



## Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**  
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 This state is just full of surprises! Last weekend Lezlie and I joined her family for a nephew's wedding. We stayed in Great Bend, while the ceremony was held in Hoisington. The drive there was pretty simple: straight east on I-70 to Russell then south to Barton County. The exciting thing, beside the wedding, was the places of importance along the way. We passed through Ellis, the boyhood town of Walter P. Chrysler, who became one of the most recognized auto manufacturers in America. Next came Hays, the spot where the old Fort Hays stood as a major outpost to the "wild west." After that, along the highway we could see the twin towers of the Cathedral of the Plains as we drove past Victoria.

Going through Russell the signs make it clear that this is the home to another Kansas great: military veteran and statesman Bob Dole.

The streets of Hoisington were packed with visitors attending the Cheyenne Bottoms Wetland Festival. This event draws many bird observers looking for waterfowl and good times.

Finally, in Great Bend, where the Arkansas River makes a big arch, stands the large and stately courthouse for Barton County. What sets this county apart? It's the only one named for a woman: Clara Barton of Massachusetts, who founded the American Red Cross during the Civil War.

It seems that on any weekend, just by taking a drive across the state of Kansas, something unexpected and interesting will cross your path.

## Letters from Linda

**By Linda Schneider**  
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 These days everyone is wanting some transparency from the big corporations and banks that are using tax money to keep them going. I want it too, and I like it when the Obama Administration uses the word transparency to describe what is needed from CEOs, and for other financial dealings.

hour and in a nutshell, Mr. Black told Mr. Moyer the recent bank bankruptcies are because of decisions made years back, in the Boardroom, to allow no credit checks, interest only payments, and no money down loans, called "liar's loans." Another provocative title don't you think? Furthermore, the only reasons for these loans were to bring in quick money, huge bonuses, and intentionally fail. Can you even imagine the treachery and blatant deception?

How can anyone expect transparency when transparency reveals true intent? The good news out of all this, explains Mr. Black, is only 10 percent of our nation's bankers are involved in this type of deceit, 90 percent still work in integrity.

Now to challenge your transparency-I learned of a website that caters only to married people who want to date other married people. If you are married, do you think that visiting such a website for any reason is deceptive? Would you tell your spouse?

## Chatting with Cathy

**By Cathy Domsch**  
 Since last week's Chatting, have you had a chance to think about agritourism events to add to your farm or event?

mission statement, objectives and timeline, strategies for growth, pricing and promotion tactics.

The promotion must of Tourism Marketing is a Website. The website is critical to tourism marketing efforts today as travelers are heavy online searchers and it defines your credibility. How do you go about creating a great website? Harvest the questions of your customers. Insert all of the answers into your web copy. Utilize great photogra-

# Bulletin Board

**Monthly potluck**  
 The monthly potluck at the Bird City Senior Center will be held at noon on Monday.

**Movie afternoon**  
 The Methodist Church in Bird City is showing the movie "Fireproof" at 1 p.m. on Sunday. This movie is rated PG and probably not suitable for children. There will also be a show for the younger children. The movies are free and all are welcome.

**Cheylin sports**  
 High school golf team will be traveling to Grinnell today (Thursday) to tee off.  
 High school track team will have a meet in Oakley on Friday at 3 p.m. and in St. Francis starting 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

High school junior varsity track team will have a meet on Monday in Atwood at 3 p.m.  
 Junior high track meet will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday in Tribune and will be in Benkelman on Monday at 10 a.m.

**School events**  
 FFA Livestock Judging will be in Norton on Monday.  
 Cheylin fourth graders will be going to Colby on Wednesday to attend the kids conservation roundup.

Cheylin will be attending the State Music Festival for solos and small ensembles on Saturday in Wichita.

**Story time**  
 Story time will be at 10 a.m. on Friday. With just a few more weeks until summer vacation, come and join the fun!

**Kansas Healthy Lawns**  
 A workshop on how to evaluate your lawn and landscape practices will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 23 at the Bird City American Legion hall.

**Hospital Board**  
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

**Hospital Guild**  
 The Hospital Guild will have their May Salad Luncheon on Monday, May 4. Hostesses are Ar-

lene Walz, Dolores Kincheloe and Nola Burrus. The program will be presented by Darrell Reed, who will give a Lab Update, Cheyenne County Hospital.

**Cheyenne County Commissioners**  
 The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 30.

**Western Plains Arts programs**  
 Acoustic Eidolon, an innovative acoustic string duo, will be performing at a Western Plains Arts Association program at 3 p.m. central time, on Sunday in the Sharon Springs High School auditorium.

The Colorado Children's Choral is being presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Colby High School Auditorium.

**Wray Art Guild Exhibit**  
 The Wray Art Guild Exhibit will be held at the Wray Rehabilitation and Activities Center from Thursday, April 30 through Sunday, May 3. Viewing hours for the public are 9 to 5 on Saturday, May 2 and 1 to 5 on Sunday, May 3.

The exhibit is open to all artists. Entry for all works is at the rehabilitation center from 1 to 7 on Thursday, April 30, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 1.

For more information, please call Patti Bohall at (970) 332-4387, or Cindy Musgrave at (970) 332-5015.

