



Casey's Comments

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Since the classroom of life never lets out for a break, it's my turn for "Show and Tell."

One of the greatest accomplishments civilizations can make are recordings of their history.

Because we can learn a great deal from where we have been, a nation connected to our country's past can tell us something. Across the seas, the British Museum and BBC are teaming to tell a story. *The History of the World in 100 Objects* takes us on an incredible journey through time.

The oldest object in the collection is the Olduvai stone tool. Believed to be 1.8 million-years-old, it's thought to have been used to chop bones, plants and wood.

At the other end of the spectrum are items such as an

iPhone, T-shirt and body armor.

One piece that caught my eye is the Balaklava Bugle. The battered, brass horn was blown by the orderly trumpeter to Lord Cardigan, commander of the British 17th Lancers. It was sounded on Oct. 25, 1854, as the cavalry troops rode to their demise during the Crimean War.

What might have been a footnote, this action was immortalized by England's poet laureate, Alfred Lord Tennyson in his *'The Charge of the Light Brigade.'*

Each object has its own story to tell and has something to say about mankind. All can be seen at www.bbc.co.uk/ahistoryoftheworld/. That is all except item number 100. It won't be displayed until autumn of 2010.

Thus endeth the lesson, class is dismissed.

Letters From Linda

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Are you familiar with the word *dissonance*? It is not an every day word, yet, you probably experience it everyday. It means discord, lack of agreement, conflict.

In addition, words like emotional, physical, mental, and even behavioral can be added to clarify the meaning. An example of physical dissonance would be something a person experiences when having to use their left hand after breaking their right-it just feels strange.

In my understanding dissonance can be brought on by any sudden change, sudden decision making and even sudden changing of laws and rules. I find it interesting that sudden changes can cause a feeling of discord, lack of agreement and conflict.

Now for my commentary, I believe Americans have been experiencing national dissonance. Of course I made that up, but don't you agree that our nation has been literally dragged into accepting changes and there is a feeling of discord? Well, we do want

change because the majority voted in President Obama and that was his campaign slogan. And change is good, it keeps us moving forward.

However, knowing that it is not easy to make changes on a personal level, how could our state and federal representatives come to believe that reform (change) in any way without the public's acceptance was going to fly?

I listened to part of a recent speech by the president and I think he is trying to move in the right direction. From what I heard, he is now changing his direction and focusing more on creating jobs and less on health reform. I hope this is because he has heard the American people.

I am pretty sure President Obama will be experiencing some emotional dissonance of his own, I mean having to accept change is not so easy when the shoe is on the other foot is it Mr. President? Wait a minute, that's physical dissonance, but not if it is the left shoe on the right foot, then it is mental dissonance, no... You get the idea.

Now Mr. President get rid of those czars!

School Menu

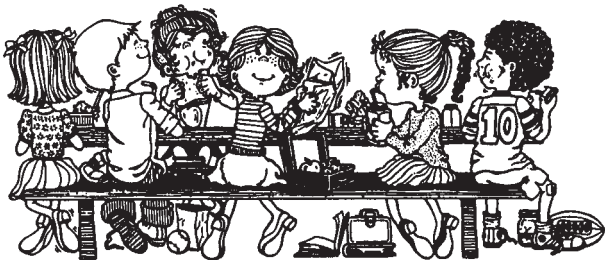
Monday, Feb. 1
 Breakfast: sausage biscuit.
 Lunch: quesadillas, rice.

Tuesday, Feb. 2
 Breakfast: cinnamon rolls.
 Lunch: potato bar with chili, broccoli cheese or nacho cheese, roll.

Wednesday, Feb. 3
 First grade lunch menu
 Breakfast: oatmeal, fruit.

Lunch: beef nuggets, mac and cheese, strawberries and bananas.

Thursday, Feb. 4
 Breakfast: breakfast pizza.
 Lunch: chicken patty on bun, french fries.
 Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.
 Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk.



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Bulletin Board

Library Story time
 On Friday, Bird City Library with have Story time with Linda Schneider. Ages 4 through 7 years old are invited to spend an hour with crafts and reading beginning at 10 a.m.

Cheylin sports
 Today (Thursday), Cheylin high school junior varsity basketball team will have travel to Goodland to play against the Cowboys. Game begins at 7 p.m.

Friday beginning with the high school junior varsity boys basketball team, the Cougars will have home court advantage in McDonald, game time begins at 5 p.m.

Cheyenne County Spelling Bee
 This year's spelling bee will be held in St. Francis Elementary gym on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Open house
 The Republican Valley Auto Supply is holding a Nex-Tech Wireless open house on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Benefit dinner
 Benefit spaghetti dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Bird City. It is sponsored by Cheyenne County Kansans for Life.

Kansas Day
 Kansas Day will be observed on Friday, Jan. 29, at the Bird City Legion hall. Registration begins at 10, with a potluck lunch at noon, followed by a special "History Detectives" program.

