



## Casey's Comments

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A funeral was held last Monday for a long-time Cheyenne County resident: Bob Yost.

Through my job as ad manager for the papers I spent a good deal of time visiting with Mr. Yost at his Ford dealership in St. Francis. Here's what I'll remember about him.

Bob could be a tough character. My first few meetings showed me that he knew about running a business and how the newspaper could benefit it, if he chose to use it. It was always going to be his call.

Maybe it was his way of testing me, but I seemed to pass. With time our interactions became more casual and our talks spread well beyond advertising.

On several occasions the phone would ring at the *Herald* office

and it would be Bob with a news tip for me. Having been mayor, a business leader and active member in the community, he always seemed to know the story before it reached us. He was a great source of information.

What drew me to Bob was that he and my father were both born in 1927. They came from the same stock. Growing up during the Depression and World War II, each knew that the world could be brutal and there were no hand-outs. However, both realized that America was a land of opportunity, as long as you were willing to work hard for it. And each could have a strong exterior that masked how much they cared for others.

I'm glad, through my job, that I got to know this man and can take a few minutes to write down my thoughts. He will be missed.

## Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider  
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I am one of those types of people that can feel when the seasons change. Actually, it is the atmospheric pressure that changes and it is measured with that other weather gauge called a barometer.

Anyway, it was the weekend before fall was official on the calendar and I was standing over a boiling pot of apples. I became giddy with the anticipation of cooler temps and, I will say it, the wind.

As I was standing there pondering the wonders of the seasons, I also gave a thanks for the great harvest we had, and I am not just talking about the field harvests. Bird City's neighborhood trees were absolutely loaded with fruit, apples, pears, cherries, and mulberries, the likes I have never seen in my life.

I lived in Modest, Calif., the produce center of the state for 10 years, but I cannot recall ever seeing fruit grow like it did this

past summer without irrigation. We do not have the fruit trees growing on our property; however, I started receiving phone calls from folks who wanted to know if I would be interested in some of their produce. Boy, what a haul it was, I even returned to several places for several pickings.

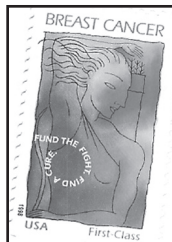
I want to thank Higg and Bev Higgins who got me started with a gallon of their mulberries that I made pies and fruit butter. In addition, Lucille Wright and her wonderful apples, I have pie filling, fruit butter, and applesauce to last the winter.

I got pears from the Serrano family, wild plums from Barb Gerdes, plums from Harlan and Kay Bakke, and lots of dill from Edna Roesener, and the many others who pointed me in the direction of the bountiful produce.

So, as I was stirring that boiling pot of apples, I was thankful for the cool temperatures coming, the wind, and finally I would be done with the canning!

## Postal stamps supports important social issues

Few things reach as many Americans each day as the United States mail, so postage stamps provide an opportunity to raise money and awareness in support of important social issues.



Stamp

The 55 cent Breast Cancer Research semi-postal stamp covers first-class mail postage plus generates funds for this important cause.

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Cancer Research stamp was issued at the White House on July 29, 1998, and features artwork of a mythical "goddess of the hunt" by Whitney Sherman of Baltimore, Md. As of May 2009, the stamp has raised more than \$68 million dollars for breast cancer research.

By law, 70 percent of the net amount raised goes to the National Institutes of Health and 30 percent goes to the Medical Research Program at the Department of Defense.

To support the fight against breast cancer, visit the Post Office website by going to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) and click on "Buy Stamps and Shop," or call 800-STAMPS-24.

# Bulletin Board

### Card shower

The family of Edna Roesener is honoring her with a card shower on her 80th birthday on Oct. 13. Cards may be sent to Edna at 3450 Road Q; McDonald, KS 67745. Check ad for additional information.

### American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary is meeting at 2 p.m. on Friday, at the American Legion Hall. They will have a guest speaker from the Family Community and Education for Northwest Kansas. She will talk on Assistive Technology and demonstrate some items to make life easier - things that everyone can use as they get older to help in daily tasks. Members would like to



Bob Yost

## Sainty man dies

By Karen Krien  
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A St. Francis businessman died Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Robert "Bob" Yost died at the DePaul Health Center in St. Louis, Mo. He would have been 82 years old on Dec. 23.

Mr. Yost and his wife, Armita, purchased Daniels Implement from Rich and Sylvia Daniels in the fall of 1967. The new business, located on U.S. 36, was called Yost Farm Supply.

Shortly after the purchase, they moved to St. Francis with their two sons, Steve and Dave. They had lived in Loveland, Colo., for 13 years where they farmed, fed cattle, built homes and raised bluegrass sod.

In 1982, the Yosts added the Ford dealership and later moved the implement store east of St. Francis. In May 1996, they purchased the Imperial, Neb., implement store and, in March 1998, they added the Goodland farm supply business. There were now three Yost Farm Supply stores in the area.

Through the years, Mr. Yost was active in the St. Francis community and served as mayor from 1971 to 1975. During this time, the citywide celebration was held honoring astronaut, Ron Evan, who was born in St. Francis. As a result, NASA invited the Yosts to tour its facilities in Houston, Texas.

A complete obituary can be found on Page 5 of this issue.

see a good number in attendance for this meeting.

### Story Time

Bird City Library Story Time will be at 10 a.m. through 11 a.m. on Friday. Ages 4 through 7 are encouraged to come and get acquainted with the library, read and do crafts.

