

# Obituaries

## Lewis Carl Sowers

Aug 27, 1925 - April 30, 2010

Lewis Carl Sowers was born Aug. 27, 1925, in Thomas County, Kan. He was the third of eight children of James Orville and Ruby Ida (Nahrung) Sowers. He died Friday, April 30, 2010, at his son's home near Bird City, at the age of 84.

Lewis was raised on the homestead farm south of Colby. He attended Pleasant Hill School and graduated from Colby High School in 1943. He joined the Army and was stationed in Korea for 14 months before being honorably discharged in 1947.

Upon returning, he married his childhood sweetheart, Audrey M. Sims, on her 19th birthday, April 10, 1948. They were married for 52 years before she died on May 5, 2000.

To this union five children were born: Marene, Daniel, David, Sara and Stephen. They lived in Thomas County until 1966, when they moved to the farm south of Bird City.

Lewis was an avid gardener. He planted over 10 acres of fruit trees and always had a garden. He

shared the bounty with his family and friends and encouraged them to grow their own gardens. His family will remember him with his trusty hoe in his hand working the soil. He also raised Shorthorn cattle, sheep, turkeys, chickens and even had honey bees for a time.

When he was 13 his father died leaving his widowed mother to raise eight children. His mother did not have any money for seed wheat and God caused the volunteer wheat to make over 50 bushels to the acre to provide for the family. This was part of the foundation of the faith that was very important to him. The Lord saw him through many hardships including his wife's sickness and the death of their 3-year-old daughter. From these hardships he learned to trust in God as his healer and provider. He encouraged his children to place their trust in Jesus Christ.

Scripture memorization was very important to him and he taught his grandchildren many verses and loved to hear them recite them back to him. One example of putting his

faith into action was when he picked up a homeless man with little hope left.

Lewis took him into his home for several years until the man was able to find a place of his own. Lewis was looking forward to heaven and many times he would end the evening conversations saying "Maybe we'll get to go to heaven tonight."

He is survived by his children: Daniel and wife, Lori, Bird City, David and wife, Teresa, St. Francis, Sara and husband, Larry Schield, Austin, Texas, and Stephen of Imperial, Neb.; 12 grandchildren: Joshua and wife, Sara Sowers, Jordan and wife, Paige Sowers, Nathan Sowers, Rachel Sowers, Heather Sowers, Jared and wife, Brook Sowers, Hannah Sowers, Samuel Sowers; Joseph Schield, Christina Schield, Melissa (Schield) Antuna and husband, Jeffrey, and Jesse Schield; seven great-grandchildren: Eliana, Adrianna and Kalia Sowers, Evangelyn Sowers, Aaron, Nathan and Ryan Antuna; four brothers: Dwight and wife, Jeanette Sowers, Colby, Frank Sowers, Benkelman, Neb.;

Ralph and wife, Nancy Sowers, Fort Bragg, Calif., Robert and wife, Frances Sowers of Gallup, N.M.; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Lewis was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Audrey; daughter, Marene; sister, Grace Bastin; brothers, Lon Sowers and Byron Sowers.

Funeral services were held May 3 at the Wesleyan Community Church, Bird City, with Pastor Dan Carson and Pastor Allen Coons officiating.

"Blessed Assurance" was sung by granddaughters, Christina Schield, Melissa Antuna, Heather Sowers, Hannah Sowers and Rachel Sowers.

Casket bearers were grandsons, Joseph Schield, Jesse Schield, Joshua Sowers, Jordan Sowers, Nathan Sowers, Jared Sowers and Samuel Sowers.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City.

Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

## William "Bill" Overton Fuller

March 27, 1920 - May 4, 2010

William Overton Fuller was born March 27, 1920, in Sherman County, Kan., and died on May 4, 2010, in Goodland. He was the second son of John Howard Fuller and Amy Merle Waters. This marriage was unable to survive the rigors of life in the 1920s and in 1925, Bill's mother married Wallace W. Gardner in Cheyenne County. Mr. Gardner was a fine father to Bill and his brother, Waters, and eventually sister, Joyce, and brother, Terry, joined the Gardner household. In 1932, Bill's brother, Waters, died from a ruptured appendix and Terry died in 1978.

