



A PLACE TO PUMP IRON. The wrestling room and weight room traded places before the school year began. There was

concern after dropping dumb bells which caused damage to the upstairs floor.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Club Clip

Ramblers

The Ramblers Club met Sept. 12 at the home of Sherry Schultz. Sherry set a very special table and everyone enjoyed a wonderful salad luncheon.

Betty Loudon, president, opened the meeting with a lovely poem.

Ilene O'Leary reviewed the new program books for the year. The Theme for the 2007-08 programs in "Even More Creative Touches in Cheyenne County."

Roll call was "have you ever butchered?" all members had experienced some butchering from "chicken to fish."

Ilene O'Leary then introduced

Chris and Heather Leibbrandt who presented the program dealing with the pork products that they make and market. It was a very interesting program which the members appreciated.

Betty Loudon then called the meeting to order. The reports were given. It was announced the display at the library is presently paintings by Connie Carpenter Hayes.

Aspecial member, Hertha Kelley, has been made an Honorary Member of the Ramblers Club.

The next meeting will be Oct. 17 at Milton Lampes' shop.

Obituaries

Bernard Chester Roelfs

Dec. 2, 1919 - Sept. 9, 2007

Lifelong St. Francis, Kan., resident, Bernard Chester Roelfs, died on Sept. 9, 2007, at the Hillcrest Care Center in Wray, Colo. He was 87 years old.

Bernard was born on Dec. 2, 1919, in St. Francis to Theodore and Lula (Chapman) Roelfs. He had five brothers, Harry, Raymond, Rowland, Rex and Fred, and one sister, Doris.

On Sept. 21, 1941, Rev. B.W. Thomas married Bernard to Ethyl Brown at the Lawn Ridge Methodist Church.

They had one daughter, Phyllis Elaine. Bernard and Ethyl had been married almost 66 years.

Bernard had been an active member of the First Christian Church since his baptism on April 4, 1939. Bernard and Ethyl also served as church youth sponsors.

He was a charter member of the local Lions Club and was active in the organization for many years.

Bernard was also the electrical project leader in the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club.

For many years, he was very involved with the Cheyenne County Fair activities.

In his youth, Bernard played football, basketball and was on the track team for St. Francis Community high school. As an adult, he ran the score clock for many local football games.

When Bernard could get away, he would go fishing at Trenton, where he received the "Masters Anglers Award" in 1985. Some of his best fishing trips were with his friends to Utah and the Snake River.

On Nov. 5, 1941, Bernard was drafted into the Army. He spent time in England, Italy and Africa as an electrician and building airplane runways. During World War II, Bernard received the Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Service Arrowhead and American Defense Service Ribbon.

After he returned home from World War II, he helped start the Cub Scout program, building the Scout Hut and later, helped start the Boy Scout organization.

On Sept. 22, 1950, Bernard was recalled to serve his country in the Korean War. He served as an electrician while in Korea. He was discharged on July 11, 1951.

For many years, Bernard owned and operated the Roelfs Electric Shop. He also served as the St. Francis city superintendent from 1967 to 1985. Bernard was a member of the Kansas Municipal Energy Association from 1981 to 1991 and served as director from 1981 to 1985. He did the electrical work for the Cheyenne County Museum.

Bernard was preceded in death by his parents and sister.

He is survived by his wife, Ethyl and their daughter, Phyllis Weaver, and two grandchildren, Tom and Lianne Weaver.

Memorial services for Mr. Roelfs were held Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the First Christian Church in St. Francis with Pastor Jeff Landers officiating.

PARA-EDUCATOR

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center is advertising for Para-educators to serve the Oberlin School District or the Golden Plains School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

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Honorary Pallbearers were John Bartlett, Bert Follett, Elmer Kellner, Dave Roberson and Rueben Schultz.

Casket bearers were Tom Weaver, Bruce Roelfs, Tom Roelfs, Jeremy Roelfs, Paul Phillips, Leo Meyer and Pat Stuart.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery. A military graveside service was performed by a squad from Fort Riley.

Memorials may be made in Bernard's name to the First Christian Church, St. Francis Senior Center or the American Cancer Society.

Ann Marie Wright

Jan. 3, 1950 - Sept. 5, 2007

Ann Marie Wright died of a massive heart attack on Sept. 5, 2007, at Goodland Regional Medical Center in Goodland, Kan., at the age of 57.

Ann, the fifth of six children, was born on Jan. 3, 1950, to Elsie Pauline Miller (Cook) and Robert Curtis Miller at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis. She grew up on the family farm 8 miles north of St. Francis.

In April of 1966, she was married to David Lynn Wright and they were blessed with two children, Tina Ann and Robert Lynn.

In her younger years, some of the things she enjoyed were spending time with her family, racing motorcycles, bowling, playing cards, cooking and working at Harland's Grill. One of her favorite things to make was banana cream pie, which was a delicious memory of everyone who ate a piece. She also loved knitting which she continued to do throughout her years and was quite an accomplishment being blind.

