

BUDD, CASEY TODD
August 13, 1983-April 19, 1998

An accident last week claimed the life of a Wheatland teen over the weekend.

Casey Budd, 14, was working in the yard at his families home April 13 and he picked up a chain link fence pole (estimated at 20 feet in length), stood it up on end to drop it into the yard. The pole struck the power lines overhead and electrocuted Budd. He was taken to Platte County Memorial Hospital where he was stabilized then transported to United Medical Center in Cheyenne then on to Children's Hospital in Denver. He died Sunday, April 19, in Denver.

According to reports, the power line carried 7200 volts and the metal pole had six burn spots. Emergency medical personnel arrived on the scene arrived within six minutes of the 911 call.

Services are scheduled for Budd for Friday at 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church.

Counseling was available for students as they returned to school Monday, April 20. Students will be allowed to attend funeral services if they bring a note from their parents to school asking to be excused.