



## Casey's Comments

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What a gift it is to view God's creation.

I took a short trip to Denver to take care of some business and see family.

Growing up in the big city has left me with an undeniable connection to the world of concrete, metal and traffic. The man-made jungle will always hold many of my life experiences.

But how refreshing it is to return to the country!

I've become used to seeing the occasional vehicle with a waving driver behind the wheel. However, driving in the city is like running a race on an obstacle course against enemy combatants.

Upon my homecoming I took a

little drive down a dusty dirt road just to reacclimate and enjoy some peace and quiet. After stopping by a wheat field, I stood at its edge.

Listening, I heard two meadow larks taking turns calling to each other from an unknown distance.

The wind gently gusted by my ears and made the heads of wheat, which are now a golden hue, rustle against each other.

The sky began at the horizon as a milky powder blue and changed to a brilliant azure up above. Below, as far as the eye could see was an ocean of rippling yellow and tan waves with olive green below the surface.

What a view of perfection. And knowing that man's use of God's creation will soon feed many made the scene one to treasure.

## Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider

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This subject might bore some folks, but I feel it should be revisited. It is the subject of our freedom and how it is misunderstood and abused, in my opinion.

I recently received an interesting e-mail that was titled "How long do we have?" It gave a step-by-step process of societies that started out democratic. Here is it:

"The average age of the world's greatest democratic civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, those nations always progressed through the following sequence: 1) from bondage to spiritual faith; 2) from spiritual faith to great courage; 3) from courage to liberty; 4) from liberty to abundance; 5) from abundance to complacency; 6) from complacency to apathy; 7) from apathy to dependence; 8) from dependence back into bondage.

Now before you stop reading, hear this out, because I am with you when my first thought was,

"Hey, America is over 200 years old." Then I started looking at what is going on around our nation right now and I see there is no longer absolute Truth and we are becoming a nation that is following the wind of every doctrine and whim of its people, step number four.

The hard-earned liberty that our ancestors lived and died for is now lost in an attitude that I call the "entitlement generation." Our freedom to pursue has been replaced with you "owe me" happiness. In this way of thinking, our nation has become a society of people believing if it feels good and not hurting anyone, I'm doing it and nobody can stop me. In fact, laws are now being put into place to do just that.

I am thinking this for America, going from step one to step four probably took the full 200 years, but the last four steps I can believe will take less than 50.

At what step do you see our nation?

## Bird City News

Donna Vanderput recently attended the graduations of her grandchildren.

Andrew Vanderput graduated from Hillsdale University in Hillsdale, Mich., with a degree in political science. He is currently interning in Washington, DC.

His fiancé, Jamie Brogan, also graduated that same day with a degree in elementary education and she will be teaching in a Charter school in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ben Vanderput graduated from Dexter High School. He will attend Calvary University in the fall where he will pursue film-

making. His father, Pastor Mark Vanderput gave the baccalaureate speech.

Donna and her family went on to St. Louis, Mo., for Jeremy's wife and Raegan Vanderput's graduation. Raegan received a medical degree in obstetrics and internal medicine. Jeremy graduated four years earlier with a degree in mechanical engineering and they will reside in Phoenix, Ariz.

Donna and family went sightseeing...the St. Louis Arch on a windy day is very exhilarating to say the least. The took a tour of the Joyce Meyers Ministries in Fenton, Mo. It was a delightful trip to meet and be with all the families.



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# Bulletin Board

### Cards

After months of illness that resulted in open heart surgery to remove a toothpick from his heart, John Brunswig is recovering at home. Cards can be sent to him at RR 1, Box 23F, Haigler, NE 69030.

### Fair board to meet July 10

The July meeting of the Cheyenne County Fair Board will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, rather than on the first Thursday of the month.

### Fourth of July

The Saint Francis Herald office will be closed on Friday, July 4.

