



## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Seeing the devastation that the earthquake brought to Haiti brings many thoughts to mind. Since I get to fill this space, here we go...

I've never been to Haiti but I did have a chance to visit Puerto Plata on the Dominican Republic side of the island. I can't imagine they are a whole lot different, it's just that the Dominicans have had a little less political upheaval over the years.

It was back in the 1980 and my only memory is of going into a small rum factory where one person's job was to throw defective bottles on the concrete floor. Also, everywhere you looked there were soldiers with machine-guns. It wasn't the kind of

place you wanted to stay for long.

Perhaps the Dominican Republic has changed over the years and we were only next door to the French side of the island. But seeing and hearing about Haiti today makes it pretty clear that it qualifies as a "Third world nation."

Luckily our country is strong and can send a great deal of relief to the little nation. We are not alone as France, Israel, the United Nations and others are chipping in too.

It's a shame it happened in such a terribly poor place. And the aid we are sending will not bring people back to life or negate the damage. But it is still good to see the powerful help the weak.

## Letters From Linda

By Linda Schneider

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I have talked to people who have read my column and found out that there are times when I just don't make any sense to them. I am not surprised at all by this nor am I offended.

The reason is that my opinions are influenced by my Christian faith and I know not everyone can follow my line of thinking. It is not any different than a cowboy listening to a gardener, or a mathematician listening to a politician. Anyway, on with my column.

For the past 10 or more days, I have been experiencing a restlessness, even a kind of doomsday feeling. I don't like it; however, I have learned that it will not go away unless I deal with it. And I have the feeling a lot of people are experiencing the same.

In the past, I would try to push the restlessness down by indulging in one of my several addictions, drugs, alcohol, unhealthy relationships, or shopping. And this is not as unusual as some may think, just because one or two of my addictions were illegal doesn't

mean they are worse than yours.

But can you imagine 10 days of this! Waking up every morning wondering, waiting for something bad to happen and thinking the worse. Has that ever happened to anyone?

Well, I decided to ask God what was going on and guess what! The restlessness and doomsday feeling subsided and was replaced by expectations. I know it doesn't make sense, but it was true. I must add it was only through Jesus that God heard me and I know that doesn't make sense to some either, not unless you're a Christian and looking for answers.

You see, what made the restlessness subside was God's answer. Now your question might be "How do I know the answer was from God?"

Well, first of all, the answer is found in the Bible; second, it applies to my everyday situation, and thirdly, I am expecting great things to transform.

My addictions never gave lasting relief from my fears, let alone give me great expectations. You know, it really doesn't get any better than that.

## School Menu

Monday, Jan. 25  
Sixth grade lunch menu  
Breakfast: spoon burgers.  
Lunch: hard-shell taco, spanish rice, kiwi, brownies.  
Tuesday, Jan. 26  
Seventh grade lunch menu  
Breakfast: sausage gravy and biscuit.  
Lunch: cheesy potato soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, grapefruit, fruit pizza.  
Wednesday, Jan. 27

Breakfast: polish sausage supreme.  
Lunch: burritos with chili, dessert.  
Thursday, Jan. 28  
Breakfast: pancakes.  
Lunch: hamburger on a bun, baked beans  
Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.  
Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk.

### Insulate meters

It is time to insulate the water meter barrels. With sub-zero temperatures, the water meters will freeze and cause extensive as well as expensive repairs.

### Open house

The Republican Valley Auto Supply is holding a Nex-Tech Wireless open house on Saturday, Jan. 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check ad in this issue for additional details.

### Benefit dinner

Benefit spaghetti dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Bird City. It is sponsored by Cheyenne County Kansans for Life. See ad for more information.

### Senior Center

The January potluck dinner will be held on at the Bird City Senior Center on Monday at noon.

### Story time

Story time at the Bird City Library will begin on Friday at 10 a.m. Ages 4 through 7 are welcome to come and enjoy an hour of crafts and reading.

### Cheylin food bank

McDonald and Bird City residents can now pick up non-perishable foods from the United Methodist Church in Bird City each Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will also be open each Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Vouchers will be given to obtain perishable food items at the grocery store.

### Cheylin basketball

Today (Thursday) Cheylin junior high basketball teams will play home court in McDonald against Wheatland/Grinnell, beginning with the B-team girls at 4 p.m. And then it's a Tuesday game at home against Wallace County, game time at 1 p.m.

