

Obituaries

Alan Jennings Chumley
Sept. 7, 1961 - April 7, 2009

Alan Jennings Chumley, 47, died Tuesday, April 7, 2009, as the result of an automobile accident. He was born Sept. 7, 1961, in Denver. He was a carpenter. Survivors include his sons, Jayden, Ethan and Austin Chumley, all of McDonald; daughter, Nicole Chumley, of McDonald; brother, Kevin Chumley, of Denver; sister, Gina, of California and father, Ralph Chumley of Bird City. Cremation has taken place. Services were held April 9 at the United Methodist Church in Bird City with a family gathering following. Memorials may be given to the family, in care of Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Marvin L. Curry
Jan. 1, 1929 - April 8, 2009

Marvin L. Curry died on April 8, 2009, at The Villas at Sunny Acres in Thornton, Colo., after battling complications from Alzheimer's. Marvin was born in Bird City, Kan., to Vance and Hallie Curry on Jan. 1, 1929. He moved with his family to Akron, Colo., at the age of 17, where he met his wife, Margie Jean. They were married in Akron on Aug. 15, 1948. Marvin and Margie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past August. They were the parents to three children, daughter, Toni and son, Terry, both of Thornton and daughter, Debbie. Marvin and his family moved to Denver in August 1963, where he began his career in banking, retiring in 1985. Marvin was preceded in death by his daughter, Debbie in 2003, and by his great-granddaughter, Grace Ann, in 2006. He leaves two granddaughters and two grandsons, three great-granddaughters and five great-grandsons. Viewing was on Monday, April 13, at Brenner Funeral Home in Akron with burial following that afternoon at the Akron Cemetery. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 14, at Northern Hills Christian Church in Brighton, Colo. A reception followed the service at the church.

Elden Deroey Pettit II
March 29, 1957 - March 30, 2009

Elden Deroey Pettit II (Shorty/PJ), 52, of Evergreen, Colo., died March 30, 2009, at St. Anthonys Hospital, Denver. He was born March 29, 1957, in St. Francis, Kan. He is survived by Shryll (Bressler) Pettit Behn of Evergreen, his daughter, Jana Marie (Pettit) Quintero, her husband, Rolando, and daughter Teigan Ann, all of LaJunta, Colo.; grandmother, Hope Bressler of St. Francis; sisters, Diana Weinstein and her husband, Terry of Bird City and Cora Lee Pettit of Hot Springs, Ark.; brother, Dwuane Pettit of Colorado Springs and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Elden Deroey Pettit, his step-



PLANTING TREES — The Cheylin Elementry School fourth grade class students plant a Blue Spruce on Arbor Day at the Roadside Park in McDonald.

Photo courtesy of Tammi Carmichael

Students plant a tree for Arbor Day

On Wednesday, April 8, Cheylin's fourth grade class helped the McDonald Town and Country Garden Club plant a Colorado blue spruce at the Roadside Park in McDonald for Arbor Day. Arbor Day started from a pro-

posal from Nebraska Secretary J. Sterling Morton at the 1872 State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Sterling suggested setting aside April 10 as a day to plant trees in the treeless state and offering prizes as an incentive to communities and orga-

nization who would plant the most trees properly. About one million trees were planted on that first Arbor Day. The activities started at the Roadside Park with Bruce Nickel, city manager, and Jim Strine, dis-

trict forester, assisting the students at digging and planting the spruce that had been purchased by the McDonald Garden Club.

The group then returned to the McDonald Senior Center to continue with a play presented by Tammi Carmichael's class called the "The Infantry (infant tree) is Coming!"

Following the play, awards were given out for the State Environmental Poster contest. State winners were for first place Tommy Frisbie, fourth grader, and Reece Leonard placed second. Tommy's poster will go on to the national contest.

Mr. Stine, guest speaker, did a presentation on conservation. Refreshments followed the program.

Odd Facts

- All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
- Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."
- Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.
- City with the most Rolls Royce's per capita: Hong Kong.
- State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.
- Percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%.
- Percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.
- Cost of raising a medium size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400.

Obituary

Dennis Ray Ambrosier
Sept. 6, 1945 - March 25, 2009

Dennis Ray Ambrosier, of Bird City, Kan., died March 25, 2009, at Presbyterian St. Luke Hospital in Denver, Colo. He was 63 years old.



Ambrosier

Dennis was born Sept. 6, 1945, in Hill City to the late Alva and Doris (Hendershot) Ambrosier.

He attended school in Hill City and spent his childhood working on the family's ranch with his parents and seven siblings.

After high school, Dennis joined a custom cutting crew and worked his way north to South Dakota where he met and courted Arlene Rose Frix.

On Feb. 16, 1966, he and Arlene were united in marriage in Onaka, S.D. Dennis brought his bride to his hometown where, in December 1966, they celebrated the arrival of their first child, Dawn Marie.

Dennis was offered a lineman

position with the presently known Midwest Energy Cooperation which brought the family to Bird City.

Their second child, Shannon Lee, was born in St. Francis in 1969.

Dennis quickly became a familiar face throughout Bird City as he drove around in his company's truck helping many friends and neighbors anytime they would call, day or night. He remained a dedicated employee of Midwest Energy for 35 years before his retirement in 2005.

Dennis was an avid outdoorsman. He loved spending time with his family and friends which always included fishing, camping, hunting and riding horses.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Arlene; and two brothers, Gene and Robert.

He is survived by his daughter, Dawn (Brian) Miller, Bird City; his son, Shannon (DeAnza) Ambrosier, Bird City; four grandchildren, Bryce Ambrosier, Goodland, Spencer Ambrosier, Branson, Mo., Montana Miller, Wichita, Kelsey Miller, Bird City; two step-grandchild-

dren, Brandon and Natasha Gordon, Norton; companion, Linda Bayless, Atwood; five siblings, Pauline Cole, Bullhead City, Ariz., Helen Coon, Ponca City, Okla., Eldon (Betty) Ambrosier, Norton, Darrel (Pat) Ambrosier, Almena, Gerald Ambrosier, Hill City; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Services were held Monday, March 30, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City. Father Roger Meitl officiated. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were Ned Smith, Darwin Higgins, Martin Burton, Red Curry, Sam Beeson and Terry Burns.

Casket bearers were Ken Krien, Mike Finley, Rod Young, Terry Weinstein, Dave Horinek and Jay Sharp.

A horse drawn carriage carried the casket to the Bird City Cemetery.

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

The Dennis Ambrosier Memorial Fund has been established through First National Bank, Bird City.

Open House
Honoring: Jan Curtin
Thursday April 23
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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Free Estate Planning Meeting
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Lincoln Pochop
I plan on attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney majoring in Business. I am also participating on the Lopers track and field team.

You are still our baby boy and we are so proud of you and your accomplishments. May your life be filled with God's blessings. We love you, Mom and Dad

Parents: Anita and Gerard Pochop

For more details, contact Casey McCormick at the Saint Francis Herald at 785-332-3162

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