

Bulletin Board

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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The Great American Past-time of baseball said "So long" on another individual who added to the game's rich history. No, I'm not talking about George Steinbrenner. Although the "Boss" did have a huge effect on the New York Yankees and the sport as we know it – he's not the one.

I'm speaking of Ralph Houk who died last week at the age of 90.

Houk spent 20 years in the majors as a manager. He, too, led the Yankees, reaching three American League pennants and two World Series titles in the early 1960s.

But for all Houk meant to baseball, he was more important to his country.

On a December day in 1944, then Second Lieutenant Houk was in command of 60 soldiers of the 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron of the 9th Armored Division near Luxembourg, Belgium.

As the Germans orchestrated their Runstedt counteroffensive, better known as the Battle of the Bulge, Houk's B Troop was backed up into the town of Waldbillig. When 200 enemy

soldiers advanced with six Tiger tanks, the Americans held their ground.

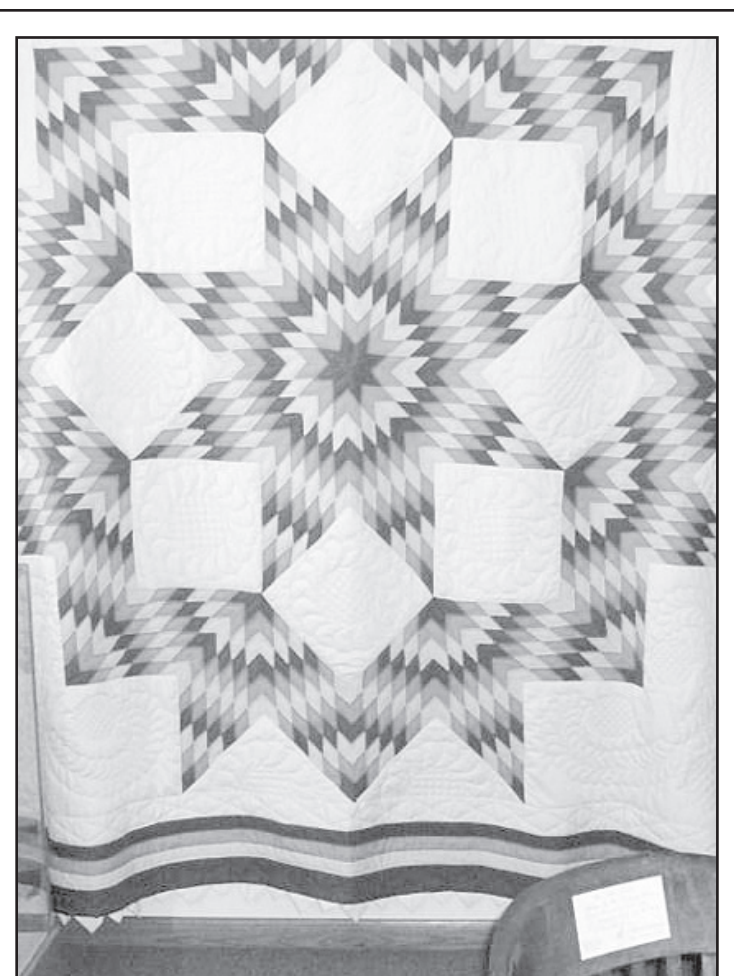
During the attack Houk moved from position to position, directing his men. All the while he was under machine-gun fire – some so close it tore his uniform. To halt the tanks, he secured a tank destroyer from an adjacent unit. After directing the fire against the Tigers, the German advance was thwarted.

This action was described in Houk's Silver Star citation. Later he was awarded a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

This bravery was followed five days later when he was ordered to take orders into the town of Bastogne to the isolated 101st Division. Although the target was heavily surrounded by Germans, Houk led a team with one Jeep and two armored cars through enemy lines.

The farm kid from Lawrence, who entered the war in 1941, continued up from first lieutenant to captain to major.

And as a manager for the Yankees, Detroit Tigers and Boston Red Sox, he carried the nickname of "Major." A commander of men in war, he was also a leader in baseball.



