



Casey's Comments

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 I often wrestle with one of life's dilemmas.
 As a Christian, my faith teaches me not to judge other individuals. However, my human makeup drives me to analyze the world I live in. From the smallest pebble and seed to the largest cloud formation, all are sifted through my mind to make sense of the larger whole.
 So I'm going out on a limb and judging our two, big county events that just occurred.
 The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show was a terrific success. Many new folks saw the spectacle of dinosaur like machines for the first time. Also, adding a "Fun Run" and opening

the David Clark Toy Museum, gave the show something fresh this year.
 The other happening, The Cheyenne County Fair, was bigger and better than ever. The 4-H kids were outstanding in their efforts, and attendance appeared to be brisk. Organizers changed the format of the demolition derby and made an attempt to bring in a quality, live act.
 Now, in my capacity as Official News Columnist Judge #1, I award blue ribbons to the Thresher Association, Fair Board and countless volunteers. All three groups made Cheyenne County shine these last few weeks.
 Congratulations on a job well done!

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider
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 What if you learned that you had been living in a lie? I know that may sound like strange words, but what I am getting at is something like a mix up at birth, or maybe adopted and not know it.
 If I learned that something like a mix up at birth happened what I would want are those years back. Yep, all of them.
 This is really a philosophical question, because I know I can never be a child again. However, the lie is real.
 I would like to share a story I heard. A man walked into his kitchen, saw a few of those small moths flying around and knew they were coming from some open food package.
 He then set to the chore of cleaning out the cupboards and satisfied he had gotten rid of those pesky moths, he went on with his business. But, after a few days they returned.
 He looked way in the back of one cupboard and discovered a storage bag that was filled with those pesky moths fluttering about. He surmised a couple

of moths had somehow drilled through the bag and mated. As he watched the moths fluttering and going nowhere, he wondered if the moths even knew what is the purpose for their wings and how many generations were in that bag fluttering around going nowhere.
 Now, I know you are thinking, "What in the heck do moths in a bag have to do with living in a lie and why should I even care?" While the story is a true one, it is also an allegory- a story with deeper implications.
 Okay, now for a pop quiz, "How many moths believed the bag was all there was to life? How many moths believed there was no purpose to their wings? The answer is all of them, except those that got away.
 As a Christian, I have to remind myself I am not of this world, it says so in the Bible. To believe this was all there was to my life and my purpose had wings that just flutter going nowhere was a lie I lived for decades. Now, the bag has been opened and I have escape to live a life not on moth wings, but eagles wings.

Chatting with Cathy

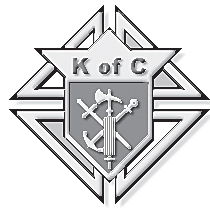
Bird City becomes the first Program Member of the Audubon Lifestyles Bird City USA Program!
 We were contacted a few weeks ago by Ron Dodson, president of Audubon International, to see if Bird City would be interested in becoming a member of a new program called Bird City USA. What is the Bird City USA program? The program provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for municipalities and communities throughout the United States who recognize International Migratory Bird Day, and the importance that birds have in our communities. So after visiting with Mr. Dodson, we decided to pay the initial (and annual) membership fees if the city council agreed to becoming a member, and they did so at their last council meeting.

Audubon Lifestyles and the International Sustainability Council are partnering on a project called The Sustainability Campaign.
 "We cannot wish ourselves to a sustainable future. We must work ourselves to a sustainable future, one person and one place at a time. We cannot let ourselves become overwhelmed with the magnitude of the issues we are facing. This will lead us to giving up and not taking any action. Everyone can do something, and if we all did those small things that may seem inconsequential the collective results can be huge and very meaningful." This quote is taken from their Spring 2009 newsletter.
 One focus of the Bird City USA program is sustainable community growth by using birds and conservation efforts. By becoming a member we are

associated with an organization on a national and international level for bird conservation, economic development, and marketing efforts.
 If you are interested in serving on the Bird City USA Advisory Group for Bird City, please contact DeAnza at City Hall (734-2616) or Cathy at Bird City Century II (734-2556). The group will be responsible for coordinating Bird City USA efforts and actions in our community.
 Learn more about the Bird City USA program at: www.audubonlifestyles.org.



Knights of Columbus would like to send a thank you to everyone who supported the Knights of Columbus



Special thanks to the following businesses for their support

- Becky's Bierocks
- Hometown Market, Bird City
- Bird City Dairy
- Wheeler Equity
- St. Francis Super's
- Hilltop General Store
- Uptown Meat Market

Bulletin Board

School opens
 Cheylin School opens on Monday. First grade through high school will attend all day. Kindergarten will begin on Tuesday with a half day.

Home Circle Club
 The Home Circle Club will have their potluck on Thursday, Aug. 20, at noon. It will be held at the Lebow Manor with President Carol Marsh as the hostess.