**ArtFest set in Oberlin**  
 The fifth annual High Plains ArtFest will be held at the Oberlin Gateway on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26. Hours for the show are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. There is no charge for admission.

The show includes both adult and high school art in nine different categories. Ten high schools have entered 62 pieces of art by 47 artists. The students are either juniors or seniors and have been selected by their art teachers.

For further information, call Connie Grafel (785) 475-2901 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

**Open house**  
 The Museum of Cheyenne County will be hosting an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. There will be fellowship, popcorn

from the old theater popper and other surprises. Come for a great afternoon.

**Diamond Jubilee**  
 People are asked to keep in mind the Sawhill Park and Band Shell Diamond Jubilee set for May 31 in the park. People are needed to help with entertainment and games. Call Dorothy at 332-2339 or Janet, 332-3569 for more

information or to volunteer.

**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

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## Obituary

### Harold Leonard Mayfield

Aug. 11, 1931 - April 16, 2009

McDonald, Kan., resident Harold Leonard Mayfield, 77, died Thursday, April 16, 2009, at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He had formerly been a resident of Goodland.

Harold was born Aug. 11, 1931, in Benkelman, Neb., the son of a farmer, Leonard Ernest and his wife Velma Pearl (Harper) Mayfield.

In 1949, he graduated from Atwood High School.

He served his country in the United States Air Force. During his tour in Europe, he was awarded a medal of bravery for his courage during a mission which involved the air transfer of nuns and children in Germany.

In 1958, he married Roberta (McCarty) Most. To this union, five children were born.

He was a master mechanic. Engines of any kind were no match for his God-given talent to repair what was broken.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother Lloyd Mayfield.

Surviving family includes two sons Stephen Mayfield of Denver, Colo.; Shawn W. Mayfield of McDonald; three daughters Deidre D. Brantley of Atwood; Monique R. Mayfield of Thornton, Colo.; and Deserie A. Mayfield of Denver; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister Elaine Stubbs and her husband Larry of Edgerton, Mo.

The memorial service was Monday, April 20, at Koons Chapel in Goodland, with Dr. Chet Ross officiating. He was buried at the Atwood Cemetery, after a private family service.

Memorials may be designated to the Hunting Heritage Group (to be designated for Northwest Kansas youth hunts and outdoor events), and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

**SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hr. 34 min.**

### Monsters Vs. Aliens

*Action/Adventure, Science Fiction, Comedy and Animation*

**April 24, 25 & 26**

Reese Witherspoon, Hugh Laurie, Seth Rogen, Will Arnett, Rainn Wilson, Kiefer Sutherland and Stephen Colbert

PG for sci-fi action, some crude humor and mild language

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

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

### 4th Annual McDonald Springfest

**Saturday, May 2**

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

McDonald Senior Center, Main street, McDonald, Ks.

*Craft items for all ages, garage sale finds, baked goods and in-home businesses will be features for shoppers. Hourly cash drawings will be held. For more information contact Iris McIntosh at 785-538-2475.*

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

**Thursday, April 30th**

**Noon - 1pm**

**Kickoff to the future "Picnic in the Park" event!!!**

**Pack up your sack lunch... Bring your lawn chair or picnic blanket... and enjoy some great entertainment over your lunch hour!!!**

**April's entertainment will be the Cheylin Music & Band students.**

**They will be performing outside the school, between the Grade School and High School buildings, (weather permitting).**

**\*\*\*Watch the paper for information regarding the May event. If you would like to be part of upcoming "Picnic in the Park" entertainment, or would like additional information, please contact Cathy or Darci at 734-2556.\*\*\***

**BIRD CITY CENTURY II** www.BIRDCITY.COM  
 Development Foundation "FOR GOOD. FOR EVER."  
 785-734-2556

### Free Estate Planning Meeting

**Monday, May 4**

**7:30 p.m.**

Good Samaritan Village dining room

Local attorneys will provide information.

**Topics**

Wills, Trusts, Medi-Care, Medicaid & Long term investment opportunities.

Call Carol Redding for more information 785-332-6197

**NEW DISPLAY HOMES Will Be Open To See!**

**OPEN HOUSE** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 9 am - 6 pm  
 Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 1 pm - 5 pm

COME CHECK US OUT

South Hwy 183, Hays • 785-625-6539  
 800-621-6539 • www.4claytonhome.com/809

### Come Join the Fun!!

**Sunday, May 3**

**Food will be served from 5 - 8 p.m.**

**Van Doren Park**

**Bird City, Ks**

**Authentic Mexican food, games, music**

Free-will donation accepted for next year's celebration. Sponsored by Community Club, Lions Club and Century II.

**No alcohol please!!!**

### CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

## Please remember to visit the Cheyenne County Hospital website at [www.cheyennecountyhospital.com](http://www.cheyennecountyhospital.com).

**We have added two new sections to the website which include newborn arrival pictures and the option to pay your bill online. Please check these out on the website.**

### Check your renewal dates

— Current Rates —

**The Saint Francis Herald**

Area - \$33 KS - \$38  
 Out-of-State - \$42

**Bird City Times**

KS - \$30  
 Out-of-State - \$34

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