



Casey's Comments

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Like many of you, I've been enjoying watching the Winter Olympics in Canada. With such a variety of sports, there seems to be something for everyone.

I can only imagine the privilege it must be to represent one's country. The pride each athlete must carry to the award's podium has to be beyond description.

But even for the participants that don't bring home the

hardware, the experience has to last a lifetime.

I liked it better when only amateur athletes could compete. Watching pros play is not much different from the big business games they normally play in — the group with the most money generally wins.

Maybe that's what makes the speed skating, skeleton and curling so much fun to watch. These folks are playing for their country, not the almighty dollar.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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I am only bringing this up now because I want everyone to get a head start on the upcoming elections for the nation's senate seats.

Do your homework! Don't let the media do it for you. Research the candidates and ask yourself important questions such as, "Does this candidate reflect my core beliefs and will he/she represent what is important to me?"

If my mind serves me right, there was a similar situation during the first George W. Bush administration where the Republicans dominated the Congress and had a Republican president in office. The American people took the steps and brought back balance by voting in

Democrats.

I have never felt that one person is the answer to all our nation's problems. However, we have been a nation that nearly lost many of its freedoms due to laziness, there I said it. Yea, just plain laziness in letting others do what we should. I am guilty of that too.

In my opinion, I am grateful for the people electing Barack Obama for president on one level; it cut the race barrier in half. Not perfectly, but it is a start.

So, do your homework and check out the candidates. I said it before and I will say it again, I can not wait until we vote in a Native American, Asian American, and Mexican American.

Movie Review

The Tooth Fairy

"The Tooth Fairy," also known as Derek Thompson, is a hard-charging hockey player whose nickname comes from his habit of separating opposing players from their bicuspid. When Derek discourages a youngster's dreams, he's sentenced to one week's hard labor as a real tooth

fairly, complete with the requisite tutu, wings and magic wand. At first, Derek "can't handle the tooth" - bumbling and stumbling as he tries to furtively wing his way through strangers' homes-doing what tooth fairies do. But as Derek slowly adapts to his new position, he begins to rediscover his own forgotten dreams.

Cheyenne CoDevelopment

By Chuck Kribs, co-coordinator

Last week I was visiting with Brenda Johnson at the grocery store in Bird City about a meeting at Kansas State University. As we talked, it became pretty clear that we need to pay a lot more attention to some of the things we take for granted.

Since 2007, 82 grocery stores have closed in the state of Kansas — in towns of under 2,000.

Think about that! I lived in Bird City when we had no grocery store.

Loss of a grocery store threatens the health of local citizens, and the very existence of that community. We often talk about sales tax revenue, and so on, but gloss right over "What

would we do without it?"

Speaking from experience, driving 30 or more miles to buy staples is not good, and creates a real hardship for our seniors. "Buy local" means more than sales tax revenue.

Information is available on an excellent home loan guarantee plan, through the United States Department of Agriculture. This plan allows qualified low-mid income buyers to purchase a home with no down payment, no loan fees and no mortgage insurance. Stop in at the office and pick up the information.

It was good to see so many people at the meeting in Bird City! We CAN make a difference!



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Bulletin Board

Card Shower

Meta Dankenbring of Bird City will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on Saturday. Friends and family are invited to give her a card shower. Send them to PO Box 295, Bird City, Kan. 67731.

Three on three basketball

On Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. in the McDonald gymnasium, it's the three on three basketball games for the Cheylin students in the first through eighth grades. The divisions are first and second grades; third and fourth grades; fifth and sixth grades; and seventh and eighth grades. For information go online to www.cheylin.com.

Story time

On Friday at 10 a.m. 4 to 7 year old kids are invited to spend an hour in the Bird City Library. Come for games, crafts, reading and getting to know the library and what it has to offer, it will be fun.

Cheylin Food Bank

The Cheylin Food Bank is located in the United Methodist Church of Bird City (upstairs) and the entrance is through the east door. The hours are 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

City Council

The Bird City City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 1, at the city hall building.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet Thursday, March 4, at the courthouse.

Board of Education

The Cheylin Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 8, in the high school conference room.