70th wedding anniversary
 Albert and Vinta Keller will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on Aug. 20.
 The Keller's would enjoy cards and letters from friends and family.
 Address cards to them in care of the Good Samaritan Village, 820 S. Denison, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Open house
 A come-and-go open house is being held for Harvey Holzworth from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday at Frewen Insurance Agency. Check ad in this issue.

Hunter Safety Certification Classes
 Hunter Safety Certification Classes will be held Tuesday, Aug. 25, Thursday, Aug. 27, and Friday, Aug. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 29 from 9 a.m. until ?? The classes will take place at the Cheyenne County Wildlife Gun Club in St. Francis. Check ad in this issue for additional information.

Second-Hand Smoke session
 The final session of Second-Hand Smoke Education will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27, at Peace Lutheran Church. A special speaker will be present and the group will be given their toolkit. Lunch will be provided.
 The session is provided by the Ministerial Association and the Kansas Department of Health and Education.
5K Walk-a-thon
 A 5K walk-a-thon is being held at 7 p.m., Aug. 21. Interested persons should gather at the city park at the Shrine Shelter. The walk, sponsored by Weight Watchers,

is open to everyone. Additional details will be published in the newspaper next week. For more information, call (785) 332-3300 or (785) 332-5117.

Cemetery Board
 Cemetery Board District 2 will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.

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

Hospital Board
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Veterans Affairs
 Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the county clerk's office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Cemetery tour planned
 The Historical Society plans a Southwest Cheyenne County Cemetery Tour for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13. The event is still in the planning stages. If you have information about any southwest county cemeteries, please contact the Historical Society: 785-332- 3991 or

785-332-3569.

Western Plains Arts Association Programs for September
 • Sunday, Sept. 13, 3 p.m. - The Boulder Acoustic Society will present a lively band program of fiddle, accordion and drum music in Oberlin.
 • Sunday, Sept. 27, 3 p.m. - The Russian virtuoso musicians, The Flying Balalaika Brothers, dressed in traditional colorful costumes, will perform their folk music and also music melding with American bluegrass and contemporary international acoustic styles in St. Francis.
 • Monday, Sept. 28: A school performance of The Flying Balalaika Brothers for St. Francis students.

U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt
 It's time to register for the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt on Sept. 18, 19, and 20. Those wanting to be listed on the local map, please contact Betty Orth 785-332-2540 or email orth@kans.com. There is a small fee. Deadline is Aug. 15. Please call for further information.

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.

Sisters In Serenity Women's AA
 A Sisters In Serenity women's Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at 5 p.m. on Sundays at 585 N. Franklin, City Hall, northwest basement door in Colby. There is a play room for younger children and a quiet space for older children on-site. For more information call (785) 672-3406 or (785) 538-2526.
 These meetings are limited to female alcoholics to provide an opportunity for members to share with one another on problems related to drinking patterns and attempts to achieve stable sobriety. They also permit detailed discussion of various elements in the recovery program.

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.

Red Hat Mamas
 Two performances pleased on-lookers on July 31 and Aug. 1 when the Red Hat Mamas performed to the tune of "Side by Side." The programs were presented at 11 a.m. each day in the Eggers Historical Memorabilia Building on the Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers grounds at Bird City. Gwen Boswell, choreographer and pianist, assisted vocally by Brad Rambat, arranged for pleasing entertainment. The Red Hat Mamas appreciate Gwen and Brad for a job well done! And they also were

pleased to have the audience watch the revue.
 Lunch was enjoyed both days from the cooks of the Country Kitchen.
 Red hatters attending were Ana Antholz, Frieda Black (Friday), Gwen Boswell, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll (Friday), Bethel Goltl, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Diane Kribs, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears (Saturday), Edna Roesener, Connie Rooney (Friday), Joan Tongish, Margaret Voorhies, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.

lis Wright attended a baby shower for Meta's two granddaughters and Phyllis' nieces, Teresa (Danken-

bring) Lipsey of Denver, Colo., and Chelsi (Dankenbring) Kabureck of Wellington.

Club Clip

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SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. 2 hr. 33 min.

Harry Potter & The Half-Blood Prince

Aug. 14, 15 & 16

Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Tom Felton, Helena Bonham Carter

CHEYENNE THEATER St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

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

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Saturday, Aug. 29 — 9 a.m. - ??
 Cheyenne County Wildlife, Inc. Gun Club, St. Francis

For information contact Tim Stimbart, 785-332-3023 or Francis O'Leary, 785-332-3089

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

"Taking Control of Diabetes" With Norma Cannon

Norma Cannon is an A1C Champion. She has diabetes and will share her personal experiences and helpful insights on successfully managing diabetes. Join us to learn how you can live a healthier life from a 'real person' with diabetes.

Norma is from Colorado and sponsored by sanofi aventis.

Wednesday, Aug. 19 1:30 p.m.

Basement of Cheyenne County Clinic Conference Room. For more information contact Mila Bandel, RN County Health Nurse 785-332-2381 ext. 231.

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