



Casey's Comments

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Nothing frustrates me more than hearing about a U.S. veteran being disrespected. When I'm told about a soldier who has come home, having to fight another battle with the government to get health care, it just drives me nuts. The deal was this: they took care of us, so now let's take care of them.
But every now and then someone gets it right. Last Saturday I had a few minutes to surf the television channels before we left for a volleyball tournament. I came across a show on ESPN2, a sports station, which was called *Grateful Nation*.
This episode featured Sgt. First Class Greg Stube. A veteran Green Beret medic, he was injured in September 2006, fighting Taliban forces on a hill named Sperwan Ghar in southern Afghanistan. While manning the turret of a special forces truck, a bomb blast practically tore

off his right leg and caused a gaping wound in his side. As intense machine-gun fire continued he was dragged to safety by Staff Sgt. Jude Voss.
Sgt. Stube was the guest of Sawtooth Outfitters of British Columbia, Canada. Though it took some work, the soldier rode horseback into the mountains to bag a Shyrus Moose and Mule Deer buck. His Army training didn't hurt his shooting skills.
It was obvious that both the hunter and his guides came back with a memory of a lifetime. I say it couldn't have happened to a more deserving soul.
Grateful Nation is scheduled to run through December on ESPN2. If you are into hunting, or just want to see something good happen in someone's life who has paid their dues, tune in on Saturday morning.

Letters from Linda

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Well, the debate keeps going on and on. No, I am not speaking about the Health Reform, or whatever it is called now, I am talking about the Evolution verses Creation debate. And quite frankly, one of my most favorites!
Some people really don't have much thought about where life began, it just does not seem relative to life as it is today, but I beg to differ. In case you haven't heard, another link to the missing pieces of human evolution has been discovered. Yeah, another one, and she is named "Ardi."
Ardi is reported to be 4.4 million years old. Way, way older than the humanoid, Lucy. Did anyone see the "picture" of Ardi? Of course, it is only a depiction because no one was really there, but she is covered with hair.
It reminds me of one of my favorite classes in high school, anthropology the study of human kind. Yeah, I was one of original nerds, or a book worm back then.
I can even remember my teacher, Mr. Ryder. One day after an espe-

cially active debate on human evolution, I caught up with him after class and asked him, "Are you saying that if I shave the face of a monkey, I will find a man?" He replied it is not that simple. Of course not, and so began my own private journey for answers that had everything to do with who I was and where I was going.
This search for significant has gone on for decades, because I just could not look at a monkey and believe that somewhere in time our different specie ancestors bred. Evolutionists don't come right out and say that, but I don't think things have changed in that department.
But this one thing has always caused me to giggle when I see a depiction of a humanoid supposedly millions of years old, and don't get me started on validity of carbon-14 testing, where did the hair come from? I mean why should it be presumed that they were hairy, did a 4.4 million piece of hair show up somewhere on the fossil?
Yep, that is what I am thinking about walking down Bressler St. Bird City, Kan.

Club Clip

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Hospital Guild met Monday at the Senior Center.
The program was very informative as Sylvia Reinhart, of the Heartland Lions Eye Bank, gave a lesson on eye/cornea donation. She stated that between 2,500 and 4,000 Americans are on waiting lists for cornea transplants during any given month.
The president, Eileen Nolan, opened the meeting with 14 members and one guest present. It was re-

ported that the guild received \$1,000 from Saintry Super's and that money along with another \$1,000 was given to the hospital to apply to the purchase of a fetal heart monitor.
The hostesses, Anita Miller and Betty Louden, served delicious refreshments.
The next meeting will be on Nov. 2 with Dr. Tim Poling giving updates on Dentistry.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Diane Montgomery was a Wednesday until Sunday guest of Mark and Catina Montgomery and children of Denver, Colo.
Kathy Banister helped serve the after-church dinner at St. Joseph Church.
Matt, Sophie, and Jack Goltl of Wichita, were Friday until Sunday guests of Bethel Goltl. They also

spent some time while here visiting Paul Hayden of Atwood.
Joe and Charlene Kramer returned home Monday after spending the weekend in Ozawkie with Leon and Nancy Brunton. They all traveled to Humeston, Iowa, to visit Joe and Nancy's aunt and husband, Betty and Wayne Thomas.

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Bulletin Board

Community Club

The Community Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Bird City Senior Center.

Cheylin volleyball

Today (Thursday), Cheylin junior high school volleyball teams will be playing in Brewster against Brewster/Triplains. Serving begins at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, the high school volleyball team will play in a tournament in St. Francis beginning at 9 a.m. And on Tuesday, they will travel to Colby and play against Bethune/Heartland Christian. The game begins at 4 p.m.

Cheylin football

Today (Thursday), junior high tackle and flag football teams will be in Brewster to play against Brewster/Triplains. Flag football begins at 5 p.m.

On Friday, the high school football team will travel to Grainfield to play against Wheatland/Grinnell, kick off time is 7 p.m.

Storytime

Storytime will be on Fridays, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-schoolers up to second grade children are welcome to enjoy time in the library.

Senior Center

Bird City Senior Center will be celebrating October Birthdays at 3 p.m. on Monday. Come and enjoy refreshments and good conversations.

Board of Education meeting

The Cheylin Board of Education will be having their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday in the Cheylin high school conference room.

Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will be meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15 at The Manor. Carolyn Rosenfelt will be the hostess

Card shower

The family of Edna Roesener is honoring her with a card shower on her 80th birthday on Oct. 13. Cards may be sent to Edna at 3450 Road Q; McDonald, KS 67745. Check ad for additional information.

Sky Ranch Mission Festival at Bird City

St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City, will celebrate Sky Ranch Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 18. The communities of St. Francis and Bird City are welcome to hear and learn about camping ministry in the Rockies. Andy Sprian, summer camp director, will present a recent slide show featuring Sky Ranch at 9:30 and 10:45 during worship. Sky Ranch is owned and operated by the Rocky Mountain synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A potluck meal will follow worship. The congregation encourages everyone to come, stay for dinner and celebrate Mission Festival with St. John Lutheran Church.

Courthouse closed

The Cheyenne County Courthouse will be closed on Monday in observance of Columbus Day.

Historical Society

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will meet at 5 p.m. on Tuesday at the Museum. There will be a business meeting followed by a discussion on Heaton's Crossing led by Helene Landenberger. The trip to Heaton's Crossing has been postponed until spring. Refreshments, games and special fall prizes will follow.

The Historical Society Board will meet at 3 p.m. in the Museum, prior to the general meeting.

Common Threads Quilt Guild

Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Saintry Stitches. Guests and all

quilters are welcome.

County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting

Cheyenne County Development Corporation will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Oct. 15, at noon at the St. Francis Public Library, 121 N. Scott, St. Francis. All Cheyenne County registered voters are members and are urged to attend.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, 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.

Upcoming Western Plains Arts Association programs

• Sunday, Oct. 11, 3 p.m. central time, Goodland High School, The Free Staters will play fun, fast-paced, popular music from 1850s America.

• Sunday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m., Colby High School, *The Noteables*, a jazz ensemble from the USAF Heartland of America Band, will present a rousing evening of entertainment.

• Tuesday, Oct. 20 and Wednesday, Oct. 21, Wichita Children's

Theatre will do *Little Red Riding Hood* in area schools such as Oberlin, Atwood and Goodland.

Sisters In Serenity

A Sisters In Serenity women's Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at 5 p.m. on Sundays at 585 N. Franklin, City Hall, northwest basement door in Colby. There is a play room for younger children and a quiet space for older children on-site. For more information call (785) 672-3406 or (785) 538-2526.

These meetings are limited to female alcoholics to provide an opportunity for members to share with one another on problems related to drinking patterns and attempts to achieve stable sobriety. They also permit detailed discussion of various elements in the recovery program.

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

CheyCoDeveloping

Another eventful week with several new opportunities taking a look at us here in Cheyenne County. New opportunities are always good, but it is the health and growth of our existing local businesses that will keep us stable in the long term.

Sadly, we will see several local businesses close shortly. Could we have kept them going with more support? We will never know.

It is really important to buy locally whenever we can. If we don't, we will suffer. When you go to a local business and ask for their support to advertise for an event, or contribute to a cause, ask yourself, "how can I support them?"

We will be posting information about a "Farm Family Host" program, which would bring city folks to us during harvest and such, so that they can see where their food comes from, and help out. And, put a little extra cash in the farmer/ranchers pocket as well.

Watch for the information — we want participants.

I had breakfast at the Bowling Alley yesterday, where Lavelle Carpenter is serving up a great one! Give it a try!

Fall is here — my time of year!
Chuck Kribs, co-coordinator
Cheyenne County
Development Corporation

Sheriff reports many calls received

During the October Bird City Council meeting, Sheriff Craig Van Allen reported duties performed by the deputies for the month of September.

Sheriff Van Allen told the council there was 167 hours of patrol and case work done in the city.

Deputies responded to several calls regarding a stranded motorist. One investigation of a suspicious person at Cheylin High School. One investigation of a suspicious person talking to kids at football games. Three responses to call of a suspicious person walking by the daycare. Responding to one call of a suspicious person walking down the street.

Sheriff Van Allen told the members that a motorist had become stranded in Bird City and when attempting to fix his vehicle by doing odd jobs to get the money, calls to investigate him poured into the dispatch. He said the stranded motorist was able to repair his car and move on.

However, he continued to say even as the deputies responded to every call concerning this person,

he was cooperative and friendly.

"He was just someone who broke down in Bird City," said Sheriff Van Allen. "But there was a lot of community fear and bad rumors concerning him."

He said the rumors were unfounded and the man had no criminal record. He said it was determined he was not a threat and made the point that appearance is not a criminal profile.

Other patrol and case work deputies responded to were one theft report, one juvenile incident, four traffic warnings, one found lost property, two dog complaints.

Sheriff Van Allen asked the council to adopt a city ordinance concerning golf carts. He continued by saying that even though the city approved golf carts in town, until resolution is done, they are technically illegal to drive. A policy needs to be in effective with instructions on restrictions and safety.

The council instructed Kevin Berens, city attorney, to draw up an ordinance for approval.



Please join us in honoring
Edna J. Roesener
with a card shower
as she celebrates her
80th Birthday
on **October 13, 2009.**

Cards may be sent to Edna at
3450 Road Q; McDonald KS 67745

Edna's birthday cake will be at the Bird City Sr. Center
Monday, October 12th at 3:00 CT.
Please stop in and join in!

Check your renewal dates

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