A SPECIAL FIND. Darlene Brubaker gave this quilt to the collection at the Thresher Show. She discovered it at the 2nd Beginnings thrift store. *Photo courtesy of Stan and Dee Dorsch*

Death notice

E. Louise Sawyer, 90, Bird City, died Saturday, July 24, 2010, at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. July 29 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City.

Memorials may be made to the Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Technicians, the Cheyenne County Hospital or to the church.

Moody reunion

The descendants of Earnest and Rose Moody are having a family reunion at noon on Saturday at the Peace Lutheran Church. It will be a potluck with meat provided.

Open house

An open house is being held from 10 a.m. until noon on Thursday, Aug. 5, at Capstone Counseling, LLC, 112 E. Spencer Street, St. Francis. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Schorzman/Bandel reunion

The Schorzman/Bandel reunion

will be held Aug. 7 and 8 at the St. Francis Senior Citizen Center.

US 36 Treasure Hunt

The fifth annual US 36 Treasure Hunt is coming soon, Sept. 17-19. Pick up a form at the Cheyenne County Extension Office to get your spot on the vendor map.

4-H Style Revue

The 4-H Fashion Revue will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday at the auditorium in the St. Francis high school. This year's 4-H Fashion Revue will have the theme "Cowboy Boots and Country Roots."

Everyone is urged to support the 4-H'ers. There is no admission.

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports activities will be taking place this week as follows:

Friday: 4-H Shooting Sports Rifle Contest, 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Saturday: 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Contest, 7 p.m. at the Gun Club.

Sunday, 4-H Archery Contest, 7

p.m. at the Gun Club.

4-H activities on Tuesday

The 4-H Dog Show will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday at Jenkins Hall, on the fairgrounds.

There are 27 4-H'ers enrolled in the food and nutrition program. There will be cakes, yeast breads, cookies and many other items judged starting at 2 p.m. in the basement of the courthouse. The 4-H Council food sale will start at 3 p.m.

Advanced voting

Voters, the advanced voting booth is open at the Cheyenne County Clerk's office in the courthouse. It will be open until noon on Aug. 2, the day before the primary election.

Help needed

Fair time is fast approaching and a number of volunteers are still needed to run the booths and rides. Please call DeEtta Knorr at 785-332-2551 or 785-332-4073, if you can help in any way.

Entries needed for talent show

Entries for the Cheyenne County

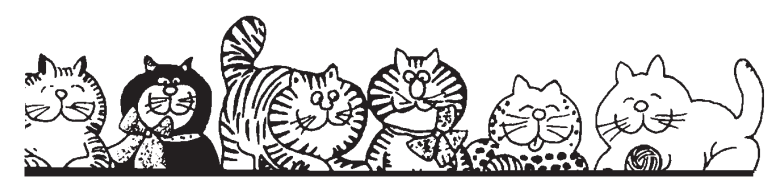
Fair Talent Show are needed! The show will be the Friday evening, Aug. 6, grandstand entertainment. Kids to senior citizens are urged to participate. It is not necessary to live in the county. People from the tri-state area are welcome. Prizes will be awarded. For more information or to enter, contact Ruth Milliken, 785-332-3421.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Sunday nights at 8 p.m. and Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7day a-week service 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.



Club Clip

Red Hat Mamas

Answering to the call of wearing funny hats to McDonald's annual ice cream social and talent show, 17 Red Hat Mamas proudly donned their red hats with some adding a patriotic touch on July 11.

A short business meeting was conducted by the queen, Margaret Voorhies. Humorous reading chairwoman, Phyllis Wingfield read a couple of stories and then it was time to relax and be entertained.

The various acts ranged from youth to semi-professional levels. Red Hat Mama, Florence Antholz, a member of the Prairie Rose Harmony, and seven other

members of the Sweet Adelaines sang seven patriotic medleys. Next it was time to enjoy desserts of cake and ice cream, compliments of the McDonald Area Development group.

