

Long-time resident will be missed

Long-time business man, farmer and community leader, Relaford Warren "Bud" Stuart died Wednesday, Aug. 16, in St. Francis. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Stuart started Stuart's Jewelry on St. Francis's Main Street 56 years ago and, up until the late fall of 2005, he was active in the store. He was also very active in a farming operation until that time. Mr. Stuart loved St. Francis and the people of the community. He often called it "The Good Life." For 40 years, Mr. Stuart was a member of the St. Francis Volunteer Fire Department. He served as the Cheyenne County Fair Board treasurer for many years and was one of the charter members of the local Lions Club and a city council member. Mr. Stuart was one of the seven members of the original Development Corporation that started Riverside Recreation.

He was also interested in the young people of the community. He was a Scoutmaster for several years and, for over 20 years, he helped film the St. Francis high school football games.

Mr. Stuart was born July 26, 1922, in Beloit. He was middle of three children (sister Adelaide - the oldest; and brother Ralston (Ral) - the youngest) born to Lawson Relaford and Della Madeline Octavia Boiselle Stuart. He was baptized in September of 1922 at the Catholic Church in Beloit. A few years later, he and

his family moved to his grandparent's homestead north of St. Francis.

His senior year was finished at Compton High School in California while he worked in his Uncle Rene Boiselle's grocery store. After high school graduation, Mr. Stuart went one year to Compton Junior College, then was off to WWII.

Mr. Stuart was a Belly Turf Gunner on a B-24 of the 783rd Bombardment Squadron on the 465th Bombardment Group out of Pantanella, Italy. On his 17th mission over Blechhammer, Germany, their B-24 was hit and Mr. Stuart was wounded. The date was Nov. 20, 1944.

Mr. Stuart was awarded the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and five Bronze Stars. Staff Sergeant Stuart was honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps on Nov. 5, 1945.

He went back to Compton Junior College for one more year. On a trip home, he met Margaret Marie Amos of Goodland and they fell in love. They were married Oct. 26, 1946, at the First Christian Church in Goodland.

The couple moved to Denver where Mr. Stuart attended Watch-Maker and Jewelry School. Upon graduation, they moved back to St. Francis where he set up shop.

Mr. Stuart joined the First Christian Church and was baptized there on March 6, 1952. He



Bud Stuart

was an elder in the St. Francis First Christian Church for several years.

On Nov. 11, 1949, their son, Patrick Relaford was born. In later years, he was very, very fond of the time he spend with his grandchildren Relaford Warren (Dub) and Roxy.

Mr. Stuart was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Margaret of 59 years, his brother Ral, and his brothers-in-law, Donald Amos and Wayne Jensen, both of Goodland.

He leaves to mourn his son Pat and wife Bonnie; grandchildren Dub and wife Krista, and Roxy; his sister and her husband Adelaide and Russ Peterson of Hawthorne, Nev.; his sisters-in-law, Wilma Stuart of Lincoln, Calif., and Vivian Jensen of Goodland; several nephews and nieces and into the greats and great-greats and many other family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Aug. 21, at the First Christian Church in St. Francis. Officiants were Pastor John Bartlett and Father Roger Meitl. Casketbearers were Tom Bandel, Rick Rogers, Doug Leibbrandt, Kelly Frewen, Jeff Raile and Dave Wright. Honorary pallbearers were Clarence Roberson, Jack Rieb, Jack Lampe, Sparky Nolan, Ron Hill and Dale Hill.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery with a military graveside service by the Fort Riley Honor Squad.

Entertainment provided at the back-to-school bash

By Karen Krien

Kids, grade school through junior high, will be entertained when comic/mime Tommy Toombs comes to St. Francis. He will be in the St. Francis Community High School from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9. Lunch will be provided.

"Absolutely amazing" was my first impression upon seeing Tom minister," said Pastor David Butler, St. Francis Community Church.

"He is by far the most dynamic children's speaker I have ever known. Hundreds of kids and teenagers hanging on his every word."

Pastor Butler went on to say that Mr. Toombs has ministered for Josh McDowell, Billy Graham, T.D. Jakes and recently on tour with Rebecca St. James.

"He is excited about the opportunity to come here to Sainty to minister to kids of all ages during our Back To School Bash."

Some say he is just a big kid but the kids love him. He carries a small furry animal named "Bubba" which he describes as a "Varmint."

