



RESIDENTS of the Month — Bill and Bertha Hilt are sharing the spotlight this month at the Good Samaritan Village.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Husband and wife honored as residents of the month

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Bill and Bertha Hilt are sharing the Good Samaritan Village resident of the month spotlight for the month of August. They came to live at the Village in 2002.

Bill served in World War II and was involved in five major battles: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge), Rhineland and Central Europe between 1942 and 1945. He was in a field artillery battalion and was taken in to General Patton's Army in Northern France. He said "he liked to throw artillery."

In the winter battle at Ardennes, it was extremely cold and the soldiers' clothing was inadequate. Many of the soldiers sleeping in foxholes froze their feet because of the damp conditions but he realized that, if he kept walking, his feet would not freeze, so, he often volunteered for guard duty.

Holding the rank of sergeant, he was honorably discharged on Nov. 3, 1945. He earned many ribbons and medals including the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Theatre, American Theatre Campaign, European-African-Mideast Theatre Campaign with five Bronze Service Stars and the WW II Victory.

He was born in Richville, Wash., on Aug. 26, 1913, to Elizabeth and Jacob Hilt. He had two sisters, Esther and Pauline, and three brothers, Emil, Walter and Lawrence.

At the age of 10, Bill came to Cheyenne County with his parents in 1923. He went to school at German Plains, a country school northwest of St. Francis. As he was growing up, he helped with the chores and remembers life as being "hard work."

Bertha was born in Cheyenne County on May 8, 1910, to John and Mitilda Keller. She had four brothers, Ed, Albert, Robert and Elton; and two sisters, Helen and Ella.



Bill and Berth Hilt

They lived to school at District 16 Hackberry, north of St. Francis. Her favorite subject was spelling and she finished school through the eighth grade.

At home, she helped with chores, milking the cows, working fields, shucking corn and cooking.

"We kids had to work hard to make ends meet," she said.

Through a cousin, Bill and Bertha met. On Jan. 27, 1946, they were married at Salem Lutheran Church, rural St. Francis. They lived on a farm northwest of St. Francis where they both worked on the farm. Bertha said she liked being out on the farm.

They had four children, Martin (deceased), Alfred, Ruth and Ruby. They also have four grandchildren.

Bertha was a good cook and was known for her pies. She also liked to crochet, knit and quilt.

When asked what advice they would give to the young people of today, Bertha said they should live a "God-fearing life." Bill had no advice.

Family and friends gathered at the Village when the Hilts were recognized. Besides residents and staff, others attending were Robert and Dixie Keller, Rachael Keller, Elton Keller and Albert and Vinta Keller.

Strategist joins firm as partner

Veteran Republican communications strategist Stuart Roy has joined the firm of Prism Public Affairs as a partner.

Mr. Roy is the son-in-law of Sheryl Burr Pepas and the husband of Albert and Bessie Burr's eldest granddaughter, Chalice Rice Roy.

Mr. Roy has served as a senior advisor to Republican House and Senate leadership, directed political campaigns, advised corporations facing communications challenges and developed extensive media relations campaigns for a wide variety of clients.

"The public affairs arena in Washington can be a difficult place to work but he has shown he's nice enough to be liked and tough enough to be effective," Dale Leibach, Prism's founding principal said. "His wealth of communications and media relations experience...both on the Hill and in the private sector...will enrich the senior level counsel Prism offers."

Mr. Roy joins Prism from the Washington public affairs firm DCI Group where he ran the strategic communications division. He is best known for leading the communications effort for House Republicans as the chief spokesman for former House Majority Leader

Tom Delay. Previously, he directed communications efforts for the National Republican Senatorial Committee under Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and headed up public affairs at the U.S. Depart-

ment of Labor.

"Joining Prism was irresistible due to their mix of policy, campaign and media experience, a blue chip client list an results-oriented approach," Mr. Roy said

