



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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For me, the Thanksgiving Holiday is a good time to reflect and take note of all the things around that I should be grateful for.

vast majority were from friends and neighbors in Bird City and St. Francis.

Each was wonderful to see again and knowing that such a large group was pulling for me certainly had to have helped me get back home.

One in particular has stuck with me every since. About the same time I fell ill a tornado cut a path east and north of Bird City. The town was undamaged, however several farms and homes were devastated.

But one family, who lost their home and many of their possessions to the twister, still took time to send me a card. Amazingly, after having their world turned upside down they still were thinking of others.

So this Turkey Day I will be with many of my loved ones and I will thank God for them and all of you. Happy Thanksgiving!

Cheylin School's Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner
It is that time again! Cheylin School will be hosting the Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner on Dec. 9. Reservations must be made by Thursday, Dec. 3. Call Deanna Nelsen at 785-734-2351

Country Christmas
Country Christmas, sponsored by Center Church Association, will be held at the Bird City Senior Center at 6 p.m. on Dec. 4. Bring a can of soup, finger foods

and Christmas stories, readings, and poems to share.

Scentsy Open House
a Scentsy Open House is being held from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the LeBow Manor Community Room, Bird City. Check ad for details.

County Commissioners
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Monday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Cheyenne County Fair Board
The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet on Thursday, Dec. 3, at the courthouse.

Western Plains Arts Association
On Monday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m., the famous Riders in the Sky will present the holiday show, "Christmas The Cowboys Way," in the Oakley High School Auditorium.

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild
The Cheyenne County Hospital

Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7, at the Senior Citizen's Center. The program will be a Christmas Sendoff by the high school choir. Debbie Fiala is the director.

Wreaths Across America Ceremony
Wreaths Across America is coming to WaKeeney on Dec. 12. The Civil Air Patrol will sponsor the 4th annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at WaKeeney at 11 a.m. on Dec. 12, when seven ceremonial wreaths will be placed to remember those who gave their lives in service for this country.

Veterans Affairs
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 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.

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.

Sainty Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous
Sainty 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.

Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider
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How do we do it? More correctly, why do we do it? Why does it only take a handful of people to take American holidays away from the family?

It always starts with Thanksgiving Day holiday and ends with Easter. Yeah, I am complaining, it's my right and I have the Constitution and Declaration of Independence to back me up.

I would like to say something about Thanksgiving Day. I recently heard a report that there is a movement to change Thanksgiving Day to the National Day of Mourning, which is being observed by some indigenous people.

The following exert is taking from a speech by Wamsutta James in 1970 "To them (Native Americans), Thanksgiving is 'a reminder of the genocide of millions of their people, the theft of their lands, and the relentless assault on their culture.'"

The article continues, "The Day of Mourning, on the other hand, is a day of remembrance and spiritual connection, as well as a protest of the racism and

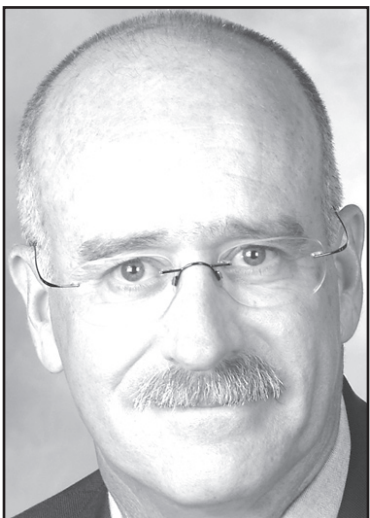
oppression that Native Americans continue to experience."

I am not in any way denying the fact of their continued oppression, but the first Thanksgiving Day celebrated was not to oppress Native Americans. I don't know all the facts about the first celebration, but most historians agree that it was during a time of mutual friendship between them and the early settlers and continued for a few decades.

But, it ended as good things typically do, because of the greed of men and women. I do believe greed was, and still is, the root of all continued oppression that many tribes and nations still experience world-wide.

