

Obituaries

Sylvester J. Meitl

Oct. 10, 1919 - Feb. 22, 2006

Sylvester J. Meitl, 86, Oberlin, Kan., died Feb. 22, 2006, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. He was born to John Meitl and Bertha Ympa, in Summit Township, Decatur County.

Sylvester was raised on a farmstead in Summit Township and attended country school and Leoville High School.

He was a member of the U.S. Army during World War II.

On Oct. 24, 1951, he married Faye Votapka. He farmed south of Oberlin then moved to Oberlin in 1986.

Memberships included Immaculate Conception Church, Leoville and Sacred Heart Church, Oberlin; Farm Bureau and Polled Hereford Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Bertha Meitl; brothers, Ernest and Elmer Meitl and sister, Geniveve Campbell.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Meitl of Oberlin; sons Mark and Leta Meitl of Dresden and Kevin Meitl of Oberlin; daughters, Mary and Jimmy Carrico of Oklahoma City, Okla., Susan Meitl of Mustang, Okla., and Julie Meitl of Yukon, Okla.; brothers, Gerald and Lois Meitl of Dresden, Walt and Rosella Meitl of Oberlin; Reverend Roger Meitl of St. Francis and Harold and Janice Meitl of Green Valley, Ariz.; sister, Jackie Kenney of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Immaculate Conception Church, Leoville with Rev. Roger Meitl and Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam officiating.

Burial was in the Mount Calavery Cemetery, Leoville;

Memorials made by made to the Sylvester Meitl Memorial Fund.

Timothy Baxter

June 15, 1964 - Feb. 24, 2006

Clifford Timothy Baxter, 41, St. Francis, Kan., a self employed welder and outfitter, died Feb. 24, 2006, in St. Francis.

Tim was born June 15, 1964, the son of James Earl Baxter, Jr. and Esther Ruth (Lowrey) Trehern in Mobile, Ala., where he attended school and graduated.

By the time Tim was 5, he received his first 410-shotgun which started a lifelong love of hunting. He bagged his first deer at the age of 9 at the family owned fishing camp at Hubbard's Landing in Baldwin County. At that camp he also developed a love for fishing.

Asteenagers, Tim and his brother, Slim watched their momma's hair turn gray as they raced stock cars at the local tracks and rode bareback broncs and bulls in rodeos.

On May 17, 1991, Tim met Judy Mallett in Mobile, Ala. In the fall of 1991, they moved to St. Francis, where Judy practiced as a veterinarian at the Republican Valley Veterinary Clinic and Tim worked at Callicrate Feedyard.

Tim and Judy were united in marriage at Movella Baptist Church in Lucedale, Miss., on Sept. 25, 1993.

In 1994, Tim began his welding career and the main focus of his business was building corrals. Many farms and ranches in the tri-state area exhibit his workmanship and skill as a true craftsman.

His wife, Judy competed in the powder puff derby at the 1994 Cheyenne County Fair. She enjoyed it so much that Tim built their first derby car with which Judy received sec-

ond place in the 1995 derby's main event. The two were hooked on the sport and they built a car every year except when they were expecting their children.

On Nov. 7, 2000, Cody Rivers Baxter was born and brother Jesse James joined the family on Feb. 10, 2003.

Tim passed his love of hunting and fishing on to both of his boys. Every chance Tim had, he and the boys looked for the "Mack Daddy Buck," turkeys, pheasant, dove and quail. The three also enjoyed fishing every year at Dauphin Island, Ala.

For the past few years, Tim's passion for hunting and fishing developed into his outfitting business. He spent hours scouting and talking on the phone to potential hunters and loved everything about it. There were times when Tim left the house before daylight to take his hunters out to find the "big buck" and didn't return until well after the sun went down. He never complained about the long hours.

Tim was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Clifford Lowery and James Earl Baxter, Sr., and his grandmother Kate Baxter.

He is leaving behind his wife, Judy Mallett-Baxter; and his sons, Cody and Jesse; his parents, Esther and Randolph Trehern and James and Faye Baxter, all of Mobile; his brother, James "Slim" Baxter and his friend, Kathy Biggs of St. Francis; his grandmother, Louise Lowery of Mobile; his mother-in-law, Maxine Mallett of Lucedale, Miss.; his sisters-in-law Carmen Dickerson and husband, Mark of Big Point, Miss., and Ruth Mills of Mobile, Ala.; several aunts and uncles; two nieces and six nephews; and a host of friends.

