-3569.
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, dressed in traditional colorful costumes, 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.
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 those within the northwest Kansas area. Please call 1-800-794-4624.

New member joins rec commission

The Cheylin Recreation Commission met on Aug. 19. The first item to be discussed was to appoint Kale Schields as a commission-board member. Mr. Schields replaces Dennis Hengen, whose term ended. The board acknowledged appreciation for Mr. Hengen's contribution and welcomed Mr. Schields to the group.
 The next item of discussion was hiring a recreation director. This position would be year round with the busiest time being summer months. The recreation director would be in charge of organizing and implementing recreation

programs for the community. If anyone is interested, they can call Belinda Serrano for more information.
 Water aerobics was very successful this summer. Tina Sager has expressed interest in continuing the program throughout the winter with a low impact aerobics class. More information regarding this class will be advertised in the newspaper.
 The members discussed the Bird City Golf Club. Century II Development Foundation has given a grant to the golf club with the opportunity to receive more funds through a matching grant. There will be a pancake feed on Sept. 10, in conjunction with the town hall meeting that is scheduled. A free-will donation will be accepted with all proceeds going to the Bird City Golf Club.
 The commission discussed the concern, presented by Demi Shahan at a previous meeting, in regards to the condition of the golf course. Mr. Shahan, who is 91 years old, expressed the need

for more people, especially the younger generation, to show interest in the golf course.
 "I'm no spring chicken," said Mr. Shahan.
 A few volunteers have been mowing and maintaining the greens but more is needed to get the course in the shape it needs to be in and to maintain it. Continued deterioration of the course puts the future existence of the golf course in question.
 Swimming lessons were not as successful as the commission had desired. The commission discussed sharing the cost of the Water Safety Instructor course to those guards who are interested and qualified.
 "A local swimming lesson instructor would be a good thing," Laurie Leonard said.
 No decision was made and the issue was tabled for a future meeting.
 The recreation commission will meet again 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, in the Cheylin High School library.

Recycle bins
 Bird City recycle bins have been relocated to the southwest corner of Bird Avenue and 7th Street, under the water tower.
Cheylin School is opened
 For information, school notices and alerts, and sports events, visit the Cheylin's website at www.cheylin.com.
Genealogy workshop
 The date for the Genealogy Workshop at the Goodland Library has

Division modernizes computer system

The Division of Vehicles is in the process of modernizing its computer system. The modernization project will replace the current system that is over 20 years old. A key piece of the implementation is data conversion from the old system to the new system.
 Each time an individual visits the county treasurer's office to do title and registration processing, they will be required to provide/show their driver's license. If the vehicle is owned by a business, the business should provide/show their Federal Employer Identification Number documents. The name on the title

will appear as it is on the driver license or employer identification documents.
 The new system is customer centric, meaning vehicle and driver records are accessed and cross referenced. Currently several vehicles can be registered differently to the same person. Example John Q Public:
 • John Public
 • Johnny Public
 • JQ Public
 • John Q Public
 Asking individuals to provide their driver license or employer identification documents will ensure consistency and sync-up existing vehicle records.

Menu

Monday, Aug. 31
 Breakfast: hash browns, sausage link.
 Lunch: corn dogs, nachos with cheese sauce.
Tuesday, Sept. 1
 Breakfast: blueberry scones.
 Lunch: pizza, dessert.
Wednesday, Sept. 2
 Breakfast: sausage biscuit.

Lunch: oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll.
Thursday, Sept. 3
 Breakfast: french toast.
 Lunch: pork rib sandwich on a bun, fries.
 Breakfast is served with toast, cereal, juice and milk
 Lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk

Bird City News

Intermittent guests of Donna Vanderput during a three-week period were Reva Porsi, and daughter, Gayle Kelsey, Denver; Joene Wright, Mahoment, Ill.; Valorie Rolf, Scott City; and

Amber and Paul Konrade, Aurora, Colo. These lovely guests spent time housecleaning, repairing, busing me to therapy and so forth. Had time for fun also!!

Booster Club Tailgate Party

At the Soap Scrimmage
 This Friday, Aug. 28
 Serving 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 Volleyball Scrimmage at 6:30 p.m.
 Football Scrimmage at 7:30 p.m.
 (Coaches request a food pantry item in lieu of soap)

City of Bird City Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2009
 6:30pm
 American Legion Hall, Bird City
 Corinna Cox, Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission, will be here to distribute applications and answer questions regarding the CDBG-R Housing Rehabilitation Grant for the southeast quadrant of Bird City. Completed applications will be received at City Hall beginning September 11, 2009 on a first-come first-served basis.
 The meeting will be held in conjunction with a Pancake Feed to benefit the Bird City Golf Club, serving 6pm-7pm.

BIRD CITY CENTURY II
 Development Foundation
 785-734-2556
 WWW.BIRDCITY.COM
 "FOR GOOD. FOR EVER."

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. **1 hr. 58 min.**
G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra
Aug. 28, 29 & 30 *Action/Adventure and War*
 Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje, Christopher Eccleston, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Leo Howard, Karolina Kurkova
 PG-13 for strong sequences of action violence and mayhem throughout.
CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
 Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

2nd Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, Sept. 5th 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 7th 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Draw for % off purchases (except consignment)
Will be closed Wed. Sept. 2nd and Friday, Sept. 4th to get ready for celebration!
2nd Beginnings Thrift Store Wednesdays: 9 a.m - 9 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon
 309 S. Bird Ave. • Bird City • 785-734-2443 or 734-2728

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104
CN Hospital, Clinic & Health Dept. Announces
Cheyenne County Fall Health Fair
Sept. 14-18, 2009
Lab Draw Dates:
Monday, Sept. 14 - Wednesday, Sept. 16
No appointments needed
Fast for Chem Panel Lab test
Exam Dates:
Wednesday, Sept. 16 - Friday, Sept. 18
Appointments needed for exams
Breast, Cervical for women
Prostate for men
 For more information contact Erika Zimbelman, Clinic Manager at 785-332-2682
 or
 Mila Bandel, RN County Health Nurse at 785-332-2381 ext. 231.

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