



**IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL** —Elementary school secretary, Teri Richard, right, helps Holly Hingst enroll her daughter, Maggie for the upcoming school year.  
*Herald photo by Karen Krien*

## Obituaries

### Melvin Richard Berry Nov. 6, 1930 - July 29, 2012

Melvin Richard Berry was born on Nov. 6, 1930, on the family farm near McDonald to parents Alvin and Decil (Waggoner) Berry. He had an older sister, Mary Etta.

He attended school in McDonald and completed the eighth grade. When Mary Etta was 14 years old, she died of small pox. When Melvin was 14, his father died and Melvin had to help take care of the family farm.

Melvin enlisted into the Army in 1948 and proudly served his country for four years. During his tour of duty he was stationed in Japan during the Korean War. Upon his return he met and married Norma Knorr on May 8, 1955, in St. Francis. They were blessed with four children, Darrol, Darlene, Donald and Dennis.

In 1961 Melvin was in a severe truck accident that left him partially paralyzed, leaving him without the use of his hands and legs. He was determined to walk again, and with much perseverance he did just that. His hands were left paralyzed for the remainder of his life.

Melvin lived most of his life in Goodland, where all four of their children were raised. He was still able to work on small engines and bicycles. Melvin could tell by the sound of a lawn mower what was wrong with it and how to fix it. He joined Norma on all her Swinging Seniors Band events for many years. He was also a part of the CB Club, where his handle was the "Fisherman" and he often radioed in with "Little CB" and "Jelly Bean," his grandchildren. Melvin was one heck of a card player, just look for all those "lost" cards in his wheelchair. He enjoyed listening to country music, his favorite was listening to Johnny Cash's "Jackson," and he could always be found playing his air guitar along with it, and any other song

for that matter. When Norma became ill, she moved into the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis and Melvin joined her shortly after because of his own health issues. People could always find Melvin out being sociable wheeling up and down the halls at the Village, just watch out for your toes, or you could also find him building model cars.

After Norma died, Melvin joined his daughter Darlene and son Dennis in Wichita in 2005. He enjoyed going to NASCAR races, watching his favorite driver Jeff Gordon, boating and fishing at Table Rock Lake with his family and friends, spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and having the occasional blue Pepsi.

In 2011 he moved into the Clearwater Nursing Home where he lived out the remainder of his days, still enjoying watching NASCAR, the Kansas City Royals and listening to music. Melvin died Sunday, July 29, 2012, at Wesley Medical Center of natural causes. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Norma and sister Mary Etta.

He is survived by his son Darrol and wife Linda Berry and family; daughter Darlene Bieber and family; son Donald Berry and Dennis and Candace Berry and family.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 3 at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis with Pastor Randy Nelson officiating. Casket bearers were Chris Bieber, Jennifer Bieber, John Bieber, Dan Knorr, Chris Stenfonck and David Franklin.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery with military graveside services performed by the Fort Riley Honor Guard.



## Walkers, runners compete in race

Twenty-five runners and 15 walkers participated in the United Methodist Church's walk-run in conjunction with the Cheyenne County Fair. The event started at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and T-shirts were given to each of the participants.

Overall winners of the 5K were Jeff Rhoden with a time of 19:12. Joanna Harlan, in the women's division, had a time of 24.42.

Winners in each of the age groups were:

Women's - age 50-59: Sue Laing, first, with a time of 31:00; Cindy Harlan, second, 31.50; and Tammy Schleppe, third, 32:26.

Women's 40-49: Jeanine Laurie, first, 25:56; Christy Hall, second, 33:18; Cindy Sherlock, third, 35:57.

Men's 50-59: Raymond Texter, first, 22:58; Kelly Frewen, second, 27:38.

19 and under:  
Men: David Harlan, first, 24:42; Elam Laing, second, 25:51; Steven Harlan, third, 31:47.

Girls: Maggie Laing, first, 30:15; Lydia Harlan, second, 31:45.

Women's 20-29: Joanne Harlan, first, 24:42; Bethany Harlan, second, 29:38; Megan Kinen, third, 34:59.