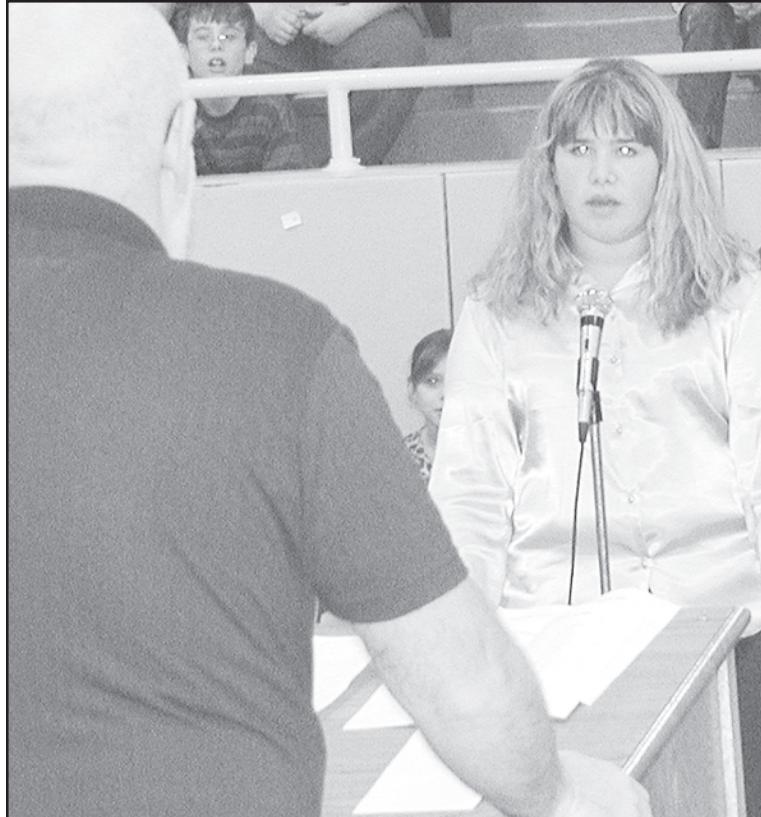
Services were Monday, Feb. 27 at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis, with Pastor Morita Truman officiating.

Casket bearers were Wayne Loy, Clay Keller, Pat Mills, Mike Sherlock, Joe Don Porter and Jeff Beims.

Honorary pallbearers were Ron Krien, Wade Krien, Tom Keller, Troy Porter, A.B. Fisher, Al Luke, Billy Samler, Jett Fromholtz, Derek Fromholtz, Troy Meyer and Joe Hoffman.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

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



BRIDGETTE SCHNEIDER contemplates the spelling of a word given by Bruce Swihart at the spelling bee held recently in St. Francis.

Times staff photo by Lezlie McCormick

Contest recently held in St. Francis

Aubree Schlepp, at seventh grader at St. Francis Elementary School, correctly spelled "cuisine" to win the 2006 spelling bee held in St. Francis on Feb. 9.

There were 30 students from Cheylin and St. Francis, in grades fourth through eighth, participating in the contest. Some of the words spelled correctly by the students were: "rhetoric," "amethyst," "mayonnaise" and "oxygen."

Winning second place was Amber Smull, eighth grade; and third

place went to Mikaela Grace, seventh grade.

The final words the three girls had to spell were "explicit," "phenomenal" and "sabotage."

Judges for the spelling bee were Penny Krien and Kaye O'Brien, St. Francis, and Stacey Hazuka from Cheylin. Bruce Swihart read the words.

Aubree will go to Topeka on March 25 to compete in the state spelling bee.

Aubree is the daughter of Spencer and Lisa Schlepp, St. Francis.

Club Clip

Red Hot Mamas

Feb. 21, the Bird City and McDonald Red Hat Mamas met at Two Lee's in McDonald for a finger-lickin' fried chicken dinner. Then up to the Senior Citizen building for an afternoon full of fun and laughter playing bingo.

Each lady brought a white elephant decorated box for the prizes. "The Bed" was the one most desired and passed through many hands.

Our Queen Bee (Phyllis) had made Valentine favors and served a delicious dessert for the ladies.

Enjoying the day were Gwen Boswell, Bev Higgins, Edna Roesener, Vernetta Hack, Bonnie Burr, Marlene Young, Florence Antholz, Frieda Black, Carol Mears, Joan Tongish, Iris MacIntosh, Annie Antholz, Phyllis Wingfield and Margaret Voorhies.

