



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick scmcormick@nwkansas.com Autumn is making her entrance on the high plains. Across the vast fields the bright summer colors are giving way to the muted hues of fall. Rust, grey, brown and dull greens softly cover the land as nature prepares for a few months rest. Driving along the highways, few objects rise too far in the distance. Some trees throw their limbs in the air to release what leaves are left. And here and there an old windmill

works double time against the ever-present wind. The largest structures that tower over the flat ground, the grain elevator, mark one of the business hubs along the road and rails. Also, most towns have one more identifying feature that can be seen from afar. The water tower stands, sort of like a prairie light-house, marking a population center on the open range. This country is a sight to see, especially this time of year!

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider dublins@hotmail.com I don't know about you, but I have stopped watching any network news on television. I still stay connected via internet and the old fashioned way by reading the newspaper, but my emotional and mental health have been quickly deteriorating from hearing television news media's version of this or that issue. In addition, there is no danger of a television news person slipping in some derogatory statement when I read.

probably more commentary news than factual news and everyone is quick to jump on any bit of information that gets a rise in their ratings. So what if it has to be retracted later, anyone can make a mistake in reporting news. Sure reporters make mistakes, but that should not be the norm.

I think television news media has reached an all-time low in reporting the facts and truth on news items that are important to the public. Really, trying to just get the facts on something that has been reported is like trying to find a piece of hay in a needle stack!

Now it is reported the White House is taking steps to stop the unfavorable and defamatory information given out by some of the news networks. Where have they been for the last 50 years? The media networks have always been bias; have always tried to dig up some past skeleton from a candidate they didn't like — look at Sarah Palin.

In the past, news reporters were regarded with highest admiration. They reported on news that was important without all the opinionated comments, the news and only the news. Of course, there has always been a place for opinions, but it should not have a place on headline news.

Moreover, past presidents have always been portrayed as bumbling fools at some point in their term. Why should President Obama be any different? He has done it himself; remember the ambiguous lipstick on the pig comment?

Now-a-days I think there is

Anyway, what the White House is doing is, instead of shutting up those unfavorable networks, they are raising their ratings. I think the networks ought to have a "Reality News Hour" show, Americans eat that stuff up.

School Menu

Monday, Oct. 26 Breakfast: blueberry muffin, boiled egg Lunch: chili, cinnamon knots	Wednesday, Oct. 28 Breakfast: scones Lunch: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, roll
Tuesday, Oct. 27 Breakfast: sausage gravy, biscuit Lunch: taco salad	Thursday, Oct. 29 Breakfast: egg cheese biscuit Lunch: ham sandwich, french fries.

Bulletin Board

Death notice
James E. Tracy, age 83, Goodland, formerly of the McDonald and Bird City area, died on Oct. 16 at the Hays Medical Center. Funeral services were held Oct. 20, at the Federated Church in McDonald with Pastor Mark Adams officiating. Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his name to the Federated Church, McDonald Senior Center and the Goodland Good Samaritan Center.
125th Anniversary quilt
Anyone interested in making a 12" x 12" finished quilt block made of 100 percent cotton for the 125th anniversary quilt, meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Bird City Senior Center.

Storytime
Due to the school schedule, there will be no Storytime on Friday at the Bird City Library.
Senior Center
Senior Center monthly potluck will be held on Monday at noon. Bring a favorite dish and enjoy a lunch with friends.
American Legion Auxiliary
The American Legion Auxiliary will be sewing neck coolers for the Support Our Soldiers program at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Cheylin theater
Cheylin Choir will be presenting "South Pacific" performance on Thursday, Nov. 5 and on Saturday, Nov. 7 there will be a dinner and show. Contact Rose Hengen at 785-734-2341 for more information.
St. Francis elementary fall program
The St. Francis grade school kindergartners, first, second and third graders will be performing a fall music program at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the gymnasium. A dress rehearsal will be held at 10:15 on Tuesday. Everyone is welcome to attend either or both of the performances.
Yost Ford Mercury open house
An open house is being held all day Wednesday, Oct. 28 at Yost Ford Mercury to introduce Kodi Workman, new sales person, and Justin Haislip, sales manager. Check ad in this issue of The Herald for additional details.

