



## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Millions of folks around the world tuned into the Super Bowl on Sunday. In the U.S., the Nielsen Company estimated that over 106 million people watched the game. That surpasses the record set in 1983 of 105.97 million who saw the final episode of M\*A\*S\*H\*.

That says a lot for how much people need a break from the everyday. Sure the players make too much money and CBS raked in bundles on the hyped up ads. But the event was nothing less than a spectacle.

Also viewers watched an exciting game.

These days life can throw many worries our way. Or the daily grind can take on a repetitive nature. Either, or, the game offered a few hours away from the routine to escape. Guess it's the difference between have to and want to.

As for the outcome, I saw it as a good thing. It's easy to picture many jubilant fans, not only in New Orleans, but throughout the South. The party should last awhile.

And it is hard not to appreciate the transformation from "Aints" to "Saints."

Hope to see everyone at the Town-hall meeting next Saturday at 8 a.m. in Bird City.

## Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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Have you ever thought how important titles are here in America? I have and I have also thought how they really don't say much of anything about the person. In fact, titles are the downfall of many successful and well-known people.

Even in a small way, each of us hold dear to titles such as mother, husband, worker, pastor, etc.; and once the object that makes the title true leaves or is no longer available many just don't have any purpose to keep on living. This is really true for some and I have known the emptiness of losing a title.

Let's take a moment and just think about the different titles held by people throughout history. There were kings and queens of countries, Man/Woman of the Year, Sexiest Man/Woman of the Year, Smartest Man/Woman in the United States, Noble Peace Prize winner, even Super Bowl winners.

Now, take a moment and think about what happens when time marches on and 20 years

in the future and no one even remembers who was what, where or when. Where are they now?

Going to prison was a real eye opener for me, it was a leveling of women from all walks of life. I was in prison with the illegitimate daughter of a famous black comedian, one of the original Mickey Mouseketeers, many former government employees, women who made six figure salaries, and women who lived their whole life in poverty.

So what do titles really mean? Not much because they come and go with such rapid change, a governor's secretary one minute and felon doing 7 years in prison the next. It happens.

But there is something that has not changed in the last 10 years for me — that I am a child of God. Everything can change, titles, finances, family, career, property, respectability, just fill in the blank, but I am still a child of God. The world will have its troubles but Jesus has overcome them all, and He is the Savior of the world. That is a title that hasn't changed in over two thousand years.



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Invitation to Bid

### 2009 ARRA - CFP Modernizations at Scattered Sites

Bid Date: February 25, 2010

Bid Time: 11:00 AM  
Bid Place: Bird City Housing Authority  
209 N. Rich Ave.  
Bird City, KS 67731

Pre-Bid Meeting  
Date: February 15, 2010  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Place: Bird City Housing Authority  
209 N. Rich Ave.  
Bird City, KS 67731

The Bird City Housing Authority will receive sealed bids until the date and time stated above for the Sitework modernization project referenced above. The work includes walks, ramps, porches, patios and parking improvements related to providing Barrier Free accessibility to their Accessible apartments and the office/community Building. Bids are to include all necessary labor, materials and equipment.

For all construction and equipment contracts over \$25,000, the bidder shall be required to submit with the bid a negotiable bid guarantee not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. The bid guarantee shall be a certified check, bank draft, U.S. Government Bond at par value or a bid bond secured by a surety company. The surety company must be authorized to do business in the State where the project is located and must be acceptable to the Government.

For any information concerning any part of the proposed work, contact Richard Zingre' at Zingre' and Associates, P.A., 1019 Scott Ave., Fort Scott, KS 66701, (620) 644-8595. Beginning this date, bid packages may be reviewed at the Housing Authority, or obtained at the office of Zingre' and Associates, for a non-refundable purchase of \$35.00 (make checks out to Zingre & Associates, P.A.) **The plans are also available by email for free.**

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive irregularity in bidding. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

The Bird City HA is an EOE.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days.

**Check your renewal dates**  
-- Current Rates --  
**The Saint Francis Herald**  
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**For more information contact: Casey at 785-332-3162**

## Bulletin Board

### Go-Getters to meet

Go-Getters 4-H Club will be meeting today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a demonstration, "How to Mount Photographs for the Fair." Later, members will be decorating valentine heart cookies. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the 4-H Club is welcome to attend the meeting.

### Boxed lunch auction

On Saturday at 6:30 p.m., the Bird City Quasiquicentennial Committee is hosting a Box Lunch Auction at the American Legion Hall. Lunch boxes will be donated and auctioned off to the highest bidder and proceeds go to help with the activities leading up to the June 12 celebration. Quasiquicentennial belt buckles will be on sale during the auction. See ad elsewhere.

### Scholar's Bowl

On Saturday, the Cheylin High School Scholar's Bowl team will be traveling to Rosalia to participate in the state competition. The meet begins at noon.

### Student recognition

On Friday, the Cheylin Board of Education members will be hosting a special recognition ceremony for students who did well on the state testing. The ceremony will take place between the high school boys' and girls' basketball games, around 7:20 p.m.

