Casey's Comments

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I don't like the looks of this. How far is this "politically correct" nonsense going to go?

David Fabrizio, a middle school principal in Ipswich, Mass, has canceled that school's awards celebration.

In a letter to parents he wrote, "The Honors Night, which can be a great sense of pride for the recipients' families, can also be devastating to a child who has worked extremely hard in a difficult class but who, despite growth, has not been able to maintain a high grade-point average."

Well you know what Mr. Fabrizio? That's too darn bad!

We live in a tough world. Wouldn't it do more good to have our children realize that life isn't always fair? Rather than coddling kids to soften the blows of reality, might it not be more helpful for them to see early on that not everyone gets the blue ribbon?

But that would be too "devastating" to their little egos.

Perhaps by those kids seeing others recognized for achievements they might find in themselves the power to overcome adversity. Most certainly that would better prepare them for the cold and cruel world that awaits them, more so than this course of political correctness.

Editor to walk in event for brothers

Two of my brothers have passed away with cancer within 19-months. My twin brother, Norman died just two weeks ago on March 14 and Nathan died on Aug. 14, 2011.

They were both non smokers and drinkers, and among the least likely to suffer with cancer.

Cancer is a dreaded disease but, I know the Lord has a purpose for suffering and provides a positive outlet toward healing. The Lord graciously brought me to Brighton where Norman was living a day earlier than I had planned. Ray and I were coming to take care of our two great-grandchildren that weekend.

We had just reached Fort Morgan when we received the text message that Norman's body was shutting down. We were there in time to be able to have a good time, reminiscing and laughing with him in the afternoon and evening.

Our sister Edna Huggans called him late in the evening. Norman's wife woke him up and they had a long conversation on the phone. The next morning, Norman was gone.

These last conversations were comforting to all of us and they will remain as a blessing to remember him by in spite of his suffering.

Norman and I had agreed that we were going to outlive our 90-year-old mother when she passed on. Norman was not able to make it, but his passing has given me the fortitude I need to get with the program of healthy eating and exercise needed to participate in Cheyenne County Relay for Life on June 21. This is an overnight event held in St. Francis and is designed as a memorial to those passed on and to celebrate the cancer survivors.

Norman had been a survivor of colon cancer in 1997, his daughter Tina Carson is a present survivor of breast cancer. She returned to California after attending her Uncle Nathan's funeral to be diagnosed with this cancer.

I feel that participating in this event will not only be a positive way of dealing with the losses of my brothers, but a positive effort toward reaching that goal of living to the age of 91.

–Norma Martinez
Bird City

Bulletin Board

Easter treats

The Cheylin class of 2015 will be selling Easter treats on Friday, March 29, from 9-11am in front of Hometown Market in Bird City.

Easter services

Come worship at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in St. Francis and Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City during Holy Week as the Lenten season comes to its climactic close.

Schedule of services:

Saint Francis of Assisi: Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. March 28; Good Friday, 7 p.m. March 29; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m. March 30; Easter Sunday, 10:30 a.m. March 31.

Saint Joseph: Good Friday, 5:30 p.m. March 29; Easter Sunday, 8:30 a.m. March 31.

Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 1, at the Solid Rock Baptist Church in St. Francis. All in the communities are invited to join in prayer, learning and fellowship as we work together to provide "Life for All."

Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis at 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veteran Administration claims work on Thursday, April 4. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Living Last Supper

The St. Francis United Methodist Church and Bird City Immanuel United Methodist Church will present the "Living Last Supper" once again this year. This year's performances will be as follows: At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, at the St. Francis Methodist Church; and at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, at Bird City Methodist Church. The Immanuel Youth Council will be serving soup and sandwiches from 6 to 7 p.m. on March 28.

Hospital guild

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild meeting will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 1. Bobbie Copland with Eagle Med Air Transport, will be the speaker. Hostesses are Joan Richard and Sherry Schultz.

Commissioners' meeting

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 29, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Wildlife banquet

The Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet will be held Saturday, April 6, at the Bird City Legion hall. Doors will open at 6 p.m. The price of the ticket includes membership dues. Tickets are available at local businesses. Look for the sign in the window. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Check with a Wildlife member for more information.