Greenline Open House
Greenline, Inc., will be holding an open house from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Many gift items will be on display. Additional information available in ad in this issue.
Girl Scouts Bronze Award
Six St. Francis Girl Scouts will receive the Bronze Award at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, at the

Methodist Church. The public is urged to attend.
Free screening for young children
A free screening for young children will be held starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday at the First Christian Church. The annual developmental screening is recommended for all young children who have not yet entered kindergarten. (See related article for more information.)
Call Teri Richard at the grade school to schedule an appointment. Phone numbers include: Resource room, Mrs. Burr, 332-8149; grade school, Mrs. Richard, 332-8143.
People needed to deliver meals on wheels
People are needed to deliver meals on wheels two days a week at the Good Samaritan Village. For more information, contact Deb Gohl, dietary manager, 785-332-2531.
Reformation Weekend Conference
First Baptist Church in St. Francis will be hosting a Reformation Weekend Conference Oct. 30 - Nov. 1. This year's theme is "The Five Solas of the Reformation." Dr. Fred Malone, pastor of First Baptist Church in Clinton, La., will be preaching from God's Word in each of the five sessions. Session times are: Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7 p.m., and Sunday 10:30 a.m. Registration is free and child care is provided. For more information call 785-332-3921 or 785-332-2959 or go to fbcestfrancis.org.
Fourth Anniversary Celebration
The St. Francis United Methodist Thrift Store will be having a store-wide half price sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in honor of their fourth anniversary. There will be four drawings daily for gift certificates along with free stuffed animals.
Haigler Tumbleweed Festival
The Haigler Tumbleweed Festival is taking place on Saturday, Oct. 31 (Halloween). There will be garage

sales, food, tumbleweed decorations and a country-western dance in the evening. The Haigler News gives additional details and look for future ads and an additional story in future issues of *The Herald*.

Hospital Board
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet Monday at 3 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the St. Francis Clinic.
Fair Board
The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet Thursday, Nov. 5, at the courthouse.
Cheyenne County Hospital Guild
The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2 at the office of Dr. Tim Poling in St. Francis. He will be presenting a program on "Updates In Demistry."
Hostesses later at the Senior Center are Eileen Nolan and Sherry Schultz.

Commissioners
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Thursday, instead of Friday, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.
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.

Library Art Gallery
The St. Francis Public Library Art Gallery is featuring a paddle fan collection by Linda Elfers. There are approximately 25 items on display.
Upcoming Western Plains Arts Association program
• Voyager, a fresh and original voice in World Music will perform at 3 p.m. central time on Sunday, Nov. 1, in Sharon Springs.

New and used items needed for fundraiser.
Contact Deb Smith, Dee Dorsch or Linda Schneider before Nov. 9.

Auction on Nov. 14 to raise money for the 125-Year Bird City Celebration.
Look for more information in the future.

Cheylin School Presents
"South Pacific"
Thurs., Nov. 5 - Evening Performance, \$5 - 7:30 p.m. (tickets can be purchased at the door)
Sat., Nov. 7 - Dinner Theater, \$15
Contact Rose Hengen for more information 785-734-2341

Terry Brenner Memorial Backwards Golf Tournament
Sunday, Oct. 25
Free Breakfast 10 a.m.
Golf 11 a.m. CST
Call Riverside to sign up at 785-332-3401
A Halloween Dance will be held on Oct. 31

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Annual Holiday Craft Fair
Saturday, Oct. 31
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
American Legion Hall, Bird City
Kid's Craft Corner
For \$5, your kids can have fun making their own crafts while you shop!
Make your own Mask!!
Masks available to decorate!
Lunch will be available
Contact: Barb Gerdes 785-734-2421

Greenline Open House
Saturday and Sunday
Oct. 24, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 25, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
There will be drawings & prize giveaways!
Enjoy tea, coffee & cookies.
Check out the great gift items, toys, cookbooks, scrapbook items & Ladies work gloves!
If you like Green, you will love what we have!
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SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 38 min.
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Oct. 23, 24 & 25 Comedy
Sandra Bullock, Thomas Haden Church, Bradley Cooper, Ken Jeong, D.J. Qualls
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Do you have questions about the H1N1 (Swine) Flu?
The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has set up a toll-free number for the public to get answers to questions about H1N1. This line is answered from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Please call 1-877-427-7317
Do you think that you or one of your family members may need medical attention due to seasonal or H1N1 influenza?
Hays Medical Center can help. Their toll-free number is answered by a nurse who can advise you on whether you need to seek medical attention. Please call 1-877-621-7140.
General tips to help prevent the spread of germs and disease:
• Stay home if you get sick. Limit contact with others.
• Sneez or cough into a tissue and dispose of the tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue available, sneeze or cough into your sleeve.
• Wash your hands often, especially after you cough or sneeze.
• Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers if soap and water are not readily available.
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
• Avoid contact with others who are sick.

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