

Obituaries



KATTIE FORD was the Junior Reserve Champion in the Buymanship Division at the 4-H Style Revue held on August 2.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Violet L. Lampe
Aug. 4, 1931 - Aug. 8, 2004
Violet L. Lampe, 73, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2004. Mrs. Lampe was born Aug. 4, 1931, on a farm at Weskan, Kan.
She was preceded in death by her husband Merlin in 1999 and one great-grandson, Elijah Lampe.
Survivors include a daughter, Deborah Foss and her husband, Jerry, of Colby and two sons, Steve Lampe and his wife, Becky, of Colby, and Jim Lampe of Colorado Springs, Colo.; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.
A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis.
There will be no visitation. The body was cremated.
Memorials may be made to the Memorial Lung Association or to the Colby Community College Wrestling. Donations may be left at any Colby bank or Kersensbrock Funeral Home.

Royce Eldean Stimbert
May 14, 1927 - Aug. 9, 2004
Royce Eldean Stimbert was born on May 14, 1927, in rural Decatur County, Kan., to John Daniel and Anna (Haas) Stimbert. He was baptized as an infant in the Lutheran Church in rural Decatur County. He was the youngest of five children. Helen, Loma, Melvin and Lavina were all older.
He attended rural schools in Decatur County and graduated from the Decatur County Community High School in 1946.
He served in the U.S. Army from November of 1950 until November of 1952. He was stationed at Fort Riley with the 47th Engineer's Division, Camouflage Battalion.
Royce was united in marriage to Martha E. (Mick) Fortin on Nov. 20, 1952. Children born to this marriage were Tim, Troy and Mary.
After his military service and while first married, Royce worked as a veterinary assistant and farmed and ranched in Decatur County.
In 1959, he purchased a farm and moved his family to St. Francis. The farm is located 11 miles west and 2 miles south of town.
Mick died on Oct. 23, 1985.
Royce moved to the Good Samaritan Village in January of 2002 where he resided until his death.
He was a humble, common, hard-

working man that liked the simple life. Usually feeling sorry for someone else, he was the first to point out someone always had it worse than you. A neighbor said, "Royce would give you the shirt off his back without thinking twice."
He was good at math and could figure in his head quicker than most people could using a calculator. He loved to play cards, pitch, pinocchio and cribbage. He did not like to lose but overbid nearly every hand.
He found humor in the simplest things; wiggling his ears, being bald-headed and never wearing his false teeth. He would laugh with you about himself, like never wearing his glasses, and wanting to use your's because he did not have his or your's were handier to get. He had a peculiar nod and comical smile that is hard to forget.
Royce was a hardworking man, small in stature but big in heart. His arm was severely broken as a boy but he never complained and it didn't slow him down. Loving the outdoors, he farmed and ranched most of his life.
He was a realist. He was a home body. If he went somewhere he worried when and how he would get home. Remembering him in later years it's hard to imagine but he set the state record for running the mile in his high school days.
After a lengthy battle with emphysema, he died on Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at the age of 77 in the Cheyenne County Hospital.
He is survived by his sister, Lorna Bishop, who resides at the Good Samaritan Village in Oberlin; two sons, Tim and Troy and daughter, Mary; their spouses Jenny, Sue and Ron, respectively; his grandchildren, Brandy, Erica, Holly, Trent, Aaron and Tessa; his step-grandchildren Mike and Teresa Hammerschmidt and Earl Young; his step-great-grandchildren, Ashlynn and Grant Hammerschmidt. He's survived by brothers-and-sisters-in-law Virginia and Herb Bucklinger, Jim and Rita Fortin, June Fortin, Walt and Donna Fortin, Dottie and Paul Holiday, Noah and Cheryl Fortin and a host of nieces and nephews.
Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis with Pastor Chris Farmer officiating.
Pallbearers were Bruce Feikert, Randy Rueb, Doug Barnhart, Spencer Schlepp, Bob Klie and Pete Raile.
Honorary pallbearers were Derry Bishop, John Fortin, Jerry Fortin, Jack Fortin, Joe Fortin, Jay Fortin, Jamie Fortin, Jeff Fortin and Jason Fortin.
Interment was at the St. Francis