MERGER FACT SHEET ST. FRANCIS EQUITY and FRONTIER EQUITY

- 1.) Why merge?
 - Spread risk over larger trade area.
 - More efficient use of facilities, equipment and personnel by the combined cooperative.
 - Better utilization of capital expenditures funds.
 - Continued cooperative ownership/control and preservation of members' equity.
 - Size/Volume - better opportunities to negotiate product prices.
 - Ability to attract, hire, train, promote and retain the best and brightest employees.
- 2.) Who are we merging with?
 - The St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange (St. Francis) with locations at St. Francis and Haigler, NE will merge into Frontier Equity Exchange Association with locations at Atwood, Bird City, Brewster, Goodland, McDonald and Ruleton.
- 3.) What will be the name of the cooperative?
 - Frontier Equity Exchange Association.
- 4.) When will the merger be effective?
 - The merger will be effective on April 1, 2006.
- 5.) What will be the fiscal year end of the cooperative?
 - The fiscal year end will be February 28th.
- 6.) What percentage of "yes" votes is required to approve this merger proposal?
 - Kansas cooperative statutes require a 2/3rds favorable majority vote of both cooperatives.
 - This is 2/3rds of the voting members present at the meeting called for such purpose.
- 7.) Where will the main administrative office be located?
 - The main administrative office will be located at Goodland.
- 8.) Who will be on the Board of Directors?
 - The new Board of Directors will be expanded to a 9 person board and reduced over time to a 7 person board; At the 2006 annual meeting, the board will be reduced to a 8 person board with the board returning to 7 directors at the 2007 annual meeting.
 - The initial Board representation for the combined cooperative will be the existing 7 directors from the Frontier Board and 2 directors from the St. Francis board.
- 9.) Is either cooperative in financial trouble?
 - Both cooperatives have been impacted over the past five years due to drought conditions and St. Francis has not been able to overcome the significant grain volume losses. St. Francis has experienced significant operational losses during the past three years.
- 10.) How will the equity in each cooperative be handled?
 - St. Francis has net loss carry forwards that will be distributed to members, then allocated equities will be transferred to Frontier on a dollar for dollar basis.
 - A \$1,000 common stock membership will be required. Currently, both St. Francis and Frontier require a \$1,000 common stock membership.
 - Equities will continue to be retired at the discretion of the Board of Directors based on the overall company's profitability.
 - Currently, Frontier retires equities in the following order: 1) Estates; 2) Age of patron & percentage pool.
- 11.) Will any services be discontinued?
 - Today, Frontier has full service operations including grain, fertilizer, chemicals, custom application, seed, feed, petroleum, shop, convenience store and Carquest. Frontier believes these services are necessary and plans to operate the St. Francis and Haigler facilities similar to their other locations.
- 12.) Where can I sell my grain, receive my grain settlement and pay my bill?
 - You will be able to sell your grain, receive grain settlements and pay your bill at the same locations that you transact business today.
- 13.) Will I still be able to charge my purchases?
 - Yes, all patrons in good credit standing will continue to be able to charge goods and services.
- 14.) Will there be any price differential between locations?
 - Yes, the price of commodities, inputs and supplies will be determined by freight rates similar to how it is handled today.
- 15.) When will the vote be?
 - The merger vote will be March 7, 2006



Jensen



Olson

Students receive awards

Jacob Jensen and Erica Olson of Cheylin High School and McKenzie Grace, Adam Tygart, Samantha Marin, Heath Owens and Heath Kibel of St. Francis Community High School are among 205 high school seniors from 64 northwest Kansas high schools who have received scholarships from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan.

In selecting award winners, the Scholarship Committee considered proficiency in verbal and writing skills. Other important factors are academic records, test scores, and community service in which the student may have participated.

Grace and Tygart have each received one of 35 Hansen Scholar awards. These awards are for \$3,000 for one year and may be renewed for one additional year, provided the student maintains a satisfactory academic record.

Jensen, Marin and Owens have each received one of 70 non-renewable Hansen Student awards. These awards are for \$2,000.

Olson and Kibel are two of 90 students interested in vocational training who have received a one-year award of \$1,500.

The Hansen Foundation gave also 10 Hansen Leader of Tomorrow scholarships, for \$5,000 renewable for three additional years, provided the student maintains a satisfactory academic record, and nine Community College scholarships available to Kansas Community College graduates of the current school year who plan to continue their education at a four-year Kansas college of university. The awards are for \$2,000 and may be renewed for one year upon completion of satisfactory work as evaluated by the Scholarship Committee.

Bowling News

Monday Night Mixed 2-20

Team standings: Neitzel Insurance 21-7, Bowled and Beautiful 17-11, Fearless 4 Some 16-12, Frewen Insurance 12-12, Krien Pharmacy 11-13, Captain Hooks Fine Dining 3-25

High game (handicap): Arrie Cox 239, Kale Zimbelman 236, Rich Grace 228, Christi Milne 219, Sara Schield 219, January Fiedler 214

High series (handicap): Zimbelman 629, Grace 618, Milne

610, Schield 595, Janice Krien 589, Cox 585.



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