

# Obituaries

## Carol Jean Connett Oct. 22, 1926 - Dec. 18, 2013

Carol Jean Connett was born Oct. 22, 1926. She grew up on a farm homestead.

She rode horses and grew up happily and was very close to her younger sister Margaret Ann and big brother Billy Bruce. She attended grade school grades one through six at Longview School, and grades seven and eight at the Greenridge School. She was always carrying her brother Billy's lunch pail for him when he would forget. Even then, she was always doing for others before herself. She attended high school at St. Francis Community High School.

After high school, Carol was united in marriage to Rue Rogers. To this union was born a precious daughter, Ruetta Jean Rogers, on Aug. 21, 1944.

Later on in Carol's life, she married childhood sweetheart Harold Leroy Connett on June 3, 1947. They lived in Bakersfield, Calif., for a short time, while Harold finished his time in the United States Military. Then they came back to the farm and ranch north of Wheeler. To this union was born Jannett Marie, a still born son, Brian Lee, middle

daughter, Patricia Lynne, and youngest daughter, Brenda Jean.

Carol and Herald were happily married for 65 years. Carol took care of Harold until his death Oct. 31, 2010. Carol then filled her time with her daughters and her best friend, Ruth Moore, having phone conversations each night about old times on the farm.

Carol worked extremely hard, keeping a garden, canning, making noodles, and washing the family's clothes with a wringer washer. She would take the wet clothes up a full flight of stairs and hang them on the outdoor clothesline. She helped feed cattle, fix pasture fence, haul bales, and change oil on the tractor and any other hard work that needed to be done. Carol loved animals, the farm, and being out of doors. She put her husband and children and everyone else in her life first before herself.

She was a lifetime member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and served as president of the St. Francis chapter for many years. She was also a member of the Neighborhood Harmony Club. On May 28, 2011, Carol

was baptized into the St. Francis Seventh-Day Adventist Church, even though she had accepted Christ and lived His examples long before her public expression of faith in Christ Jesus by baptism.

Carol died peacefully on Dec. 18, 2013. Preceding her in death were her mother, Mertie Marie Cole, father Bruce Cole, son Brian Lee, sister Margaret Ann Raile, brother Bill Cole, and husband of 65 years, Harold Connett. Carol truly was the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31.

Sadly mourning her passing is daughter Ruetta Price and husband Jim of Susank, and family; daughter Jannett McNutt and husband Larry of St. Francis; daughter Pat Yost and husband Dave of St. Francis and family; and daughter Brenda Delano and husband Patrick of Bird City and family; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 27, at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis, with Pastor Jim McCurdy officiating. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

## Lyn Eugene Wiley April 5, 1955 - Dec. 21, 2013

Lyn Eugene Wiley died on Dec 21, 2013 in Denver, Colo.

He was born April 5, 1955 in Fort Scott, Kansas. Lyn was the son of Lloyd and Jean Wiley of Fort Scott.

Lyn grew up being active in his father's construction business, school activities, Future Farmers of America, 4H and rodeo. He graduated from Fort Scott High School in 1973. He attended Colby Community College that fall. Lyn was a member of the rodeo team.

He continued his education in Colby in the agriculture field - with an emphasis on farm and ranch management. It was while attending school there, during his sophomore year, that he met Cindy Schafer from Colorado. He would say, "She is my Colorado girl." From that time, Lyn and Cindy were best friends.

Lyn graduated and returned to Fort Scott where he once again worked for his father's business of construction. Lyn and Cin-

dy's friendship grew into love for one another. On May 28, 1977, they became best friends for life. Lyn and Cindy decided to go back to school later that year. He continued his education at Fort Scott Community College and received his degree in Agricultural Education from Kansas State University in May of 1981.

Lyn and Cindy both accepted teaching positions in St. Francis in the Fall of 1981. Lyn began his love of teaching that fall.

In 1982, Lyn was blessed with his first born son, Dustin Eugene, and then in 1985 with his second son, Darin Samuel. His sons were his pride and joy. Many a mile was traveled with his sons at his side. They were either tagging along with his judging team or later traveling to many states for cattle shows and rodeos. Lyn taught his boys many skills of the livestock industry. They still carry on his love of the industry. Both boys

went on to higher education in the livestock industry. His greatest joy was to see the success his sons achieved.

Lyn taught school in St. Francis for 32 years. He touched many, many lives through the classroom and in the arena of life.

Lyn is survived by his wife Cindy of 36 years; sons Dustin and Darin; parents Lloyd and Jean Wiley; brother Dion "Pete" Wiley and his wife Jeanie; niece Cheyenne. Lloyd, Jean, Pete, Jeanie, and Cheyenne are from Fort Scott. He is also survived by in laws Stanley and Carol Shafer of Laird, Colo., Cindy's sisters Kathy and Terri and their families.

Service was held Dec. 27 at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis. Interment was held at Grandview Cemetery in Wray, Colo. Please send memorials to ALS Research or Ag Scholarship.

Lyn will be missed.