Bill attended schools in Cheyenne County and graduated with the class of 1939. In September of 1940, influenced by growing patriotism and continued poor job

prospects at home, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fort Logan, Colo., and he progressed rather quickly to the rank of Master Sergeant. In addition to training at Fort Logan, he was stationed also at Camp Roberts in California, as well as Army camps in San Clemente, where he took amphibious training; in Spokane, Wash., at the Army air base; and at Mountain Home, Idaho, where he was Sergeant Major in the station hospital located there.

On Sept. 5, 1943, Bill married Belva June Anderson from St. Francis, at a ceremony conducted in Boise, Idaho, since he was stationed at Mountain Home at the time. Belva returned to Denver to live near relatives.

In February 1945, the same

month that Bill and Belva's first daughter, Linda, was born, Bill and other members of the 386th Infantry Regiment shipped out to LaHarve, France. While in Europe, Bill supervised the care and maintenance of vehicles assigned to the 386th Infantry Regiment. Bill was honorably discharged from the Army on Oct. 9, 1945, at Ft. Bragg, N.C., and he brought home the Europe, Africa, Middle Eastern campaign medal (EAMET) with one bronze service star, a good conduct medal, as well as the combat infantry badge.

Back at home in St. Francis, Bill went to work for Rudy Rieb at Rieb Motor Company as a mechanic, and in 1949, the Fuller's middle daughter, Peggy, was born.

The family moved to Denver for a short time after that and Bill worked as a block man for Minneapolis Moline. Too much time away from family caused Bill to leave that job and they moved back to the family farm in Kansas in 1953. Two years later Bill and Belva's third daughter, Rita, was born.

Bill farmed for 40-some years, retiring in the early 1990s. During the busy years on the farm, Bill found time to serve on hospital and school boards as well as the Farm Management Association North West board.

After retirement, he and Belva

moved into St. Francis and enjoyed town life together until Belva died in 2002. Bill continued living there until June of 2009, when failing health caused him to move to the Good Samaritan Sherman County.

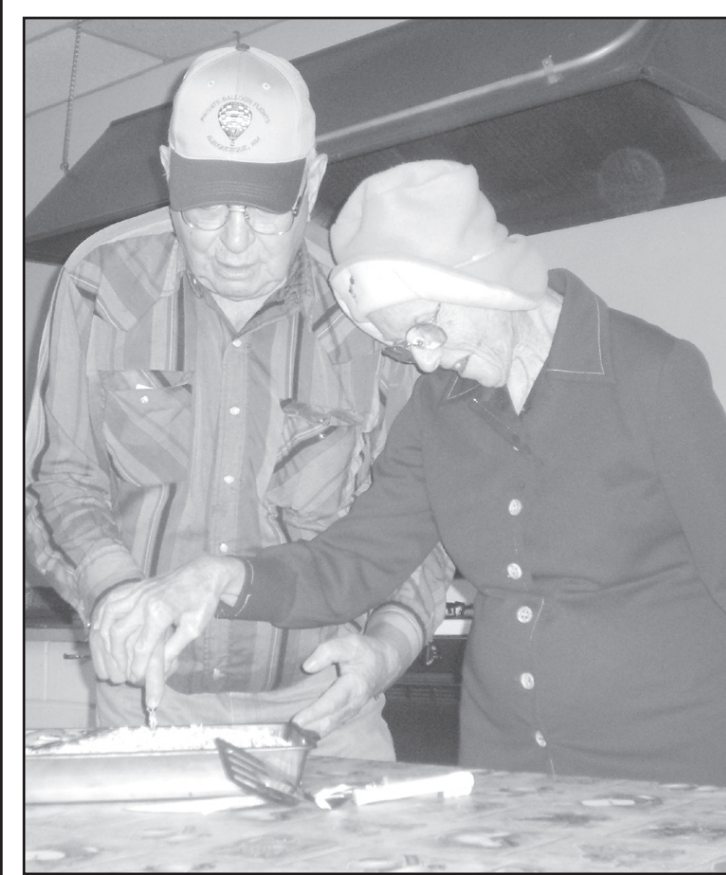
Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Belva; his brother, John Waters Fuller, infant half brother, Wallace Gardner, Jr., and half brother, Terry Gardner.

