



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

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My wife and I have joined a new organization. I know, I have to ask myself the question ... where did we find the time and energy to undertake something else in our already hectic lives? However, we took the leap into becoming members.

Oh, you're probably wondering by the second paragraph what group we joined? Well, we are now bona fide morel mushroom hunters.

After our first day looking for the elusive and tasty little guys, we now know what others who have gone before us have discovered. Morels may take a little work to locate, but they are well worth the effort!

We had seen them discussed before on food programs on the television. But it wasn't until my younger brother asked if we had ever hunted them that we started looking.

A local told me she used to find them when the Lilacs bloomed. Lezlie and I knew we were a little early still, as the fragrant branches of the bushes are only

now showing tight, small buds. However, to our surprise, we struck gold last Sunday.

Although we are new members to the morel club, I know one written-in-stone law: I can't tell you where we found them. But I can say they are out there!

The other news is that they won't last long. These gifts of the spring don't seem to have a big window. So we will be drying and freezing the treasures that aren't eaten immediately.

Speaking of eating, you have to experience them for yourselves. So far I have cooked them in a bit of butter, with only a little salt and pepper added. To me, they have a taste like an oyster and Lezlie thinks they are like "a little bit of heaven."

I invite you to join up. Morels are missile shaped with distinctive porous caps. The easiest way to know what to look for is the find a picture of them on the Internet. Care should be taken as not every wild mushroom is edible.

Then get to hunting! Morel Hunters International is still taking applications.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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I am going to go back in time, back, back, around 20-Linda years between 1988 and 1992. I was a waitress then, but not just any waitress; I was a Denny's Restaurant graveyard waitress.

And not just any Denny's Restaurant, this restaurant was right across the street from a Long Beach Naval Hospital. And not just any Long Beach Naval Hospital, but the Betty Ford Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Center.

I should add the Betty Ford Center also administered medication to out-patients with mental and behavioral issues. Are you getting a picture here?

So, working the night and early morning shifts, I came into contact with some interesting people. Let me just introduce you to a few of them.

I don't really remember the names, and most I never asked. But, I could always count on one of my "regulars" walking in at any time during my shift.

One young man would make his rounds throughout the month. He would get his medications at the first of the month and would arrive at the restaurant a decent hour to have breakfast in a suit

or at least in clean clothes.

As the weeks progressed, he would arrive earlier and earlier in the morning to have breakfast and in more and more in bizarre fashions; pigeon feathers in his hair, balloons tied to his neck, and he would begin to sleep in the bushes beside the highway. Then he would get his medications and began all over. Just routine stuff.

I had another customer who would wear a General Patton silver helmet and stand out in the parking lot cracking his bullwhip until the police came. I think he liked me. Just routine stuff.

Oh, but there is more. Early one morning a stranger came in looking every bit a Hell's Angel biker. Sat down at my counter ordered coffee and told me the oddest story. He killed his brother when he was 12 and now he traveled throughout America turning churches upside down. The church he was headed that day was in Watts, an all-black church, he was white. Just routine stuff.

I know you are wondering why I am telling you all of this, no reason other than it might explain to some folks why I think the way I do; it came from dealing with just routine stuff.

Cheylin golf
 Today (Thursday), Cheylin golf team will travel to Grinnell, tee-off is 1 p.m.

Student free day
 On Monday, Cheylin students and staff have a day off from school. Cheylin Board of Education approved the day off for the great Adequate Yearly Progress results from 2009 assessment tests.

Senior Center
 On Monday, the Bird City Senior Center will be having its monthly potluck lunch at noon. Bring a favorite dish and good company.

After school program
 The Immanuel United Methodist Church of Bird City will be hosting an after-school program for grades first through fifth. The program will meet each Wednesday, beginning April 28 through May 18, 4:30 p.m. through 5:30 p.m. The theme will be "Pentecost." You are welcome to attend.

Cheylin track
 On Friday, Cheylin high school track will be in Oakley for the meet which begins at 3 p.m. And on Tuesday in St. Francis the track meet will begin 3 p.m.

On Monday, high school junior varsity track team will be in Atwood beginning at 4 p.m.

Cheylin junior high track will have a meet in Tribune on Saturday and begins at 2 p.m.

State Music Festival
 On Saturday, Cheylin will be sending six students to the State Music Festival (solos and small ensembles) in Wichita. Admission is free and for more information about Cheylin events and programs, go online to www.cheylin.com.

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

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
 Stop in the Bird City Quasiquintennial store now in the Senior Center. Visitors can catch up on the latest information about scheduled events that will lead up to the 3-day celebration beginning on June 11. The store is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays. Stan and Dee Dorsch will be on hand to assist.

Cinco de Mayo
 On Sunday, May 2, Bird City will be hosting the second Cinco de Mayo celebration. Enjoy authentic Mexican food, face painting, and the traditional whacking of the pinata. Begins at 5 p.m. and runs through 8 p.m. in the American Legion Hall.

Conservation Reserve Program burning deadline
 Participants of the Conservation Reserve Program are reminded of the burning period deadline of April 30.

Lions Club to collect used items
 The St. Francis Lions Club will be receiving used eyeglasses, hearing aids and used cell phones at the Health Fair in the elementary gym from 6:30 to 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday). These items will be refurbished and used to help people throughout the world.

