

Obituaries

Melvin Ross Mast

Dec. 29, 1923 - Feb. 26, 2013

Melvin Ross Mast, the youngest of 11 children, was born to William Henry and Carrie Mary McCan Mast on Dec. 29, 1923, in Litchfield, Neb. During the early hard years, the family moved to Towner, Colo. At the age of 6, Melvin's father died in a farming accident. From that time on, Melvin lived with various older siblings, graduating from Bird City High School in 1941.

Melvin volunteered for military service at the start of World War II. He completed medic training in Texas, and was then stationed at Camp Carson, waiting to be shipped overseas. While visiting his mother in LaVeta, Colo., he met Dorothy Lorean Hiler Bruce. They were married on Dec. 16, 1942, in Raton, N.M. Melvin served 32 months as an Army medic in the Pacific Arena, attached to the 31st. General Hospital in the Philippines. His immediate superior, Sergeant LeFever became a lifelong friend.

In December 1945, he was honorably discharged from service and returned to his wife in LaVeta. He was employed by the U.S. Post Service in Ogden, Utah, for two years. In 1947, the first of his three children was born and the family moved to Bird City. From 1947 to 1957, Melvin worked for a local farmer, Earnest Bressler, and spent a year working in the Molybdenum mine at Climax, Colo.

In 1958, he became the city manager and marshall of Bird City. Shortly thereafter, he also became a Cheyenne County Deputy Sheriff and served the area in those capacities from 1976 for Bird City and un-

til 1988, for the sheriff's department. From 1976 through 1988, he was a heavy equipment operator for Cheyenne County.

During his time as city manager and marshall, he saw the need for emergency medical services in the Bird City area. Melvin and Dorothy, along with Earnest Bressler, Richard Friendly, Willard Moore, Merle Johnson, Ed Carson and Leonard Mast started the Bird City Ambulance Service in 1963, with a hearse donated by the Trickett Funeral Home. In 1973, the ambulance service expanded countywide. Melvin and Dorothy served as emergency medical technicians, instructors and directors of the service for 34 years.

After his retirement in 1988, Melvin and Dorothy continued to live in Bird City. Melvin's years of service continued with active involvement in the American Legion as an Adjutant for many years. Promotion of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show and many other community projects occupied his time as well.

Melvin was a bookworm and a history buff, loved music but couldn't dance, and was also an avid hunter and fisherman. He taught his love of animals and the outdoors to his children. But the joy of his life was spending time with his family and friends.

Melvin died on Feb. 26, 2013. He was preceded in death by his parents, all of his brothers and sisters - Lloyd, Clara, Roy, Ivy, Arthur, Ruby, Frank, Edna, Erma and Leonard, one son-in-law, David Moellenberg, and several nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, his children: Michael A Mast and wife, Irene; Debra J. (Mast) Moellenberg and fiancé Robert Brenner; and Steven L. Mast and wife, Karen; grandchildren: Janet L. Mast, David M. Mast, Jeanne D. (Moellenberg) Stephens, Amy L. (Moellenberg) Schulmeister and husband Wesley, Danielle D. Moellenberg and April N. Mast; great-grandchildren: Levi Garner, Audrey Garner, Noelani Schulmeister, Garrett Dugdell, Morgan Stephens and Tayla Simpson, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Melvin was a man of many sides and will be forever missed by his family, friends and community.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City, with Reverend Tom Bailey, officiant. Soloist was Chad Miller and pianist Brenda Johnson.

Escorts were children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Michael (Irene) Mast, Janet Mast, David Mast, Debra Moellenberg, Bob Brenner, Jeanne Stephens, Don Simpson, Morgan Stephens, Tayla Simpson, Dani Moellenberg, Amy (Wes) Schulmeister, Levi Garner, Audrey Garner, Garrett Dugdell, Noelani Schulmeister, Steve (Karen) Mast and April Mast. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Service, Fort Riley Honor Guard performed a Military Graveside Service. Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Betty Ida Bock

March 18, 1926 - March 1, 2013

Betty Ida Bock was born March 18, 1926, to James and Ellen Seems in Jewell County, Kan. She died March 1, 2013, in Wray, Colo.

