



Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Last Friday I took our youngest son to the Cheyenne County Wildlife Banquet. This has become a tradition ever since we moved here.

I've seen him grow along with the organization.

Used to be he wouldn't eat much of the big slab of steak that is served and he came home with something off the kids table. This year he ate almost as good as Dad. He even experienced the old Au jus on the table cloth when his plastic knife cut through his styrofoam plate.

Joe didn't walk away with anything from the children's table, but that's okay with him. With age his tastes have gravitated to the fire arms and real hunter's gear.

Over the years he has spent more and more time enjoying the outdoors. He is always ready to go fishing with a pal. When his older

brothers are home, he loves to go hunting with the guys he looks up to. Joe couldn't wait to get his Hunter's Safety certification.

I owe a debt of gratitude to this local organization. They have helped to instill an attraction and respect for the abundant wildlife that surrounds us here.

And don't be mistaken, hunters care as much as anyone in preserving these gifts for years to come.

By seeing the large showing of youth at this year's banquet, it warmed my heart to know that another generation will develop this love also.

On a side note, Lezlie and I enjoyed the beautiful Spring weather on Sunday to visit the River Walk outside of Sainty. We were treated to several bright-red Cardinals who played in the branches above us. It's getting to be a great time to get out!

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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The world is full of creative beings — us. And what I mean by creative is to create intentionally. Yeah, I know, monkeys, elephants and other creatures have had their own art show in Hollywood; but it is not that just any creature can say, "I am going to paint a horse," and paint one.

In addition, only humans can critique creative expression. Again, I know that your dog may have a favorite television show he watches, but typically it is not National Geographic or the Dog Whisper. And I have never seen our dogs, Sassy and Ginger, react to dogs that are howling or barking in a movie.

So where am I going with this?

We have the capability to choose what we like and what we dislike. You know what, I am going to cut to the chase here — some readers like what I write about in my column and some don't.

Some readers don't like reading about my Christian views, my views on this nation's administration, or on war. But a few do and I will be the

first to admit they are controversial topics. However, I do not expect any reader to change their view points for me if we disagree.

And being the age of well into the Jewish Year of Jubilee (50), I have a lot of life experiences I could draw from. But I have chosen to write about my Christian faith simply because it is a beautiful thing what Jesus has done in the last decade in my life, and I want everyone to know beautiful changes can happen in their life also.

Easter is coming up this Sunday and I am giddy with excitement over this holiday. Just like Christmas celebrates my Lord's birth, Easter celebrates the most awesome promise—because Jesus is risen from the grave, I will also.

Something else, if a reader disagrees with my view points, I invite them to write a letter to the editor and exercise the right to freedom of speech that our nation's military have fought and died for so that we can enjoy. No name calling please, I reserve that right for my husband, Brad.

Resident made trial appearance in March

Mark Jamison, 49, St. Francis, was arrested Monday, March 22, on three charges connected with methamphetamine.

He made his first appearance in Cheyenne County District Court on March 24 where he was charged with unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance, a drug severity

level 1 felony; unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, a drug severity level 2 felony; and unlawful possession of a controlled substance, a level 4 felony.

He is being held in the Rawlins County Jail. The arrest was made by the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Department.

School Menu

Tuesday, April 6
Breakfast: yogurt, boiled egg.
Lunch: quesadillas, rice
Wednesday, April 7
Breakfast: breakfast pizza.
Lunch: potato bar with chili and cheeses, roll.
Thursday, April 8
Senior class lunch menu

Breakfast: waffles.
Lunch: oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, strawberries and bananas, corn, dessert.
Friday, April 9
Breakfast: sausage, scrambled egg.
Lunch: turkey sandwich, dessert.

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Easter egg hunt

On Saturday at 10 a.m., kids ages toddler through fourth grades are welcome to hunt for eggs and play games at the Van Doren Park in Bird City, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, event will take place in the Cheylin Elementary gymnasium. Special guest will be the Easter Bunny in person! For more information, contact Jane Brubaker at 785-734-2722.

Sunrise service

The Lutheran, Wesleyan, and Methodist churches of Bird City will hold an Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. on Sunday at the Thresher Show grounds. Breakfast will be at 7:45 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church. All are welcome to come.

Story time

There is no Library Story time this week.

Cheylin golf

On Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Benkelman, Neb., the Cheylin golf team will be teeing off for the season. Admission is free for spectators. For current information about Cheylin sponsored events, go online to www.cheylin.com.

