

# Obituaries

## Betty Jean Orth

Dec. 3, 1945 - Sept. 24, 2009.

Betty Jean Orth was born on Dec. 3, 1945, in Wray, Colo., to Gerhard and Katie (Frerichs) Potthoff. She died on Sept. 24, 2009.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Orth in June of 2009; her parents, Gerhard and Katie Potthoff; her brother, Dale Potthoff; her sister, Phyllis Neinen; and her grand-niece Jennifer Dhooge.

She is survived by her brother, Kenneth Potthoff of Haigler, Neb.; her sister, Shirley and husband, Joe Blakeney, of San Diego, Calif.; her sister-in-law, Marie Potthoff, of Wiggins, Colo.; her brother-in-law, Marvin and wife, Veda Orth, of St. Francis; and her sister-in-law, Jan Durant of Denver, Colo.; 10 nieces, Dalrie and husband, Mike Skrabach, of Wiggins, Marjorie and husband, Vern, of Fort Morgan, Colo., Joyce and husband, Rick Malone, of Fort Morgan, Colo., Becky and husband, Ty Maag, of Ault, Colo., Kathy and husband, Ben Price, of San Diego, Calif.; Linda and husband, Tommy Fankhauser, of Hobbs, N.M., Ann Christensen of McAllen, Texas, Lessa and husband, Kerry Wark, of Colby, Tonya and husband, Ryan Stover, of Norton, Cynthia and husband, Chris Bancroft, of Plano, Texas; and four nephews, Stan and wife, Mary Potthoff, of Wiggins, Kevin and wife, Donna Potthoff, of WaKeeney, Steve Christensen of McAllen, Roger and wife, Terri Orth, of St. Francis; 12 grand nieces and 14 grand nephews.

Betty Jean was baptized on Feb. 17, 1946, at Zion Lutheran Church in Haigler and was confirmed on Oct. 11, 1959. At age 13, Betty started playing piano and singing in the church choir at Haigler and continued for many years. She attended

Haigler schools where she participated in many activities including pep club, cheerleader, volleyball, yearbook editor, class officer and of course, chorus and band. She graduated in May 1963 as valedictorian.

After graduating high school, Betty went to work in Benkelman for an attorney and also worked for Schorzman Meat Locker in Haigler. Later she moved to St. Francis, and worked at many different places including St. Francis Equity, Willie's Tire, St. Francis Livestock Commission, Western Auction and Milliken Law Office, where she retired in December 2007.

In 1969, Betty met Gordon and was married the next year on Sept. 10, 1970, at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. When Betty met Gordon, he was traveling to rodeos and she quickly got on board. For the next several years, they went all over as Gordon participated in rodeos. One day Gordon came home and said he was done with rodeo, he had sold the horses and trailers and bought a golf cart and two sets of clubs. Betty really enjoyed golfing with all of her friends and became very good at the sport.

In 1986, Betty accompanied Gordon to Valley Hope Treatment Center where they stayed for 30 days and Gordon completed the program.

Betty gave up golf, but was thrilled to start a new life of music with Gordon. They started the band Borderline later that year, and played for the next 9 1/2 years. Betty was a vital part of this band, arranging all of their music.

When they retired the band, they started on their collection of vintage guitars, restoring, buying and selling them. For the last 5 years, they

expanded their love of vintage guitars into their business, Hobby Music, where they manufactured guitar bridge pins, end pins and strap buttons known as the Pin Gallery. Their hobby turned into a full-time job, which was enjoyed by both of them every day. They also enjoyed playing yearly for the Haigler Memorial Day services for the past 10 years.

Betty was a dedicated member of the Salem Lutheran Church working on many church projects including the Centennial Celebration, the cookbooks and any other project that came along. Betty was also the choir director and was on the church council. She played the organ for neighboring congregations when needed. Betty was a valued member of the community, always contributing where she was needed.

Betty was a treasured daughter, sister, aunt and friend, but most of all was a beloved and devoted wife of Gordon for almost 39 years. Betty was the rock of the family and her inner strength will be missed. Whether it was a graduation, wedding or family event, Betty was always there to support and celebrate the occasion and loved taking pictures.

Funeral services were held at the Salem Lutheran Church, rural St. Francis on Sept. 29 with Pastor Chris Farmer and Reverend Morita Truman officiating.

Casket bearers were Ryan Stover, Kerry Wark, Tommy Fankhauser, Rick Malone, Vern Roberts, Ty Maag, Mike Skrabach, Ben Price and Chris Bancroft.

Interment was in the Salem Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be made for a St. Francis Community High School Music Scholarship.

## Julie Ann Todd

Aug. 10, 1950 - Sept. 25, 2009

Julie Ann (Rohr) Todd, 59, Goodland, Kan., died Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, in Chandler, Ariz., while fighting her battle with cervical cancer.