### Courthouse closed

The Cheyenne County Courthouse will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

### Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday, June 30, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse. They will be discussing the 5-year plan for the road and bridge department.

### Fair parade

Now is the time to be thinking about an entry in the Cheyenne County Fair Parade to be held at

10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, in St. Francis. The theme is "A Day in Paradise."

### Carnival volunteers

Volunteers need to help with carnival cleanup and painting before the fair. Meet with others at the fairgrounds each Thursday at 7 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed to help with games and rides during the fair, Aug. 6-9. Get your name on the list by calling DeEtta Knorr, 785-332-2551.

### Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. today (Thursday), in the clinic basement meeting room in St.

Francis.

### Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 3, 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.

### Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

# Obituaries

### Arlene L. Kuhlman Bacon

Death of death - June 18, 2008

Arlene L. (Kuhlman) Bacon, age 76, wife of Roy M. Bacon, of Sunnyside Road, Limerick Pa., died June 18, 2008, in the Pottstown Memorial Medical Center.

Born in Bird City Kan., she was the daughter of the late George and Minnie (Schraeder) Kuhlman.

Mrs. Bacon worked for 33 years as a school bus driver for the Tredyfferin/East Town School District.

She loved to travel and enjoyed camping and bowling.

Surviving with her husband of 57 years are two sons, Larry W., husband of Susan (Mayer) Bacon of Wenonah, N.J. and Ron R. Bacon of Limerick Township, along with a daughter, Linda A., wife of David Toland of Springfield, Pa. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Christopher Mayer Bacon, Emily Mayer-Bacon, Alexandra L. Toland and Cara N. Toland.

She was pre-deceased by two brothers, Ervin Kuhlman and Raymond Kuhlman.

Memorial services were held Saturday, June 21, at Catagnus Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 329 N. Lewis Rd., Royersford. Burial will be private.

Contributions may be made in her memory to: March of Dimes, Pennsylvania Chapter, 1019 W. 9th Ave., King of Prussia, Pa. 19406, and the American Cancer Society, Shelly Stockmal, Administrative Assistant c/o National Penn Bank, 400 Creekside Dr., Suite 401, Pottstown, Pa. 19464.

### Golda Howard Briney

Feb. 6, 1912 - June 12, 2008

Golda Howard Briney, 96, daughter of John H. Howard and Bessie Beeson Howard, was born at home on Feb. 6, 1912, in Traer, Kan., where her father was an agent for the C.B. and Q Railroad. Two older brothers, Edgar and Robert, welcomed her into this world.

Golda's mother died in 1916, after which her father married Sally McGlothlin. With this marriage, Golda acquired a stepbrother, Earl McGlothlin.

Golda died Thursday, June 12, 2008, at the North Shore Health Care Facility in Loveland, Colo.,

where she had been confined for more than 10 years.

Golda was 4-years-old when her mother died. Afterward the family moved to McDonald to be close to the Beeson and Howard families where all of them took a turn at caring for Golda.

In McDonald, Golda attended all 12 grades, graduating from high school with the class of 1930. During her high school years she worked at the McDonald Standard newspaper office. After high school, she took Normal Training, which was offered to high school graduates at that time, and then attended Fort Hays State Teachers College the following school year. She taught for two years in a county school north of Atwood.

In 1932, on Aug. 16, Golda was united in marriage to Aubrey (Bus) Briney, also of McDonald. They had been sweethearts from the time they were young teenagers.

To this union were born two daughters, June and Marilyn.

Golda and Aubrey spent the next 55 years farming, first in Cheyenne County and then, in 1944, they moved back to Rawlins County and near McDonald. They retired from farming in 1988, and moved to Truth or Consequences, N.M., where, for several years, they had been spending winters. Their time and enjoyment of New Mexico was shortened when Aubrey became ill, prompting them to move to Denver, Colo., to be nearby their daughters.