### Library Story time

On Friday at 10 a.m., the Bird City

Library will have Story time. Ages 4 through 7 years are welcome to come and join the fun.

### Home Circle Club

The Home Circle club treasurer, Meta Dankenbring will be the hostess for this month's meeting. It will be held at the Manor on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m.

### 125-year store

The Bird City Quasiquicentennial store is now open on Mondays in the Senior Center 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can also catch up on the latest information about scheduled events for the June 12 celebration. Stan and Dee Dorsch will be on hand to assist.

### Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse. On the agenda, the commissioners will be reviewing the 5-year road and bridge plan.

### Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

### 50-year pin presentation

James Billings and Trudy Riddle, Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas, will make an official visit to Doric Chapter 404, Order of the Eastern Star, St. Francis, tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of presenting a 50-year pin and life membership to Lola Graves. Members are

encouraged to take part in this event and reception following.

### Common Threads Quilt Guild

Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Sainty Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

### AARP

AARP meeting will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the St. Francis senior center. Keith Dankenbring of Bumper to Bumper will be the speaker.

Wilma Lampe is the hostess.

### Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 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.

### 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.

### Free tax help

Rowland Roelfs, the local AARP tax aide person, will be helping the taxpayer with federal and state tax returns, recommending E-filing with direct deposit of any refunds. He will be at the St. Francis Library on Wednesdays, hours 2

to 5 p.m., and at the St. Francis Senior Center on Thursdays 2 to 5 p.m. Please bring all W-2s (earned wages), 1099s (interest, dividends, retirement annuities, and all other income), along with your property tax statement. With direct deposit refunds can be deposited within two weeks. Personal appointments can be arranged by calling 785 332 3490.

### Tri-State Growers Appreciation dinner

WoofterConstructionwillbehosting a Tri-State Growers appreciation banquet on Thursday, Feb. 25. The free event, to be conducted at City Limits Convention Center in Colby, will feature an educational seminar by John Roach of Roach Ag.

Area producers who would like to be included in the invitation list should contact Woofter Construction of Colby at 1-800-279-4850 and ask for Shannon and please reference the Tri State Growers Appreciation dinner.

### 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. Please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

## Support group to meet

Dr. Mary Beth Miller will be the guest speaker at the Diabetes Support Group meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, in the basement of the Cheyenne County Clinic, St. Francis.

Dr. Miller will discuss the relationship people with diabetes have with heart disease. She will discuss how a higher-than-average risk of having a heart

attack or stroke coordinates with those having type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Statistics show that heart attacks strike people with diabetes more than twice as often as people without diabetes.

This program is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, contact Mila Bandel, RN, county health nurse, at 332-2381.

## School Menu

**School Menu Monday, Feb. 15**  
Breakfast: yogurt, boiled egg.  
Lunch: hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, roll.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 16**  
**Fifth grade lunch**  
Breakfast: tornadoes.  
Lunch: lasagna, bread, strawberries and bananas.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 17**  
Breakfast: English muffin.  
Lunch: mac and cheese, roll.  
**Thursday, Feb. 18**  
Breakfast: sausage, scrambled eggs.  
Lunch: French-dip sandwich, chips.  
Breakfast is served daily with toast, cereal, juice and milk.  
Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk.

Bird City 125th Celebration Fund Raiser

### Old Fashion Box Supper Saturday, Feb. 13th • 6:30 p.m.

American Legion Hall, Bird City

Bring a meal in your choice of container (enough to feed yourself and at least 2 others), be creative! Boxes will be judged before the auction, prizes will be awarded. All boxes will be auctioned off and you will have the opportunity to eat with your buyer. Entertainment by the Cheylin Music Department.

Many thanks to Rambat Auction for auctioning off the boxes.

### Legislative Town Hall Meeting with Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, Rep. John Faber Saturday, February 13, 2010

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

in Bird City at the American Legion

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

in Atwood at Williams Brothers Grocery

11:30 - 1 p.m.

in Oberlin at Decatur Co Court House, 3rd floor

1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

in Norton at Town & Country Kitchen

Pd by Ostmeyer for Senate, Lori Edwards, Treasurer  
Rep. John Faber, Ed Carson, Treasurer

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**SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.** **2 hr. 40 min.**  
**AVATAR**  
Feb. 12, 13 & 14  
Action/Adventure and Science Fiction/Fantasy  
Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, PG-13 for intense epic battle sequences and war, sensuality, language and some smoking.  
Sigourney Weaver, Stephen Lang, Michelle Rodriguez  
**CHEYENNE THEATER** St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747  
Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

**Congratulations Cheylin Scholar's Bowl Team for placing second at regionals!**  
**Good Luck at State on Saturday!**  
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210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

## Diabetes Support Group meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010

1:30 p.m.

Cheyenne County Clinic Basement

Guest Speaker

Dr. Mary Beth Miller

Topic: Heart & Diabetes

For more information contact:

Mila Bandel, RN

County Health Nurse at 785-332-2381