

## Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**

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"And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed." Genesis 2:8.

Lucas is located about 16 miles north of I-70, between Hays and Salina. It is a sleepy little town of about 450 folks. What a surprising place to find S.P. Dinsmoor's vision of heaven and earth.

For years I have driven along that stretch of highway and seen the signs directing the curious to "The Garden of Eden." A Buholtz family camping to trip to Lake Wilson gave me the excuse needed to visit Lucas and this unique spectacle.

Dinsmoor was a Civil War vet, present when Robert E. Lee surrendered, who after the war ended up in north-central Kansas. With the help of four men, he brought native limestone from a nearby quarry to build his "stone log cabin." But he didn't stop there.

Concrete became the medium that he used to create elaborate shapes and figures to tell stories. Thus came about his Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve stand before a grape arbor as other biblical figures help tell stories from

the book of Genesis.

Dinsmoor, a Populist politician, also had some strong opinions about big government and big business. Some of his sculptures make statements of what he thought about the direction America was going during the early part of the 20th Century.

Having a bit of P.T. Barnum in him, Dinsmoor wanted to make sure people would get off the beaten path and visit his Garden of Eden. Perhaps part of that is done by visitors stopping to see the old man himself. A tour of the site ends with viewing him through a piece of Plexiglas as he lies at rest in his mausoleum in the backyard of the stone log cabin property.

Dinsmoor's Garden of Eden was recently taken over by the Kohler Foundation, the plumbing fixture company, which focuses on the preservation of outdoor art exhibits. After restoration of the sculptures and property has been completed, it will be given to the Friends of S.P. Dinsmoor group in Lucas. This should insure that many more of the curious will take the turnoff on K-232 to see the old man's vision of the here and the here-after.

on the charge of hosting minors consuming alcohol at his house. The first hearing was held on July 25 and trial was set for Aug. 11. He was released on a \$10,000 bond.

Also arrested was Melissa Burton, St. Francis, 22 years of age, charged with intentionally furnishing alcohol to minors. She will appear in district court on Aug. 4. She was released on a \$5,000 bond.

**By Karen Krien**

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In the early hours of the morning of July 24, Dalton Magnani, Bird City, rolled his pickup and was air lifted to a Denver hospital. As of Tuesday, little information was available on his condition. Rumor had it that the surgery went well and he is doing as well as can be expected.

In conjunction with the accident, Logan Lampe, St. Francis, 21 years of age, was arrested

## South of McDonald

**By Sandy Binning**

Kathy Banister spent Saturday through Thursday in Topeka helping Debbie Banister move. Debbie and Kathy were Monday overnight and supper guests of Brandon, Amanda and Avery Winter in Andale.

Amy Waters and children were Friday through Sunday morning guests of Bethel Goltl. Ellen Waters was a participant in the Bird City Steam Engine Show run. Amy and Brynn returned home while Ellen and Owen will be visiting grandpa and grandma, Doug and Karen Flemming this week.

Bethel Goltl and Don Bruder attended the Steam Engine Show several days this week.

Lynn and Rita Officer met Randy and Melissa Regier and children, and Kale Regier and Jennifer Marti who had flown into Colby Saturday morning for lunch and visiting. Grandpa Lynn and Grandma Rita brought Gracie and Seth Gundlach home for a visit.

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Patrick from France, 17 yrs.  
Loves the outdoors and playing soccer.  
Patrick's dream has been to spend time in America learning about our customs and attending American high school.



Elisa from Italy, 16 yrs.  
Likes to play tennis, swim, loves to dance.  
Elisa hopes to play American softball and learn American "slang" while in the USA.



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## Bulletin Board

### Monthly birthday party

The monthly birthday party will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8 at the Bird City Senior Center.

### Cards appreciated

Rita Bader and her daughter, Rhonda Klaszus, were injured in an automobile accident going home from the Tri-State Engine and Thresher Show in Bird City. Both would appreciate cards sent to them: Rita Bader, 327 N. Cherry, Valentine, NE, 69201; and Rhonda Klaszus, 55026 RR 250, Sturgeon County, Alberta, T8TOP9. It was a two-vehicle accident 6 miles south of McCook on July 30. Paul Badger, the driver, received no injuries. Rita is being treated in Denver and Rhonda at McCook Community Hospital.

### Head Start

Cheyenne County Head Start is still accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school years. New location, new number (785) 332-8131.

### County commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

### Help needed

Fair time is fast approaching and a number of volunteers are still needed to run the booths and rides at the Cheyenne County Fair. If you can help, call DeEtta Knorr at 785-332-2551 or 785-332-4073.

### Veterans affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. today (Thursday), 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.

### No-till, cover crops workshop

There will be an "Exploring No-Till and Cover Crops" workshop on Aug. 31 in the Wray area. The workshop will run from 9:30 a.m.

## Club Clip

### The Bird City Historical Association

Cherokee's.

• "Seal of the Cherokee Nation," written Sept. 6, 1839.

• "Pioneer Neighbors from St. Francis."

• Another book that was written from the Amish about the Eller family. "Ancestors of the North Cutts."

• Another great book was a Cemetery Directory of the Amish Community in the Eastern Holmes and Adjoining Counties in Ohio. This was purchased in a Broom Maker's Shop in Ohio.

• "Under God" was written by Toby Mac and Michael Tait. This is a book of many stories about the founders of this country and other great leaders...but these stories are

little known. Some of these stories are no longer taught in public schools, although they were in history books before 1930.

• "No Time on My Hands," written by Mabel Yost. It was written about Nellie Snyder Yost who had three goals for her life: 1. To make the handsomest quilt. 2. To marry a cowboy and 3. To see the tops of clouds. She was able to reach all three of these goals and the story tells how she was able to accomplish these.

• "The Worst Hard Times," by Timothy Egan. This is really Dorothy Mast's story as she went through the dust bowl time and became very ill when she was about 10 years old. She was not able to walk, and was becoming weaker day by day. A doctor told the family that if they

did not get Dorothy away from Baca County, Colo., she would not live very long. Her grandmother came up with the money to move them to LaVita, Colo., in Cuchura Valley, thus saving her life.

This was a very interesting time of sharing with one another and those attending learned a lot about this area and from each other's choice of books. They also talked about new projects for the association to choose to do, but no decision was made. Dorothy also gave directions and extra hints for making corn husk dolls.

Anyone who has an interest in the Bird City Area or the surrounding area, is welcome to join the group on the second Friday of each month at the Bird City Senior Center at 2 p.m.

## Enjoy the 2011 Cheyenne County Fair!!



### CHEYENNE THEATER

Children 12 & Under: \$4

3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$5

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### Knights of Columbus



### BBQ

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Cheyenne County Fairgrounds

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Potato Chips • Iced Tea

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### Free-Will Offering

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## August Calendar

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Aug. 2, Aug. 30

Dr. Frankum

Aug. 3

Dr. Reeves

Aug. 10

Dr. Markiewicz

Aug. 11

Dr. Frankum

Aug. 17

Dr. Uyemura (clinic)

Aug. 18

Dr. Saba

Aug. 19

Dr. Uyemura (surgery)

Aug. 24

Dr. Curtis

Aug. 25

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Aug. 9

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