Survivors include daughters, Linda Carmichael of Lakewood, Colo., Peggy (Bob) Smith of Thornton, Colo., and Rita (Dan) Stephens of St. Francis; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a half sister Joyce (Alan) Kymen of Phoenix, Ariz., and sisters-in-law, Barbara Ewing of St. Francis and JoAnn (Earl) Newmyer of Meade, Colo.

Services, arranged by Knodel Funeral Home, were held Friday, May 7, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with Pastor Morita Truman officiating.

Interment was in the Lawn Ridge Cemetery, rural St. Francis. Casket bearers were Tom Bandel, Matt Bandel, Greg Wolters, Dave Roberson, Tom Smull, Matt Smull and Kelly Frewen.

Memorials may be directed to the Cheyenne County Hospital, the United Methodist Church in St. Francis, or Good Samaritan Sherman County in Goodland.



CELEBRATING May birthdays at the senior center are Don Bruder and Hollis DaPron.

Times photo by Linda Schneider

# Youth participate in livestock show

A number of Cheyenne County youth participated in the Sherman County Spring Bonanza livestock show in Goodland on Saturday.

Of the four categories, beef, swine, sheep and goat, Cheyenne County ended the day with overall winners in the beef and goat divisions.

The beef division had the following local winners:

Showmanship: senior grand champion, Grady Brunk; senior reserve champion, Laura Brunk intermediate grand champion, Garrett Brunk.

Market Prospect Beef: Market Steer, grand champion, Grady Brunk.

Heifer: grand champion, L. Brunk; reserve champion, Garrett Brunk.

The goat division had the following St. Francis winners:

Showmanship, intermediate grand champion: Shakotah Blanka; junior grand champion, Shadryon Blanka.

Ribbon placing for the day included:

Beef, All Other Breeds: Grady Brunk, first blue; Travis Rogers, third blue; Kyla Bandel, third blue; Shakotah Blanka, third blue.

Beef, Cross: Taylor Rogers, second blue.

Beef Heifer, All Other Breeds: Garrett Brunk, first blue; Gaten Cooper, second blue; Gavin Cooper, third blue; Grady Brunk fourth blue.

Beef, Heifer, Cross: L. Brunk, first blue; Allison Grice, second blue; Travis Rogers, third blue; Taylor Rogers, fourth blue.

Beef Showmanship, Intermediate: Garrett Brunk, first blue; Bandel, first blue; Gaten Cooper, second blue; Travis Rogers, second blue; Taylor Rogers, second blue; Shakotah Blanka, second blue.

Beef Showmanship, Senior: Grady Brunk, first blue; Laura Brunk second blue; Gavin Cooper, third blue; Grice, third blue.

Goat, Prospect Market: Shadryon Blanka, second blue; Shadryon, Blanka, third blue; Shakotah Blanka, fourth blue; Shakotah Blanka, fifth blue.

Goat Showmanship: Intermediate, Shakotah Blanka, first blue.

Goat Showmanship, Junior: Shadryon Blanks, first blue.

Sheep, Prospect Market: Taighe Weeter, first blue.

Sheep, Showmanship, Junior: Weeter, third blue.

# Public Notice

## Court petition filed to foreclose on real estate

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Chase Home Finance LLC

Case No. 10CV04

Plaintiff,

Court Number:

vs.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Betty L. Griffin; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Betty L. Griffin; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant),

Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

**All of Lot 4, in Block 35, in THE ORIGINAL TOWN, now City, of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 213 West Webster, Saint Francis, KS 67756 (the "Property")**

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 23rd day of June, 2010, in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

### NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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# Area students receive scholarships

Seniors from Cheylin High School and St. Francis Community High School are among the students who will receive one of the 167 scholarships given by the Pete Henry Foundation. This is the sixth year that the foundation is giving renewable scholarships.

Scholarships range from students who will receive \$1,500 each semester for eight semesters, to students who will receive one-time scholarships for \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$750.

The Pete Henry scholarship was created through the generosity of Pete Henry who was a farmer for many years in the Brewster area. Pete had an inquiring mind and knew the value of hard work, thrift and good management.