St. Francis USD 297 SCHOOL NOTICES

<p>Schools Must Provide Special Education For Exceptional</p> <p>State and federal court decisions and legislation have specified that all exceptional children have a right to a free appropriate public education based on their needs. This means that local public schools must identify all exceptional children, elementary and secondary, and then provide the needed special education for these students in the most normal educational setting possible. Exceptional children are defined as mentally retarded, specific learning disabled, gifted, hearing impaired, language or speech impaired, behaviorally disordered, physically impaired, multiple-severely handicapped, deaf-blind, and visually impaired.</p> <p>In northwest Kansas, all of these special education services are available through the local school districts and the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center. Specific steps in identifying and providing special education services are followed in local school districts. All parent and student due-process rights and confidentiality will be provided. All parents will be informed as soon as their child is referred for one of the special programs. The parents, and in some cases the child, will be closely involved with the school's regular and special education personnel in all steps of the process—including testing and evaluation, writing an individual program, and recommending the placement that is best for the child. If parents disagree with the school's special service team decision, they may request a due-process hearing. This is ordinarily not necessary if parents and school personnel work closely together for the child's benefit.</p> <p>The stated goals of an appropriate educational program for all exceptional students is a reflection of the local district's philosophy to provide a quality education service for all children in the community. For more specific information concerning the special education programs, contact the principal or superintendent of schools. The Kansas State Department of Education also has a toll-free number (1-800-203-9462) that may be called for additional information concerning special education services, rights, and procedures.</p>	<p>Notice of Right To Privacy And Notice of Release Of Directory Information</p> <p>The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law that provides for the maintenance and release of student records. By that law, parents of students (or students if they are at least 18) have the right to inspect the records maintained by the school district about that student and to correct inaccuracies in the records. Access to those records by any other person (except school officials) is prohibited without prior consent by the parent (or the student if at least 18). The Board of Education has adopted a written policy concerning the maintenance of and access to student records, and a part of that policy permits the release of directory information (defined below) as permitted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.</p> <p>St. Francis U.S.D. 297 has designated the following as directory information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The student's name, address, telephone listing, and date and place of birth. The student's major field of study. The student's participation in officially recognized activities and sports. The student's height and weight if a member of an athletic team. The student's dates of attendance. The student's current grade of class designation (K-12). The degrees and awards received by a student. The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student. Photographs and/or video tapes of the student's participation in instructional and/or school-related activities. <p>School officials will release this directory information without the consent of the parents or the student unless objection is made to the release of any or all of this information. The objection must be in writing to the Superintendent of Schools; the objection must state what information the parent or student does not want to be classified as directory information and released. If no objection is received by the Superintendent of Schools, the above information will be classified as directory information and will be released in accordance with the school's normal procedures.</p>
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Couple celebrate anniversary

Calvin and Frances (Fredrickson) Canniff will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 28. Their daughters, Rita Herrington and Ruth McCabe are asking family and friends to join the celebration by sending cards to the couple at their home, 435 West 2nd, Junction City, KS 66441.



Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Canniff

The Canniffs taught in the public schools, having been in Bird City from 1957 to 1960, and in St. Francis from 1961 to 1971. They then moved to Junction City and have called it "home" for the past 36 years.

They were married on Aug. 28, 1947, at the First Christian Church in St. Francis.

Brothers become captains

Ronn and Jeff Byrd of Houston, Texas, both recently became Continental captains of the 737 airplane. Ronn has been a pilot for Continental since 1989 and Jeff since 1994. Ronn and Jeff are the sons of Ron and Char Byrd of Houston, and grandsons of Olga Applegate of Bird City and Mrs. Arthur Byrd of South Point, Ohio.



Ronn Byrd



Jeff Byrd



Odd Facts

- The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.
- The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.
- The only two days of the year in

which there are no professional sports games (MLB, NBA, NHL, or NFL), are the day before and the day after the Major League All-Star Game.

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

- The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.
- If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.



U. S. SENATOR
PAT ROBERTS

invites you to a
Town Hall Meeting
at one of the following locations:

<p>Tues. Aug. 21, 2007 (St Francis) Cheyenne County Courthouse - Commissioner's Room 212 E. Washington 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Tues. Aug. 21, 2007 (Atwood) Rawlins County Courthouse 607 Main Street 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Tues. Aug. 21, 2007 (Hoxie) Indian Cafe - Banquet Room 2173 Sherida Avenue 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Tues. Aug. 21, 2007 (Oberlin) Bee Building 104 S. Penn St. 2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m.</p>

Senator Roberts wants to hear your views and suggestions
Please call 913-451-9343 with any questions

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Notice of Budget Hearing

The governing body of **CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS** will meet on the **31st day of August, 2007 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 2008 Expenditures and Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2008 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending the final assessed valuation.

Fund	2006		2007		PROPOSED BUDGET 2008		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	1,682,852	26.245	1,664,674	21.862	1,942,795	1,210,621	31.010
Road and Bridge	829,453	11.293	978,200	16.221	914,850	362,674	9.290
Bridge Building	71,958	0.840	15,987	0.057	85,000	84,820	2.173
Noxious Weed	35,109	0.556	37,100	0.665	34,500	16,552	0.424
Bond and Interest	303,880	5.569	307,500	5.353	27,308	0	0.000
Hospital	527,582	5.625	525,000	6.560	525,000	223,109	5.715
Prairie Dog	13,262		11,500		10,722		
Special Parks & Recreation	700		1,100		3,408		
Special Alcohol	3,110		1,000		4,896		
Health Grants	27,650		20,000		43,712		
Special Machinery	176,071						
Noxious Weed Capital Outlay	0						
Spec Ambulance Cap Outlay	0						
Equipment Reserve	37,156						
Multi-Year Capital Improvement	0						
Motor Vehicle Fund	20,934		27,415		31,254		
Totals	3,729,717	50.128	3,589,476	50.718	3,623,445	1,897,778	48.612
Net: Transfers	249,744		214,500		214,308		
Net Expenditures	3,479,973		3,374,976		3,409,137		
Total Tax Levied	1,398,097		2,204,149				
Assessed Valuation	40,501,431		43,460,833		39,039,310		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1							
2005							
GO Bonds	925,200		636,000		336,800		
Lease-Purchase	0		0		0		
Total	925,200		636,000		336,800		
2006							
Fire Districts:							
No. 1 - General	51,310	1.172	33,400	1.164	38,000	24,123	0.823
No. 1 - Equip Reserve	0						
No. 1 - Special Equip	0						

*Tax Rates are expressed in mills.

Terry Miller
Clerk