

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Baseball and spring have a great deal in common. It's probably no coincidence that they begin at the same time.

As Mother Nature sheds her dry blanket of winter and life begins to appear once more, so each new season of baseball starts. Hope springs eternal, even for Chicago Cub fans.

An interesting story came to my attention. When the 1984 movie *The Natural*, with Robert Redford, was made most knew it was based on a 1952 book by Bernard Malamud. But did you know that the story was true?

In the late 1940s the Cubs had a talented first baseman named Eddie Waitkus. He had many fans in Chicago, but none was more devoted than 19-year-old Ruth Ann Steinhausen. She went to as many games as possible at Wrigley Field to watch and adore Waitkus and even decorated her bedroom as a shrine to the ball player.

But when he was traded to the Philadelphia Phillies Miss Stein-

hausen could not stand Waitkus not wearing a Cub's uniform.

In 1949 when the Phillies came to town she found out they were staying at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Ruth Ann reserved her own room and sent a note to Waitkus saying she needed to meet with him on an urgent matter.

Of course he went to her room and she had him sit in a chair. Next the young lady walked to the closet to get a "surprise for him."

After producing a rifle she shot the man in the chest and knelt by the wounded body to hold the hand of her favorite player.

Consequently, he lived and she was sent to a mental hospital for three years. Waitkus eventually returned to play for Philadelphia and helped his team reach the pennant that year.

Ruth Ann Steinhausen, after being released, went on to live a "normal" life of obscurity in Chicago. She died last Dec. 29 at the age of 83 with few remembering her bizarre story.

So how's that for "the rest of the story?" Play ball!

# Five Kansans earn leadership awards

How does a person build a new dairy halfway across a continent? How does a person help schools and businesses succeed with social media? How does a person honor the military with steak dinners across the nation? How does a person encourage creativity in a small-town café? How does a war orphan from Korea become a Kansas judge and a nationally-renowned speaker?

For the answers to those questions, meet the five Kansans who are recognized by Kansas State University's Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development as 2013 Leaders of the Year.

"These Kansans have demonstrated a high level of innovation, hard work, and service to rural Kansas and beyond," said Renee Shaw, chair of the board of directors of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development.

This year's award categories and winners, along with their communities, are:

- **Agriculture:** Tom and Judy McCarty, McCarty Family Dairy, Bird City/Rexford/Scott City;
- **Business and Entrepreneurship:** Cody Heitschmidt, digital communications consultant, Nickerson;
- **Community Service:** Bill Broadie, All American Beef Battalion, Ashland;
- **Retail and Tourism:** Kim Coslett, Kaleo Café, Halstead; and
- **Leadership:** Judge Tommy Webb, Sublette.

### Agriculture

Tom and Judy McCarty and their four sons Clay, Mike, David, and Ken were part of a long-time dairy family in Pennsylvania. When they needed room to grow in the 1990s, they relocated to Rexford in northwest Kansas and built a new dairy. They later expanded into a dairy at Bird City and then at Scott City.

Today, McCarty Family Farms is milking 7,200 cows. The family operates a milk processor and evaporator at Rexford and has an exclusive rights agreement to provide all of the condensed skim milk for the Dannon Yogurt plant in Fort Worth, Texas. For more information, go to [www.mccartyfamilyfarms.com](http://www.mccartyfamilyfarms.com).

### Business and entrepreneurship

Cody Heitschmidt is a digital communications consultant who helps clients with 21st century communications. A native of Hutchinson and resident of Nickerson, he learned the power of online marketing when he used it to expand the hunting and outfitting service which he founded. He then became a digital communications consultant to help clients with 21st century marketing.

In practice, this means helping individuals, schools, and businesses understand how to use Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus, and more. With his help, Cody

has seen clients build their business 10-fold with the assistance of such social media. For more information, see [www.codytalks.com](http://www.codytalks.com).

### Community service

Bill Broadie is the founder and chairman of the board of the All American Beef Battalion, a voluntary organization of people in the beef cattle industry working to support U.S. troops. Bill is a fourth generation cattleman from Ashland who works for Superior Livestock Auction. He is a Marine and a veteran who was wounded in the Viet Nam war.

He founded the All American Beef Battalion to honor and support members of the military and their families by providing them free steak dinners. As of March 2013, the All American Beef Battalion has fed an estimated 165,000 people in 21 states. For more information, go to [www.steakfortroops.com](http://www.steakfortroops.com).

### Retail and tourism

For two years, Kim Coslett and her husband Kirt operated the Kaleo Café in Halstead, featuring live music on Friday nights, artful decorations, and an upscale menu.

Kim, a talented musician, plays and sings with the Prairie Rose Rangers as well as the Kim Coslett Band and is continuing to pursue her musical career. She is now working on a solo album of original songs. For more information, go to [www.angelfire.com/band/kimcoslettband/](http://www.angelfire.com/band/kimcoslettband/).

### Leadership

Tommy Webb is a district magistrate judge and professional speaker from Sublette. In 1952, he was a Korean war orphan living on the streets. He was ultimately adopted at the age of seven and brought to Oklahoma.

When he was nine, his family moved to Junction City and lived there through high school. He went on to college and service in the Marines before moving to southwest Kansas.

In 1988, he was elected a district magistrate judge and has been reelected ever since. Judge Webb is a sought-after speaker, sharing with state and national groups his personal story of making a positive difference in a negative world and the importance of valuing ourselves and others. For more information, go to [www.judgewebb.org](http://www.judgewebb.org).