She was born Aug. 10, 1950, at Hutchinson, the daughter of Walter and Patricia Louise (Hines) Rohr. In 1968, she graduated from Goodland High School and Northwest Kansas Technical College Business program in Goodland.

On June 6, 1970, she and Merton

Todd were married in Goodland. She was a loving mother and grandmother/nana. For the past 22 years Julie was the office manager/grain merchandiser for ADM Grain.

Her memberships included Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, in which she was a member of the Education Committee; Goodland High School Alumni Association and served as chairperson of the Scholarship Committee and secretary for the Class of 1968; and

Beta Sigma Phi. Julie had many lifetime friends here in Goodland and also while being a military wife. In addition she was very close to all her high school classmates.

Preceding her in death were her parents and brother Robert "Bob" Rohr.

Surviving family includes daughter, Michele Varga and her husband, Scott of Chandler, Ariz.; son, Cody Todd and his wife, Susanne of St. Francis; four grandchildren, Halley and Patrick Varga of Chandler, and Caleb and Shane Todd of St. Francis; American Field Service (AFS), son Borge H. Olsen, Oslo, Norway; brother, Tom Rohr and his wife, Kathy of Goodland; step-mother Helen Rohr, Goodland; and three nephews, two nieces, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The Mass of Christian Burial was Oct. 2, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland, with burial following in the Goodland Cemetery.

Community Vigil and Rosary was Oct. 1 at Koons Chapel. Memorials may be designated to the Goodland High School Alumni Scholarship Fund and/or the Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Scholarship Fund and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

# C-team Ladies travel

## By Betty Jean Winston

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Decatur Community and Wray were the opponents that the St. Francis C team met this week. They traveled to Oberlin Tuesday for the Decatur Community match and to Wray on Thursday.

The St. Francis Ladies were defeated 15-25, 16-25 by Decatur Community High School.

"The C team played well in stretches," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "A couple of the young ladies who struggle to serve did much better."

"We still have problems with defensive coverage so we get caught out of position. We also need to work on block alignment.

Close games were played with Wray, with both games ending 24-25.

St. Francis C vs. Wray C  
"The C team match was very exciting and also extremely frustrating," Coach Olofson said. "I misunderstood the Lower Platte Valley league rule about capping sets, so I did not realize we could lose by one point. We lost by one point twice."

"The young Lady Indians really did do a good job, playing hard up to the end. It has been rewarding to see the improvement in serving and general play. They still need to communicate better while on the court and we will keep working on improving defensive coverage."

# Student's essay wins all-expense paid trip



Bell

A St. Francis high school student has been awarded an all-expensed paid trip to the A M V E T S 2009 Spirit of America Youth Conference, held at the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Penn.

Tilyn Bell, several months ago, was one of three freshmen students, who were winners in the AMVETS National Americanism essay contest. Tilyn, placing first, won \$100; Kaitlin Figgins was second and won \$50; Sam Reed was third place and won \$25.

They had entered the essay contest as an assignment for Lisa Gibson's English I class. The students wrote a 400-word-or-less essay on the theme, "What Does an American Veteran Mean to Me?" Essays were judged on originality, adherence to theme and literacy composition.

At the end of September, Tilyn was notified that she had won the trip to Pennsylvania. The youth conference will be a long weekend of youth-oriented activities, dynamic speakers and sightsee-

ing.

Tilyn's essay was printed in *The Herald* on June 4 but is reprinted below:

## What does an American veteran mean to me?

By Tilyn Bell

A-mer-i-can  
Pronunciation (uh-mer-i-kuhn) - adjective

1. Of or pertaining to the United States of America or its inhabitants: an American citizen.

vet-er-an  
Pronunciation (vet-er-uhn, ve-truhn) - noun

1. A person who has had long service or experience in an occupation, office, or the like: a veteran of the police force; a veteran of war.

Shown above is the official definition of an American veteran. However, these words do not even begin to describe the meaning of an American veteran to me.

When many people think about American veterans, they think only of old men. Men, like my grandfather, that you might see sitting at the coffee shop, eating doughnuts and exchanging old war stories, are obviously veterans. The thing that most do not realize is that veterans can come in all shapes and sizes. The middle-aged father at the supermarket could be a veteran. Women can be veterans. Those who have survived a war are not the only type

of veterans either. They are all different; however, they are all brave.

Veterans have to be extremely strong. Surviving in a war, would take immense mental and physical strength. I can't imagine risking my life for my country, whether as a firefighter, police officer, or soldier. That would take more pride and courage than I can even fathom.

Veterans also have to have an extreme sense of persistence, and a positive work ethic. They must be able to overcome difficult situations to reach a common goal, and use hard work to get there. Also, veterans must be able to work as a team. As soldiers, firefighters, or officers, they must become a sort of family, and act like one as well.

