



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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A couple weeks ago flags hung at half-staff as the country remembered a public servant: Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy. At the same time another casket lay, also covered in red, white and blue.

Captain Matthew C. Freeman was much younger than the senator, only 29. But he packed a lot of service into those years.

He came from a long line of naval personnel. His grandfather was Rear Admiral DeWitt L. Freeman USN (Ret.) and father, Commander Gary H. Freeman USN (Ret.) Cpt. Freeman followed his father to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

After graduation he became a Marine aviator, first flying Harriers and then C-130s.

But the fight was not in the air, but on the ground in Afghanistan.

As part of Operation Enduring Freedom, Capt. Freeman was leading his group of Marines in Kapisa province when they were pinned down by enemy fire last month. During a fire-fight the only high ground was on top of a mud-bricked building. He led his men into the house, securing it from the enemy, and moved on to the roof. There he killed an individual with a rocket propelled grenade launcher, before falling to enemy fire himself.

Funeral services were first held in his hometown of Richmond Hill, Ga. Two weeks ago, on Wednesday, Aug. 26, another memorial was held at the Naval Academy. Cpt. Freeman's wife of three weeks, Teresa, his parents and two sisters were given his Purple Heart, Bronze Star and a flag that flew over his base in Afghanistan on Aug. 7, the day another public servant gave his all.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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I have been toying with the notion to go after the president for plagiarism. I know what you are thinking and before you write me off as loony, first hear me out.

In December 2007, I wrote my column about "change" way before President Obama used it for his campaign slogan. I even said if I may quote myself, "Change is in the air" before he was even a candidate. I wonder if the president reads the Bird City Times.

Anyway, I did then and still do think more changes are to come and I don't mean from the White House.

I think change is an interesting concept, because change never stops. I could even say change is related to evolution. Now before you get your bloomers all bunched up, let me explain.

Defined evolution as the process of change in a determined direction. In Greek, the picture word is a budding flower opening up and what it will be in full bloom is not yet known. Are you kind of getting the picture?

Now I am going to change the horse in midstream and relate a story.

My 7-year old grandson, Joseph, came home from school recently and asked me if I wanted to hear a strange story. Of course, I said.

Joseph told me it was from his first grade social science book, so it is true. He told me that he read about a young girl who could not attend school because of the color of her skin. Strange, huh?

I paused and thought, I am from the generation who remembers that story very well. However, at the time of the story I did not think it was strange that such a thing could happen. Joseph thought it was strange that skin color could make such a difference in the way a person is treated.

I asked him how he felt about the story, he said it was mean. Yes, it was I replied.

I believe change is coming and has begun with our children. Let's protect them at all stages of development beginning in the womb and see what evolves.

School Menu

- Spirit Week!**
Monday, Sept. 14
 Breakfast: oatmeal, fruit
 Lunch: fish, macaroni and cheese, roll, vegetable
Tuesday, Sept. 15
 Breakfast: banana wrap
 Lunch: ham and cheese stromboli, dessert
Wednesday, Sept. 16
 Breakfast: scrambled eggs

- Lunch: hamburger steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll
Thursday, Sept. 17
 Breakfast: baked french toast
 Lunch: grill cheese sandwich, tomato soup
 Breakfast is served with toast, cereal, juice and milk
 Lunch is served with salad bar, fruit and milk



Homecoming Football game Friday

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Death Notice

Ruby L. Eggers, wife of Everett Eggers of Goodland, formerly of Bird City, died Monday, Sept. 7, at the Good Samaritan Center in Goodland. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City. Visitation is today (Thursday) from 1 to 7 p.m. at Knodel Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Ruby Eggers Memorial Fund.

Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall meeting will be held at the American Legion beginning at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) with a pancake feed to benefit the Bird City Golf Club, free-will donations accepted. The Rehabilitation Grants will be handed out at 6:30 p.m.

Cheyenne County Landfill

Cheyenne County will hold a household hazardous waste collection day on Saturday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cheyenne County Landfill.

Cheylin sports

Today (Thursday): Cheylin junior high football and volleyball teams will play at home against Heartland Christian.

Friday: the high school football team will travel to Brewster to take on Brewster/Triplains with kick off at 7 p.m.

Saturday: the high school volleyball team will play against Hitchcock County at Trenton. Game time starts at 8 a.m.

High school football and volleyball teams will play at home against Brewster/Triplains on Monday. Volleyball game starts at 5:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, high school volleyball will travel to Weskan to play. Game begins at 4 p.m. Come and cheer our Cougar teams.

Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday.

Grandparent's Day

On Friday, Cheylin Elementary students will be celebrating Grandparent's Day with a special program and tour for grandparents

and non-grandparents for kindergarten through eight grades. The celebration begins at 2:30 p.m. and runs through 4 p.m.

