



## Casey's Comments

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High school sports can sure be a big deal. For the athletes, years of practice and moving up the progression from little league, junior high, junior varsity to varsity squads, much goes into being on a team.

For parents they provide an opportunity to cheer for your child and show community pride.

The unfortunate aspect of school sports is that half the participants will not taste victory in each game. I know in these times of political correctness, there are probably some who feel like each event should end in a draw. But that would be a disservice to our children.

We've had several kids com-

pete through high school in this area and we are watching the last two in their final years. It has been fun seeing all of them succeed at times, but often they have not.

So what do you tell a kid who is stomaching a loss? Well, there are life lessons to be learned from sports. It is a great way to find how to get along with others in a common goal. You get better the more you work at something. There is power in numbers.

And as for dealing with defeat, that is just a part of life. Experience will show that tough times are a portion of being human. But you don't quit and you strive to do the best you can.

Also, we need to enjoy the victories with humility when they do come along.

## Fall beef meeting planned in St. Francis

Beef producers should mark their calendars to attend a fall beef meeting focusing on heifer development on Wednesday at the Cheyenne County Fair exhibit building. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. with the meal and presentation to follow. Those planning to come should contact the Cheyenne County Ex-

tension office by Monday, Oct. 24.

The featured speaker will be Rick Funston, beef reproductive physiologist from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln West Central Research Center in North Platte, Neb. Sponsoring the meeting is K-State Research and Extension, Accelerated Genetics and ABS.

## Letter to the Editor

Most Americans are unaware that the Obama administration is bypassing congress and our legislative progress providing "amnesty" by presidential executive power.

They have already ordered immigration and customs enforcement to simply stop deporting millions of illegal aliens. They are only deporting illegal aliens with criminal records and granting amnesty for the rest of them, which includes citizenship and health care.

This outrageous and unprincipled move is aimed at helping President Obama get re-elected in 2012, and regain majority control of the congress - by creating a large voting block for them. Despite the fact that the American majority are opposed to amnesty.

Illegal aliens should have to abide by our country's immigration laws to become a citizen not rewarded for breaking the law.

We vote on members of congress and they should represent the voices of the people within their states. No way should a president have the power to make important decisions without the approval of congress, or change laws or ignore laws that are in place. Its these checks and balances that make a democracy.

We need to stop Obama's administration's blatant abuse of executive power for personal political gain.

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## College golf results told

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Colby Community College golfer Jalyn McCauley took 10th place at the Trojan's home tournament Sunday and Monday at Meadow Lake Golf Course.

McCauley posted scores of 100 (18 holes) and 44 (9 holes) for a total individual score of 144. Taylor Gobin was the other Lady Trojan competing. She scored 103 and 51 for a total of 154.

Dodge City Community College took first place in the tournament with a team score of 556. Barton Community College came in second place with a team score of 583.

Coffeyville Community College followed in third place with a team score of 588.

### Thanksgiving benefit dinner

Save the date of Sunday, Nov. 20, for the Thanksgiving benefit dinner for the Dave Sowers family. Look for more information and ads in the future.

### Historical society programs

Sunday, Oct. 23 - not last Sunday, Audrey Kalivoda will be at the Cheyenne Theater. She will preview her newest DVD, "Kansas, the Center of it All." This event will begin at 2 p.m. with a reception following at the St. Francis Public Library. The program is presented by the Cheyenne County Historical Society.

### Bird City Craft Fair

The Bird City Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Legion hall in Bird City. Lunch will be served and there is a kid's craft corner. Look for more information next week.

### Windsong Chorus

The Windsong Chorus will perform at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, at the St. Francis high school auditorium.

### Home Circle Club

Secretary Dorothy Chipperfield will be the October hostess for the Home Circle Club that will be held at the Manor on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m.

### Alzheimer's workshop set

The 10 signs of early Alzheimer's workshop will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, at the St. Francis Senior Center. Jenny Shipman with the Alzheimer's Association, will be speaking. Early detection of Alzheimer's disease gives patients the chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future.

