



# Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**  
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 My step-father, Richard Seno, ended his battle with cancer last week. After more than a year of ups and downs battling the incurable disease, he left on his own terms. Richard had had enough of hospitals. The last two weeks he was able to be home with loved ones. His wife, Susan, and three children, Roland, George and Regina, and their spouses and children, kept a constant vigil. The Italian-American from Chicago was surrounded by the fa-

miliar smell of tomato sauce simmering on the stove. Priests and Catholic laymen prepared him to be with his Creator. And all the while, a family member was near to comfort him and make him as comfortable as possible. When the last hour approached, Richard was listening to Luciano Pavarotti sing operatic arias. Then a rerun of his favorite television episode was put on: M\*A\*S\*H's "5 O'clock Charlie." He was not alone in the warmth of his home. May we all be as blessed to leave this world as rich a man as Richard Seno.

# Letters From Linda

**By Linda Schneider**  
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 I think the free ride is over for the Democrats. Maybe you have and you may not have noticed how the Democrats are jumping ship. It might not seem like a lot, but I don't remember the last time I heard from so many legislators that they will not seek re-election this year. There is something to be said about that and I am just the person to do it. I have been listening to the reasons behind the sudden bale outs and most of the reasons appear to be made out of fear. Yeah, the fear of tomatoes being thrown at them! Seriously, I don't really believe anyone is going to get a tomato in their faces, but Americans are beginning to take notice at what is going on in our nation's capitol, many of us for the first time. I recently watched a Sarah Palin speech and what I found refreshing is that if she seeks a presidential nomination, she will first do her homework and study what the people want and talk to heads of states in Washington. Don't you think we are worth at least that bit of effort? And we voters must do our homework also. One of the things that

happened in the last election is that voters let the media do all the work, and most did not address or explore what many felt to be important, background information. Some of President Obama's background information is still being challenged, and there is still confusion about his religion which he professed to be Christian, but is able to quote the Koran more accurately than the Bible. About those Democrats, I recently heard one say he is getting out because of the way Congress is being run, DUH. However, that should be more of a reason to stay in and work from the inside, he is really jumping ship before it sinks. A few clichés come to mind when I think about what is happening in Washington like this one-to test the strength of a tea bag, it has to be dipped in hot water or a chain is as strong as its weakest link. And this is one of my favorite-when a ship is sinking, it's the rats that jump off first.

# Bulletin Board

**Esther (Roesener) Linin**  
 Esther Linin will be having a 90th birthday celebration on Saturday between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., mountain time, at the Good Samaritan Home in Goodland.  
**Death notice**  
 Delbert Wayne Powell, 84, of Bird City died Feb. 10, 2010, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis. He was born March 14, 1925. Services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Delbert Powell Memorial Fund.  
**Story time**  
 Library Story time will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday. Ages 4 through 7 welcomed to enjoy crafts and reading time.  
**Senior Center**  
 Bird City Senior Center will be having their monthly potluck luncheon on Monday at noon. Bring a favorite dish and enjoy good conversation.  
**Cheylin senior parents**  
 On Friday during the Cougar basketball games, senior class parents will receive recognition and appreciation for their participation and service in school events.  
**Cheylin sports**  
 Cheylin High School Cougar basketball teams will play a home game against Golden Plains on Friday. Game time begins at 4 p.m. Cougar high school basketball regionals begin next week, times/place to be announced.  
 Today (Thursday) Cougar junior high basketball teams travel to Brewster to begin the Freedom League Tournament. Games begin with B-team girls at 12:30 p.m. Saturday game to be announced.  
**Future Farmers of America**  
 FFA Week begins on Monday.  
**Relay for Life meeting**  
 Kim Peach from the American Cancer Society is coming to meet with last year's Relay for Life Com-