Mr. Toombs juggled his way into the hearts of audiences beginning in 1976 with his comedy/drama/illusionist ministry. It was

clear that the only limits of his efforts to communicate the gospel were the bounds of his own imagination. He reaches audiences from preschoolers to senior adults.

However, he is not just another funny face. He is an inventive communicator. Preaching, drama, mime, juggling, balloon parables, illusion, comedy and his energetic characters portray the gospel truth.

"I think the strongest aspect of what I do is that God allows me to reach kids with the gospel on one day and to run around the next night and have 1,000 adults, one minute laughing, the next crying," Mr. Toombs said.

"My heart has also been especially drawn to teenagers because it is such a pivotal time in their lives. I suppose that my gift is to be able to reach different ages and a broad spectrum of people."

Mr. Toombs's children, though not yet old enough to fully appreciate their dad's talents, nonetheless dramatically impact every aspect of his life.

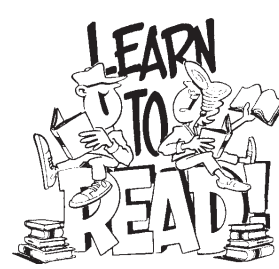
"My primary ministry is to minister to my wife and children," he said. "So, when I'm at home, I may vacuum or dust, or get up and change dirty diapers, but I feel like that's just as much a part of



Tommy Toombs

my ministry as going on the road." In the last year Mr. Toombs has performed and spoken in front of several different denominations and for different ages and races of people. Ultimately though, his goals for the future are simple, "I plan to do the same exact things I'm doing now - to just follow what God wants me to do day by day."

A simple and child-like faith, a little juggling, perhaps a parable illustrated with balloons, drama, illusions and mime make up the unique ministry of love, laughter and lessons from the heart of Tommy Toombs.



Club Clip

Go Getters 4-H Club

The Go Getters 4-H Club had their 2006 club tour. The members got together at the 2006 Cheyenne County Fair and went around to each member's projects. The members gave a project talk on each of their projects.

Afterward the Ketzners served lemonade and pop along with some watermelon. Reporter, Isaac Sturgeon



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 - Yost Farm Supply
 - ABE Engineering
 - Kelly Hilt
 - Kevin Ritchey
 - Captain Hook Staff
 - EMTs
 - Fire Department
 - Sheriff Department
 - Windmill Restaurant
- And countless other volunteers



Notice of Budget Hearing

The governing body of CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS will meet on the 15th day of September, 2006 at 9:00 A.M., at the County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE and will be available at this hearing.

Budget Summary

Proposed Budget 2007 Expenditures and Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2007 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending the final assessed valuation.

Fund	2005		2006		PROPOSED BUDGET 2007		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	1,682,518	19.680	1,584,164	26.245	1,735,720	950,127	22.199
Road and Bridge	831,470	11.408	778,200	11.293	1,024,530	704,967	16.471
Bridge Building	49,024	2.143	52,000	0.840	32,000	2,460	0.057
Noxious Weed	43,804	0.591	37,100	0.556	44,000	28,876	0.675
Bond and Interest	299,060	7.221	303,880	5.569	317,500	285,092	6.661
Hospital	508,694	5.511	525,000	5.625	525,000	232,628	5.435
Prairie Dog	10,768		11,500		10,722		
Special Parks & Recreation	5,778		1,100		2,999		
Special Alcohol	3,401		1,000		5,300		
Health Grants	22,461		20,000		44,000		
Special Machinery	62,685						
Noxious Weed Capital Outlay	6,100						
Spec Ambulance Cap Outlay	0						
Equipment Reserve	286,344						
Multi-Year Capital Improvement	0						
Motor Vehicle Fund	0		0		27,415		
Totals	3,812,105	46.554	3,313,944	50.128	3,769,186	2,204,149	51.498
Less: Transfers	313,777		238,000		233,000		
Net Expenditures	3,498,328		3,075,944		3,536,186		
Total Tax Levied	1,398,097		1,398,097				
Assessed Valuation	38,575,739		40,501,431		42,801,106		
GO Bonds	1,204,400		925,200		636,000		
Lease-Purchase	0		0		0		
Total	1,204,400		925,200		636,000		
Fire Districts:							
No. 1 - General	44,000	1.229	41,400	1.172	41,600	39,235	1.167
No. 1 - Equip Reserve	0						
No. 1 - Special Equip	69,351						

*Tax Rates are expressed in mills.

Terry Miller
Clerk

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