### Cheylin sports

There is a Cougar junior high pep rally today (Thursday) at 2:35 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Friends and family may attend. The junior high volleyball team will be playing at home against Greeley County beginning at 4 p.m. The junior high tackle football will kickoff against Greeley on home field at 5:30 p.m.

On Friday, high school football will have the home field advantage when they play against Northern Valley beginning at 7 p.m.

On Monday, high school junior varsity football will play against Northern Valley at Alemnna with the start time at 5:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Cougar Ladies volleyball team will travel to Brewster to play against Dighton, Healy, and Christian Heartland. The first served ball is at 3:30 p.m.

### Bird City council meeting

Bird City City Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, in the City Hall conference room.

### Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet tonight (Thursday) at the courthouse.

### Notice of Annual Membership

### Meeting

Cheyenne County Development Corporation will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Oct. 15, at noon at the St. Francis Public Library, 121 N. Scott, St. Francis. All Cheyenne County registered voters are members and are urged to attend.

### 1935 Flood

The National Weather Service is planning a special program to commemorate the 1935 flood. May 30, 2010, will be the 75th anniversary of the Republican River flood which moved through Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska, leaving a path of destruction as it went.

Rick Reeser, St. Francis, is looking for people who survived the flood or relatives and friends who knew these people. He will be compiling information for the weather service.

In the future, the weather service website will have a new link to the history of the dramatic story of the flood.

Other contacts are Joy Hayden, 785-899-6412, email, joy.hayden@noaa.gov, or contact Karen Krien at The Herald office.

### Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will be holding their first meeting this fall at 2 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Senior Citizen's Center. Sylvia Reinhart will be giving eye donor information. Hostesses are Anita Miller and Betty Loudon.

### Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday), at the county clerk's office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

### Upcoming Western Plains Arts Association programs

Saturday, Suzy Bogguss and Jim Salestrom, singer/songwriters will be at Colby, 7:30 p.m.

### Recovery Today/ Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

### Sainty Serenity Seekers/ Alcoholics Anonymous

Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-6542 for more information

### Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

## Cougar Tales

This is the first of what I hope is a series of monthly articles talking about the many events and happenings at Cheylin Schools. I plan to share the many great things that are happening in our district, highlight student achievement, and provide you with educational hints for student success.

I have now been part of the Cheylin School system for a little over two months and I think the Cheylin School District is the best-kept secret in northwest Kansas! The community is very supportive of the school and our students and we appreciate all that they do.

In all my 30 years of education, this is the first district I have been in where my wife, Emily, and I were the only two new hires for the year. Although this does not seem like a big deal, it speaks well of the students and staff that this is a good place to go to school and to work.

A new program for our school this year is the addition of a Migrant Education Program. This program assists any child, age 3 to 21, who has not yet graduated from high school nor obtained a Graduation Educational Development (GED) and has moved from one school district to another in the past three years to enable the child or a parent, guardian or spouse to seek or obtain agricultural work.

The four areas of emphasis for this program are school readiness,

math, reading and graduation. We have hired a migrant coordinator as well as an interpreter to help with our migrant students and their families.

One important fact that seems to be a misunderstanding is that not all migrant students are Hispanic. Migrant designation is any student who has moved to enable a parent to work in the agriculture field in the past three years.

Our district received \$80,000 this year to run the program as well as provide supplies and enrichment materials for students. While we were a part of a larger Migrant Education Program in the past, we are now receiving the funding to serve our students in our district.

Our local Century II Foundation is also a very important resource for our district. Since we do not have a certified teacher for our pre-school, they have graciously supplied funding to allow us to provide this very important education to 4-year-olds in our district.

They also funded the upgrading for our "Patron Room" that is located in the lower level of the

elementary school building. This room has three computers that have access to the internet and office programs. Any member of our community is invited and encouraged to use this free resource. The room is open any time that school is in session. Please stop by the grade school office and let them know that you want to use the room.

This year, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain quality programs and services in light of the many budget cuts that have taken place from the state of Kansas. We have to rethink how we do business on a daily basis but want to assure our patrons that we will do our best to provide a quality education to the students of Cheylin Schools.

When we interviewed for this position, three items that were mentioned were the good students, good staff and excellent food. I can attest that all three are correct and a vital part of our school system. Life in northwest Kansas is good and we are fortunate to live in a giving and caring community.

Until next month —

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 42 min.

### I Love You, Beth Cooper

Oct. 2, 3 & 4

Comedy and Adaptation

Lauren London, Paul Rust, Lauren Storm, Jack T. Carpenter, Hayden Panettiere

PG-13 for crude and sexual content, language, some teen drinking and drug references, and brief violence.

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### October Calendar

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Dr. Frankum    | Oct. 7, 21  |
| Dr. Reeves     | Oct. 21     |
| Dr. Rubinowitz | Oct. 6, 14  |
| Dr. Saba       | Oct. 16     |
| Dr. Curtis     | Oct. 22     |
| Dr. Johnson    | Oct. 19     |
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Please join us in honoring Edna J. Roesener with a card shower as she celebrates her 80th Birthday on October 13, 2009.

Cards may be sent to Edna at 3450 Road Q; McDonald KS 67745

Edna's birthday cake will be at the Bird City Sr. Center Monday, October 12th at 3:00 CT.

Please stop in and join in!



## American Profile

Celebrating Hometown Life

See American Profile magazine in this week's issue of

## The Bird City Times

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