Peep screening

Early Childhood screening is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10 at the United Methodist Church in Bird City. Appointments are required and can be placed by contacting Deanna Nelsen, Cheylin secretary, at 734-2351. The screenings are free and provide valuable information to help school plan to meet child's developmental needs.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

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

Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet on Monday at the Solid Rock Baptist Church in St. Francis beginning at 7:30 p.m. all in the community are welcome to join in prayer, fellowship and learning as they work together to provide "Life for All."

Relay for Life meeting

Kim Peach from the American Cancer Society will meet with last year's Relay for Life Committee members to discuss Relay 2010. The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Equity meeting room. The room will be open early.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital

Board will meet at 3 p.m. today (Thursday) 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.

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.

"Little Red Riding Hood"

A live musical adaptation of the Brothers Grimm Story, "Little Red Riding Hood" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5, at The Gateway in Oberlin

by the Wichita Children's Theater Professional Touring Company. Tickets are available at the door. For information, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

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.

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

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.

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

March events

Monday, March 1: McDonald Senior Citizens potluck and meeting.

Wednesday, March 3: McDonald Area Development, noon.

Wednesday, March 10: Town and Country Garden Club, 1:30 p.m. at the McDonald Fire building.

Wednesday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day, wear green.

Pastor Mark Adams drove to Denver on Sunday to be with Ray and Marlene Johnson during his eye surgery on Monday.

James Atchison of Arlington, Texas, spent the weekend with his mother, Karlyne Atchison and to visit his grandmother, Amelia Banister, who has been in the St Francis hospital for a week.

Kevin and Danielle Foster of Fort Meyers, Fla., were weekend guests of his grandmother, Eleanor Swihart.

R. J. and Susie Sabatka spent the weekend in Manhattan where they helped Jon and Rachel Mallett and family move to a new home in Manhattan.

The Ladies Birthday luncheon at Two Lee's on Wednesday was well attended. Those attending enjoyed the day.

Betty Knapp spent Monday and Friday quilting at the home of Rita Officer.

Tyler and John Sabatka spent Monday afternoon with Laddie and Vera Kacirek while their sister, Grace, had her gymnastic lesson. Jennifer, Grace and Billy were visitors after Grace's lesson.

The Valentine drawing promoted by McDonald Area Development, was held on Feb. 12, and the winners were Ratha Lea Loker who won a \$30 gift of groceries from McDonald Grocery and Vernita Haack of Bird City who won the meals at Two Lee's.

John Powell and Pastor Mark Adams were Tuesday visitors of Ray and Marlene Johnson.

George Vandegriffe of Atwood was a Saturday visitor of Ray and Marlene Johnson.

Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and children were Friday evening visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Members and guests of the Federated Church enjoyed their annual Valentine Party on Saturday evening.

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

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Sunday evening supper guests of Josh Johnson to visit with his guests, the Ufford family of Vernal, Utah.

Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and children and R.J. and Susie Sabatka attended the Carnival at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Oakley on Sunday.

School Menu

Monday, March 1

Breakfast: English muffin.
Lunch: Frito-chili pie, roll.

Tuesday, March 2

Third grade menu
Breakfast: cinnamon roll, boiled egg.

Lunch: meat sauce with spaghetti noodles, breadsticks, corn, dessert.

Wednesday, March 3

Breakfast: scones.

Lunch: mini corn dogs, nachos with cheese sauce.

Thursday, March 4

Breakfast: pancakes.
Lunch: chicken-fried steak sandwich, dessert.

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

Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 42 min.

The Tooth Fairy

Feb. 26, 27 & 28

Comedy and Kids/Family

Dwayne Johnson, Ashley Judd, Stephen Merchant, Ryan Sheekler, Seth MacFarlane

PG for mild language, some rude humor and sports action.

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March Calendar

Dr. Frankum	Mar. 3, 17
Dr. Reeves	Mar. 17
Dr. Rubinowitz	Mar. 2
Dr. Saba	Mar. 19
Dr. Curtis	Mar. 25
Dr. White	Mar. 2
Dexascan	Mar. 10
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Saturday, March 6

10 a.m.

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