



Letters from Linda

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I really had several different topics to choose to write about this week, and the national news is full of stuff I could talk and talk and talk, etc. about. However, this morning my husband, Brad, and I had a discussion that I feel is worth sharing.

We were watching one of those Christian talk programs, yes, they do tackle the important issues, and anyway, what we caught in the conversation was the role of men in our society.

This was interesting because the audience was all women, the panel was all women, in fact there was only one man on the program and it was his show.

As any wife, mother, sister, and friend know it is not easy to get a man to speak his heart. I think it is because they can't get a word in edgewise or sideways, nor do they get to even finish their sentences most of the time and other times they are just wrong, (just had to add that!)

This was a revelation to me as I made myself keep my mouth

shut to let Brad speak his mind. It was amazing what I actually heard and I believe what he said echoes throughout the man/woman relationships. And it all began in the Garden of Eden- men want to please the women in their life.

Now before you women get your girdle pinched up and you men think that excuses everything, this is not to say women are to subject themselves bondage of earthly submission. Nor is it women's lib who believes they can do anything a man can do.

It was about that brief discussion we had that I realized how often I misread Brad's intentions to do what he thought would please me and found out it just made me mad.

So now when he washes dishes for me and the forks still have food on them, or when he vacuums when I just did it, or throws the towels with my delicacies into the wash machine, he wants to please me.

Or it just might be that he wants to make me mad so that he can go fishing with his brother Freddy! Honestly, MEN!

Fish Fry
Catholic Youth Organization will be holding a fish fry at the Bird City Catholic Church from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday. See ad in this issue.

Story time
Story time at the Bird City library will be on Friday at 10 a.m.

American Legion Hall
The American Legion Hall is having a fund raiser to buy a window for the Hall. The pancake and sausage feed will begin on Saturday at 5:30 p.m., a free-will donation will be taken. Following will be bingo. (see classified ad)

Community forum
There are two community forums scheduled to discuss Cheylin School's finances and budget concerns. The first forum is at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the Cheylin Elementary cafeteria. The second forum is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, in the McDonald gymnasium cafeteria.

Cheylin track
The Cheylin Cougars are gearing up for the 2010 track season. Check

the Bird City bulletin for times and dates, or go online www.cheylin.com and click on calendar.

Cheylin golf
The Cheylin golf team have begun practicing, look for dates and times in the Bird City Times calendar or check online at www.cheylin.com and click on calendar.

Senior potluck
The Bird City Senior Center will be having their monthly potluck on Monday at noon. Bring a favorite dish and attend for good food and conversation.

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.

Bird City 125-year store
The Bird City Quasquicentennial store is now in the Senior Center. Visitors can catch up on the latest information about scheduled events. The store is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on

Mondays. Stan and Dee Dorsch will be on hand to assist.

The Journey to the Cross Palm Sunday
The Community Choir will be presenting *The Journey to the Cross* at 2 p.m. on Palm Sunday, March 28, at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Speaker on telescopes to be in St. Francis
Jim Burr, founder of JMI Telescopes, will be at the St. Francis Community High School auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Burr is an amateur astronomer, inventor and founder of his company. He is recognized throughout the world for his achievements in telescope design and manufacturing including two for NASA "Mars Science Lab."

Tumbleweed Chorus
The Tumbleweed Chorus of Colby will hold their annual show on Saturday, March 27. Frahm Theater in the Cultural Arts Center of Colby Community College, will again be the site of this year's show.

The Tumbleweed Chorus presents their show, "Malt Shop Barbershop," with the help of Prairie Rose Harmony, a ladies' chorus singing A Capella four-part harmony.

Museum work day
Historical Society members and friends: Work days for the Cheyenne County Museum and old church are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Helpers are urged to come any of the days as help is needed to get both buildings ready for spring opening in April.

75th anniversary of the flood
Please circle Saturday, May 22, on the calendar. The National Weather Service and Cheyenne County Historical Society will host a program commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Flood of 1935 on that day. Details will follow.

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.

Cheyenne County Commissioners
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31, in the commissioner's room at the

courthouse.

Western Plains Arts Association
A new musical comedy, *Church Basement Ladies*, is a large production celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there. The production will be presented on Friday, March 19, at Oakley High School auditorium.

