



Casey's Comments

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 Memories can be like presents. It's like a little piece of your past, laying wrapped up and waiting for you to find again. Once opened, the image becomes a vivid moment recaptured. I've been lucky enough to have a few of these lately. The American Football League is celebrating its 50th anniversary. By coincidence, my twin brother and I will also reach that plateau later this year. The parallel is fun to look at. As the Denver Broncos, Houston Oilers, Dallas Texans, New York Titans, Oakland Raiders, Buffalo Bills, San Diego Chargers and Boston Patriots were introduced in 1960, so were the McCormick twins. The new football league was the unwanted step children to

the more established NFL. Kelly and I had an older brother and sister. They wore goofy, out-dated outfits and used antiquated equipment. We wore clam diggers and Chukka boots. The AFL has had its share of ups and downs, miracle finishes and even the "Heidi Bowl." Kell and I are both working on our second marriages. All in all, the league and teams have grown into a monstrous success. More and more fans tune in each week to watch games and its place in the NFL is unquestioned. My twin and I have done okay too. Although he's kept his franchise in Denver, my squad relocated to Kansas. There's been a lot of memories in those 50 years!

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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 I find it increasingly interesting how with more regularity I am watching and hearing celebrities announce their Christian faith. I was just reading an interview between Fox News commentator, Sean Hannity, and movie maker Michael Moore. Very interesting. During the interview, both confessed to being Christians! This revelation did not come about until well into the interview, but there it was in black and white. Now I can not comment on their dedication or level of commitment, but for being Christians, they both had a different point of view of what Christians should be or not be doing. But that is pretty standard for American Christians, even for me. With all the freedoms Christianity has to offer, American's take on these freedoms and love as just ways for us to continue in our rebellious and defiant nature. And if I hear just one more Christian say one more time "Jesus loves me and you just the way we are" I am going scream. Max Lucado, pastor and Christian

author, says it quite effectively, "Yeah, God does love you just the way you are, but He won't let you stay that way." The nature of the Christian as I understand it is that I am to be pliable like clay in His hands, being transformed into the likeness of Him and I can tell you that if you knew me 12 years ago, you would think I would be dead in 5 years, but I am not. Thanks to Jesus. Every time I struggle with some old self destructive behavior, Jesus uses time and opportunity to change me into someone more like Him, and that is what I want. I want to change, and no therapist or counselor or psychiatrist has ever been able to do it. And what is wrong with being more kind, generous, patient, and not envious? Nothing, except Christianity is more than all those things. Back to the Hannity verses Moore interview. What happened is the interview became a competition for who was more Christian, the one gives more to charity or the one who pays his taxes. No wonder viewers think "It's okay, Jesus loves you just the way you are."

Bulletin Board

Halloween supper
 The Bird City Community Club will host a Halloween supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Legion hall, on Saturday, October 31. All children in costume will receive a special treat. Children are welcome to attend the supper and enjoy an evening of fun!

American Legion Auxiliary
 American Legion Auxiliary has changed the Support Our Soldiers meeting to Oct. 27 at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Hall as they will be sewing neck coolers on the other day. All ladies needed.

Cheylin football
 On Friday, Cougar high school football plays Weskan with an home field advantage. Kickoff begins at 7:30 p.m.

Cheylin volleyball
 On Saturday, the high school volleyball team will travel to Dighton to compete in the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament beginning at 10 a.m. On Tuesday, the high school volleyball regionals will take place with date and time to be announced. Check the website www.cheylin.com, click on calendar.

Cheylin scholars bowl
 On Monday at 4:30 p.m., Cheylin will be hosting the first junior high scholars bowl.

Storytime
 Storytime will be on Friday at 10 a.m. unless there is inclement weather.

Cheylin pep rally
 The community is welcome to the Cougar pep rally on Thursday, Oct. 29. The fun begins at 2:30 p.m. in the Cheylin high school gymnasium. You are welcome to come and support the Cougars.

Spook parade
 The Cheylin Elementary School will be having a spook parade followed by the third annual Trunk-or-Treat sponsored by community businesses, organizations and residents. All young children are welcome. Fun begins on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 3 p.m.

Farewell to Extension Agent
 A farewell party for Joe Leibbrandt will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21, in the Cheyenne County Courthouse lower floor. The gathering is to wish Joe good luck in his new job.

Annual Craft fair
 The 14 annual Craft Fair is planned for Saturday, Nov. 7, in the St. Francis Grade School. Check the ad in this issue for many details.

Singers needed

Fifty to 60 singers are needed for a mass choir singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah". All are welcome from St. Francis and surrounding towns. Neala Carmichael will direct. There will be six rehearsals. The first practice is Sunday, Nov. 8 at 1:30 p.m., at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. There will be two performances in December, one on Saturday evening, Dec. 19, at Salem Lutheran Church in rural St. Francis, and the other on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, at Peace Lutheran Church. Call Neala Carmichael 785-332-8996 or Louanne Isernhagen, 785-332-3634.