Members entranced with the gaiety of the evening were: Florence Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll, Verneeta Haack, Beverly Higgins, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Edna Roesener, Connie Rooney, Joan Tongish, Margaret Voorhies, LaVina Waters, Phyllis Wingfield, Marlene Young and Margaret's granddaughter, Tiernan Heydt of Georgia. The August meeting will be in Burlington, Colo

Obituary

Dale Ernest Linin

Sept. 3, 1946 - July 25, 2010

Dale Ernest Linin, 63, St. Joseph, Mo., died Sunday, July 25, 2010, at his home after a 9-year battle with cancer. Dale was born Sept. 3, 1946, in St. Francis, Kan. He was the son of Harvey and Roberta (Snowbarger) Linin.

He grew up on a farm 3-miles south of Bird City. Dale graduated from the Bird City High School and Kansas State University, Manhattan, with a degree in animal science and industry in May of 1969. He was an active member of Beta Sigma Psi Fraternity and while at Kansas State, completed a 4-year Reserve Officer Training Corp (R.O.T.C.) training program. He graduated in May of 1969, as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

On Aug. 30, 1969, Dale married his college sweetheart, Linda S. Sigars of St. Joseph. During that summer, he worked for the Dugdale Meat Company before leaving for Infantry Officers Basic Training in Columbus, Ga.

On Jan. 1, 1970, he reported to Fort Hood, Texas, and served with Signal Battalion for 9 months. He departed for Korea on Aug. 30, 1970, where he served as a security officer at Battery A 4th Battalion (Nike Hercules Missile Site) 44th Artillery. Dale was honorably discharged July 1971, as a captain.

September of 1971, Dale started his banking career as a loan officer in Ness City. Then he moved to Hooper, Neb., in 1974, where he was vice president of lending for 4 years. In June of 1978, he relocated to Lexington, Mo., and was vice president of lending for Charter Bank later Boatmen's Bank. In December of 1984, they moved to



Linin

Enid, Okla., where Dale was vice president of commercial lending for Security National Bank until August of 1988.

After 17 years of banking, Dale moved his family to St. Joseph, where he became a financial advisor and opened the second office for Edward Jones, an investment company. He retired in January of 2007, due to his health.

He was a member of the First Christian Church; Masonic Lodge and York Rite Bodies: Moila Shrine; Legion of Honor; Kiwanis; and very active with the Kansas State University Alumni Association, St Joseph Chapter.

Dale was preceded in death by his father, Harvey Linin, Bird City.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Sigars Linin, of the home; his daughters, Carrie Kamer, and her husband, Michael, Overland Park, Susie Marmolejo, and her husband, Charles Jr, Plano, Texas; a grandson, Anthony Christian Kamer; his mother, Roberta Linin, Bird City; his siblings, Jolene Estep, Leawood, Rex Linin, Bird City, Shelley Beese, and her husband, Rudy, Overland Park; brother-in-law, Roger Sigars and Patty Kier, St Joseph; seven nephews and four great nieces.

Services were on Thursday, July 29, at the First Christian Church with interment Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family suggests a memorial gift to the Shriner's Children Hospital, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, or a charity of the donor's choice.



Bird City News

Paul and Edna Roesener of Bird City were busy entertaining house guests during the months of June and July. Guests were: Bob and Becky (Roesener) Holst, Beitsville Md.; Colleen Shrader, and Jared Cox, Tempe Ariz.; Stan Shrader, Oberlin; Lewis and Audrey Erins, Oakley; Doug and Sandra Fair,

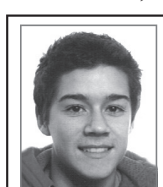
and Justin and Jeff Williams, Oberlin; Mike and Danelle Rush, and children Michael, and Maely, Newall, Okla.; Michelle Stasser and girls Ohiona, and Ariya, Midwest, Okla.; Jaylene Shrader, and Lynn Swayne, Goodland ; Roy and Karen Shrader and Grant Shrader, Bird City.

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(for 3, 5 or 10 months)



Anna from Germany, 16 yrs. Likes skiing, swimming, dancing and art. Anna hopes to join a drama club while in the USA.



Jean from France, 17 yrs. Loves camping and playing soccer. Jean's dream has been to spend a school year in the USA.

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July 28-29

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July 30

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July 28-30

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