Betty was united in marriage to Paul Bock on Aug. 1, 1946. To this union were born two children, Eva and Doyle. They made their home, farming, near Bird City.

Betty went to Normal training and taught school in a one-room schoolhouse. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and spending time with friends and family. In 1948, she chose to serve the Lord and continued faithful to her death.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Paul; brothers,

Glen and wife, Grace; and Buryl; and sisters-in-law, Doris and Norma.

She is survived by her children, Eva Goza and husband, James of Galesburg, Mich. and Doyle and wife, Julie, Bird City; five grandchildren: Justin Goza and wife, Caralyn of Green Bay, Wis.; Darin Goza and wife, Kyla of Ames, Iowa; Carlin Goza of Galesburg and Bergan and Granite Bock of Bird City. Also surviving are bothers: Lloyd Seems of Smith Center, Dean and wife, Dorothy of Gaylord; and Darrell, of Melvern; sister-in-law, Elaine of Lebanon, several nieces and nephews, other relatives and many

friends.

Funeral services were held March 6 at the American Legion Hall in Bird City with LeRoy Sandford, Stanley Morrison and Leslie Poutney officiating. Irene Smith was the pianist. Congregational hymns were "Sweet Is The Rest" and "Nearer Still Nearer." Casket bearers were Justin Goza, Darin Goza, Carlin Goza, Marvin Corder, Tom Hnizdil and Ted Busse.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City. The song at the cemetery was "Where All Is Peaceful."

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Dorma Schorzman-Bradley

Sept. 24, 1923 - Feb. 19, 2013

Dorma Aldyne Schorzman Bradley, age 89, of Lamar, Mo., died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013 at Barton County Memorial Hospital.

Dorma was born Sept. 24, 1923, in St. Francis, Kan., one of the twin daughters of Glenn and Gladys (Fisher) Shaul. On Dec. 19, 1943, Dorma married Emil Schorzman in St. Francis and they moved to Lamar in 1947, where they farmed and raised their two daughters.

Dorma had worked at Big Smith in Lamar for 26 years, and Safeway Cheese in Carthage for seven years.

Both Dorma and Emil were baptized into Christ at the Christian Church on Sept. 9, 1955. Emil died on Feb. 19, 1986.

On March 29, 1991, she married Seth Bradley. Dorma and Seth lived

in Eagle Rock, Mo., and worked as custodians for the Cassville School District for seven years before retiring to Mission, Texas. Upon Seth's death on Dec. 5, 2012, Dorma moved back to Lamar to be near family.

In addition to her husbands, Dorma was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter, Charlene Quarles Turner; two sons-in-law, Harold Quarles and Les Turner; her brothers, Glenn Dale and Eugene Shaul; and a grandson, John O'Hern.

Survivors include her daughter, Donita and husband, Earl Kidd, Chesterfield, Mo., a step-son Michael (Michelle) Bradley, Pretty Prairie, two step-daughters, Donna Sue (Tim) Krug, Chattanooga, Tenn., Mary Palmer, Daytona

Beach, Fla., three sisters, her twin, Dorlyne (Clarence) Schorzman, Sharron (Merdith) Chapman, and Shirlee (Charles) Miller, all of Lamar; four grandchildren, Paul Turner, Eric Turner, Gregory Kidd, and Brian Kidd; eight step-grandchildren, Sarah Bennicheck, Candice Holt, Nicholas Krup, William Bradley, Kimberly Wood, Quentin Bradley, Tara Peknik, and Tami Bradley; eight great-grandchildren, Michael Turner, Kale Turner, Breanna Ware, Ashley Turner, Kara Turner, Megan Kidd, Henry Kidd and Charlie Kidd; several step-great-grandchildren and a large extended family.

