



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick
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I like Ike. But I don't like what Washington is doing to honor Ike. Leave it to our Federal government to mess up things for future generations. Something as simple as placing an effigy to another great president and military leader should be a task they could handle.

I mean, here is the man in the driver's seat when the free world took the fight to the Nazis in Europe to turn the tide in World War II. So how do you suppose the blowhards on the beltway intend to leave the symbol of this important man's achievements? The plan is to show Eisenhower as a small, barefoot lad sitting somewhere in the wide expanse of Kansas as his future waits for him.

Yes, it is a wonderful example of the American Dream for a boy

from humble Abilene, Kan., to make it to West Point, lead the Allied forces in history's largest war, and on to the White House. But why just allude to this and not show a monument that states those things?

Sticking to traditional forms of memorials certainly has worked for Washington's, Jefferson's and Lincoln's. What is so wrong with staying with what works? But then change for the sake of change seems to be what drives our Capitol.

I hear that the Eisenhower family is also unhappy with the design. Who can blame them? I'd be willing to bet that they would be satisfied with a marble statue of Ike standing defiantly as he did as an adult. He could even be looking toward the European Theater portion of the National World War II Memorial.

Obituary

Mabel Lorwren Pritz Carstens

Dec. 31, 1918 - May 5, 2012

Mabel Lorwren Pritz Carstens was born Dec. 31, 1918, in Peabody, Kan., to John W. and Maude L. Pritz. She died on May 5, 2012.

Mabel graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1937. On Nov. 2, 1947, she was married to Maynard H. Carstens of Bird City. To this union, three children were born: Neil, Nora and Marla.

Mabel was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend and always had a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eyes. She was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City.

Her pride and joy was nurturing her children and sharing in their accomplishments. One of her most beloved joys was listening to her girls play the piano. She proudly displayed them and used the many beautiful pieces of furniture made by Neil. Mabel spent many precious moments with granddaughters Kaitlyn and Maddie making jelly, sewing projects and especially enjoyed snuggling. Grandma's house was always filled with love and laughter.

Mabel was a talented seamstress and made many of her own clothes as well as sewing for the girls. She also made many beautiful quilts, pillows and other crafts using intricate embroidery.

Mabel was a very warm and compassionate person who touched the hearts and lives of all she met. She loved animals, especially cats, and working in her garden.

Mabel is preceded in death by her husband Maynard and brothers Lloyd Pritz and Elmer Pritz.

She is survived by son Neil of Bird City, granddaughter Kimla Carstens and great-grandson Thomas; daughter Nora and Jerry Wilson of Sebastol, Calif.; daughter Marla and husband Rusty Starns of Andover; granddaughters Kaitlyn Starns of Manhattan; and Maddie Starns of Andover; and a host of friends and relatives. She will be sadly missed by all.

Services were held Wednesday, May 9, at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Bird City and conducted by Reverend David Rossbach of St. Francis and family friend, Jim Gleason of Benkelman. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery with arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home of St. Francis. The family suggests memorial donations be made to Hospice or the Wichita Humane Society.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: David Frisbie, Bird City; Amy Hackney, McDonald; Ted Partch, Bird City.

Bulletin Board

Community Club

Community Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the Bird City Senior Center.

Baby bottle project

Cheyenne County Kansans for Life are hosting the "Baby Bottle Project." A baby bottle is given to each family leaving your church on Mothers' Day (we supply the baby bottles). The family is asked to place their change in the baby bottle and return it to the church on Fathers' Day. The money raised goes toward the educational efforts of Kansans for Life, which is trying to reestablish a sanctity of life ethic in our culture. If you are interested in doing this at your church, call 1-800-928-LIFE or locally Elmer Kellner at 332-2950.

Bird City Historical meeting

The Bird City Historical Association will meet on Friday, at the Bird City Senior Center at 2 p.m. The program will be to share ideas for our open house and the Thresher Show activities. Each member should remember to bring a list of students names and their parents' names. Reminder: Articles for the Keepsake Journal.

Senior center birthdays

Bird City Senior Center birthdays will be Monday, May 14 at 3 p.m.

Cheylin open house and spring music concert

Cheylin Project Open House Tuesday from 4:15 pm -7:00 pm followed by spring music concert at 7:30 pm. Please attend

McDonald 125th Celebration Organizational Meeting

The McDonald 125th year organizational meeting will be held May 14 at 7 p.m. at the McDonald City Office. All committee heads please come to the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Home Circle Club

Lucille Wright will be the May hostess of the Home Circle Club. It will be on May 17, at 2 p.m. Unless members are notified otherwise, the meeting will be held at the Manor.

Library StoryTime

There will be no StoryTime at the Bird City Library this week.

Senior potluck

Because the May potluck falls on Memorial Day there will be no potluck in May. The Center will be open that day for coffee and rolls after the Memorial Day Services at the cemetery. More information on this event will be

provided later.

