

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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At my age it is a kick to try something new.
Last weekend Lezlie's folks needed some help with the harvest. Next thing I knew I was driving a 1970 GMC best-of-a-machine, loaded with over 300 bushels of wheat headed to the grain elevator.
For locals the dance of maneuvering a dump truck from a scale to the grain pit and back for reweighing is like a well practiced country square dance. For me there were some toes stepped on, but we got through it and my partner was only a little black and blue. Luckily I had my coach/wife along to lead me through the process.
What it brought to mind is, what seems a routine, necessary evil for the farmers is a pretty amazing gift. Even though, year after year, they fight the odds, the work is the same. Plant, wait and harvest. But a bountiful

harvest awaits.
The odds being drought, flood, hail, pestilence, disease, mechanical breakdowns and the uncontrollable commodities market. Yet they labour to feed others.
When this area is called the bread basket, they aren't kidding. Driving along in that old seed truck, we passed field upon field of wheat, either cut in golden brown patterns or waving anxiously for the chugging combines to take them. Other grounds hold crops that are waiting their future turn: corn, sunflower and beans.
All will go to nourish people who don't have a clue what it takes to move these seeds from the field to the sliced loaves in their local store. Without the farmer's product, how else would we have our daily bread?
Thanks Kurt and Margaret for letting me be a part of something much bigger!

Obituary

Velta Powell

Oct. 14, 1927 - June 27, 2010

Velta Powell, was born Oct. 14, 1927, in Goodland, Kan. Velta was the third daughter of Otto and Bertha Rose Ludwig of St. Francis. Ilene Raile being the oldest with Dora Knapp second. She was baptized at the St. Francis Christian Church in St. Francis on April 25, 1943, and renewed her vows to God in 1983. She attended schools in St. Francis graduating in 1946.



Powell

Velta married Ronald Powell of Bird City on May 26, 1946, where they lived on a farm southwest of Bird City until 1954. They then moved to Montrose, Colo., where they purchased the Fast Taxi Service and later added on an ambulance service and a rent-a-car service.
They ran the businesses together as a husband and wife team. In 1962 they sold the business and moved to a farm in Montrose. Velta worked for two optometrists before moving with her husband to Burlington, Colo., to be close to her parents.
Ron worked in construction and Velta at the Equitable Savings and Loan for over 16

years. In 1995 they moved to Las Vegas, Nev., then to Golden Valley, Ariz., where she resided upon her death.
Velta is survived by her husband of 64 years, Ronald; two sons, Terry L. Powell of Lone Grove, Okla., and Roger D. Powell and wife, Vicky of Montrose; grandchildren, Jennifer Milton and children of Splendor, Texas, Donald Høglund and his wife, Sara and their children of Cleveland, Texas, Heather, Dustin and Gray of Glendale, Ariz., Clint Powell and Conner of Montrose and Terry L. Powell, Jr. of San Diego, Calif., her sister, Ilene Raile, St. Francis, sisters-in-law, Rosemary Powell, Bird City, Wilma and Clyde Gleason, Plainville, and numerous nieces and nephews.
Preceding her in death were her daughter, Marsha Powell-Wilby in 2002, a baby boy in 1955; her mother and father; sister, Dora Knapp; sisters-in-laws Darlene Powell, Zava Alengi and Zella Durbin; brothers-in-laws Doren Knapp, Clarence Raile, Delbert Powell, Elmer Powell, Nick Alengi, Roy Durbin.
A memorial service was held July 3 at the home in Golden, with burial in Montrose on July 10 at the Grand View Cemetery.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Thursday evening and supper guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard were the Louderbaugh family, the Moffett family of Arizona, the

Dave Hubbard family and Phyllis Cass.
Kathy Banister enjoyed the Ice Cream Social in McDonald Sunday evening.



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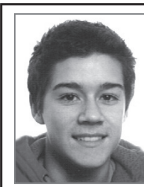


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Bulletin Board

Death notice

Eldean Cahoj died Sunday at a Denver hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood. The Rosary will be on Thursday evening at 7 p.m at the church.

Cemetery Board District 2

Cemetery Board District 2 will meet at 7:30 on Monday at the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Junior golf news

Junior golfers will be having a pizza party during their regular practice session on Friday. They meet from 10 a.m. until noon.

Junior golf tournament in St. Francis

The league junior golf tournament will be taking place in St. Francis next Monday at Riverside Recreation. St. Francis has three golfers who qualified to take part in the tournament, Kyla Bandel, Karly Bandel and Cassie Cooks. Only golfers who placed in the top three in a league event during the year qualify.

Help needed

Fair time is fast approaching and a number of volunteers are still needed to run the booths and rides. Please call DeEtta Knorr at 785-332-2551 or 785-332-4073, if you can help in any way.

Entries needed for talent show

Entries for the Cheyenne County Fair Talent Show are needed! The show will be the Friday evening, Aug. 6, grandstand entertainment. Kids to senior citizens are urged to participate. It is not necessary to live in the county. People from the tri-state area are welcome. Prizes will be awarded. For more

information or to enter, contact Ruth Milliken, 785-332-3421.

Calling all singers

People are needed to sing in the St. Francis Community Chorus.

The chorus will be entertaining while the judges are making their decision at the Aug. 6 fair talent show. Neala Carmichael, director, encourages anyone who can carry a tune to please join the group. The rehearsals are being held from 1 to 2:15 p.m. each Sunday until the fair at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis.

Call Neala at 332-8996 for more information.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. today (Thursday) in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday) 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. The Veterans' Service representative will only be in St. Francis on the third Thursday of each month.

Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group, for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, will meet at the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, 808 South First Street, Highway 25, in Atwood. Enter the East door.

The events are planed for 2 to

3:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month (July 19). Please call Tara Bowles at (785) 626-3211 or Maralyn Cooper at 1-800-315-5122 to register.

The topic for July is "Give Yourself Permission To Feel The Way You Feel."

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) 342-0028

or (785) 332-8607 for more information.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7day-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 1-900-794-4624.

Now is the time to vaccinate your child

Don't wait until the end of summer to get your preteen or teenager vaccinated, reminds Mila Bandel, Cheyenne County Health Nurse.

"We're committed to your child's health and we believe in the importance of helping prevent diseases that can impact their future," she said.

These include disease for which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccination for 11 to 18-year-olds. Some of the vaccines children might need caught up on may include; tetanus; hepatitis A and/or B; meningitis; Varicella (chickenpox) just to name a few of the vaccines the health department offers.

To make it easy to get 11- to 18-year-olds caught up with the vaccines they need, the health department is hosting a "Summer Vaccination Event" on Wednesday, July 28, through

Friday, July 30, at the Cheyenne County Health Department. They can come to the health department between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. without an appointment to get their vaccines.

Recommended vaccines are also available free for children up to 18 who are eligible under the Vaccines For Children program from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The program includes, among others, children who are eligible for Medicaid and children who have no health insurance.

Don't let the summer get away from you, Mrs. Bandel said. Take advantage of this opportunity to help protect your child - get them vaccinated!

Remember, she said, no appointment is necessary. For more information contact Mila Bandel, county health nurse at 785-332-2381.



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July 28-29

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July 30

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July 28-30

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