

Obituaries

Wallace Lee Underwood  
Dec. 27, 1925 - Dec. 27, 2011

Wallace Lee Underwood, the son of Irvin Everett and Dorothy Gay (McTaggart) Underwood, was born on the farm at 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 27, 1925. He died on his birthday, Dec. 27, 2011, at approximately 1 p.m. at the Dundy County Hospital, Benkelman, Neb.

Wally did a number of things throughout his life. Between December 1944, and March 1945, he became a licensed pilot. His pilot log book reflected flying time as well as solo flying.

Wally attended Bird City High School graduating in 1945. He excelled in sports, lettering all four years.

Upon graduating from high school, he was drafted in the United States Navy on Aug. 22, 1945. He was honorably discharged July 10, 1946. He then returned to Bird City to the family farm southwest of Bird City.

For many years, he was a school bus driver for the Bird City school.

In 1953, he purchased and ran the Mobile Station that was on Highway 36 in Bird City. While maintaining the gas station, he became a licensed assistant funeral director, helping Louise Trickett.

In 1958, he and his dad purchased the Case tractor business from Roy Kite that was located in downtown Bird City. He continued selling tractors for the next 30 years. In 1975, Wally purchased land from Bert Childers on the west side of Bird City and built a new building for his dealership. In October 1988, the Case dealership was forced to close and the building was purchased by the Wesleyan Church where his funeral service was held.

From 2002 to 2005, he was a courier for First National Bank. Because of his love of tractors,

he spent many hours helping with the Tri-State Antique Thresher Show. He owned several antique Case tractors that are displayed at the Thresher show every year.

On March 10, 1954, he married LaVon Bowers. They were married for 57 years and had three children, Tamara Lee Underwood Zimbelman, Kim Wallace Underwood and Jerry McCaslin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Warren Underwood.

Survivors include his wife, LaVon of Bird City; daughter, Tammy Zimbelman and Keith Neville of Benkelman, Neb., son, Kim Underwood and wife, Rosanna, of Bird City, and son, Jerry McCaslin and wife, Pat of Liberty Mo.; grandsons, Kale Zimbelman of Salina; Lee Zimbelman and Cami Riblett of Emporia; granddaughter, Jill Samuelson and husband, Jeff, Marc McCaslin of Liberty, Mo.; Jason Stump and wife, Autumn of Oak Grove, Mo.; six great-grandchildren, Abbie and Colton Samuelson, Isabella and Izaak McCaslin of Liberty; and Georgia and Cayton Stump of Oak Grove. His sister, Shirley Smith of Hays also survives.

Wally loved all the people at Quality Healthcare Clinic and Dundy County Hospital because of the wonderful care he received the past two years

Memorials may be given in his name to the Dundy County Hospital, Benkelman, or the Wesleyan Church, Bird City.

Wally was cremated and a memorial service was held Dec. 31, 2011, at the Wesleyan Church with Pastor Dan Carson officiating. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis, was in charge of the arrangements.

Calling contest held over weekend

By Karen Krien  
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The results are in for the 2012 FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling event held over the weekend in St. Francis. A total of 121 teams signed up and 72 returned on Sunday.

In the two days, the callers reported seeing 692 coyotes and brought in 245.

It was a good contest with a full roster of teams, said Brent Rueb, coordinator of the event. The weather was too nice for most teams and they did not get their coyotes to respond.

"The coyote numbers are down as a whole as mange seems to be taking its toll on the coyotes in the tri-state area," he said.

Mr. Rueb had talked to officials at the United States Department of Agriculture.

"They feel that the mange is working its way to the northwest and is starting to subside in parts of Kansas," he said.

The winner of the Nikon Coyote Special Class was the father/son team of Dave Shaklee and Dusty Shaklee of Wray. Mr. Rueb said the Shaklees have hunted in the contest for the last 15 years and never placed in the top 10. Dave said it was the best two days of calling since they had been hunting together and they were very excited. The Shaklees brought in 14 coyotes.

"It was great for a team like them to finally be recognized for their 15 years of effort," Mr. Rueb said.