mittee members to discuss Relay 2010. The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Equity meeting room. The room will be open early.  
**Hospital Board**  
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.  
**Hospital Guild program change**  
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 1, at the St. Francis Senior Center. The program will be Sara Houtman on Hazardous Materials Update. Hostesses will be Helen Burnham and Dolores Wiley. The original March program of Lunch With Les at the hospital will be held in April.  
**Cheyenne County Commissioners**  
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, Feb 26, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.  
**Common Threads Quilt Guild**  
 Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Sainty Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.  
**College president to speak at St. Francis Community High School**  
 Michael Schneider, president of McPherson College, will be presenting information to the St. Francis students in grades nine through 12 today (Thursday) at 1 p.m. in the high school auditorium. President Schneider is the youngest college president in Kansas. He is the son-in-law of Ken and Sherry Krien of Bird City. President Schneider will be discussing the benefits of a liberal arts education and the opportunities provided by private colleges in Kansas. The public is welcome to attend.  
**AARP**  
 AARP meeting will be held at

2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the St. Francis senior center. Keith Dankenbring of Bumper to Bumper will be the speaker.  
 Wilma Lampe is the hostess.  
**Dance program in Oberlin**  
 Jackie Creamer's national award winning Vision Dance Company will perform at the Oberlin Gateway at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The dance studio is located in Hays and consists of 90 members ranging in ages from 5 to 18. They will bring 25 dancers to Oberlin. Call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218 for additional information.  
**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. The Veterans' Service representative will only be in St. Francis on the third Thursday of each month.  
**Wildlife banquet**  
 The 25th Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet has been set for Friday, March 26, at the fairgrounds in St. Francis. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. There will only be 300 tickets available this year.  
**Free tax help**  
 Rowland Roelfs, the local AARP tax aide person, will be helping the taxpayer with federal and state tax returns, recommending E-filing with direct deposit of any refunds. He will be at the St. Francis Library on Wednesdays, hours 2 to 5 p.m., and at the St. Francis Senior Center on Thursdays 2 to 5 p.m. Please bring all W-2s (earned wages), 1099s (interest, dividends, retirement annuities, and all other income), along with your property tax statement. With direct deposit refunds

can be deposited within two weeks. Personal appointments can be arranged by calling 785 332 3490.  
**Tri-State Growers Appreciation dinner**  
 Woffter Constuction will be hosting a Tri-State Growers appreciation banquet on Thursday, Feb. 25. The free event, to be conducted at City Limits Convention Center in Colby, will feature an educational seminar by John Roach of Roach Ag. Area producers who would like to be included in the invitation list should contact Woffter Constuction of Colby at 1-800-279-4850 and ask for Shannon and please reference the Tri State Growers Appreciation dinner.  
**Western Plains Arts Association**  
 Route 66 is a rock and roll musical revue that follows the path of the old Route 66 highway from Chicago to California, with musical numbers from the last 1950s and early '60s. The Western Plains Arts Association will be presenting this program in Colby at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 7.  
**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

# Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:  
 To the citizens of Cheyenne County:  
 You are a credit to the good old Red, White, and Blue and the system of government we all question at times, but wouldn't trade for anything else in the world! You came out in record numbers to greet our representatives from Topeka. And I assure you, they left here with that indelible mark!  
 Thank you, Alisa Rath and the Farm Bureau for your graciousness in responding to the request for a larger venue and for getting things all arranged.  
 Thank you, journalists and photographers of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*, for being there to make sure this event was covered.  
 Thank you, Superintendents Schiltz and Bolen (and Werner!) for making sure that sham information

was not allowed to go unchallenged. I am sure our good legislators will do their homework a little better the next time they come our direction.  
 Thank you, Community Builders and others who worked on getting the word out and getting the rest of us educated on the issues.  
 And most of all - thank you for all who got up early on a long weekend to be there to share the concerns. If the same percentage of population of one of the big counties would show up in their respective areas, there would not be a venue big enough to hold them. We may be small, sparse, and far from Topeka, but in a political system based on the common man...we were BIG!  
 Topeka - are you listening?  
 Mary Beth Miller  
 St. Francis

