

Obituaries

Kenneth Potthoff

Nov. 25, 1931 - Jan. 26, 2014

Kenneth George Potthoff was born Nov. 25, 1931, in Wray, Colo., to Gerhard and Katie (Frerichs) Potthoff, and died Jan. 26, 2014, at the age of 82.

Kenneth was a long-time resident of Haigler, Neb., where he raised sugar beets, corn, wheat, alfalfa, cattle and hogs for most of his life. He custom farmed, hauled silage, and was a mechanic for his neighbors and friends.

He graduated from Haigler High School in 1948, and then moved to Fremont, Neb., where he attended Midland College. He moved back to the family farm to help his father shortly before entering the United States Army in 1953.

On July 19, 1953, he was united in marriage to Irene Schwartz, and

from this union came three children, Kevin, Leesa and Tonya.

Kenneth was a member of the American Legion in Haigler where he served as adjutant for many years. He was also a member of the Haigler Lutheran Church, the gun club, Haigler 4-H club, and leader of the model rocketry club. Dancing was a lifelong passion, and later in life he became a regular at the singles dances, where he danced every dance.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Gerhard and Katie (Frerichs) Potthoff, his wife Irene Potthoff, his brother Dale Potthoff, his sisters Phyllis Meinen and Betty Orth.

He is survived by his children, Kevin and Donna Potthoff of W-Keeney; Leesa, Kerry, Cody and

Kaid Wark of Colby; and Tonya, Ryan, Josie, and Colton Stover of Norton, his sister Shirley and Joe Blakeney of San Diego, Calif.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. mountain time, Friday, Jan. 31, at Zion Lutheran Church of Haigler, with Pastor Chris Farmer officiating. Interment will follow at the Haigler Cemetery, with full military honors.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. mountain time, Thursday, Jan. 30, at Zion Lutheran Church.

A memorial has been established to the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion Post 134 of Haigler.

Online condolences can be left at liewerfuneralhome.com

Marjorie F. Rosenthal

Nov. 21, 1924 - Jan. 30, 2014

Marjorie F. Rosenthal was born on Nov. 21, 1924 in St. Francis, Kan. to Cris and Mabel (Mills) Ferguson.

She died on Jan. 30, 2014 at the Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra, Ill. at the age of 89.

She was married to Delmar E. Rosenthal on Aug. 24, 1947 in St. Francis. They were married for 58 years.

She was co-owner and office manager for Rosenthal Mill in New Douglas, Ill.

Marjorie was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and former choir member and director for the church. She was also a member of the Tobias Bilyeu American Legion Post 710 Ladies Auxiliary in New Douglas.

Marjorie loved to play the piano, and also entertained for

Legion members and residents at area nursing homes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cris and Mabel (Mills) Ferguson; husband, Delmar E. Rosenthal, he preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 2005; daughter, Melody Davis, she preceded her in death on Aug. 8, 1996; son-in-law, Russell Whiles, husband to Robin; and sister, Marian Miller.

Marjorie is survived by her daughter, Robin Rosenthal; son-in-law, Mike Davis; granddaughter, Heather (Davis) Nelson; her husband Kyle; grandson, Ed Davis, his wife, Caprice; great grandchildren, Grace, Kyton, Amelia, Aurora, Seth, Emma, Anna, Joshua and Olivia.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 12-1 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church

in New Douglas.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Reverend Mark E. Sidney will preside.

Interment will be at the New Douglas Cemetery followed by a celebration of life gathering of relatives and friends immediately following the burial until 7 p.m. at the New Douglas Senior Citizens-Community Center.

Memorials in memory of Marjorie F. Rosenthal can be made to the New Douglas Cemetery, Immanuel Lutheran Church, or to the National Kidney Foundation.

To sign a guest book or to leave a private condolence please visit www.lesickofuneralhome.com

Olinda Hesse

July 17, 1913 - Feb. 1, 2014

Lifelong Sherman County, Kansas resident Olinda Hesse, 100, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014, at Good Samaritan Society Sherman County in Goodland.

