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Theresa A. Casteel
2011/2012 NAPW Professional Woman of the Year
A Leader for Her Family, a Role Model for Her Community



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Manager

Company:
K-C Ranch LLC

Theresa Casteel, Manager for K-C Ranch LLC, is being honored as a 2011/2012 Professional Woman of the Year by National Association of Professional Women, a prestigious distinction awarded by the 200,000-strong membership of NAPW.

Theresa Casteel epitomizes the traditional values of self-sufficiency and inner strength that characterize the proud ranching culture of South Dakota. Her mission as Manager of the K-C Ranch is to exemplify the integrity, valor, and leadership that are part of the legacy of her late husband, Kenneth Casteel.

Mrs. Casteel, herself a life-long South Dakotan and product of the state’s famous “West River” ranching culture, heads the K-C Ranch with the same determination and spirit she had as a young woman striking out for a teaching career in rural South Dakota nearly 50 years ago. After her marriage to Kenneth Casteel, she continued to maintain an exceptional level of independence and personal growth, pursuing substitute teaching opportunities and becoming a 4-H Leader even as she raised five children on the K-C Ranch.

Mrs. Casteel is similarly committed to her faith community. As a devoted member of the Catholic Church, Mrs. Casteel is actively involved in fundraising and restoration projects on behalf of historic St. Martin’s Chapel and the famed St. Aloysius Cemetery.

As the head of the Casteel family and K-C Ranch, Mrs. Casteel is safeguarding the future of both as a highly esteemed presence in Meade County. She is an inspirational mentor to the third generation of ranching Casteels, preparing them in every way to pass the K-C Ranch on to the upcoming fourth generation.

In addition to honoring her late husband with her pro-active stewardship of this precious family legacy, Mrs. Casteel is also honoring the memory of her late son, James Emil. James Emil Casteel followed in his mother’s footsteps by earning a Bachelor degree in Agriculture and Arts and Science at SDSU. James Emil returned to the family ranch and became a respected range management instructor at the Sturgis campus of Western Dakota Vo-Tech.

Awards & Accomplishments:
Mrs. Casteel earned a State Teaching Certificate from Black Hills State Teachers College. In addition to her many charitable activities, Mrs. Casteel serves as Queen of the Go Grannies of the Sturgis Red Hat Society. She is a member of the Lay apostle group and bible study group at her church.

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