Funeral service was held Friday, Feb. 22, at Daniel Funeral Home, Lamar.

Calvin Raile

Sept. 19, 1928 - March 2, 2013

Calvin was confirmed in the Zion Lutheran Church by G.C. Schrader June 17, 1945. He married Dolores Gable of Wray, Colo., on June 10, 1951. Two children were born to this union: Karla Kay and Randall Calvin. Calvin and Dolores were baptized in the Christian Church in April, 1958. He served as a deacon for many years.

Retiring in 2004 due to ill health, Calvin was always a hard worker. He was a faithful and good provider for his family.

Calvin was a life member of the Goodland Elks Lodge.

Preceding Calvin in death were his parents, Jacob and Magdalene; his brothers, David, Ted, Bill and Charley; sisters, Katherine and Louise; nephews, Billy Ray Raile, Lloyd Walz and Jackie Walz; and brothers-in law, Jake L. Walz, John Paxton and Joe Kuplack.

Those left to mourn include his wife of the home, Dolores, son, Randy and wife, Shirley of Goodland; and his daughter, Karla and her hus-

band, Shannon Dimitt of Johnson. Also surviving are his four grandchildren: Drew Raile of Goodland, Kyle Dimitt of Crete, Neb.; Megan Dimitt of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Mallory Dimitt of Lincoln, Neb.; sisters, Marie Challis and husband, George of Denver; and Magdalene Paxton of Goodland, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 5, with Pastor Jeff Landers and Norman Morrow officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Megan Dimitt and Mallory Dimitt. Casket bearers were Drew Raile, Kyle Dimitt, Gerald Paxton, Dave Ritter, Melvin Confer and Rodney Bracelin. Burial was at the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in his memory to the Good Samaritan Village or the Christian Church Kitchen Fund.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home.

Rec 4 U

By Penny Gienger
St. Francis Rec Director



The St. Francis Recreation Commission has recently completed construction on the community sand volleyball court located on the west end of Spencer Street near the swimming pool. We are excited to have the court be put to use by our local residents and any volleyball enthusiasts. We agree that it will be a great asset to the community.

The project beginnings came with much discussion on location, site improvements.... and of course the expense. The board and I met with the city council and the council wholeheartedly joined in the process of getting the project going. The council set aside land for the court to be placed on then donated man power and machin-

ery for completion. In the future, the Recreation Board would like to see improvements continue. Improvements include enclosing the extended volleyball area with a chain link fence and installing wind erosion panels in the fence to reduce the amount of sand leaving the court and debris coming in. Lights are also needed so play can be extended after dark. Eventually, low maintenance shrubs and trees could be added as well as benches or bleachers for on-lookers.

Let's face it - the general area is in need of dressing up!

Stage 1 - Construction of court - COMPLETED.

Stage 2 - Chain link fence with wind erosion panels, lighting,

landscaping (trees and shrubs), and benches.

Get involved

Are you looking for a community project to get involved in? Do you have an interest in seeing the volleyball court area transformed to a beautiful site to be proud of?

The Recreation Commission is encouraging local clubs and organizations, and individuals to join in Stage 2 of the project. If you are interested in helping, please, contact Penny at 332-3949 or e-mail at kpgienger@gmail.com.

Second grader leads salute

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners opened the Feb. 28 meeting with Jayce Landers, second grader, leading those present in the flag salute.

The county has one emergency medical technician which is an "A-E.M.T.," said Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director. Reid Raile can do nearly everything that a paramedic does. I think these people who get the additional training to help our residents in an emergency should be paid more per run. The commissioners agreed to raise Raile's pay per run where the advanced lifesaving measures were used from \$50 to \$75 per run.

She said there were three other emergency medical technicians who are planning on taking the A-emergency medical technician course at Colby Community College.