In March of 1977, she had a tragic vehicle accident that left her blind, mentally and physically handicapped. She spent four years at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis and in 1981, she was moved to Goodland to Golden West Skills Center where she was cared for the rest of her living years.

Ann lived in the Golden West facility until 1998 at which point she moved into her own home in the Goodland community with three other patients and 24-hour supervision from home workers employed by Golden West. Her home family consisted of Jean Gaschler, Carrie Babcock and Tonya Heinrich.

One of her closest companions in the last seven years was house manager, Merla Staehne, employed by Golden West, who spent a lot of extra time with her, bringing her to St. Francis to have lunch with her family, going to concerts, shopping and doing special things with Ann that they both enjoyed.

Ann was always happy, loved to laugh and make others laugh. She was always easy going and when

asking what she wanted to do, her reply was always "whatever." She had a lot of little sayings that she repeated to her family all the time. One of her favorites was "super-califragilistic-expialidocious" and she could spell it both forward and backward, counting in German, and throwing in some spontaneous German words. She loved music, to say she loved it is an understatement. It was her companion, her solace at night, and a constant pleasure.

Ann is survived by her mother, Elsie Cook of St. Francis; her brother, Sam Miller of St. Francis, and four sisters, Esther Finkbinner of Clifton, Doris Fleckenstein of Jennings, Janice Apper of Sussex, N.J. and Toni Landenberger of St. Francis; her daughter, Tina Elliott of St. Francis, and her son, Rob Wright of Atwood; her granddaughter, Talisa Voorhies and grandson, Tyler Voorhies; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The memorial service was held on Sept. 7 at the First Christian Church in St. Francis, with Pastor Jeff Landers officiating. Songs sang by nephew, Chad Miller included "I Can See Clearly Now" and "You Are My Sunshine."

Casket bearers were grandson, Tyler Voorhies; nephew, J.D. Hawkins, uncle, Pat Redden, and friends of the family, Kenny Bracelin, Ryan Murray and Roger Orth.

Interment was at the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home.

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Communications company wants to raise tower in town

By Karen Krien
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Viaero Wireless has been looking for a place to erect a 195-foot tower so the community will have better communication service. The company located a lot inside city limits and the site, by the end of the council meeting, was approved by 80 percent of the neighbors.

Paul Kinash, representative of the company, was present to discuss the site placement of the tower at the Sept. 18 St. Francis City Council meeting.

Scott Schultz, mayor, excused himself from the meeting as the proposed site is the lot at Lorraine and Spencer streets, owned by Mr. Schultz. He made a point of saying that he did not pick the site — that he had turned in six other sites and the engineers said the Schultz lot would be the best placement.

However, he said at the meeting, he had trouble getting the number of neighbors needed to sign an agreement to have the tower in that spot. He needed 80 percent of the 12 neighbors to agree which would be 9.6 people or rounded off to 10 people.

Mr. Kinash said he thought Mr. Schultz should be able to sign the agreement but Carla Lampe and other councilmen disagreed as Mr. Schultz would stand to profit from the sale of the land. She also pointed out that the tower could de-value the property in the area.

Mr. Kinash said Gerald and Dawn Lauer, who lived in the block, refused to sign as they also had a suitable lot in the neighborhood which they would have liked to have sold. The representative said that there was one neighbor which refused to sign as he was a competitor of the

company. It was later told that that person was Terry Bandel.

Mr. Kinash said he had not been able to get hold of Jerry Stahlecker, one of the neighbors. Rodney Bracelin, councilman, said he should be able to find him at Yost Farm Supply where he works or later at night as he farms. Later, he came back to the meeting saying he had been able to get Mr. Stahlecker's signature and he now had 80 percent of the needed signatures.

Mike Day, city attorney, wasn't at the meeting and the council agreed that they felt uncomfortable making a decision without his advice. There is also the possibility that the tower in that area may be within the airport's flight pattern. If that is the case, there will be no decision to be made.

The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Book Review

Dead Wrong

By J.A. Jance

Juggling a family and a career is never easy - and it's becoming a real challenge for Sheriff Joanna Brady. Coping with the impending delivery of her second child as well as a staff shortage, the last things Joanna needs are two serious crimes.

First, the body of an unidentified man is found in the desert, all of his fingers savagely severed. Following the scant clues, Joanna learns that the victim was an ex-con who had served 20 years in prison after confessing to the murder of his pregnant wife.

During his last days he was seen following and photographing a young woman.

Then one of Joanna's officers is brutally attacked and left for dead while on an unauthorized stakeout. Because the officer is one of its own, the department throws its resources into finding her attacker.

But the murder haunts Joanna. Being a sheriff is no longer an empty position she wants to hold - somehow it has become what she is. Her job is to avenge man's inhumanity toward man, and finding out who the victim was and why he is dead is what she has been

summoned to do with her life. Strapping on a bulletproof vest, she's risk everything to see that justice is done.



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