Men's 20-29: Timothy Harlan, first, 23:32.

Women 30-39: Holly Hingst, first, 34:59; Bonnie Glade, second, 35:14.

Men's 30-39: Jeff Rhoden, 19:12; Kevin Hall, second, 22:41.

Men's 60-plus: Warren Cico,



**JEFF RHODEN crosses the finish line.**  
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first, 23:37.

**2-mile walk**  
Caroline Babcock, first; Janessa Helling, second; Kelly Kite, second; Cathy Mulgqueen, third; Terry Babcock, fourth; Pat Rose, fifth; Sherry Schultz, sixth; Kelly Githens, sixth; Anita Miller, seventh; Marvin Miller, eighth; Myra Northrup, ninth; and Jewell Collett, 10th.



Cheri and Kevin Dessinger

## Couple celebrates 50 years of marriage

Kevin and Cheri Dessinger, Mt. Ayr, Iowa, formerly of St. Francis, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 19. Their children Kris Spurrier, Jana Evola, and Mike Dessinger wish to help their parents celebrate this occasion with a card shower.

While living in St. Francis, Mrs. Dessinger worked as a registered nurse at the hospital and Mr. Dessinger worked at the Equity. St. Francis has always been a favorite community of the family, especially to the children while in growing up.

Cards may be sent to Kevin and Cheri Dessinger at 207 S. Pierce St., Mt. Ayr, IA 50854.



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## Agency announces emergency haying

Adrian J. Polansky, State Executive Director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced today that emergency haying of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) practice CP25, Rare & Declining Habitat acreage has been approved for all Kansas Counties.

"The drought has depleted hay supplies and affected the growth of hay across Kansas. This authorization provides additional relief for many Kansas livestock producers who have suffered through these ongoing severe drought conditions," said Polansky.

Emergency haying is allowed through August 31, 2012. No extensions will be approved under this special authority. Haying will not be permitted within 120 feet of a stream or other permanent water body. Haying is limited to one cutting. Participants shall leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous CRP fields unharmed

for wildlife. CRP participants can sell, donate, barter, or otherwise exchange hay. The haying privilege may not be subleased.

CRP participants in approved counties should contact the local FSA county office to request emergency haying on an individual contract basis prior to haying. Participants will need to work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to develop a modified conservation plan, taking into consideration the existence of protected species. If the CRP cover is destroyed, the practice must be re-established at the contract participant's own expense to remain in compliance with the CRP contract.

Participants must also accept a 10 percent reduction in the annual rental payment for the acres actually hayed. For additional information farmers and ranchers should contact their local FSA County Office.

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## Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to take this time to give a special thank you to the following businesses for their generous contributions to the Knights of Columbus fair BBQ. The Thrift Store, Dr. Melvin Dunn, Lacy Reed and The Diamond R, Bellas Market, Becky's Bierocks, Uptown Meat Market, Bird City Dairy and John Knodel. We would also like to thank everyone that came out and supported us and made it a very successful BBQ. We would also like to congratulate Sherry Schultz on winning the Meat bundle that we raffled off.

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### St. Francis USD 297 SCHOOL NOTICES

#### Schools Must Provide Special Education For Exceptional Children

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, secondary, and third 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.

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 hearing. This is ordinarily not necessary if parents and school personnel work closely together for the child's benefit.

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.

#### Notice of Right To Privacy And Notice of Release of Directory Information

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.

St. Francis U.S.D. 297 has designated the following as directory information:

1. The student's name, address, telephone listing, and date and place of birth.
2. The student's major field of study.
3. The student's participation in officially recognized activities and sports.
4. The student's height and weight if a member of an athletic team.
5. The student's dates of attendance.
6. The student's current grade or class designation (K-12).
7. The degrees and awards received by a student.
8. The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.
9. Photographs and/or video tapes of the student's participation in instructional and/or school-related activities.

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 within two weeks after the student's school entrance, the above information will be classified as directory information and will be released in accordance with the school's normal procedures.

### Back To School Meat Bundle Sale

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Minimum purchase 8 lbs.

**Boneless Beef Stew Meat USDA Choice—\$2.99 lb.**  
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