She was born on July 17, 1913, in Sydney Neb., the daughter of Katie (Bettger) and Henry Peter. She grew up in Sherman County, Kan., attending school through the eighth grade, and then working at J.C. Penney in Goodland.

On Nov. 11, 1933, she and Murlin D. McClung were married, and to them was born Shirley Joan on Dec. 29, 1935. Murlin died Oct. 3, 1981.

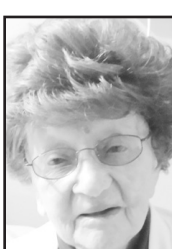
On July 28, 1985, she and Jimmy Hesse were married, and they continued to make their home in Goodland. He died Oct. 13, 2002.

She enjoyed playing cards, bingo, needlework, babysitting, helping friends, traveling, and working in her yard. She was a very good cook and made sure no one ever left hungry. She enjoyed

making bread items like cinnamon, crescent, and dinner rolls, and lots of pies. Her fried chicken was awesome! Even past the time that she was able to cook, she loved giving something to people who came to see her, so that end, her family kept her supplied with 7-Up and candies, so that she could share with her visitors.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her two husbands; sister Edna McClung; brothers Albert Peter, Ted Peter, Reuben Peter, and Gilbert Peter; her daughter Shirley Amack; son-in-law William Cecil; step-son-in-law Kenneth Rose.

Surviving family includes her son-in-law Alvin Amack of St.



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Francis; step-daughters Mary Lou Rose of Beecher Island; Monda Odell and her husband Cliff of Colorado Springs; Connie Bienenhoff and her husband Joel of Kensington; grandchildren Pamela Whitson and her husband Doug of Goodland; Mike Cecil of Goodland; numerous step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren Natasha Cecil of Hays, Jennifer Cech and her husband Jason of Salina, and Jason Whitson of Denver.

The funeral was Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland, with Pastor Darian Hybl officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Online condolences and register book: www.koonsfuneralhome.com



Sweetheart contest starts

By Amanda Miller
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This Valentine's Day, help a special couple you know, that has been celebrating their love for each other over the years, by nominating them to win the Cheyenne County Sweetheart Couples Contest.

The Saint Francis Herald is recognizing two sweetheart couples this year. Look for ballots in this week's issues of The Herald and Bird City Times.

The two deserving couples will be honored with bouquets furnished by The Classic Rose and The Flower Shop.

Last year's winners were Charles and Dixie Curry and Dale and Alma Neitzel.

The Currys had been married 62 years. Their advice to young couples was to talk things over and tell each other that they love each other every day.

The Neitzel celebrated their 68th anniversary just three days before Valentine's Day. The Neitzel's advice for young couples is to remember that no one is perfect, be willing to listen and forgive one another.

The contest is easy. There are no essays to write, no mushy notes and it does not cost anything. For a couple to enter the contest, they simply have to be nominated by someone placing their names on a ballot.

The contest rules are: 1) The couple must be married

50 or more years; 2) must live in Cheyenne County; and 3) previous winners are not eligible.

Drop ballots off at any of the following participating businesses: Donna's Gift Palace, The Flower Shop, The Classic Rose, Sainty Liquor Store, Owens True Value, Stuart's Jewelry, United Methodist Thrift Store and The Saint Francis Herald. And remember to say thank you to the businesses for participating!

Over the next two weeks, remember to think about what Sweetheart Couple you are going to nominate, and drop off your ballot!

Commissioners discuss sheriff vehicle replacement schedule

By Karen Krien
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At the Friday commissioners meeting, the Cheyenne County Commissioners started at 8 a.m. instead of an hour later. Congressman Tim Huelskamp had planned to hold a town meeting in St. Francis at 8 a.m., however a snow storm during the night caused snow-packed roads and he was unable to make the appointment.

