

Rabid feral cat identified after it bites Sainty resident

The Cheyenne County Health Department cautions residents to avoid wild animals and vaccinate pets against rabies.

A feral cat was identified with rabies after it bit a St. Francis resident. The Cheyenne County Health Department, law enforcement, and the emergency manager are cautioning residents to stay away from stray cats, dogs, raccoons, skunks, bats and other wild animals that can carry rabies.

What is rabies

Rabies is a disease of the nervous system caused by a virus. It results from an exposure to the saliva of an animal infected with rabies. In the United States, rabies among humans is rare, although anyone can get it after an exposure to a rabid animal. It is spread when the virus in an animal's saliva, or other infectious body fluid, enters an open cut, wound, mouth, or eyes.

There are two types of exposures, a bite and non-bite. A bite is any puncture of the skin by teeth. A non-bite exposure occurs when saliva, brain tissue, or spinal fluid from an animal with rabies enters any scratch, abrasion, open wound, eyes, or mouth.

The petting of a rabid animal is not considered an exposure. Only mammals are infected with rabies, however, some mammals are more likely to be infected with rabies than others. For example, skunks, raccoons, bats, foxes and coyotes are more likely to be infected. Rodents, rabbits, and hares almost never get rabies.

Although some animals with rabies look and act normal, most develop either the furious or dumb form of the disease. "Furious rabies" is when the infected animal is easily excited or angered. "Dumb rabies" is when the infected animal appears paralyzed or dazed.

The only sure way to tell if an animal has rabies is to kill it and test the brain for the rabies virus. Do not pet stray cats and dogs that come into your yard or any other animal that you are not familiar with. Please report any suspicious animal to local law enforcement.

Cats and dogs can spread rabies for three to five days before they become ill and during their illness. The amount of time varies for other animals. If you have been bitten by the animal,

immediately wash all bite wounds and scratches thoroughly with soap and water. See a medical provider as soon as possible. After an exposure to a proven or suspected rabid animal, rabies shots must be started.

Health officials highly encourage that everyone rabies vaccinate their pets. Vaccination of dogs, cats and horses against rabies is the best way to reduce human exposure.

The Republican Valley Veterinary Clinic will be hosting a reduced cost rabies vaccination clinic for cats, dogs and horses on Wednesday, May 28, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the vet clinic, and again on June 7, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact the vet clinic at 785-332-2262 for more information on getting your pet vaccinated.

Avoid contact with wild animals and do not keep wild animals as pets. Control of stray animals can decrease both animal and human exposures to rabies. Animals which have contact with an animal that may have rabies should be reported to the Cheyenne County Health Department and local law enforcement.

Haigler welcomes alumni

Haigler Alumni, friends, and family will be 'returning home' this weekend for Memorial weekend. It will be busy, as there are lots of things happening in Haigler and surrounding communities.

We hope you are planning to attend some if not all of the planned activities, said LaNeta Carlock, one of the coordinators. One of our oldest living Haigler Alumni, Beryl Adams of Ft. Worth, Texas, age 94, is planning to return to his hometown for the weekend. Beryl graduated in the Haigler Class of 1938.

Saturday, May 24, is the Southwest Nebraska Extravaganza celebrating the grand opening of the Cornerstone Center for Community Service (former Haigler Elementary School). Hosted by the Haigler Community Foundation, the open house will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., mountain time, with tours of the facility, Sunshine Thrift, and

Artists/Crafters Fair.

The new Sunshine Thrift store has a wonderful selection of new and used items with fantastic prices on opening day! The Artists/Crafters Fair will be held in Suite 1 and have many items for sale including jams, jellies, baked goods, fresh honey, art and photography work, crafts, and jewelry.

Saturday evening

Saturday evening, after the Dundy County/Stratton Alumni Banquet in Benkelman, everyone is invited to the Cornerstone Center Gymnasium for music and dance from 8:30 p.m.-midnight, mountain time. Ron Scott and the Roadmasters, with Kelly Hayward of Parks, will provide the music. Special guest and emcee will be Hadley Barrett, Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Rodeo Hall of Fame, and his wife Lee, member of The Freedom Riders and Wrangler

Arena representative.

Free food and drinks (no alcohol) will be served from the kitchen. Thanks to all our sponsors, there will be no admission charge. So come and enjoy a great evening.

Sunday

Sunday, May 25, at noon, mountain time; the traditional alumni and community potluck luncheon will be held at the Legion Community Building on Main Street. This event is hosted by the 50th year Haigler High School Reunion Class of 1964. Following the luncheon and program, the Haigler Museums will be open from 2-4 p.m. MT.

Monday, May 26, at 10 a.m. mountain time; Memorial Day services will be held at the Haigler Cemetery.

We hope to see you at one or more of these happenings over the weekend.

Obituaries

Darwin Eugene Higgins

Dec. 23, 1929-May 9, 2014

Darwin Eugene Higgins (known to most as Higg) was born on Dec. 23, 1929, in Arcadia, Neb., to William and Ruby (Matheson) Higgins. He passed away at the age of 84 on May 9, 2014, in Oshkosh, Neb.

At the age of 5, Higg and family moved to Comstock, Neb., where he attended high school. After high school, he attended the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo., for one year.

Higg came to northwest Kansas in the summer of 1948, and worked on the farm of Francis Hurst southeast of Atwood. He met his wife, Helen Phelps and was married on April 10, 1949. From this marriage came two girls, Lori and Joni.