Cougar high school basketball teams will play at McDonald on Friday against Greeley County, game time begins at 4 p.m. with the boys C-team.

On Tuesday, the high school basketball teams travel to Atwood to play against Rawlins County.

Game time begins at 6:30 p.m.

### Scholar's Bowl

Cheylin junior and high school Scholar's Bowl teams will travel to Brewster on Monday. Junior high begins the meet at 1 p.m., followed by high school team at 4:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, the junior high Scholars' Bowl Freedom League Tournament will travel to Grinnell and begin at 1 p.m. For updates on all Cheylin School events, go online to [www.cheylin.com](http://www.cheylin.com) and click on calendar.[www.cheylin.com](http://www.cheylin.com)

### Bird City Golf Club

The Bird City Golf Club will hold its annual membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Bird City Diner. Officers will be elected.

### Historical Society

The annual meeting of the Cheyenne County Historical Society will start at 4 p.m. on Sunday in the Old Country Church. There will be a short business meeting and installation of officers followed by a song fest. Refreshments will be served.

### Kansas Day

Kansas Day will be observed on Friday, Jan. 29, at the Bird City Legion hall. Registration begins at 10, with a potluck lunch at noon, followed by a special "History Detectives" program.

### Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, January 29, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

### Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1, at the Senior Center in St. Francis. Tyler Raile, physician assistant, will present the program, Medical Update.

Hostesses are Wilma Lampe, Lucille Price, Sonya Modrell.

### Common Threads Quilt Guild

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

### Magic Show

The Keith West Magic and Illusion Show will bring the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas to The Gateway in Oberlin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30.

The show combines the best of magic and mind boggling illusions with the wit and comedy of Keith West and Showgirl Ms. Madeline. The audience will be welcome to join them on the stage and become part of the show.

For information, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

### 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](mailto:joy.hayden@noaa.gov), or contact Karen Krien at The Herald office.

### Pro-Life baby shower

The Knights of Columbus Pro-Life baby shower, which collects items that are needed to raise an infant, is taking place in January. Items will be donated to the Mary Elizabeth Home for Unwed Mothers. Those interested may donate things such as blankets, diapers, bottles, clothing, etc., or may make cash donations. Take items to the Catholic church in Bird City or St. Francis or call Dennis Wright or Mike Antholz.

### 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.

Starting in January, the Veterans' Service representative will only be in St. Francis on the third Thursday of each month.

### Western Plains Arts Association

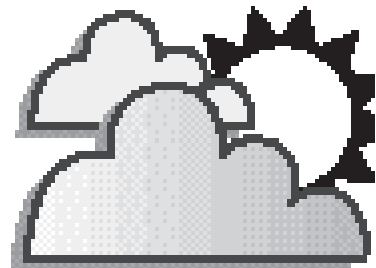
The "#1 Hits of the 60s" will be presented on Monday evening, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Colby at the Colby High School auditorium. This is a fast-paced, high-energy show from Branson, Mo., that captures the heart and soul of this era through a colorful tapestry of music and dance.

### 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 call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.



SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 29 min.

## Alvin and the Chipmunks

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## Notice

### Individual and Business Personal Property Assessment

Starts Monday, January 11, 2010 and must be completed by no later than March 15, 2010. The March 15 deadline applies to all people who render or list personal property. Assessments must be personally signed.

Taxable Items Include:

Pickups and trucks with 16M or heavier tags; Aircraft; watercraft; Off Road Vehicles such as ATVs; Non-tagged motorcycles; Kit cars; Non-ag trailers; Golf Carts; Snowmobiles; Jet Skis and Skidoos; Mopeds; Campers; Camping Trailers that are not self contained; Micro Utility Trucks; Mobile Homes on rented or leased ground; Business and Industrial Equipment and Fixtures.

Real Estate improvements or structural changes to buildings must be reported to the county Appraiser.

Anyone having questions should contact the Appraiser's Office at 785-332-8830

K.S.A. 79-1422: Penalty for late filing: 5% per month up to a maximum of 25%

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### Cheyenne County Appraiser's Office

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There are 3 different units now, the new one is a cordless phone or if you have plenty of phones there is just the unit and the third option is a regular phone unit.

The cost for a Lifeline is a one-time installation fee of \$50 and the monthly cost is \$30 and for the new cordless phone it is \$35.

For more information or to get one installed call Shawna at Cheyenne County Hospital 785-332-2104.

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NWKTC  
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Goodland, KS 67735  
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