Grief Support Group

The next Grief Support Group will continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. Meeting place is the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 E. Fourth, Bird City. For more information, call 785-734-2739.

The group is a confidential support to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one in a safe place of mutual help and comfort.

Tornado Safety drills

The Cheyenne County Communications Center will conduct monthly siren testing starting the second Wednesday in April at 9 a.m. The testing will continue through the end of September.

Bird City Alumni

The Bird City Alumni is planning the annual banquet for this year. It will be held on May 26 at the Cheylin High School. Any and all help will be appreciated. Contact the Bird City Library, 785-734-2203 or Dave Hickert 785-734-2522.

Emergency number

The new phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

Recycling

The Bird City City Council is requesting that all recycling rules be followed especially breaking down cardboard boxes before they are thrown in the bin, also no

trash, or items not designated on bins.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/ Methodist Education Building on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week service 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.

Across the County

By Marty Fear, Extension Agent

Youth Beef Quality Assurance Training Modules Now Available Online

Beef industry youth have the opportunity to become certified in Beef Quality Assurance online at no cost. The Beef Cattle Institute at Kansas State University has launched a Youth Animal Care Training program.

The Beef Quality Assurance program teaches participants about implementing best management practices to help enhance herd profitability and improve consumer confidence in high quality beef products. With increased public attention on animal welfare, the program enables youth and producers to demonstrate their commitment to food safety and quality.

The program features free online educational training modules for youth through high school age. By participating in the training, youth can improve their knowledge of animal handling, animal welfare, antimicrobial residue avoidance and food safety. After a training package is completed, a certificate is available for printing. Through the support of Beef Cattle Institute sponsors, the training packages, certification and electronic record of training are offered to youth at no cost.

"Animal handling, welfare, and disease prevention and control are very important management concepts to anyone who raises beef cattle," said Dan Thomson, DVM, assistant dean of outreach

for K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine. "As we move forward, it's essential to teach our industry youth these practices early on so they become more routine and instinctive."

Youth can work through the multimedia training modules at any time. Once all the modules within a package are completed and the quizzes are passed with 80 percent accuracy or higher, a certificate is available. There is no time limit or deadline to complete the modules and quizzes.

The program is designed to provide valuable online training in various areas of animal care. Each package is different in the length of time it takes to complete all of the modules. However, each module ranges from five to 20-minutes long. The current training packages are:

- Youth Beef Quality Assurance (28 modules).

- Youth Dairy Animal Care and Quality Assurance (31 modules).

Youth need to re-certify every three years to keep their certificate for Beef Quality Assurance up-to-date. The system will send an email a month before the certification is up as a reminder to re-certify.

"As an educational program, BQA helps producers, including young cattle producers, identify management practices that can be

improved," said Ryan Ruppert, senior director of Beef Quality Assurance at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. "The program raises consumer confidence through offering proper management techniques and a commitment to quality within every segment of the beef industry. The program is all about continuous improvement, and these modules get the future farmers and ranchers off on the right foot for a life time of improvement in beef production."

The efforts of Beef Quality Assurance have been instrumental in recent successes that continue to re-build and sustain beef demand. Through the programs, new and experienced producers recognize the economic value of committing to quality beef production at every level, not just at the feedlot or packing plant, but within every segment of the cattle industry.

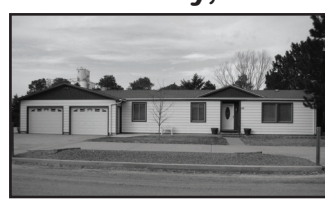
"Youth are not tomorrow's leaders; they're today's leaders. We must provide them with the tools to help them learn and move the industry forward," Thomson said. For more information about Youth Animal Care Training, see www.animalcaretraining.org. Contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu with questions or comments. Till next week - Marty

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May 11, 12 & 13

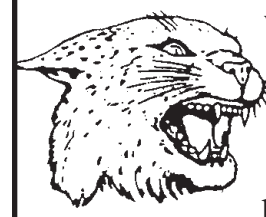
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Zac Efron, Taylor Schilling,
Blythe Danner, Riley Thomas Stewart PG-13 (some sexuality and violence)

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The Cheylin Booster Club would like to thank all of the sponsors and contributors that helped make the Cheylin After-Prom Party a huge success. We couldn't do it without you!

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Thank you to the Peace Lutheran ladies for the May Day baskets and cupcakes delivered to the hospital. We greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness!

Diabetes Education Management Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2012
1:30 p.m.

Cheyenne County Clinic Basement
Topic: "What Should I Cook Tonight"
Meal Planning for Diabetes
Presented By: Kirsten Angell,
CCH Dietician
For more information contact
Mila Bandel, RN - County Health Nurse
785-332-2381



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