### VFW Meeting

The 9th District VFW Post and Auxiliary meeting will be held Sunday. Men to meet at 9 a.m. at Equity meeting room. Women to meet at Riverside at 9 a.m. All local members please attend.

### Bird City Senior Potluck

Bird City Senior Center monthly potluck is on Monday, Oct. 24, at noon with the busi-

ness meeting to follow at 1 p.m.

### Spook Parade

We'd like to invite you and your business to come dressed in your halloween best and be a part of this year's Spook Parade and Trunk-or-Treating fun on October 31 at 3:15. More to follow next week. For information on participation call the school at 785-734-2341 ext 212.

### Thanksgiving dinner

The St. Francis Catholic Church Thanksgiving dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6, in the St. Francis high school cafeteria.

### Free popcorn

The Cheyenne Theater Committee is asking, that the first weekend of the month, those attending the movie bring a canned food donation for the Food Pantry and they will receive a free sack of popcorn.

### Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with S should pur-

chase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

Driver's license needs to be presented or entered on form at time of renewal.

### Blue star banners

Do you have a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter serving in active duty military service? The Goodland Elks Lodge 1528 would like to present you with a "blue star banner" for your window to show your pride! Please call the secretary at (785) 890-6251 to visit with her about this.

### Cheyenne County ambassadors

If you are proud of your community and your county and want to tell folks about it, stop by the Cheyenne County Development office at 107 W. Washington in St. Francis and pick up an "Ambassadors" package. Take one along on a trip or to an event.

Let everyone know what a great place we live in!

### Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

### Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week service 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

• To all who came to the theater on Sunday afternoon to attend the talk by Audrey Kalivoda, I apologize. The date of the event was printed wrong and is scheduled for this coming Sunday. kic

## Musical family entertains at benefit

In Louisville, a small town near Boulder, Colo., lives a family of musicians who call themselves "The Ransom Notes." They will entertain during a community potluck sponsored by St. John Lutheran to help defray some of the medical bills (including emergency surgeries and an emergency medical flight bill) for Don and Barbara Krantz of McDonald.

The potluck will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, at the American Legion hall in Bird City. Free-will donations will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial.

Amanda Ransom, 21; Michael, 17; and Amelia, 15, travel in a Winnebago when they are performing. They sing and play classical, religious and blue grass music on various instruments.

Amanda mostly plays the violin but branches out into mandolin, guitar, piano, and string bass. She is a student at Chamber College in

Greeley, Colo., majoring in music with a minor in women's ministry.

Michael plays cello and mandolin and sings. He is one of those rare musicians who can stand, and even dance, while he plays the cello; and he especially enjoys performing "The Golden Apple Dance." Previously, he played the piano and has branched out a little in violin.

Amelia is the most versatile. She plays the violin, guitar, mandolin, and viola but also sings and composes some of the trio's lyrics.

All three have been home schooled by their mother. Now a typical day for them consists of their online studies, music lessons and practice, ending with bluegrass band practice in the family's basement. They used to perform mostly classical music; but as they entered their teen years, they became interested in bluegrass.

The group has used the Su-

zuki method of musical training. Amanda began the method at age 9, Michael at 8, and Amelia at 4. The children come from a musical background. Their grandparents were self-taught musicians in guitar, trumpet, piano and vocal. For many years, they did some musical ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Herington, a parish served from 1971-1981 by Pastor David Roszbach of St. Francis.

For a typical performance, "The Ransom Notes" get \$300 to \$500 an hour, but they see their music basically as a ministry. Up to 30 percent of each performance but 100 percent of what they receive between Thanksgiving and Christmas is set aside for charity, especially for "those people who slip between the cracks." Each year, they average 20-30 Christmas performances at hospitals, malls, restaurants, antique shows, art fairs, etc.

### Annual Holiday Craft Fair

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