So, should Thanksgiving Day be a day used as a reminder "of theft...and assault..."? In my opinion, go ahead if you want, because the above mentioned documents give you that privilege. As for me, I choose to celebrate the spirit of friendship of that first Thanksgiving Day.

As a side note, my great-grandmother on my mother's side was a Native American and along with Native American and Irish heritage on my father's side, well, you do the math.



Winter

Honor is bestowed

Salina Superintendent Rob Winter has been selected as the 2010 Kansas Superintendent of the Year by the Kansas Association of School Administrators. He has been a superintendent for the Salina Public Schools since 2004.

Prior to coming to Salina, Dr. Winter was superintendent of schools in Scottsbluff, Neb., for 10 years. Kansas experience includes six years as superintendent for Riley County Unified School District 378, Riley, and superintendent of schools for three years in Cheylin United School District 103, Bird City. He also served as high school principal in the Cheylin School District.

Dr. Winter began his education career as a teacher for Artesia Public Schools, Artesia, N.M. Candidates for superintendent of the year are assessed according to their professionalism, communication, community involvement and leadership in meeting the needs of students.

Dr. Winter said he is truly honored to be selected for this award, and looks forward to the opportunities his selection will provide to advocate for Kansas public education.

"There is, in my estimation, no higher calling than to work with young people," Dr. Winter said. "The work we do as superintendents takes courage and commitment, and is never without significant challenges and opportunities, but it is essential to the future of this state and nation."

Dr. Winter will represent Kansas at the American Association of School Administrators' National Conference on Education in February and will be considered for the National Superintendent of the Year program

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

December calendar of events
Wednesday, Dec. 2: McDonald Area Development meeting at the Senior Center.

Monday, Dec. 7: McDonald Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: McDonald Garden Club Christmas Cookie Party.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Cheylin School Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner.

Saturday, Dec. 19: Lions Club Pancake Dinner; Santa comes to McDonald, McDonald Area Development bingo.

Friday, Dec. 25: Celebrate the birth of Christ.

Members of the Federated Church enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving dinner after church services.

Iris McIntosh and Myra Miller entertained with a pre-Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday evening. Guests were Nancy, Dave

and Alan Palloze and David and Judy McIntosh, all of Lakewood, Colo., and Fred McIntosh of Hays.

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

Tuesday evening supper guests of R. J. and Susie Sabatka were

Chanda Dowling and baby, Oakley, Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and family, and Laddie and Vera Kacirek. Chanda and baby returned to their home in Springfield, Mo., on Thursday.

L.J. and Kammie Purvis were guests of grandparents, Jerry and Betty Knapp from Thursday to Saturday.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed by several South of McDonald residents Sunday at the Federated Church in McDonald.

Barb Morton was a Saturday evening and supper guest of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children. They all helped Barb celebrate her birthday. Kathy Banister attended the

National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City Thursday through Sunday. She was a trip sponsor.

Bethel Goldt, with the rest of the Red Hat Ladies, attended a pajama brunch at the home of Bonnie Burr Tuesday morning.

Bethel Goldt attended the McDonald November birthday dinner at Two Lee's Wednesday.

School Menu

Monday, Nov. 30

Breakfast: breakfast burritos
Lunch: taco salad, vegetable, dessert

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Breakfast: banana wrap
Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, bread

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Breakfast: breakfast casserole
Lunch: roast beef, mashed

potatoes with gravy, roll

Thursday, Dec. 3

Breakfast: sausage cheese scone

Lunch: pork fritter sandwich, french fries

Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk

Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk

Happy Thanksgiving

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Scentsy Open House

LeBow Manor Community Room, Bird City

Wednesday, Nov. 25
10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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December Calendar

Dr. Frankum	Dec. 2, 16
Dr. Reeves	Dec. 23
Dr. Rubinowitz	Dec. 8, 9
Dr. Saba	Dec. 18
Dr. Curtis	Dec. 11
Dr. Johnson	Dec. 21
Dr. Uyemura	Dec. 7, 21
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