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.

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.

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.

Corrections
Phyllis Wright, Bird City, reported that the information on the entertainment for the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show on July 29-31 was incorrect. The entertainment will be the Erickson Family Band of Des Moines, Iowa.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
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Sometimes it comes with St. Patrick's Day or when I hear the bagpipes. "It" being the connection with the past and a pride in my family's heritage.

I know I'm not special. I've met many Americans who identify with where they came from. Whether they are by origin Spanish, Japanese, Indian, Italian, German, Swedish... or come from a closer place like Mexico, Puerto Rico or Canada, all have something to be proud of.

What amazes me is how these nationalities have come together to make us all better. The United States has always been a place to draw from the old to make

something all together unique.

We came here with our religion, food and customs and shared them with each other. Where there had been intolerance in our homelands, the country our relatives moved to offered freedoms unlike anywhere else. America may not be perfect, but, in an imperfect world, we enjoy a quality of life that is unsurpassed.

A few times in my life I've had the fleeting thought of going back to Ireland or Scotland to live. But then I have to ask myself, "Why?" Wouldn't that be a step backwards?

So I celebrate being here and knowing this continues to be the best nation on earth for everyone.



Brogan - Brooks

May wedding planned

Angela Dawn Brogan and Kevin Ward Brooks are planning a May 29 wedding at the Trinity Lutheran Church of Colby.

Parents of the couple are Laura Brogan of McDonald and Gary Brogan, Sr. of Bird City and Brian and Janice Brooks, Healy.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Cheylin High School and Colby Community College. She is the

office manager of Scott Community High School.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Healy High School, Colby Community College and Fort Hays State University. He is a mathematics teacher at Scott Community High School and a farmer. He is the grandson of Omah Penka of Healy.

School Menu

Monday, March 22

Breakfast: corn bread, boiled egg.
Lunch: chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, roll.

Tuesday, March 23

Sophomore lunch menu
Breakfast: sausage gravy, biscuits.
Lunch: stir fry with rice, cheesy green beans, strawberries and bananas, dessert.

Wednesday, March 24

Breakfast: pancake on a stick.
Lunch: hamburger steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll.

Thursday, March 25

Breakfast: ham biscuit.
Lunch: barbecue rib on a bun, french fries.
Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.
Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Meta Dankenbring, Bird City; Bob Kricke, Denver, Colo.; Max Keltz, Bird City; Ruth Keltz, Wichita; Amelia Banister,

McDonald; Bradley Waters, Bird City; Cort Antholz, McDonald; Dorothy Rummel, Littleton, Colo.; Nadine Fleming, Goodland; Larry Williams, Parks, Neb.

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Bird City Service Station

Starting March 22nd we will be upgrading our fuel pumps

However we will continue to operate

Please excuse the inconvenience

Attend the 1st Annual Cheylin Entrepreneurship Fair

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Cheylin High School Gymnasium

9:30 a.m. view participant projects & visit with resource partners
(16 participants, Cheylin 7-12 grades)

10:30 a.m. Speaker, Val Riess, Weskan entrepreneur

11 a.m. Announcement of Award Winners

\$500 - \$300 - \$200

BIRD CITY CENTURY II
Development Foundation

WWW.BIRDCITY.COM
"FOR GOOD. FOR EVER."
785-734-2556

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 57 min.

Valentines Day


March 19, 20 & 21 *Comedy, Romance and Holiday*

Jessica Alba, Kathy Bates, Jessica Biel, Bradley Cooper and Eric Dane. PG-13 for some sexual material and brief partial nudity



St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5




Big Brothers Big Sisters

will get rollin' on the annual Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraisers Tuesday, Mar. 23. The event will take place at the Cheyenne Bowl with Bowl times at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information or to get a pledge packet, please contact Bridgette Antholtz at 785-332-3333 or Stephane Workman at 785-332-3100.

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS
785-332-2104

Heartsaver First aid/CPR/AED Community course



Monday, Mar. 22 1-5 p.m.

Cheyenne County Clinic Conference room

Cost \$30 (includes book)

RSVP by 3/21/10

785-332-2104 ex. 140

Check your renewal dates

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The Saint Francis Herald

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Out-of-State - \$48

Bird City Times

Area - \$33 KS - \$36
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