Higg enlisted in the Army, served from 1952-1954, and was discharged while at Fort Sheridan, Ill. In 1955, he then went to Fort Riley as a purchasing officer for the Civil Service.

Four years later, in 1959, Higg

returned to Atwood and began working for Northwest Kansas Rural Electric. In 1971, he left the company and began his own electrical business in Bird City, called Higgins Electric.

Later in life, Higg worked at buying, restoring and selling antiques. He got lots and lots of joy meeting and talking to new people while working in the antique business.

On Feb. 29, 1988, Higg married Beverly (Antholz) Richardson in Bird City. They were married by Pastor Charles Miller.

With this marriage, he was blessed with three stepsons, Kim (Deb) of Grant, Neb.; Kyle (Amy) of Oshkosh, and Kurt (Tammy) of Cimarron; many grandchildren, Josh of Waco, Neb.; Jeremiah (Karyn) of Aurora, Colo.; Jarod (Jamie) of Owasso, Okla.; Justin of Grant, Neb.; Julianna of Spearfish, S.D.; Derek (Mollie) of Denver, Colo.; Dallas (Aimee) of Wray, Colo.; Dalyn of Manhattan; Devinn

of Oshkosh; Wyatt of Hays; and one great-granddaughter, BrynAn Marie. Other family members include his brother Doug (Shirley) of Central City, Neb.; two nieces and two nephews, Aunt Merle Matheson of Sargent, Neb. and dear friend Michael Blakeley of Oshkosh.

Higg was a member of the Wesleyan Church in Bird City. Pastor Dan Carson was very influential in Higg's spiritual life.

In November 2012, Higg and Beverly moved to Oshkosh. Due to health issues in April 2013, Higg went to the nursing home and died there while in special care.

Higg is preceded in death by his parents, wife Helen, one infant son, brother-in-law Roy Antholz and sister-in-law Hester Burr.

Services to be held at the Wesleyan Church in Bird City on Saturday, May 24, with Pastor Carson presiding. Inurnment via a private service will follow in Atwood.

Lila Bullock-Frauenkron

Jan. 26, 1926 - May 17, 2014

were married for 37 years.

She worked at the telephone office and the Co-op grain elevator as a bookkeeper in St. Francis for many years. She and Earl later moved to Leavenworth, because of Earl's service related illnesses. Lila worked as a volunteer at the Leavenworth Veterans' Hospital and Topeka Veterans' Hospital.

Lila was a member of the Church of Christ of St. Francis and later attended church at Alta Vista. She also did volunteer work and activities at the St. Francis Good Samaritan nursing home. She was a member of the Historical Society of the McCook Army Air Force Base. Lila loved to fish and would go any time she got the chance.

Lila died Saturday, May 17, 2014, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Lakewood, Colo. She was 88 years of age.

Survivors include: daughters Nancy Houtman and husband Lynn of Harrison, Ark., and

Earlyne Mercer of Cottonwood Falls; two grandchildren: Chalyce Mackosey and Bregette Brady; five great-grandchildren: Staige, Jasna, McKenzie, Eathan and Austin; brother-in-law, Donald Smith, McCook, as well as many loved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by parents, granddaughter, Chauntelle; sister, Edith and brother-in-law, Rudy Zweygardt; sister, Mary Smith; brother, Arden and sister-in-law, Bette Bullock.

Memorial services will be held Saturday morning, May 24, at 11 a.m., at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with Rev. Warren Cico officiating. A private inurnment occurred before services at the Haigler Cemetery, in Haigler.

A memorial has been established in Lila's memory.

Online condolences can be left at liewerfuneralhome.com, Benkelman Memorial Chapel.

Woman makes items for Relay

By Karen Krien

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Phyllis Roelfs is once again donating items for the Relay for Life auction. This year, she has made two sets of embroidered tea towels.

These designs, she said, are different from others she has embroidered, and she is hoping that they will entice people to bid on them at the Relay's silent auction.

She said she likes to keep her hands busy, so while she is watching television, going to doctor appointments, or any other place where there is a lot of sitting involved, she always has her embroidering with her. The work with her hands is also good for her arthritis.

Mrs. Roelfs has good reason to help raise money through the Relay.

"I had three brothers who died of cancer," she said. "I feel that I can help others fight cancer by donating items for the silent auction and it makes me feel good to know I am doing something."

This is the first year she has donated tea towels for the Relay auction. She has donated embroidered aprons, table cloths, pillow cases and baby blankets to help raise money.

The tea towels are now on display at The Herald office. People are welcome to stop by and check them out.



PHYLLIS ROELFS shows off some of the tea towels she embroidered for the Relay for Life silent auction.

Relay for Life activities start at noon, June 7

Thank You

We wish to thank all of our family and friends for the many expressions of sympathy shown to us when Dad passed away. We felt your love through your prayers, cards, calls, visits, memorials and food brought in.

A special thanks to Pastor Jeff and John Knodel for the funeral service. A special thanks to the Christian Women Fellowship for the delicious meal after the funeral and a heartfelt thanks and deep respect to the Good Samaritan Village for the care they gave Dad these last few years.

Words cannot express our appreciation to the St. Francis community.

The children of
Jim and Mildred Barnhart



Southwest Nebraska Extravaganza

Saturday, May 24

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