Cody Beeson, sheriff, and Tony Rodriguez, undersheriff, were back with the costs of vehicles for the department. At the last meeting, the sheriff said the department could possibly purchase new vehicles through the General Equipment Reserve program.

Sheriff Beeson said this year, he had returned \$37,000 to the general fund. He has two vehicles he wants to change out of because of the miles they have on them: a 2005 Ford F-150 with 148,000, and a 2006 Ford F-150 with 171,000 miles. Both are in need of repairs.

The 2006 Dodge Charger has 131,000 miles, and it also needs some work, however, this was one which he wasn't suggesting be replaced.

The sheriff said he would like to start a vehicle replacement schedule. His suggestion for replacing the 2005 and 2006 Fords would be to purchase two 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 pickups through the General Equipment Reserve program for \$24,131 each. Dealers, Mr. Beeson said, can't get a pickup for this price.

If approved for the purchase, it would be late summer before the pickups will be delivered. And, once they arrived, they will need to have equipment (lights, cages, and other law equipment) installed which would cost an additional approximately \$3,000 each.

The commissioners talked about whether to distribute the old sheriff's vehicles within the county departments or to sell them. Both Dave Flemming, public works director, and Ryan Murray, emergency manager, showed interest in

using the pickups in their departments.

The commissioners agreed to have the sheriff proceed with the process of purchasing the vehicles.

Mr. Beeson said Mr. Rodriguez is writing a grant for some video equipment to put in the department vehicles. The sheriff also wants to start a DARE program in the St. Francis schools. One has been started in Cheylin.

Recycling

Roger Jensen, the county's representative to the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Center, had the yearly figures on recycling. St. Francis had recycled 130,265 tons, Bird City had recycled 24.55 tons for a county total of 154,815 tons. He said the county's recycling was down 10 tons from last year, and most of that was because there was less cardboard recycled.

Colby, which is a part of the Regional Recycling Center, will not let cardboard be taken to the Thomas County Landfill. It fills up the landfill so much faster, Mr. Jensen said.

Public works report

Dave Flemming, public works director, presented his bills for the month.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said he understood at the last commissioners meeting that he was to talk to Stanley Lamb about some

property near the landfill but the landfill supervisor had already talked to him. Mr. Ketzner said Mr. Lamb was upset because he had already been contacted by two other people, and that the land was in a trust and not for sale.

Mr. Flemming asked for 15 minutes of executive session to discuss personnel. At the end of the session, Mr. Patton reported that no decision was made.

The commissioners signed the county's noxious weed annual report. They also signed an agreement with the state for the county to spray the Kansas highway right-of-ways.

In other business

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- Passed were Resolutions 14-02 and 14-03 concerning keeping the mortgage registration fee and allowing the county to waive the requirement to have a county surveyor review of survey plats prior to recording at the register of deeds office.

- Employee agreements and wage agreements were reviewed and signed. While reviewing the employee handbook, the commissioners added that comp time will not be paid to supervisors.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

8th grade published

Congratulations to the eighth graders!! All eighth graders who submitted a poem to Creative Communication's contest, A Celebration of Poets - Fall 2013, were selected to be published. According to Bonna Worthen, Assistant Editor of Creative Communication, ordinarily about half of the poems sent in are rejected during preliminary judging. St. Francis's eighth graders' percentage was much higher. This is a very atypical situation.

She also commented, "There are many different styles of poetry.

Some are more complex and more difficult to write than others. For St. Francis students, each poem was true to the form and did that form very well. As they were all good poems, we didn't feel it right to randomly reject some only to justify our percentage of rejection. The end result was all St. Francis submitted poems were accepted."

"This is an awesome honor for this eighth grade class. I have never had this happen before. I am really excited for them!" said Mrs. Holzwarth, language arts instructor.

Student News

St. Francis Community High School graduate of 2013 Casey Keller received semester honors from Kansas State University this semester.

Students earning a grade point average for the semester of 3.75 or above on at least 12 credit hours receive semester honors.

Casey is the son of Clay Keller and Dana Timmons of St. Francis.

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