Information needed

To better serve the cattlemen of Cheyenne County, the sheriff's office is requesting landowners and stockmen provide locations, brands, descriptions and a contact phone number pertaining to livestock in pastures, grazed stock residue and CRP within the county. The officers will compile the contact numbers and locations, giving a copy to the county communications dispatch office to be used when stray livestock are found on the roads. The contact numbers are for officers' use only and will not be provided to the general public. Call the sheriff's office at 785-332-8880.

Yearbook photos

The Cougar yearbook staff at Cheylin welcomes the public to share any photos taken at school or community events that might be usable in the yearbook this school year...a limited staff will make covering all events difficult. Sports, clubs and organizations, assemblies, banquets, class activities including pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. Meeting place is the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 E. Fourth, Bird City. For more information, call 785-734-2739.

The group is a confidential support to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one in a safe place of mutual help and comfort.

Emergency number

The new phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

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-

Obituaries

Norman Jernberg

May 3, 1938 – March 14, 2013

Norman Jernberg, Brighton, Colo., died in his sleep on March 14, 2013, after 19 months struggling with lung cancer. Norman was born on May 3, 1938.

Surviving him were his wife June of 53 years and his children, Myra, (Lloyd) Decker, Tina (Wood) (Don) Carson, and Carl Jernberg, and seven grandchildren, Crystal (Decker) Sebastiani, Megan Decker, Amber (Wood) Murphy, Amy Wood, Tierra Jernberg, Jeremy Wood and Trisha Jernberg. He is also survived by his two sisters Edna Huggans and his twin Norma Martinez, uncle, Gerald Huber in Wenatchee Wash., and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by both his parents, and two brothers Dale Jernberg and Nathan Jernberg.

Nathan Jernberg

Aug. 27, 1931 – Aug. 14, 2011

Nathan Jernberg died on Aug. 14, 2011, after an 18-month struggle with cancer of the tongue. His first radiation treatments cleared the cancer but, after 5 months it reoccurred.

He is survived by his wife Brenda; sons, Brad (Joy) and Jeffrey (Jannae); grandchildren, Erin (Lish), Joshua, Nicholas, and Jennifer.

Both Nathan, and Norman were well loved by everyone they met, they loved life to the fullest. They knew no strangers and loved visiting with them. Nathan struggled to talk as his cancer was in his tongue, but both he and Norman had very positive encouraging words to all who called or came to visit them to the end.

They lived life to the fullest; they were dedicated to their families. Norman remained working at Action Recycling until he became too weak to work any more. Nathan remained active in his job as usher at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church until he became too weak to attend. Both remained faithful to their faith and beliefs to the end.

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For children 4th grade & under
Games, Prizes, Candy & Drawings
Hosted by Methodist Youth Council

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St. Francis, Kansas
First sale of Spring is March 27 and next will be on April 10.
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Health Fair 2013
Join us for the Cheyenne County Spring Health Fair
April 15 - 17 (In St. Francis)
April 18 - 19 (In Bird City)
Blood Lab Draws: Monday, April 15th, Tuesday, April 16th, Wednesday, April 17th
6:30 to 10 a.m. each day in St. Francis at the Cheyenne County Health Department
(no appointment needed for lab draws)
Blood Lab Draws: Thursday, April 18th and Friday, April 19th
6:30 to 10 a.m. each day in Bird City at the clinic
(no appointment needed for lab draws)
Lab Fee: $45.00 due at time of service!
Men and Women Exams also available - $25
April 22– 26 (in St. Francis) call 785-332-2682 to make an appointment.
April 22-26 (in Bird City) call 785-734-2200 to make an appointment. For more information contact Mila Bandel, RN at 785-332-2381.

Beginning April 5th
Bird City Diner will be serving Pizza!
Take out only, Friday & Saturday
5-8 p.m.
Bird City Diner
785-734-2780, U.S Highway 36, Bird City, Ks.

Notice

Effective March 29, 2013, 3D ticket prices will be $8 for adults and $6 for children (12 and under). 2D ticket prices will remain the same: $6 for adults and $4 for children (12 and under) at the Cheyenne Theater.

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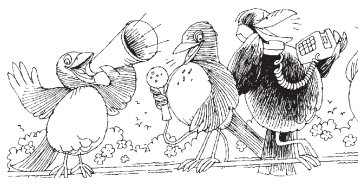

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