

Botanical Gardens wedding planned

Lorna Hilt and Bart Horton are planning a May 31, 2003, wedding at the Botanical Gardens in St. Louis, Mo. The bride is the daughter of Ervin and Linda Hilt of St. Francis. The groom is the son of Tom and Betsy Horton of Dubuque, Iowa. Lorna earned her bachelor's degree from Wichita State University and a law degree from Washburn Univer-

sity. She is an attorney with the firm of Harris, McCausland and Schmitt. Bart earned a bachelor degree from Iowa State University and is an assistant wrestling coach for the University of Missouri. Both reside in Columbia, Mo. A reception will be held at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis at a later date.



Horton - Hilt

Drought assistance available to producers in 37 states

The Kansas Livestock Association is pleased that \$752 million in drought assistance has been made available to livestock producers in 37 states including Cheyenne County by the Bush Administration and Kansas congressional delegation. According to Bill Sproul, the association's Stockgrowers Council chairman, a McLouth beef producer, the Livestock Compensation Program will make aid available in a more timely fashion than a congressional appropriation.

The payment rate is \$18 per animal consuming unit, which is indexed against beef cattle. Specifically, beef cows are worth \$18 per head, stockers \$13.50 per head, dairy cows \$31.50 per head, buffalo and beefalo \$18 per head and sheep \$4.50 per head. Producers will be required to certify the number of eligible animals owned as of June 1. The animals must have been owned for 90 days or more before and/or after June 1.

sign-up will begin Oct. 1 in qualified county Farm Service Agency offices. United States Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said payments to producers will be distributed soon thereafter. "This won't totally offset added costs faced by livestock producers experiencing drought, but it's a step in the right direction," Chairman Sproul said. The Kansas Livestock Association Board of Directors has identified drought assistance as a priority. In addition to direct assistance, such as Livestock Compensation Program, county directors serving on the livestock association board have called for an immediate suspension of the 25 percent rental payment penalty imposed on those who hay or graze Conservation Reserve Program acres. Chairman Sproul said members will be supplied more specific information on eligibility and application requirements prior to Oct. 1.

Plain Sense

Study Time
By High Plains Mental Health Center
Contributed by Karen D. Beery, LCPC, Consultation and Education Department

Dear Plain Sense: School is in session again, and I dread the homework hassles we seem to have almost every evening at our house. The kids wait until the last minute to get started, or want me to help when I'm busy with something else. We all seem to end up in a bad mood. Any suggestions?

Assuming that everyone involved understands the importance of completing homework assignments, sometimes the first step is just good planning and organization. And most of us can benefit from some assistance in getting organized when we have work to do. Sometimes the

biggest challenge is just sitting down and getting started. Begin developing good homework habits when children are young, so that good study habits will be in place as they get older.

Here are some suggestions:
Sit down with the children and work together on a plan for completing homework. Allowing them some input will make them feel more a part of the decision making involved, thus increasing cooperation.

Decide the overall best time to study, with some flexibility in mind when other activities might interfere. Set a specific time when possible. Some kids want to complete their homework as soon as they get home from school. While others need a break before getting back to work.

Set aside a place for study with as few distractions as possible. The kitchen

table can be as appropriate as a student desk. A quiet location is best. Some children study better with music playing, but it should not be to the point of interfering with their studies. Please, no TV!

Keep needed supplies on hand, in the same location. Stock up on pen, pencils, paper and other items. A lot of time can be wasted searching for such supplies.

Help your child to understand their own working style. Some like to start with the hardest, to get it out of the way; others want to begin with something easier. Some people work best on a neat, tidy table; others need all their books and papers spread out in front of them.

Allow for breaks during study time; get up and stretch, grab a drink of water or juice.

Obituary

Viola Mae Cassens

Dec. 26, 1911 - Sept. 17, 2002
Viola Mae Cassens, oldest child of James and Ethel Northrup, died on Sept. 17, 2002, in Elwood, Neb. She was born on Dec. 26, 1911, in Lebanon, Ore., where they resided for a short time. When Viola was a baby they returned to Cheyenne County, Kan., and made their home on the Northrup homestead, northwest of St. Francis. Viola attended Northrup school for eight years, and graduated from St. Francis High School. She taught a rural school for one term, before attending

Denver Bible Institute in Denver, Colo. On Aug. 26, 1937, she was united in marriage to Orval Cassens. They farmed and ranched in the sandhills near Stapleton, Neb., all their married life. They had no children, but loved and greatly enjoyed their nieces and nephews. After Orval's death she resided at the Pawnee Retirement Hotel in North Platte, Neb., later moving to a care home in Lexington, and at the Elwood Care Center the past three years. She accepted Jesus as her Savior as a young person, and was a strong Christian the remainder of her life. She especially enjoyed listening to KJLT

Christian Radio Station and reading and studying her Bible. She also enjoyed knitting, crocheting and reading. She is survived by her sister Elaine (Jake) Trembley of Cozad, Neb., and brother Norvin (Donna) Northrup of St. Francis, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orval; parents, Jim and Ethel; infant sister, Norma; sister Mona Cassens and brother-in-law, Winn Cassens. She was buried in Loup Valley Cemetery, near her ranch home on Saturday, Sept. 21.