Bird City 125-year celebration
 Stop by the Bird City 125-year celebration table during Kansas Day on Friday. Memorabilia from Bird City's 50th, 75th, and 100th year birthdays will be on display. Also on display will be the commemorative rifle, belt buckles, lapel pins and quilt.

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.

Genetics Beef meeting
 An Accelerated Genetics Beef informational meeting will start at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Equity Co-op building, 123 River Street, St. Francis with a complimentary meal. The 2010 beef sire highlights will be discussed along with learning how to improve conception rates, and genetic selections for the future. There will be reps there to talk about spring specials. Contact Tim Rippe, 785-626-9220 or Shawn Roy, 785-737-3107.

Fair Board
 The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet Thursday, Feb. 4, at the courthouse.

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

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Senior Center in St. Francis. Tyler Raile, physician assistant, will present the program, Medical Update.

Hostesses are Wilma Lampe, Lucille Price, Sonya Modrell.

Magic Show
 The Keith West Magic and Illusion Show will bring the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas to The Gateway in Oberlin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. For information, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

Pro-Life baby shower
 The Knights of Columbus Pro-Life baby shower, which collects

items that are needed to raise an infant, is taking place in January. Items will be donated to the Mary Elizabeth Home for Unwed Mothers. Take items to the Catholic church in Bird City or St. Francis or call Dennis Wright or Mike Antholz.

Western Plains Arts Association
 The "#1 Hits of the 60s" will be presented on Monday evening, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Colby at the Colby High School auditorium. This is a fast-paced, high-energy show from Branson, Mo., that captures the heart and soul of this era through a colorful tapestry of music and dance.

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.

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-It was Richard Brubaker at Lee and Doris Amsberry's wedding.

Trade show, no till conference coming soon Burlington

The High Plains No Till Conference will be in Burlington at the Burlington Community Center, Feb. 2-3. The conference will feature a trade show with over 50 vendors, educational breakout sessions and feature keynote speaker Murray Wise, chief executive office and founder of Westchester Group, Inc.

Breakout sessions cover a variety of timely topics for both the tenure and beginning no-till or minimum-till farmer. Many sessions offer continuing education units for certified crop advisors in Colorado and credits for commercial and private applicators in both Colorado and Kansas.

Presenters from the breakouts range from university personnel of Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska, to local producers, to experts in the agri-business industry.

Breakout topics include: Wheat Pest and Insect Review, Drought Tolerant Corn, Herbicide Resistant Ryegrass, Conservation Reserve Program Conservation, Planter Issues...Sunflower Seed Spacing Accuracy, Cultural Practices of Sodbusting, The Mechanics of Strip Till-Avoiding Common Errors, Stripper Headers and Residue Management, Succession Planning, The Two Sides of Sorghum, Groundwater District/Republican, Getting to Know Triumph Seed Company, No Till 101, Water Issues in the South Platte, Republican and Arkansas Basin, Sunflower Herbicide Update, Farm Policy-Grain Marketing, Water Technology Tools, Climate Policy, Soybean Panel, Canola Production in the East Central Great Plains,

Limited Irrigation, Strip-Till for Milo, Get The Most Out of Your No-Till Acre, Technology in Modern Agriculture, Wind Energy Development, and Irrigation Water Management at Season Boundaries. Complete descriptions of the topics can be found on the website, www.highplainsnotill.com

Keynote speaker, Mr. Wise, will offer conference attendees the opportunity of seeing firsthand how efficient American agriculture has become in the last 200 years. His focus will be China and he will give a look at savings rates and calorie intake as well as grain stocks and grain oil seed usage. Registration forms are also available on the website.

Letter to Editor

To the Editor,

I grew up in Bird City and have always tried to come back for special events. I plan on attending the 125-year birthday party in June along with some family members. I know that is at least four months away, but I would like to give them more information now and it is sparse. I am a little perturbed that there has not been more in the *Bird City Times* about some of the preliminary work that has been going on.

One thing that bothers me is that I did not find out about the quilt until the squares were all in and it was being put together. Is it not possible for the paper to print a small, weekly column about what is going on? There may have been something about the quilt deadline and I missed it one week. If it was in more than once I might have seen it.

More information might even boost the number of people that will attend. One thing you need to remember is that we who live away from Bird City and subscribe to the *Bird City Times* get the information at least a week later than the residents do. (This happens at alumni time as well.) Deadlines for participation in some things might be missed because of that.

Kay Chapman Davis
 Broomfield, Colo.

Shop at the 125 store

During the January Bird City 125-Year Celebration meeting, the Steering Committee approved the Quasiquicentennial Store to be in the Bird City Senior Center.

Stan and Dee Dorsch will be on hand Mondays during the noon hour until the June 12 celebration to sell collectables, tickets, and permits.

"Stop by for coffee and see what we have planned for upcoming events and activities," said Mr. Dorsch. "Weather permitting, we will be there on Mondays."



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Dr. Reeves	Feb. 24
Dr. Rubinowitz	Feb. 2
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