There is one thing that I learned from my father concerning veterans. Always thank them when you see them. Our constitution promises freedom of religion, the right to bear arms, the right to a fair and speedy trial, protection against unreasonable searches and many more. I love the endless freedoms that I have. People in other countries do not always have these freedoms, and I have my American veterans to thank for giving them to me.

# Teams play tough games

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The junior high girls volleyball team returned to Hoxie on Tuesday to compete in A-team, B-team and C-team action.

Both the A-team (10-25, 10-25) and the B-team (25-27, 18-25) lost their matches but the C-team played one set and scored a win (25-14).

"This was a tough game, we started out with the A team match and our girls just didn't seem prepared to play," Coach Tina Elliott said. "Hoxie had a couple of really good servers and although we didn't miss a lot of serves we couldn't get a good return on much of anything so that hurt us in the end."

"We just have to keep working on making sure we are ready for the ball all the time and not just standing there watching the game but ready to receive the ball and send it back to the other side of the court."

Good serves in the A-team match include: Bailey Merklin 4, Aly Schlepp 3, Rande Grover 3, Brianna Cooks 1, McKayla Taylor 1, Echo Jones 1, Kyla Bandel 1, Dallas Reed 1.

B-team 25-27, 18-25  
Good serves in the B-team match include: Bandel 12, Valerie Wurm 5, Mariah Beikman 3, Jones 2, Cooks 2, Taylor 2, Ashlee Orth 2, Reed 1.

"We did really good in our first set with Hoxie, but when we lost it with

being so close to winning it seemed to take it out of us for the second set and we ended up losing, but overall they did a pretty good job, just need to focus on being down and ready for the ball all the time," Coach Elliott said.

C-team 25-14  
"This was a C team game and we didn't have enough for a C team so we just mixed it up a little and only played one set, Coach Elliott said.

"They did good and came up with a win."

Good serves in the C-team match include: Bandel 7, Mariah Beikman 5, Jones 4, Wurm 2, Cooks 1.

# Check it out! 4-H Insert

To be inserted next week.

This insert features a collection of articles celebrating 4-H Week and the 4-H Clubs in Cheyenne County.



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## 2008 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Published in The St. Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, and the Bird City Times, Bird City Kansas. Thursdays Oct. 8, 15, and 22, 2009. (41-43) In accordance with 19-547 law general statute 1982 Kansas, the following Personal Property/16/20M Truck tax warrants were returned by the Sheriff of Cheyenne County, KS to my office this Oct 2009. Dolores Jenik, Cheyenne County Treasurer

Name	Address		Total Due
Austin, Kenneth MD	PO Box 729	Goodland KS	67735 52.97
Fun and Games c/o Moffett, Tony	PO Box 1002	Goodland KS	67735 118.24
Heritage Corner c/o Miller, Connie	PO Box 429	Bird City KS	67731 213.22
Johnson Body Shop	1484 US HWY 36	St Francis KS	67756 56.77
K&M Pipe and Supply Co Inc c/o McAtee, Farrell	320 E First	St Francis KS	67756 1,235.44
Kimmel, Cossette L	PO Box 266	Bird City KS	67731 115.66
Mayfield, Gideon	2730 Youce Street	Golden CO	80401 47.42
Truett, Mary	14905 NE 51st	Vancouver WA	98682 67.11
Zwegardt, Kelly	PO Box 342	St Francis KS	67756 288.81
Zwegardt, Kelly	PO Box 342	St Francis KS	67756 54.90
Zwegardt, Kenji	6459 Buck Creek RD	Oskaloosa KS	66066 874.97
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## QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

	06/30/2009 BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	09/30/2009 BALANCE
General	\$534,354.80	\$639,960.65	\$358,711.65	\$253,105.80
Road & Bridge	\$418,288.70	\$227,562.67	\$155,248.79	\$345,974.82
Bridge Building	\$15,252.36	\$8,129.90	\$3,342.02	\$10,464.48
Noxious Weed	\$25,657.40	\$5,812.11	\$4,793.93	\$24,639.22
Noxious Weed Special	\$8,731.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,731.70
Rural Fire	\$22,804.71	\$4,252.15	\$1,117.46	\$19,670.02
Hospital	\$23,378.00	\$89,337.89	\$93,392.54	\$27,432.65
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$6,997.22	\$4,318.37	\$9,088.00	\$11,766.85
Attorney Fund	\$528.50	\$14.50	\$41.00	\$555.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$1,055,993.39	\$979,388.24	\$625,735.39	\$702,340.54

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such statement shall be available upon request. K.S.A. 19-228

Terry Miller  
Cheyenne County Clerk