across Cheyenne County united in one room on Saturday with a common purpose. It is more important than ever that we all work together to keep what we have in this wonderful county, as well as strive to make it an even better place to live. Many services have already been taken away from us and we need to stem the tide.  
 At least our legislators got the message that we care about what is happening in Topeka and that we will keep paying attention to what they do. They don't have an easy job even in the best of times, but they need to know what our feelings are, and we need to stay in touch with them about any issues that affect us.  
 No one wants to pay more taxes (or even current ones), but we all expect the government, whether it be local, state or national, to provide the services we personally need or want. Most Americans say that they want

smaller government and lower taxes, but would be appalled, for instance, if children died of E. Coli because we didn't have enough food inspectors. We might force the school to cut their budget, but then complain because kids aren't getting enough education. Of course, we want the clinic/hospital/emergency medical service to have the personnel and equipment to take care of us when we get sick or hurt. And, we certainly expect our streets and roads to be properly maintained!  
 Maybe we tag our vehicles in another state or shop there because the taxes are lower, but somehow I fail to believe that we can call that state when we need the fire department, the ambulance or a bridge repaired. When you shop online, (sometimes that is the only place we can find what we need), you are not only hurting the local merchant, but hurting yourself because there is no

sales tax revenue that will help us locally and statewide. If the local merchant goes out of business because of a lack of customers, then it hurts our economy with lost jobs and less sales and property tax, and maybe fewer kids in school.  
 Please be supportive of Cheyenne County government and businesses, and let our Kansas and U.S. Representatives and Senators, as well as local officials, know your opinion of issues they are considering.  
 If you hear a rumor about something, find out the facts. There have been a lot of falsehoods floating around about the funding issues. If there is a meeting being held, be sure to be there. We all need to stay informed as to what is happening, and not feel that we are helpless to doing anything about it. You can make a difference!  
 Sherry Schultz  
 St. Francis

## School Menu

**Monday, Feb. 22**  
 Breakfast: hash browns, sausage link.  
 Lunch: soft-shell taco, rice.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 23**  
 Breakfast: banana wrap.  
 Lunch: pizza stromboli.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 24**  
 Ninth grade lunch menu  
 Breakfast: scrambled eggs.  
 Lunch: meatballs and buttered noodles, bread, corn, dessert.  
**Thursday, Feb. 25**  
 Breakfast: French toast.  
 Lunch: grilled cheese, tomato soup.  
 Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.  
 Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk

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Action/Adventure, Thriller, Adaptation and Mystery  
 PG-13 for thematic material including violence, disturbing images and a scene of suggestive material.

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St. Francis, KS  
 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3

All Others: \$5

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210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS  
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### Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department Will Be Sponsoring a Health Fair for men and women.

There are two lab exams available - the lab profile will be a Chemistry Panel (with TSH and Lipid panel) and PSA. The lab draws will be offered for three mornings in St. Francis and one morning in Bird City.  
 We will offer a female exam that includes a breast and pelvic exam with Pap smear. The male exam will include a prostate check.  
 The fee is due at time of service and will not be billed to insurance.

### Lab Draws

April 12, 13 & 14 from 7 to 10 a.m. in St. Francis Cheyenne County Clinic basement

Tuesday, April 13, 7 to 10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic

No appointment needed.

Please remember to fast for the Chem Panel Lab Test (Nothing to eat or drink except water after your evening meal)  
 Lab Fee: Chemistry Panel with TSH and Lipid \$40  
 PSA \$20  
**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EXAM SCHEDULE**

### EXAM DATES: St. Francis -

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 14, 15 and 16  
 Cheyenne County Clinic, St. Francis.

### Bird City -

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 14, 15 and 16  
 Bird City Clinic

Exam Fee: Female Exam \$25  
 Male Exam \$25

Please contact the Cheyenne County Clinic to schedule your exam  
 Or if you have additional questions at 785-332-2682.

### Check your renewal dates

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