

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Last Saturday, June 6, marked the 65th anniversary of the Allied forces landing on the French coast of Normandy. D-Day is an important occasion to remember since it marks the beginning of the end of World War II.

Never in the history of mankind has such an operation been equalled. Around 150,000 soldiers from the United States, Great Britain and their Allies crossed the English Channel to face the fortified Nazi defenses.

It was not a given that the outcome would be in our favor. In fact, Operation Overlord was a massive gamble.

One group of men who never seemed to get the credit they deserved was the Army Rangers who stormed the sheer face of Pointe du Hoc. Perhaps this is because the guns that so many of the group were sacrificed for

were not in place at the time of the attack. The Rangers found them hidden, not far inland, and they were destroyed then.

But President Ronald Reagan had an idea of the magnitude of these men's act. In his speech that marked the 40th anniversary in 1984, he spoke from on top the cliffs.

"At dawn, on the morning of the sixth of June, 1944, 225 Rangers jumped off the British landing crafts and ran to the bottom of these cliffs, . . . one by one, the Rangers pulled themselves over the top, and in seizing the firm land at the top of these cliffs, they began to seize back the continent of Europe."

Although time may soften the memories of that time and place, it is important to remember the actions of those who came before us. For the time being, our freedoms have been secured by them.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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I have wanted to stay neutral lately when it comes to stating my opinions or making comments about the current presidential administration simply because I want to support the president, I really do. And I want to believe he has America's best interest at heart. But, has anyone been listening to his Middle East speeches?

Do I have a suspicious mind,

or does the president have his own agenda to follow and not America's?

I will start with his speech in Turkey. President Obama says while America has a large Christian population, it is not a Christian nation, or Jewish, or Muslim. He continues by saying, "We are a nation of citizens who are bounded by ideals and a set of values." What are the ideals and values he is talking about?

I would like to pause a moment and reflect on this - in the countries that are Muslim-run government, Christians and Jewish are not allowed to practice their religion freely, or even freely reside. Only in countries that embrace Christian values like United States, Canada, United Kingdom, etc., is this possible. Am I wrong?

So, after stating America is not a religious nation, the president speaks in Egypt and quotes the quran three times and blesses their prophet Mohammed. Am I wrong in thinking that was a gratuitous religious move?

I know many Americans are happy with the first 100 plus days President Obama has been in office, but I think every American who has an ear to hear, listen to what he has been speaking on the behalf of the American citizens. Oh, what I mean to say is on the behalf of a nation of citizens bounded by ideals and a set of values.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Craig Van Allen reported to the council city patrol and casework done in May during the monthly meeting.

Deputies performed over 122 hours of patrol and casework. They had several contacts with juveniles to enforce car seat belt laws. Deputies wrote warnings on the first occurrence.

They responded to one noise complaint, one suspicious vehicle investigation, one dog complaint, one theft investigation, and four damage to property investigations.

Deputies gave one traffic ticket and six traffic warnings.



Anger Management Class

June 15 and 16, starting at 7 PM

WHERE: Seventh Day Adventist Church in St. Francis (3rd and Adams)

COST: No charge
Refreshments will be served.

Class details:

1. Distinguish between healthy and unhealthy anger.
2. What is anger?
3. Biblical insights

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Hollis DaPron of Bird City is a patient in room 1020 of St. Joseph Hospital, 1835 Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80218.

Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will be meeting at the Lebow Manor at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 18. Cossette Kimmel will be the hostess.

Bird City Quasiquicentennial

The summer of 2010 will be Bird City's 125-year celebration. The city council is asking volunteers to help with the planning. All ideas for the planning of the celebration are appreciated. Items include food, entertainment, music, programming, celebration management, etc. Contact DeAnza Ambrosier at city hall to get on a committee, 785-734-2616.

Cougar baseball

The C-team boy's baseball team will be traveling to Benkelman, Neb., on Friday for their next game. The season's last game will be played against Atwood on Monday in Atwood. All games start 7 p.m. central time.

Benkelman will be hosting the baseball tournament beginning Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20. Residents are encouraged to support the team.