Bird City Wesleyan Church

Dr. Evert Piper, president of Oklahoma Wesleyan University, will be here this weekend to meet parents and students. High school students and parents are welcome to come to the Wesleyan Community Church at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, for some pizza and pop and to meet Dr. Piper

Dr. Piper will also be speaking at the Wesleyan Church Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and to hear his passionate and motivational message.

Senior Center

September birthdays will be celebrated at 3 p.m. on Monday, at the Bird City Senior Center. You are welcome to attend and enjoy cake and ice cream.

Spirit Week

Spirit Week begins on Monday with "Hilarious Hair" day. Tuesday is "Toga" day, Wednesday, "PJ" day, and Thursday "Cougar Blue and Favorite Sport Hat" day. Get in the Spirit from head to toe.

Homecoming events begin at 7:30 on Thursday, Sept. 17, at Cougar Field. This will include the Coronation Ceremony followed by a community pep rally.

Homecoming

Junior high team games will begin at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17, in the Cheylin high school gym with the volleyball girls taking on the Heartland Christian Crusaders ladies volleyball team, followed by the junior high boys tackle football game at 5:15 p.m.

Boys' flag football will play their first game with start time at 4:30 p.m.

Home Circle Club

Carol Peters, club historian, will be the hostess for the September meeting of the Home Circle Club. It will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Manor.

Western Plains Arts program

Western Plains Arts Association will open its 40th season with the Boulder Acoustic Society performing at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Gateway in Oberlin.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group

The Alzheimer's/Dementia support group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Public Library.

Music Club

Music Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday at the home of Louanne Isernhagen. Neala Carmichael will present the program. Newcomers are always welcome. Call Beth at 332-3133 or Jackie at 332-8905 for information.

Common Threads Quilt Guild

Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at Saintry Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

The next meeting of the hospital board has been moved to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

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Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with P, Q and R 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. Thursday, Sept. 17, 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.

Upcoming Western Plains Arts Association programs

• 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.

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.

Saintry Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous

Saintry 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.

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Phyllis and Kenny Wilkinson were last Tuesday visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek, and Agnes Reeh.

Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and family returned home on Thursday after a week's vacation spent in Springfield as guests of Chanda and Garrett Dowling and in Manhattan as guests of Jon and Rachel Mallett and family.

Jennifer Sabatka and children were Sunday afternoon visitors of Kenny and Pauline Micek, and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Joan Tongish and Betty Lewis spent Friday in McCook doing some shopping.

Labor Day weekend visitors of Ray and Marlene Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson and Jeremy of Moundridge, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bethell and Clint of McCook, Neb., Brent and Treyton Johnson of Aurora, Colo., Tara and Korinne Wright, Central City, Neb., Carrie and Danea Magnani of Bird City, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Howard and family, Tish Loker, and Ron Johnson.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Craig Van Allen reported to the Bird City Council that the department had hired a new deputy, Bayne Kinzer, and he will be participating in the next six months of training. Sheriff Van Allen continued with the August patrol and duty report.

The deputies performed 124 hours of patrol within the Bird City city limits. In addition, Undersheriff Cody Beeson met with Cheylin's new superintendent administrator, Bruce Bolen.

Deputies made contact with several vehicle owners about unregistered or expired tags on vehicles parked on the street, warnings and a period to take care of the problem given to the vehicle owners.

As of July 1, he said, the golf cart ordinance changed and are now allowed to be driven in the city limits and similar to the laws governing all-terrain vehicles. Included with the ordinance is the work-site utility vehicle, such as the gator

"Is there anything in the ordinance concerning head protection or underaged drivers?" Councilman Sager asked.

"No there isn't and some safety issues need to be addressed," said Sheriff Van Allen.

Mayor Troy Burr said that there would probably be more and more of the golf cart-type vehicles on the streets and an ordinance should be adopted to meet all the safety issues. The council instructed Kevin Berens, city attorney, to write up one for the council to review before approving.

For the rest of the report, deputies responded to one dog complaint, one theft investigation, one civil disturbance, three traffic warnings, and one car accident report.

Cougar Homecoming Next Week!

Booster Club Sponsoring Mexican Meal Serving at 6 p.m.



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CN Hospital, Clinic & Health Dept. Announces

Cheyenne County Fall Health Fair

Sept. 14-18, 7 - 10 a.m.

Lab Draw Dates:

Monday, Sept. 14 - Wednesday, Sept. 16
 No appointments needed

Fast for Chem Panel Lab test
 Lab draws also available at Bird City Clinic on Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 7 - 10 a.m.

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.

Check your renewal dates

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Area - \$38 KS - \$42
 Out-of-State - \$48

Bird City Times

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 Out-of-State - \$40