He was born in 1910 and was raised on a farm near Campbell, Neb. His mother died when he was 13 and his immediate responsibility was to care for and manage the household for his four younger brothers and sisters while his dad

struggled to earn a living. Pete left Nebraska for California when he was 21. Times were hard. He slept in cars, washed dishes for food and eventually rented a garage for \$6 a month to sleep in.

He signed on with the Civilian Conservation Corps forest service to harvest trees and build roads. The forester recognized Pete's innate engineering talent and assigned him the responsibility of being the librarian where he immersed himself in a surveying course. He became the head of the surveying crew which built many roads and fire lands in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Later in the 1930s, Pete was hired by Douglas Aircraft Company to work in the engineering department designing and constructing fighter planes. All of this was accomplished with only an eighth grade education.

The 1940s, found Pete in and out of the Army Air Corp where he was flight engineer of the B-17,

B-24 and B-29 aircraft. He also participated in top secret training, with some of the airmen from his base being the ones that dropped the atomic bomb.

In 1949, Pete rented ground south of Brewster from former neighbors in Nebraska. Pete, always the keen observer, adapted his Nebraska farming experiences to western Kansas. He never farmed prime cultivated land; he saw each acre as unique and managed each type of soil differently to achieve maximum productivity. He watched his neighbors and learned from their successes and mistakes, managed his money frugally, investing in good machinery and income-producing assets but lived a spartan life himself. He provided essentially all the labor on the farm until he was 88-years-old and, until his death in 2002, made all the management decisions.

His dream was to assist local students to further their education. He established a foundation to award academic and technical training scholarships to self-starting, determined individuals with leadership and work experience from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sher-

man, Thomas and Wallace counties.

He hoped to give others the opportunity to fulfill their dreams.

Cheylin and St. Francis students and their scholarship amounts include:

- \$1,500 each semester for eight semesters: No Cheyenne County students.

- One time \$2,000 vocational/technical school or college scholarships: St. Francis: Jeffery Meyer, BreAna Zwegygart.

- One time \$2,500 scholarships: Cheylin: Naomi Reeh, Maxwell Hengen.

- One time \$2,000 scholarships: No Cheyenne County students.

- One time \$1,500 scholarships: St. Francis, Freddy Pacheco.

- One time \$1,000 scholarships: Cheylin: Hudson Louderbaugh, Ana Ponce; St. Francis: Brooklyn Hnizdil, Amber Smull, Kaycee Williams.

- One time \$750 scholarships: Cheylin: Lance Leonard; St. Francis: Grady Brunk, Erick Estrada, Darris Keller, Terrence Lamb, Alex Long, Marvin Miller, Emily Mullins, Benjamin Neitzel, Dale Northrup, Elena Paulsen, Matt Raile, Trent Raile, David Stephens, Drew Zwegygart.

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**Bidding starts to close  
Thurs., May 20 at 10 A.M. CDT**

Little Giant LG4864 20 ton crane, Graders: (2) '95 Champion 710A, '95 JD 670B, Loaders: (3) '91 Case W-14C, '87 Case W-14B, (2) '96 Fiat FR-90, '95 Fiat FR-70, Tractors: '97 and '98 Ford 6640SL, Skid Steer: (4) '94 & '95 Bobcat 853H, 50+ trucks & passenger vehicles, road safety equipment including attenuators, message boards, arrow boards & more, oil, fuel & water tanks, bridge support I-beams & steel girders, vibratory plate compactors, riding mowers, air compressors, plasma cutters, pressure washers, electronics and more

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## Club Clip

### McDonald Area Development

The McDonald Area Development Committee met on Wednesday, May 5, at noon with 11 members and one guest present. Sheila Maune is planning to open a massage therapy clinic in the Touch of Class Beauty Shop soon. She will be open three days a week, Friday, Saturday and Monday. The group welcomed her as a new business and will put an ad in the paper very soon.

It was decided to encourage

everyone to wear a funny hat at the ice cream social.

Iris Mcintosh suggested that the two McDonald ladies who will be celebrating their 100th birthdays be recognized at the ice cream social.

Ray Johnson said that the merry-go-round at the shelter house at the Highway 36 Park is in need of paint. With no other business the meeting was adjourned.