

Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

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I've noticed how people can have a different personality when they get behind the wheel of their automobile or truck. Normally courteous, consciences and kind, some lose these qualities on the road.

First of all, I am not a saint nor the best driver to come down the pike. But there is one situation that deserves a moment of thought.

Why don't drivers pull over when emergency vehicles approach?

When I learned to drive, back on the olden times, it was clear what to do when you saw lights and heard sirens. I looked it up, just in case the rules had changed.

On page 21 of the Kansas Driving Handbook, under Right-of-Way, it states: "Emergency vehicles, such as police cars, fire engines and ambulances, have the right-of-way when they are displaying a red light in front or when they signal with a siren or bell. At such times, other vehicles should immediately drive to the right and stop until the emergency vehicles have passed."

I'll admit, there are times when I feel like I'm on a mission trying to get somewhere. But my getting some place is never more important than the safety, health or well being of another human.

Next time you see an emergency vehicle please pull over. Their time is probably a bit more important than yours.

Obituary

Viola Bernadine Larson Smith
Aug. 3, 1925 - Nov. 16, 2010

Viola Bernadine Larson Smith, 85, of St. Francis, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, at the Good Samaritan Society, Atwood, Kan.



Smith

She had lived in the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, until the fire at the Village and having Alzheimer's disease, forced her move to Atwood. She was born Aug. 3, 1925, in St. Francis to H.V. (Henry Volina) and Georgia Mae (Larick) Larson.

Survivors include her daughter, Donna Jean Larson Werhan, Salina, and her son, Thomas (Tom) Allen Smith; a granddaughter, Georgette Maria Werhan Sullivan and great-grandson Ethan Joseph Sullivan, Shawnee.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Neils and Ada Larson and George and Laura Larick; her parents, Volina and Georgia Larson; her step-mother, Dorothy Edith Douglass Larson; her two brothers, Floyd and Fred Larson; her husband, James Allen Smith.

She leaves behind many friends and a few family members.

Without an eighth-grade graduation she started working as a home helper and cleaning person to those who lived in the St. Francis area, then she worked as a dishwasher at several different places in St. Francis.

She traveled to Pueblo, Colo., and ran an elevator while living

with her grandparents, George and Laura Larick, until she returned to St. Francis to have her daughter, Donna Jean Larson.

She married James Allen Smith in March 1947, then became a mother to Tom on Feb. 9, 1948. She was involved in many organizations in St. Francis during those years in addition to caring for a handicapped daughter and taking her back and forth to Hays for surgeries and providing hospital-type care in her home for her during the time she spent in a back cast.

She volunteered at the creamery and started running it in 1962 until its closing, when she started working for Edith Schrader's nursing home at night, then went onto help other area families in their homes, taking care of elderly family members.

After a family moved out of state, she went to Salina. While living with her daughter and granddaughter, she attended votech to become a nurse's aide and graduated in May 1975. She worked there several years before moving back to Goodland to work in the nursing home. After her knee disability prevented her from holding down a full-time job in Goodland, she moved to Bird City where she sold crafts she had made to individuals in Bird City and Parks, Neb.

Graveside services were held Friday morning, Nov. 19, at the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis 67756. Knodel Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Bird City Community Club
The Bird City Community Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday at senior center.

Yuletide Festival

The Yuletide Festival, sponsored by the St. Francis Music Club, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the St. Francis high school auditorium. The program will feature local talent. The Candy Store will be open for purchasing homemade goodies. A freewill offering will be taken (See ad next week.)

Herald/Times/Advocate updates

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 31.

The deadline for the Country Advocate which will be inserted in the Dec. 30th issue of The Herald and Times is on Thursday, Dec. 23.

Lions pancake breakfast

The St. Francis Lion Club annual pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the St. Francis

Grade School cafeteria from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (see classified ad).

County Christmas celebration

The annual Country Christmas celebration, sponsored by Center Church Association, will be held in the Bird City Senior Center on Friday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. Soup and beverage provided. Bring sandwiches or finger foods, and a story, poem or reading to share.

Retirement party

A retirement party will be held for Joan Gienger, district conservationist, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday at the United States Department of Agriculture Service Center on west U.S. 36, St. Francis.

Sprayer school

A school designed to assist farmers with their sprayer questions will be held on Thursday starting at 9:30 a.m. mountain time at the 4-H building in Goodland. Bob Wolf, K-State sprayer technology, will be the speaker. Topics will include: picking nozzle types and demo with spray table; hands-on examples for calibrating the

sprayer; minimizing drift and droplet size and new sprayer technology. Lunch will be provided.

Western Plains Arts Association

Pianist Julie Rivers and her trio, The Starry Night Trio, will perform at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5, a concert of holiday music at the Cultural Arts Center, Colby Community College Campus in Colby. The concert features Julie and her trio performing beautiful and upbeat arrangements of a variety of holiday music from her recordings, Christmastide and Tidings of Joy.

Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet on Monday, Dec. 6, at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All in the communities are welcome to join in prayer, learning and fellowship as residents together to provide "Life for All."

Fair board

The December meeting of the fair board is on Thursday, Dec. 2.

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, at the senior citizen center. The program will be the High School Choir Christmas Send-Off. Hostesses are Eileen Nolan, Donna Northrup and Annette Erskin.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis 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.

Holiday Community Chorus

Rehearsals for the Holiday Community Chorus will take place every Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. Performances are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Yuletide Festival at the St. Francis Community High School; Saturday, Dec. 18, at Salem Lutheran Church and Sunday, Dec. 19, at Peace Lutheran Church, this one will benefit the food pantry. For more information call Neala at (785) 332-8996.

Safety notice

Cheyenne County Wildlife will need to close the pistol and rifle range until further notice. Pipeline construction behind the burn is underway. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Peace of Mind AA

Peace of Mind AA will meet at the St. Francis Public Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Contact Kris D. at (785) 332-4410 or (785) 772-5090.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Sunday nights at 8 p.m. and Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour 7-day-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 1-800-794-4624.

Cougar team travels

On Nov. 18, the Cheylin Junior High Lady Cougars played in Dighton.

The A-team played first and by halftime the Cougars were down 6-14. In the third quarter the Cougars closed in on their lead to only 5 points, but from that point on, they could never get another basket.

The final score was Cheylin 15, Dighton 30.

We had many opportunities to score with layups or under the basket, said Dan Carson, coach, but we never connected. That sure makes it tough.

Mary Anne Orten led the Cougars with 6 points, 3 rebounds and 6 steals. Allie Frisbie made 4 points, 7 rebounds and 7 steals. Kalin Ritchey and Jaime Davison both scored 2 points each, Kalin grabbed 3 rebounds and 7 steals, while Jaime got 3 rebounds and 7 blocked shots. Elizabeth Keltz scored 1 point with 2 rebounds.

"It was a disappointing loss for the Ladies, but we must make the close shots," Coach Carson said. "We were able to get 21 steals,

which is great, but we have to make them count."

In the B-team game, Dighton put on a press that the Ladies could not get past in the first quarter. They jumped out to a big lead in the first quarter, and, by halftime, the score was 29-6. The final score was Cheylin 13, Dighton 44.

Diana Garcia led the Cougars with 5 points and took 4 steals. Alexis Frink scored 4 points and also took 4 steals. Elsa Craig Burr and Danae Magnani both scored 2 points each, while Danae had 3 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 blocked shots, and Elsa Craig had 5 steals. Kelsey Miller had 2 rebounds and 4 steals, while Elizabeth Keltz had 2 rebounds. Haleigh Rucker got 2 rebounds and 2 steals.

"We really struggled with their press at the beginning," said Coach Carson. "I was very pleased with the Ladies that they kept trying very hard for the next three quarters. We were able to play some good man-to-man defense against them, which was great to see."



Mr and Mrs Corey Weitzel

Couple exchange vows at Colorado wedding

Allisha Weeden and Corey Weitzel were married on Jan. 16, 2010, at St. Bartholomew's Church in Estes Park, Colo. The officiant was Pastor Ken Hart.

Allisha is the daughter of Dennis and Sonja Weeden of St. Francis. She is the granddaughter of Gaylen and Dorothy Weeden of St. Francis and Mary Glad of Green Valley, Ariz.

Corey is the son of Terry and Audrey Weitzel, Loveland, Colo., and the grandson of Joe and Mary Eita Moore.

Bridal attendants were Kelly Miller and Lisa Marsh. Groomsmen were Mark Geyer and Chris Tuinenga.

Ushers were Dustin Weeden and Gabriel Weeden, brothers of the bride. Candlelighter was Shelia McConnell, sister of the groom.

The program attendants were Laura Weeden and Kristina Weeden, sisters-in-law of the bride. Guest book attendant was Karma Weeden, cousin of the bride.

Pianist for the ceremony was Karen Hart.

A cocktail reception, dinner and dance followed at the Historic Crags Lodge in Estes Park.

After a honeymoon to St. Lucia, the couple now lives in Pocatello, Idaho.

School Menu

Menu
Dec. 6-10
Monday

Breakfast: Spoon burgers.
Lunch: Chicken fajita, dessert.

Tuesday

Breakfast: yogurt, boiled egg.
Lunch: Hot dog or chili dog on

bun, fries.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Tornado, sloppy joe, chips.

Thursday

Breakfast: Waffles.
Lunch: Sausage gravy and biscuit.

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Dr Allard is in the clinic Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Kristle Raile is in the clinic Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

For the Cheyenne County Clinic Bird City mornings:
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Tyler Raile: Tuesday and Thursday
Dr. Allard: Friday
Kristle Raile: Monday

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