Sky Ranch Mission Festival at Bird City
 St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City, will celebrate Sky Ranch Mission Festival on Sunday. 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.

Common Threads Quilt Guild
 Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. today (Thursday), at Saintry Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

Hospital Board
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet Monday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the St. Francis Clinic.

Diabetes Support Group
 The Diabetes Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21 in the basement of the Cheyenne County Clinic. Mike Hanson, Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Service Intravenous Certified Technician and instructor will present the program on "Diabetic Emergencies."

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

Tag deadline
 All residents with last names beginning with S 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.

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting
 Cheyenne County Development Corporation will hold its annual meeting today (Thursday) 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.

Flood of 1935
 The National Weather Service is planning a special program to commemorate the 1935 flood. May 30, 2010, will be the 75th anniversary of the Republican River flood which moved through Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska, leaving a path of destruction as it

went. Rick Reeser, St. Francis, is looking for people who survived the flood or relatives and friends who knew these people. He will be compiling information for the weather service. In the future, the weather service website will have a new link to the history of the dramatic story of the flood. Other contacts are Joy Hayden, 785-899-6412, email, joy.hayden@noaa.gov, or contact Karen Krien at The Herald office.

Varsity sports schedule
 The football team will play Syracuse Friday at 7 p.m. at Greene Field, St. Francis. The varsity volleyball team will play in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Goodland on Saturday. Action begins at 10 a.m.

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.

Upcoming Western Plains Arts Association programs
 • 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.

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

E-waste collection is Thursday
 The e-waste collection date was incorrect in last week's Herald. It will be held Thursday (today) at the recycling center in St. Francis from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

School Menu

Monday, Oct. 19 Breakfast: hash browns, sausage patty. Lunch: quesadillas, rice, vegetables.	Thursday, Oct. 22 Breakfast: yogurt, boiled egg. Lunch: lasagna, bread.
Tuesday, Oct. 20 Breakfast: English muffin, fruit. Lunch: corn dog, nachoes with cheese sauce.	Friday, Oct. 23 Breakfast: sausage cheese scones. Lunch: turkey sandwich, dessert. Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk
Wednesday, Oct. 21 Breakfast: oatmeal Lunch: sausage gravy and biscuits	

Club Clip

Go-Getters
 The Go-Getters held their monthly meeting on Sunday. Five members answered roll call to the question, "What is your favorite ice cream flavor." Seven guests were present. The following officers were elected, Savannah Isely, president; Bradey Hansen, vice president; Celine Isely, treasurer; Ivan Kemp, secretary and reporter; and Joseph Augusta, song and recreation leader. The members submitted 4-H Club nominations for awards. They talked about what they could do for Christmas. One suggestion was caroling with Plum Creek 4-H Club at St. Francis Good Samaritan Village. Ivan Kemp gave a food demonstration by telling the members how he made his taco soup. Following the meal, guests and members had fun painting Halloween pumpkins. Meeting adjourned.
 Celine Isely Reporter

Letter to the Editor

To the editor,
 Operation SOS (Supporting Our Soldiers) is an organization whose goal is to provide support to the troops serving the United States overseas. Supporting Our soldiers is not new to our area as we have been very much a part of this very worthwhile project for the past several years. It seems to those of us that are organizing the ingathering that this year it is more important than ever to remember our service personnel overseas. Our president and the people that make decisions concerning our military, especially in Afghanistan, are procrastinating concerning the need for more support, help

and personnel in order to make it possible to win. Why? We will not forget these people and so we will again gather food, hygiene products, Christmas lights, cards and letters made and written by school children and of course cash for postage to send boxes filled with goodies for their holiday cheer. In the past we have sent as many as 1,000 boxes in time for the holidays and plan to reach that goal again. We need to have this ingathering by Nov. 15, and we feel there is no one in our area that is unable to help in some way for this worthy cause. Boxes will be placed in our

grocery stores for gifts that can be purchased in our local stores. Encourage your children to participate as a way to thank our service personnel for the great job they are doing to keep them living in the "land of the free and the home of the brave" and assure them that they are appreciated. In Bird City, Hulda Dorsch is in charge as president of the American Legion Auxiliary and in St. Francis, Christy Wurm, as a 4-H leader, will be in charge. Feel free to contact us if you have questions. Lists will be posted throughout our towns.
 Hulda Dorsch
 Bird City

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hr. 31 min.

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Come say Farewell to Joe Leibbrandt

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In the Cheyenne County Courthouse lower floor. Come wish Joe good luck in his new job.

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