CONNER HAZUKA and Cassey Vandike are sorting the food the Teens For Christ picked up last Wednesday for the food pantry; while Ty Carmichael observes.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

## Across the County By Marty Fear

Calving Schools Planned in January Minimizing Difficulties with Calving is Focus

With the new calving season just around the corner, K-State Research and Extension will host calving schools in five locations, with a focus on challenges producers might face during this critical period. "Handling Calving Difficulties" features Robert Mortimer, recently retired associate professor of clinical sciences at Colorado State University's Veterinary College.

A specialist in bovine reproduction, obstetrics and nutrition, he will address such topics as: signs of calving; differentiating between normal and abnormal calving; and how to manage a difficult birth.

Larry Hollis, beef cattle veterinarian with K-State Research and Extension, will speak on scours prevention and colostrum management.

"Producers have a significant investment to get each cow to a full term pregnancy. Losing calves at or near birth is an economic loss, but it is often a personal loss, too, and can leave producers asking themselves 'what if' type questions on how they might have saved a particular calf," said Sandy Johnson, extension livestock specialist based at K-State's Northwest Research Extension Center in Colby. "Continued sharpening of our skills when it comes to saving calves is time well spent for anyone that calves cows." Dates, locations, and K-State contact information for each school:

- Jan. 6, Oberlin, 6 p.m., The Gateway - Byron Hale, bhale@ksu.edu or 785-475-8121.

- Jan. 7, Phillipsburg, 10 a.m., Phillipsburg County Fair Building - Rachael Boyle, rboyle@ksu.edu or 785-425-6851.

- Jan. 7 - Sylvan Grove - 6 p.m. CST - Sylvan Sales Com-

mission - Neil Cates, ncates@ksu.edu or 785-738-3597;

- Jan. 8 - LaCrosse - 10 a.m. CST - LaCrosse Livestock Market - Jared Petersilie, jaredp11@ksu.edu or 785-222-2710; and

- Jan. 8, Sharon Springs, 6 p.m. mountain standard time, CAB Building, Wallace County Fairgrounds - Marty Fear, cfear@ksu.edu or 785-332-3171.

Financial support for the pro-

gram is being provided by Zotis and other local sponsors at each site. There is no cost to participate, but those wishing to attend are asked to contact the appropriate local office by Jan. 3 so the staff can plan for adequate meals and materials. Contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu with questions or comments.

Till next week - Marty

## Public Notice

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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: January 2, 2014  
Expires: January 10, 2014

Grantee Name: City of Bird City  
Address: 111 E 4th St., Bird City, KS 67731  
Telephone Number: 785-734-2616

On or after January 11 2014, the City of Bird City will submit a request to the State of Kansas for the release of Federal Funds from the Community Development Block Grant program under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

Project Number: 13-PF-024  
Project Name: Bird City Water Improvements  
Project Type: Water  
Project Location: Within the boundaries of Bird City  
Estimated HUD/CDBG Funds :\$320,000  
Estimated Total Project Cost: \$640,000

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Bird City Office and may be examined or copied 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City Clerk of Bird City. All comments received by January 10, 2014 will be considered by the Bird City Council prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Bird City certifies to the State of Kansas that Hal Sager in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State of Kansas's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Bird City to use HUD/CDBG program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Kansas will accept objections to its release of funds and the grantee's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the grantee; (b) the grantee has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State of Kansas; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant of 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Kansas Department of Commerce, CDBG Program, 1000 S.W. Jackson St., Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66612. Potential objectors should contact Commerce to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Hal Sager, Mayor of Bird City  
Name and Title of Certifying Officer

111 E. 4th St., Bird City, KS 67731  
Name and Address of Grantee

## Farm Credit of Western Kansas is seeking scholarship applicants

The Board of Directors of Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA is pleased to announce the continuation of the Farm Credit Scholarship program. Each year Farm Credit chooses one student to receive a \$500 per year scholarship which is renewable for up-to four years of post-secondary education. Eligible applicants are area high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA members.

Interested applicants should contact their high school

counselor or Cathy Hawk at the Farm Credit office in Colby (785-462-6714) for an application or visit their website at www.fewk.com. Applications are due by Feb. 15, 2014.

Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA is located in Colby and can be reached by calling 1-800-657-6048. Farm Credit makes loans for the purchase or refinance of farm, ranch or agribusiness real estate and facilities as well as loans to finance farm operations, agribusiness,

livestock and equipment. Farm Credit also has an extensive crop insurance program. The farmers and ranchers who borrow from Farm Credit own the ACA. Farm Credit of Western Kansas is part of the Farm Credit System, the nation's leading agricultural lender

Contact: Mark Winger, Vice President Marketing & Credit Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA  
785-462-6714

## Reflections

*Time is a funny thing, it never stops, it never stops, it is one day more and one day less, so there is a certain urgency that moves us forward as we reflect on the past. With this in mind, I am giving a shout out to my wife, Miss Margaret Ellen Williams Voorhies and praise God for this precious soul that has shared my life for these past 50 years and for the family which could never have happened without her. We looked back, on the laughter and tears, the joys and fears that go into a lifetime together and want to thank God once again for his marvelous incomprehensible Grace. We also want to thank you children for planning a special surprise anniversary gathering this past week. One never knows how a blind date will turn out!!! Proverbs 31:10-11&28*  
R. Kent Voorhies



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