There were local teams that won during the event.

In the Hornady Novice Class, the team of Trevor Hilt and Trent Raile tied for first but the weights of the coyotes were determined and they placed second. Trevor is a former resident of St. Francis and Trent, a college student, is listed as St. Francis.

This young team, Mr. Rueb said, did a great job of getting seven



CHECKING IN THE COYOTES at weigh in were Harold Tygart and Tim Stimbart.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

coyotes — a real testament to their ability.

Brothers, Trent Kinen and Tanner Kinen, St. Francis, took second place in the two-pointer coyote contest. The two-pointer contest winner is determined by how much white hair the coyote has in its tail. This year, there were seven teams with one two pointer. The winning team of Brad Phillips and Luke Seelhoff, both of Burlington, had two — two-pointer coyotes.

Another local winning team was Eddie Brunk and Cliff Pilkington. They placed eighth in the Big Dog contest with a coyote weighing 35.5 pounds. The winner of the contest was Cody Loveall of Olathe, and Cody Hayes of Wilmore, with a dog weighing 41.8 pounds.

Top winners in the Nikon class were Dave and Dusty Shakley,

Wray, with 14 coyotes, first; Brad Phillips and Luke Seelhoff, Burlington, 10 coyotes, second; Cody Loveall, Olathe, and Cody Hayes, Wilmore, nine coyotes weighing 194.8 pounds, third; Wade Edis, Mullen, Neb., and Jay Lovitt, Mullen, Neb., nine coyotes weighing 237.4 pounds, fourth; and Brandon Lubbers, Brownell, and Luke Kunkel, Wichita, eight coyotes weighing 238.8 pounds, fifth.

In the Hornady novice class, first place went to Ryan Thompson, Piere, S.D., and Ryan Kennedy, Garden City, seven coyotes at 230.8 pounds; Hilt and Raile, second place; Travis Fonte and Eric Schafer, Wray, seven coyotes, 190 pounds, third; Andrew Murr,

Calhan, Colo., and Wesley Guier, Divide, Colo., fourth with five coyotes; and Ron Shipley, Hoxie, and Ronnie Shipley, Brighton, Colo., fifth with four coyotes.

In the Little Dog contest, the team of Colton and Mark Roegner, McDonald, took first with a dog weighing 18.3 pounds. Second place went to Brad Phillips and Luke Seelhoff, Burlington, with a coyote weighing 19.6 pounds.

The top two winners of the Big Dog contest went to Loveall and Hayes (listed above); second place went to Matt Brown, Wellington, Colo., and Jon Bopp, Loveland, Colo., with a coyote weighing 39.4 pounds.

Castrator for newborn livestock introduced

A St. Francis company has once again put a patent on an invention.

No-Bull Enterprises is unveiling the next generation of innovation in bloodless castration with the Callicrate "WEE" Bander. It is an instrument crafted from surgical quality, corrosion resistant stainless steel.

It is designed to insure proper ligation with every application — the key to effective humane castration and a signature feature of the Callicrate Bander which has been manufactured and distributed worldwide since 1991 with more than 50,000 units sold.

The company, known for inventing the premiere high-tension banding castration tool on the market, is now introducing a lighter, sleeker version designed to bring the same humane, user-friendly technique to newborn calves, sheep and goats.

Achieving adequate tightness is the single most essential component in reducing stress during banding, according to animal welfare experts like Colorado State University animal science professor Temple Grandin.

"Previously, the only banding option available for the smaller animals was the green elastrator ring," said inventor Mike Callicrate, owner of No Bull Enterprises. "We used the same simple technology, but combined it with a means of attaining proper tension, resulting in a complete ligation."

"In replacing the elastrator rings, which lack sufficient tension and are considered the most stressful method of castrating young animals, the WEE Bander also provides an alternative to castration with a knife, which is probably the second most stressful method you can use."

Studies of high tension banding have demonstrated that the complete negation of blood flow triggers a natural analgesic effect that blocks pain while minimizing swelling and related complications.