The 2013 Huck Boyd Leaders of the Year winners were selected by students in an entrepreneurship class in K-State's College of Business. Each year the Huck Boyd Institute selects its leaders of the year from among those featured on its weekly Kansas Profile radio program and column during the previous 12 months. Kansas Profile is distributed by the K-State Radio Network and K-State Research and Extension News Media Services to radio stations and newspapers state-wide.

### Community Club

Bird City Community Club will meet Monday, April 8, at 7:30 in the Senior Center. Important meeting for Farmers Night.

### Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis at 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veteran Administration claims work on Thursday, April 4. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

### Fair board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday (tonight) in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

### Commissioners' meeting

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

### Teacher retires

Vickie Dorsch, former math teacher at McDonald Rural High School 1969-1975 and Cheylin 1975-1977, is retiring in May. The family is throwing her a card shower and encourage any former staff and students to send her a card. Cards need to reach the family at the following address by mid May. Vickie Dorsch, in care of Kerry Hammeke, 1211 SW. Woodward Ave, Topeka, KS 66604.

### Wildlife banquet

The Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet will be held Saturday, April 6, at the Bird City Legion hall. Doors will open at 6 p.m. The price of the ticket includes membership dues. Tickets are available at a local businesses. Look for the sign in the window. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Check with a Wildlife member for more information.

### Home Circle Club

President Carol Peters will be hostess for the April 18 meeting of the home Circle Club. It will be held at the Manor at 2 P.M.

### Information needed

To better serve the cattlemen of Cheyenne County, the sheriff's office is requesting land-

owners and stockmen provide locations, brands, descriptions and a contact phone number pertaining to livestock in pastures, grazed stock residue and CRP within the county. The officers will compile the contact numbers and locations, giving a copy to the county communications dispatch office to be used when stray livestock are found on the roads. The contact numbers are for officers' use only and will not be provided to the general public. Call the sheriff's office at 785-332-8880.

### Yearbook photos

The Cougar yearbook staff at Cheylin welcomes the public to share any photos taken at school or community events that might be usable in the yearbook this school year...a limited staff will make covering all events difficult. Sports, clubs and organizations, assemblies, banquets, class activities including pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

### Grief Support Group

The 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## School Menu

April 8 - April 11

Monday

Breakfast: Pumpkin chocolate chip square, sausage link, orange wedge, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Taco burger on bun, refried beans, mixed vegetables, black bean and corn salsa, romaine and tomato salad, mandarin oranges, pears, and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, grapes, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Stromboli, California blend vegetables, fresh strawberries, jello made with fruit juice, garden spinach salad, citrus apple-sauce, tropical fruit, and milk.

Wednesday

Freshman Lunch.

Breakfast: Banana wrap, yogurt, fruit juice, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, macaroni and cheese, corn, rice krispy treat bar, pistachio salad, romaine and tomato salad, grapes, pears, tropical fruit, and milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Breakfast biscuit sandwich, apple wedge, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Chicken tetrazzini, steamed carrots, roll, snicker salad, garden spinach salad, peaches, fruit cocktail, and milk.

## South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

David Banister was an Easter dinner and afternoon guest of his parents, George and Kathy Banister.

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Easter dinner and afternoon guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children were Ote and Ellen Dewey, Linda Dewey and JR Hahn, Craig and Barb Morton, Bill and

Debbie Malone, and Tyler and Kate Hartung.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the volleyball tournament in Colby Saturday.

Ryan and Diane Shay and children were Easter dinner and afternoon guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer.

Chris and Mary Copeland, and John Binning were weekend guests of Jerry and Sandy Binning.

## Helpful Hints

Keep a box of dryer sheets in rooms other than the laundry room and use them to:

- Freshen smelly shoes. Insert a dryer sheet into the offending pair and let sit overnight.
- Clean pet hair from the floor or furniture. Rub a dryer sheet over the spot where Fluffy left her fur.
- Replace a sachet. Keep a

dresser drawer smelling fresh and clean by placing a dryer sheet on the bottom of it.

- Loosen caked-on food from a pan. Place a fresh sheet in the bottom of a dirty pan, fill with lukewarm tap water, and let sit in the sink overnight. The pan will be easier to clean in the morning.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 55 min.

### The Croods

April 5, 6 & 7

Ryan Reynolds, Nicolas Cage, Catherine Keener

Animated/Family

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St. Francis, KS  
785-332-2747

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All Others: \$6

3D Movies: Children 12 & Under \$6

All Others: \$8

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Cheylin Recreation Commission is looking for the following Coaches for 2013 Summer Programs:

### Baseball Commissioner

**Coach Pitch Baseball Coach (2nd-3rd grade Co-ed)**

**T-Ball Coach (Kindergarten-1st Grade Co-ed)**

Call Tina Sager, Activities Director at 785-734-7141 for an application or information. Will take applications till April 5, 2013 or till positions are filled.

### Riverside Recreation Ladies Night Out

April 6 • 6 - 9 p.m.

Lots of Vendors, a fun girls night out!

### APPETIZER BAR

Tickets for the meal are \$10/ticket (Tickets can be purchased at Western State Bank, BANKWEST, Riverside or at the Door.)

**Margarita Bar** (extra Charge)

**Door Prizes**

Funds donated to remodel kitchen

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