Dirt Roads

By Paul Harvey
What's mainly wrong with society today is that too many Dirt Roads have been paved. There's not a problem in America today, crime, drugs, education, divorce, delinquency that would not be remedied, if we just had more Dirt Roads, because Dirt Roads give character. People that live at the end of Dirt Roads learn early on that life is a bumpy ride. That it can jar you right down to your teeth sometimes, but it is worth it, if at the end is home ... a loving spouse, happy kids and a dog. We would not have near the trouble with our educational system if our kids got their exercise walking a Dirt Road with other kids, from whom they learn how to get along. There was less crime in our streets before they were paved. Criminals did not walk two dusty miles to rob or rape, if they knew they would be welcomed by five barking dogs and a double barrel shotgun. And there were no drive by

shootings. Our values were better when our roads were worse! People did not worship their cars more than their kids, and motorists were more courteous, they did not tailgate by riding the bumper or the guy in front would choke you with dust and bust your windshield with rocks. Dirt Roads taught patience. Dirt Roads were environmentally friendly, you did not hop in your car for a quart of milk, you walked to the barn for your milk. For your mail, you walked to the mail box. What if it rained and the Dirt Road got washed out? That was the best part, then you stayed home and had some family time, roasted marshmallows and popped popcorn and pony

rode on Daddy's shoulders and learned how to make prettier quilts than anybody. At the end of Dirt Roads, you soon learned that bad words tasted like soap. Most paved roads lead to trouble, Dirt Roads more likely lead to a fishing creek or a swimming hole. At the end of a Dirt Road, the only time we even locked our car was in August, because if we didn't some neighbor would fill it with too much zucchini. At the end of a Dirt Road, there was always extra springtime income, from when city dudes would get stuck, you'd have to hitch up a team and pull them out. Usually you got a dollar ... always you got a new friend ... at the end of a Dirt Road!



ANGELA KNODEL took reserve champion in the fashion revue at the Kansas State Fair. Angela is a Cheyenne County 4-H'er.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Sept. 17	84	51	
Sept. 18	69	51	
Sept. 19	68	41	
Sept. 20	83	44	
Sept. 21	83	41	
Sept. 22	72	45	
Sept. 23	69	47	

Club Clip

Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club met at the home of Valjean Schultz, at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10. There were 14 members present. The business meeting was conducted by Mary Lee Frewen, president. The assisting hostesses were Wanda Gienger and Fleda Raile. The program was given by Wanda Gienger by passing out the new year books and going over the plans given for

each month. The theme for the year is "I love the U.S.A.", with each month's program title fitting in with the patriotic theme. The hostesses served delicious refreshments of American apple pie and ice cream. After reciting the club collect, the meeting adjourned.

Book Reviews

Thursday's Child

By Sandra Brown
A book review from the St. Francis Public Library
Allison Leamon knew that pretending to be her identical twin sister was a bad idea. For although the two redheads looked exactly alike, they couldn't be more different. How could a no-nonsense scientist like Allison possibly fool anyone into thinking that she was the bubbly, vivacious Annie? Trading her sensible shoes for strappy sandals, her eyeglasses for contacts, and her lab smock for a chiffon dress, Allison was determined to try her best. Her first challenge was a dinner date with Annie's finance, Davis. But what Allison didn't expect was the presence of Davis's best friend.

sensed the flesh-and-blood woman beneath the elaborate charade, and after years of wandering the world in search of excitement, he knew he had finally found what he had been looking for. But first this incurable romantic had to convince an intractable skeptic that there was more to love than what she could study in a laboratory.

Allison was far too logical to believe in love at first sight, but there was nothing logical about the way she was responding to Spencer Raft. The dark-haired, blue-eyed mystery man had an assurance that Allison found positively maddening. and by the end of the evening, she couldn't help feeling that Spencer had been attracted to a carefully constructed illusion. She was certain that the handsome adventurer wouldn't give her a second look if he knew her as she really was. But Spencer Raft was a man of many talents - and seeing below the surface of things was one of them. He

Willow

By V.C. Andrews
A book review from the St. Francis Public Library
Wealth. Extravagant parties. Celebrity status. These are things Willow DeBeers could only dream of - until now. After discovering deep family secrets in her adoptive father's journal, Willow bids farewell to her North Carolina college town and sets out in search of her birth family amid the ritzy glamour of Palm Beach. Using an assumed name and pretending to conduct a study of one of the nation's wealthiest communities, Willow takes Florida's gem city by storm and quickly encounters Thatcher Eaton, a young lawyer who sweeps her off her feet. But as Willow spirals into a passionate love affair and becomes intoxicated with the lifestyle of the rich and famous, the dark truth about her birth family threatens her fabulous new life, pushing her to the brink of insanity.

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