Mrs. Bowers said the licenses

for ambulances are due in April. They will need to have mechanical inspections at Yost Ford. Cheyenne County, she said, had a letter and a phone call from the Kansas Emergency Medical Service commending the county on a perfect ambulance inspection. She said the inspection included everything from log books, to training officer's paperwork, to equipment.

Bridge construction

Dave Flemming, public works director, talked about the construction of the Hnizdil bridge, located southwest of St. Francis. He said the county may need to move a gas and a water line belonging to Lobo gas company. The commissioners signed a utility release with Prairie Land Electric.

Federal funds will be used on the project and it is necessary to have an engineer for the inspection. Out of five companies, only two responded. The local public authority, comprised of Mr. Patton,

Brett Poling, commissioner, and Karan Thadani, county attorney, reviewed the engineer information. Penco Engineering was selected to oversee the project.

They have done an excellent job for the county in the past, Mr. Flemming said.

In other business

In other business: Mr. Patton asked for executive session to discuss personnel. Upon returning, no decisions were made. Attorney Thadani encouraged the board to work on the employee handbook.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be a special meeting to further discuss the lease agreement between the county and the Good Samaritan Society at 7 p.m. on Thursday (tonight) in the clerk's room in the courthouse.

The next regular meeting will start at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 15, in the commissioners' room.

24th Annual

Raile Charolais/Red Angus Production Sale

Monday, March 18, 2013, 1 p.m. CST - St. Francis Auction Market, St. Francis

Selling 77 Bulls, 45 Charolais, 20 Red Angus, 12 Composite CharolaisXRed Angus or Angus
Selling 30 Females, 15 Top End purebred Charolais, 15 top quality CharolaisXRed Angus (Show prospects)

Charolais Sires: Finks 2250, Finks 8823 Schurrtop J827, Raile Bluegrass X195 Raile 5744 X150 These bulls will increase length, muscle, improve yield grade and marbling while increasing efficiency in the feed yard and cow herd	Red Angus Sires: Feddes Sky 862, CTC Grandstatement 1025
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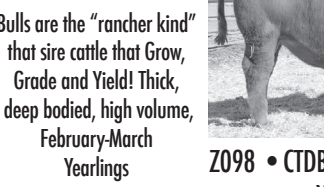
Z050 • Raile X150
X Primecut 0107

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ID#	BW	WW	YW	Milk	ADW/RATIO	ADY/RATIO
Z050	3.8	43	84	4	764/118	1473/115
Z053	1.2	31	61	10	700/108	1313/103
Z098	0.7	59	118	25	770/115	1467/117
Z236	1.1	25	49	14	635/108	997/100



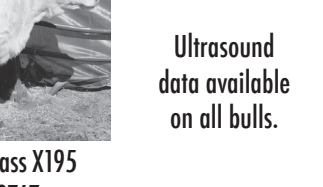
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CORRECTION

Due to printing errors in our Rural Health section, the following information was incorrect. We hope that this did not inconvenience anyone.



SHERIDAN COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX

"The Road to Wellness in Northwest Kansas"

- Number of Beds - 25 as Critical Access Hospital.
- Revenue 2012 - \$38,425,000.
- Net Income 2012 - \$530,387.
- Tax Support - None; operated as a private, nonprofit hospital.
- Doctors - three active physicians, four nurse practitioners, three physician assistants, one certified registered nurse anesthetist, 29 consulting physicians.
- Administrator - Kevan Trenkle.
- Phone - (785) 462-7511.

- Beds - 18 as Critical Access Hospital, 35 long-term nursing, eight assisted living apartments.
- Revenue 2012- \$6.5+ million. Fiscal report not available until March 1.
- Profit 2012 - Expected 6.1 percent profit margin. Have had positive profit margins since 2005.
- County money - \$936,312.
- Doctors - Cooperative agreement with Bluestem Medical in Quinter, Dr. Brewster Kellogg of Colby as chief of staff, one nurse practitioner and one physician assistant.
- Administrator - Steve Granzow.
- Phone - (785) 675-3281.