Golda participated in many community activities during her younger years in the McDonald area. She taught Sunday school at the McDonald Federated Church, she liked to go to the church on Wednesdays to quilt, she was active in the Y.W.C.A. and she was especially fond of her membership and activities with the Progressive Chapter, 396, of the Order of the Eastern Star for which she eventually served as Worthy Matron. She was appointed District Aide in 1951 and correspondent in 1954 for the Grand Chapter of Kansas, Order of the Eastern Star. In 2005, she was presented a 75-year pin in honor of her long years of service.

Golda always liked to sew. She made most of her own clothes for many years as well as clothes for her daughters. Once, when her girls were small, she crocheted look-a-like dresses for them. She also made doll clothes for her granddaughter. Few Cabbage Patch Kids were better dressed. Golda enjoyed playing cards, bowling and square dancing. She was a wonderful cook and, during summer months, she baked either a cake or two delicious pies every single day. It was not uncommon for her to load up the car with everything she had prepared to take a hot meal to the men working in the fields.

In later years, as members of the Flying Farmers, Golda and Aubrey enjoyed numerous trips throughout the United States. When Aubrey faced the reality that it was time for him to surrender his pilot's license, they depended upon commercial airlines for many other trips, both inside and outside the United States.

Golda and Aubrey always liked traveling to the Denver area to see their children and grandchildren or to have them all come and pile on them in McDonald as well. They often had grandchildren staying with them for a week or more at a time. They even planned trips with their grown children and grandchildren. They were very proud of all their family and tried in every way to be there for them.

Golda became seriously ill in 1995, just weeks after Aubrey died. The next 13 years were formidable ones for her, which she valiantly faced, (sometimes quite spiritedly), with some wit and determination. Her family recognized that here was a true "survivor" of adversity. Everyone was all the better for seeing how she demonstrated, in her unique way, how to deal with reverses in fortune. While

she is missed without remission, the family did not wish her to remain to suffer one more day but are deeply saddened by her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, all of her brothers, their spouses and, in 1995, by her beloved husband of 62 years, Aubrey. She was also preceded in death by all of Aubrey's brothers and sisters. Finally it seems, she was preceded in death by all of her high school senior classmates.

Survivors include her daughters, June LaRiviere, of Loveland, Colo., and Marilyn Henning of Lakewood, Colo.; grandchildren: William A. O'Marrow of Loveland, Sean Henning and wife, Melinda of Highlands Ranch, Colo., and Natasha Snyder and husband, Courtney, of Aurora, Colo.; seven great-grandchildren: Bonnie and husband, Tim Caskey of Kannapolis, N.C., Julia and Jeremy Henning of Highlands Ranch and Chaison, Maxwell, Jackson and Chloe Snyder, all of Aurora; one great-great-granddaughter, Reagan Faith Caskey, of Kannapolis, plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Wednesday, June 18, and the Fairmount Mortuary and the memorial services were held at the Fairmount Mausoleum Chapel in Denver on Thursday, June 19.

Golda's life was celebrated by The Reverend Martin Hunkler of Denver. Music was provided by organist, Jim Ewart, and soloist, Dean Thoma. Reverend Chet Ross of Goodland gave a thanksgiving remembrance. The Dawn Chapter, 125, of the Order of Eastern Star of Aurora presented graveside honors for Doric Chapter 404, St. Francis.

Honorary pallbearers were William A. O'Marrow, Dean D. Henning and Courtney S. Snyder.

Memorials may be made to the Denver Dumb Friends League at 2080 So. Quebec Street, Denver, CO.

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m.

1 hr. 35 min.

## Kung Fu Panda

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"Swing Fore Your Health"



The Cheyenne County Hospital will be having their 6th Annual "Swing Fore Your Health" golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 7, with registration beginning at noon and tee-off at 1 p.m.

The tournament will be \$60 per person and in the format of a 3-person scramble with prizes awarded for the top winners of each flight.

For more information or to sign up a team, please contact Shawna or Heidi at 332-2104.