Cheyenne County Commissioners
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, April 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Hospital Board
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. today

(Thursday) in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Yard Beautiful
 The K-State Extension and Master Gardeners are presenting a series of programs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the St. Francis Equity meeting room. This Tuesday's program deals with Beginning Your Vegetable Garden presented by Candace Douthit, Master Gardener.

Sappa Valley Shootout
 The Sappa Valley Shootout 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held in Oberlin on April 24. For more information, visit the website or contact J.D. Johnson at (785) 475-8926.

Stamp and Coin Show
 The Fort Hays Stamp Club will hold its 20th Stamp and Coin Show on April 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, 3603 Wine Street, Hays. Admission and parking are free. For more information, please call (785) 625-3066 or (785) 628-2341.

Western Plains Arts Association
 The Western Plains Arts Association is proud to present the Colby Community College Jazz Ensemble, directed by Tony Schroer, on tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in Quinter's High School auditorium.

The K State Brass will present a lively concert of varied selections at 3 p.m. on Sunday, at the Hoxie High School auditorium. The program is part of the Western Plains Arts Association schedule of events.

Wray Community Health Fair
 The Wray Community Health Fair will take place April 24. Check ad for dates and times for blood draws and other details concerning costs and appointments needed. Call (970) 332-2245 if you have questions.

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.

Correction
 In last week's newspaper, the junior high track meet runner, Derek Vandike, was incorrectly identified as Casey Vandike.

School Menu

Monday, April 26 knots
 No School

Tuesday, April 27
 Breakfast: scones
 Lunch: meatballs, buttered noodles, roll

Wednesday, April 28
 Breakfast: waffles
 Lunch: frito chili pie, cinnamon

Thursday, April 29
 Breakfast: pancakes
 Lunch: pork fritter sandwich, fries
 Breakfast is daily served with toast, juice and milk. Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Marilyn Henning, Lakewood, Colo.; David Zumbahlen, Bassett, Neb.; Kevin Partch, Kearney, Neb.; R. Bilson, Smolan; Ed Kogl, Commerce City, Colo.; Dan and Dianna Carson, Bird City; Gilbert Frisbie, McDonald; Dennis Howard, McDonald; Vada Burkhalter, Bird City; Lilly Ruth Edmonston, Bird City; Dave Hickert, Bird City; Harold Johnson, Bird City;

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1989 Fleetwood Resort Camper Trailer, 24'; Yamaha Garden Tractor, 16 hp, w/ 48" mower, blades, rototiller attachments; Two Horse Trailer, double axle, no title; Wegele Mower, 36" Cut; 300 gal. Propane Tank; 4 wheel Running Gear; Guard Rail: 28 pc. - 26, long, 82 pc. - 13, long; 110 posts 6, long; Firestone Fence Charger; Lots of Misc.; Signature 23 cu. ft. Chest Deep freezer; Coronado Upright Deepfreezer; Kenmore side by side, ice dispenser, 25 cu. ft.; Side by Side Refrigerator w/ ice; Maytag Washer & Dryer; Portable Dishwasher; Dining Set w/ 1 leaf, 4 roller chairs; (6) Wooden Chairs; Tables; Rugs; Ducan Phyfe Table, 3 leaves, 7 chairs; (5) Full Size Bedroom Sets; Twin Mattress; Cornice Board; Fireplace Screen & Tools; Light Fixtures; (2) Rocker Recliners, Recliners; Lazy Boy Sofa, tan; Misc. Kitchen Items; Hanging Lamp; Queen, Full, Twin Size Bedding; Luggage; Kenmore Microwave; Bench Swing; Step Stool; Elec. Space Heater; Baby Bed w/ Puppy Decal, old; Kids Red Rocking Chair; Car Seat; Lots of Old Toys and Games; 2 qt. Dazey Butter Churn; Cream Cans; Milk Jars; McCoy, Hull, Roseville; Fiesta ware; Pink & Green Depression; Many Advertising Collectibles; Turkey Platters; Many Antique Dishes, Plates; Enamelware; Several Sadd Irons; Cast Iron Skillets & Pots; Cast Iron Meat Grinders; Excello Childs Dish, 1948; Salt & Pepper Shakers; Several Samsonite Card Tables & Chairs; Elec. Butter Churn; Toastmaster Oven; Omron Nebulizer; 50's Furniture; 33 Record Albums; Several Floor & Table Lamps; Lanterns; Afghans; Glider Rocker; Sound Designs Stereo in Cabinet; Exercise Equipment; Telephones; Mirrors; Misc. Antiques & Collectibles; (2) Metal Utility Cabinets; 50's Metal Table, Red; Hat Rack; File Cabinets; Copper Pots & Cookware; Dishes; Pyrex; Crocks & Jugs; Old Games; Boiler; Tins; Small Kitchen Appliances; Old Radio, Old Clocks; Christmas Decor; Nativity Set, Ornaments, Crafts; Old Music Instruments; VCR & Cassette Tapes; Old Aviator Hats; File Cabinets; Vacuums; Oreck Orbiter

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PG for some rude humor and language.

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We provided 203 lab tests and 34 exams through the Health Fair.

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