"While in New Zealand testing our high tension banding technology, I castrated a set of lambs with veterinarian John Southworth," Mr. Callicrate said. "All of the lambs receiving the elastrator rings showed extreme discomfort," he said.

"They were rolling around bleating and kicking. The lambs with the high-tension Callicrate bands, both newborn and larger in size, were comfortable and back suckling their mothers right away. We checked on the lambs frequently.

"The lambs with elastrator rings were still showing signs of pain 24 hours later. The high-tension banded lambs were lying around comfortably and nursing, similar to what we would expect to see based on our results with cattle."

Those findings are consistent with research at the University of California-Davis, which showed high tension banding generated a more localized immune response with no discernible depression in appetite or rate of gain when used on young bulls.

"The stress of using an elastrator ring, which lacks sufficient tension to block pain, doesn't meet the public's heightened standards for humane animal treatment," Mr. Callicrate said. By insuring proper application of the band, the bander measures up to the increasingly rigorous worldwide emphasis on animal care and well-being.

Not only is the Callicrate method for high-tension banding the most stress-free castration method for the animal, he said, it's also easiest for the person performing the operation.

With the Callicrate Bander, band application is mechanically assisted to insure consistent results every time. The WEE Bander is even lighter weight, just as fast, effective and bloodless, but requires no manual cutting or crimping of the rubber loop.

**How it works**  
The process works like this: the operator loads a rubber loop on a triangular nosepiece at the front of the applicator and places it around the testicles of the newborn calf, lamb or goat. Once both testicles are within the loop, the operator simply releases a small thumb tab to secure the band firmly in place. The process of tightening the band around the testicles to reach proper compression is very quick and simple and requires no cutting of the banding material.

"The bands are specially formulated to withstand and maintain the high tension needed for consistent results," Mr. Callicrate said. "The correct formulation and curing of the rubber gives it the elasticity, strength and memory for fail-proof application."

Like the Callicrate Bander, the Callicrate 'WEE' Bander is made in the USA using the highest quality materials. It is essentially maintenance free. Five loops are included with each WEE Bander. Additional loops can be purchased in bags of 25 or 100.

For more information, visit [www.callicratebanders.com](http://www.callicratebanders.com) or call 1-800-858-5974.

Public Notices

Notice published for conservation meeting

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Cheyenne County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 30th day of January, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. an annual meeting of the Cheyenne County Conservation District will be held at the St. Francis High School Cafeteria, St. Francis, Kansas.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE:  
The supervisors of the Cheyenne County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO:  
They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of two supervisors to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of Randy Rueb and Roger Orth is expiring. All in the county of Cheyenne in the State of Kansas.

By Spencer Schlep

Chairperson  
Cheyenne County Conservation District  
ATTEST  
Jeanne Dunn  
Manager/Secretary

Annual stockholders meeting set for Jan. 18

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Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange will be held at the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas, January 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. CST. Reports will be presented by the Board of Directors and Management, along with a review of the financial statements of our auditors. Members will elect two directors to serve on the Board.

Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. CST. The business meeting will follow immediately after dinner. Drawings for door prizes will follow the meeting.

St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange  
Board of Directors.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 11-4116-KHV-KGG

LESLIE JO MCKINNEY f/k/a LESLIE JO FRINK; RICHARD MCKINNEY; FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF TOPEKA; and MIDWEST ENERGY, INC.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

RICHARD MCKINNEY,

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint has been filed in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, by the United States, on behalf of Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, by and through the United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, praying for judgment against Defendant Leslie Jo McKinney f/k/a Leslie Jo Frick, the borrower, in the principal amount of \$42,616.51, which includes unpaid principal of \$39,090.03, advances of \$3,108.47, escrow of \$380.49, and late fees of \$37.52, and any other recoverable costs; plus \$3,887.39 interest, as of May 12, 2011, plus interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$6.9367, and for foreclosure of a real estate mortgages executed on November 24, 2006, covering real property located in Cheyenne County, Kansas, described as:

Lots Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve (12) in Block Thirty (30), in the original town, Now City, of Bird City, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

and you are hereby required to plead to said Complaint on or before January 26, 2012, in said Court at Topeka, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Complaint.

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