Cheylin fifth grade

On Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Cheylin Elementary cafeteria, Cristi Anholz's fifth grade class will be presenting "Fifth Grade Civil War Red Carpet Event." Parents and grandparents bring cameras.

Cheylin Food Bank

The Cheylin Food Bank is

located in the United Methodist Church of Bird City (upstairs) and the entrance is through the east door. The hours are 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

Bird City 125-year store

Stop in the Bird City Quasiquicentennial store now in the Senior Center. Visitors can catch up on the latest information about scheduled events that will lead up to the 3-day celebration beginning on June 11. The store is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays. Stan and Dee Dorsch will be on hand to assist.

AARP

AARP will be meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, at the St. Francis Senior Center. The host and hostess will be Bud Houtman and Gladys Cullum.

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet on Monday for a "Lunch with Les" (Les Lacy) at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Historical Society

The Historical Society is sponsoring a special presentation and tour of Heaton Crossing. The tour will meet at the museum at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 18. Those who don't know about this spot will have a chance to catch up on some local historical lore.

Keep May 22 circled in red on the calendar. This is the date that the National Weather Service of Goodland presents a program for the community at the theater recognizing the 75th anniversary

of the Flood of 1935.

More details will follow.

Western Plains Arts Association

The world renowned opera singer and native of Colby, Sam Ramey, will present a vocal concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 11, at the Colby Community Building. The program is part of the Western Plains Arts Association schedule of events.

"Uncommon Threads

Dane G. Hansen Museum, Logan, is proud to present "Uncommon Threads: Stitched Artwork by Margaret Cusack" scheduled to open May 7 and run through June 20. For more information, call the museum at (785) 689-4846 or check the web at www.hansenmuseum.org.

Wray Community Health Fair

The Wray Community Health Fair will take place April 24. Check ad for dates and times for blood draws and other details concerning costs and appointments needed. Call (970) 332-2245 if you have questions.

Burlington Coin and Gun Show

The Burlington Coin and Gun Show will be held April 17 and 18 at the community building. Check classified ad for times and additional details.

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.

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.

District courts to furlough employees

The Kansas Supreme Court has issued an order calling for involuntary unpaid leave for court staff throughout the state's judicial districts on four Fridays in April and May.

The furlough time is not as extensive as first anticipated Justice Lawton R. Nuss wrote in a letter to court employees on March 12. He said the courts had been looking at two days a week for all of April, May and the first Thursday and Friday in June. The furloughs affect all judicial staff except judges and justices.

"In the very beginning of the talks of furlough time, the state was considering closing the courts for a week at a time, and now it has come down to Fridays," said Chief Judge of the 15th Judicial District Glenn Schiffner.

The difference in days is a result of other budget cuts the judicial branch has made and more money coming in from other sources, he said. The judiciary has a hiring freeze that began in December of 2008, resulting in 100 vacancies, and has eliminated temporary hours of 193 employees who were performing necessary

services, restricted travel and got approximately \$800,000 in federal stimulus funds through a grant program.

The new order, handed down by the court on March 12 and signed by Justice Nuss, details the days of involuntary unpaid days as Fridays April 9, 16, 23 and May 7, unless otherwise approved in advance in writing by the Supreme Court.

Nuss said, "while forced leave was unavoidable, the judiciary tried to minimize the lost income for their employees."

"In Thomas County, seven people from the district court office will be affected by the order," Schiffner said, "with 23 or 24 court employees being affected throughout the district."

In Sherman County the order will affect seven people including three in the clerks office, two in court services and one secretary to District Judge Scott Showalter.

In Cheyenne County the furlough will affect two full time people and one part-time.

The Cheyenne court clerk said she felt sorry for the young mothers who are depending on that income, but said at first they were

telling the employees it would be a 30 days cut so four days seems pretty good.

The 15th Judicial District is made up of seven counties, Thomas, Sheridan, Logan, Wallace, Cheyenne, Rawlins and Sherman.

"We will continue to hear critical functions cases with no clerical help," Schiffner said.

Critical needs include criminal issues, child in need of care/ juvenile offender, care and treatment, protection from abuse orders and other miscellaneous hearings concerning temporary orders or those of an emergency

nature.

Each judge has a long list of duties he will be responsible for on furlough days, Schiffner said, such as ensuring telephones are answered with a recorded message notifying the caller of the duration of the court closure, making available how to contact a judge for performance of critical functions, explaining that judges will not process receipts of any money, making sure fax machines are operating and are maintained during closed periods and making arrangements for secure mail storage.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 49 min.

Alice in Wonderland

April 2, 3 & 4

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