Cemetery following the service with Military Rites by Fort Riley.
Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society and/or Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.
Joe C. Wahrman
Aug. 13, 1924 - Aug. 5, 2004
Joe C. Wahrman was born Aug. 13, 1924, in Rawlins County, Kan., to Joseph A. Wahrman and Mary Brown Wahrman. He died Aug. 5, 2004, at Presbyterian-St. Luke Medical Center, Denver, Colo., at the age of 79 years, 11 months, 23 days.
He attended school in Herndon through the eighth grade. He was drafted into the Army in August, 1944. He served in the Pacific area until his discharge after the war in October, 1946. While serving his country he was injured and received several medals.
After his honorable discharge he went back to McDonald and rented a farm which he eventually bought. He lived and worked hard on the farm until his death. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bird City.
Preceding him in death were his parents, his twin brother John in 1999, brothers Francis in 1928, Edward in 1965, and Harold in 2000.
Surviving family includes a brother Raymond, McCook, Neb.
Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wednesday, August 11 in Bird City, Kan. Father Beryl Gibson officiating.
Casketbearers were Tom Brown, Dan Carter, Stanley Wahrman, John Wahrman, Charles Vap, Tom Solko.
Burial was at St. Mary Cemetery in Herndon with Father Damian Richards officiating.

Historical Society looking for members

The Cheyenne County Historical Society met at the Cheyenne County Museum Aug. 10.
Milton Lampe, member, said he had sold several more Cheyenne County Veteran's Books and that Yancy Ramsey had been to visit him and his wife Betty. Mr. Ramsey was raised in Cheyenne County and is one of the many veterans featured in the book.
Marsha Magley told of the events that went on at the Tri-Show Antique Engine and Thresher Show held in Bird City July 28-Aug. 1. The Historical Society is responsible for the County School house and they had been treated with a skit which Dorothy Mast and Rosemary Powell had written. In the play, local school children acted out the parts of the old pioneers.
Mrs. Magley is the program chairman for the Society and has asked Mark Berry of McDonald, to be the speaker for the quarterly meeting next month. Mr. Berry will give a historical presentation at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12, at the museum. The meeting will be open to the public. There will be more information about the meeting in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* at a later date.
Tobe Zweygardt, member, told of two tours he gave this month in the Arickaree Breaks. One group was from south of Topeka and the other was with people from Lucas. Both parties had enjoyed the tours. Mr. Zweygardt is working on a large sign that will have about 200 names of Indians who had camped at the Cherry Creek Encampment.

Marilyn Holzwarth, member, has found more people to add to the data base of people who were once residents of Cheyenne County and also found some who are buried in the county that she did not know about.
Elmer Kellner and Clarence Iliff, members, are busy working on memberships for the Society.
"We would like to increase our membership," Margaret Bucholtz, president, said.
Fred Magley, member, has placed some new directional signs in the area making it easier for people to find their way to Horse Thief Caves. He is also repainting some of the signs in the county that have faded or are in need of repair.
The project of the Old School House pictures is still being worked on. There have been some pictures turned in to be copied, but more are needed. The map will be placed on the museum wall in the near future.
The museum will have new summer hours starting Aug. 16. The museum will be open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. until the first of September. The winter hours will be Thursday and Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and, on Saturdays, the museum will open in the mornings at 10 a.m. and close around 2 p.m.
"We are also willing to open any time for people," President Bucholtz said.
To make an appointment call one of the volunteers listed on the door.
There will be no regular meeting next month, just the quarterly meeting with Mark Berry.

Secretary to attend rally

Adrian Polansky, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, will attend four local events as part of the "Rally for the Kansas Family" sponsored by the Tim Peterson for State Senate campaign. The four events will be held on Aug. 21 and 22 in Scott City, Leoti, Colby and Oberlin. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge to attend.
The first rally will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 9 a.m. in Scott City at the City Park. This will be followed by an event at noon in Leoti at the Senior Center. The final rally for Aug. 21 is at 7 p.m. in Colby at the Vet's Club.
There will also be a rally on Sunday, Aug. 22, at 1 p.m. in Oberlin at

the City Park next to the swimming pool.
Secretary Polansky will speak about current issues facing family farms, and will be available for comments and discussion.
Secretary Polansky owns a 1900-acre diversified farming operation at Belleville, as well as a grain and certified seed production and sales operation.
Prior to becoming secretary of agriculture, he was state executive director of the Kansas State Farm Service Agency. He received a bachelor of science degree in agronomy from Kansas State University in 1972 and has been a leader in Kansas agriculture since that time.



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