Open house

There will be an open house at the St. Francis Emergency Building on Highway 36 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 20. There will be tours and refreshments. Check ad in this issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

Office closed

The *Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of the Fourth of July.

Museum open Saturday

The Cheyenne County Museum will be open on Saturday for visitors who might be attending the Stearman Fly-In. Two special exhibits include "History of Flight in Cheyenne County" and a special traveling exhibit of "Photos of the Arickaree Breaks" by Audrey Kalivoda.

Horse show

The Cheyenne County Spring Horse Show will be held Sunday at the fairgrounds starting at 10 a.m. Area 4-H youth will be participating in events. Concessions will be available.

St. Francis Swim Meet

The St. Francis Swim Meet will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday at

the St. Francis Pool. Interested persons may come and watch or come and swim as those interested need not be a member to compete.

No Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group will not meet again until September.

Historical Society news

Flag Day, June 14, will be celebrated with a flag ceremony, a patriotic sing-a-long and a special burning of old flags. This event will begin at 7 p.m.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

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

Landfill hours

The Cheyenne County Landfill hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Friday.

Cheyenne County Spring Horse Show

The Cheyenne County Spring Horse Show will take place at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 14. Lunch will be served. Call Julie Brunk or the Extension office 332-3171 with any questions.

Veterans Affairs

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

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

The correct name of the student who was selected for the 2009 Duke University Talent Identification Program and was recognized at a program at the University of Kansas is Walker Janicke.

Chatting with Cathy

By Sydney Busse

For all of you who were just waiting for a column from Cathy this week, I'm sorry to disappoint you. However, I hope you enjoy this week's column even though I wrote it.

This week, I'm going to talk about myself, well, sort of. I will actually be telling you a little more about my internship for the summer, which I am doing through Century II and Rawlins County Economic Development.

I have seen many of you around town the past few weeks, and you have asked me what I am doing this summer. Before I started work, I wasn't even exactly sure what my job involved. I have taken an internship with Ogallala Commons for the summer. Ogallala Commons is an organization that strives to build up rural communities that are supplied by the Ogallala Aquifer. Each year, they hire several interns who live in small communities throughout this region, which ranges from Texas and New Mexico north to South Dakota and Wyoming. I am one of these interns. What this means for me is that I have the opportunity to work within the community on projects to strengthen our local infrastructure.

Many of the projects I am currently working on at Century II focus on entrepreneurship. I have been researching implementing an entrepreneurship fair at Cheylin to encourage high school students to develop their own business plans,

and, in turn, realize that they can return to Bird City to live and work after college. I am also looking to possibly get a business class or workshop that focuses on entrepreneurship implanted as an elective within the high school curriculum. I believe this could get students on the right track towards knowing how businesses are created, and possibly even give them the ability to start their own business someday.

Another one of my projects is focused on getting the entrepreneurial spark started at a younger age. I am working on providing younger students with some opportunities that will hopefully encourage them to use their creativity to come up with new ideas for future businesses.

One of the assignments I am working on in Atwood includes working with the High Plains Food Cooperative, which is an organization that connects producers with consumers, kind of like a farmer's market. About a dozen produc-

ers from this area are members of this group, whose market is mainly along the front range. And basically, how it works is the producers (who contribute everything from eggs to oregano to steaks) let us know how much product they have available for sale via our website; the consumers can order what they want from the website; then, on the delivery day, we deliver the produce to various locations in Denver.

Later in the summer, I have the opportunity to take a week-long trip with some of the other interns through a few of the communities that Ogallala Commons works in. It will be an exciting learning experience for me, as we will travel through Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Texas. I am really looking forward to it!

I hope this article hasn't put you to sleep, but I hope it has clarified a little bit more about what it is that I am doing with my summer.

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m.

2 hr. 7 min.

Star Trek

June 12, 13 & 14

Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, John Cho, Ben Cross, Bruce Greenwood

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Picnic In The Park

Thursday, June 11
12 - 1 p.m.

Bring your lawn chair and pack up your sack lunch. Enjoy your lunch hour at the park listening to 2 great entertainers.....

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