

Obituaries

Emma Christine Hopp

Feb. 27, 1924 - Oct. 15, 2009

Emma Christine Hopp died on Oct. 15, 2009. She was born to Matilda (Bandel) Zwegardt and L.E. Zwegardt on Feb. 27, 1924, in Cheyenne County.

In her young life, she worked along side her father and brothers in the wheat fields at the family farm.

In 1947, she was married to Ervin "Skip" Hopp. They were blessed with two children, Roseanna and Gary.

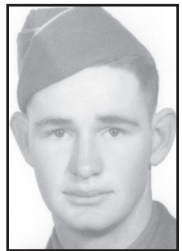
The family lived in Bird City, Kan., until 1972 when Skip and Emma moved to Gunnison, Colo., where she worked in the restaurant industry and especially became known for her stunning creativity and amazing skills as a seamstress. The beauty of her handiwork will continue to keep her memory fresh in the minds of her family and friends.

After the death of her husband,

James Edward Tracy

July 6, 1926 - Oct. 16, 2009

James Edward Tracy was born on July 6, 1926, joining his family:



Tracy

parents, Ray J. and Ruth (Callahan) Tracy, sister, Velma Venie, brother, Willis Wesley, and grandparents, John and Bertha Tracy and Charles and Sarah Callahan.

Jim was born on the farm 17 miles southeast of Bird City, Kan. He enjoyed growing up with the farm animals and crops.

He attended Center Church and Central School 1 1/2 miles from his home.

The South Beaver Creek was nearby, so much fun was had hunting, fishing, trapping and coon hunting by family and friends.

At the age of 18 on Nov. 16, 1944, Jim and his 21-year-old brother, Willis, were inducted into the Army at Fort Logan, Colo. Jim was sent to Fort Riley, Fort Robinson, Ark., and then to Fort Meade, Md. before going to Maxutte, Germany, where he served in the European Theater.

Just before discharge, he ended up in Australia and then went to Fort Sheridan, Ill. He was honorably discharged as staff sergeant on Aug. 31, 1946. His honors included Lapel Button, ASR Score 20, European-African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Battle Star, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Occupation Medal Germany.

He was to become Platoon Leader of the 344 Field Artillery but took his discharge as he had lost his dad at a young age and his step-dad, Vern Salmons, while in service, so came home to help his mom and sister on the farm. His brother, Willis, arrived shortly.

she returned to Bird City in 1992, and she continued her work of creating beautiful works of art including her work with the quilting ladies of St. John Lutheran Church, one of her favorite pastimes.

Emma was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Oscar and Albert, and her husband, Ervin.

She will be remembered by daughter, Roseanna, and son-in-law, Kim, of Bird City; son, Gary and daughter-in-law, Bethany and grandson, Derek, of Durango, Colo.; granddaughter, Christina and husband, Frei and four great-grandchildren, Emma Grace, Joshua, Caleb and Eliannah of Fruita, Colo.; and brother, Gus and sister-in-law, Martha Zwegardt of St. Francis and their children, Glenn and Ruth.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Jim worked off the farm some for Maynard and Lucille Wright before and after the service.

Willis then got married so, needing a larger farm, they purchased a ranch-type farm northeast of McDonald in October 1949.

Jim worked some off the farm at Royce Smith's mechanic shop and farm.

The family attended the Federated Church in McDonald.

Jim married his girlfriend of 2 1/2 years, Ruby Wederski, daughter of Julius and Elsie Wederski of Beardsley on May 28, 1949.

In January 1965, they were blessed with a daughter, Karla Rae, 7, and son, James Michael, 5.

Jim and Willis had a dairy from 1967 to 1986.

They decided to retire when Willis died. A farm sale was held and Jim and Ruby moved to McDonald.

They lived 40 years on the farm, 22 years in town, where he enjoyed his home and garden and senior activities, then spent one year in the Good Samaritan in Goodland.

The couple celebrated 60 years of marriage on May 28, 2009.

Jim died on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at Hays Medical Center, Hays at the age of 83 years, three months and 10 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; grandparents; sister, Velma; brother, Willis, brother-in-law, Raymond Wederski and sister-in-law, Ruth Tracy.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; daughter, Karla; son, Jim of Wichita; close niece and nephew, Lana Leirman of Las Vegas, Nev., and Julius Tracy of Sydney, Neb.; other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services were held on Oct. 20 at Federated Church in McDonald.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery. Mark Adams officiated.

Doris Pearl Englund

Feb. 25, 1923 - 2009

Doris Pearl Englund was born Feb. 25, 1923, to father, Fred and mother, Rosa (Wagner) Kamla. She had three brothers and four sisters.

Pearl grew up on a farm and attended rural grade school in Cheyenne County, Kan. She was baptized and confirmed in the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cheyenne County.

Pearl moved to Denver to become "Rosie the Riveter," the nickname for women who worked in defense plants during World War II. In 1942, she moved to San Diego where she quickly found a similar job.

She met her husband, Carl Oscar Englund, while working in San Diego. He was serving in the U.S. Navy. He and Pearl were married on Aug. 9, 1946, in San Diego. They had been married 56 years when Carl died in 2004.

They moved to Denver in 1952. In 1955, Yvonne Bills, the 5-year-old daughter of Opal and Harry Bills, came to live with them. Yvonne continues to live and work in Denver.

Pearl was a homemaker for most of her life. Besides Carl, she helped care for Opal and Yvonne. She also helped Carl in his jobs, performing extracurricular projects such as stuffing mailers when Carl was an insurance agent.

After Carl's retirement, he and

Pearl began the next juncture of their lives. In 1982, they became "full-time snowbirds" and moved to Tucson, Ariz., for nine years. They returned to Denver in 1991, which is when Pearl took up golf. In her later years, she attended the Augustana Lutheran Church, where she actively volunteered at soup kitchens in downtown Denver.

She will be remembered fondly for taking their nieces and nephews with them on their annual trips to Mexico. She also enjoyed making trips to visit relatives in St. Francis and Wiggins, Colo.

Pearl was preceded in death by her husband, Carl; her parents; sisters, Opal Bills and Oma (stillborn); brother, Sam Kamla; sister-in-law, Frances Kamla; brother-in-law, Dale Potthoff; nephews, Bryan John Kamla, and grandniece, Jennifer.

She is survived by her niece, Yvonne, who was like a daughter; the following brothers-and sisters-in-law: Harold Kamla of Benkelman, Neb.; John and Maria Kamla of Bird City, Melvin and Louise Schlepp of Kanorado and Marie Potthoff of Wiggins. Several generations of nieces and nephews will also mourn her loss.

Funeral services were Friday, Oct. 23, at the Mausoleum Chapel at Fairmount Cemetery, Denver.

Blanche Mary Hallagin

Oct. 23, 1916 - Oct. 20, 2009

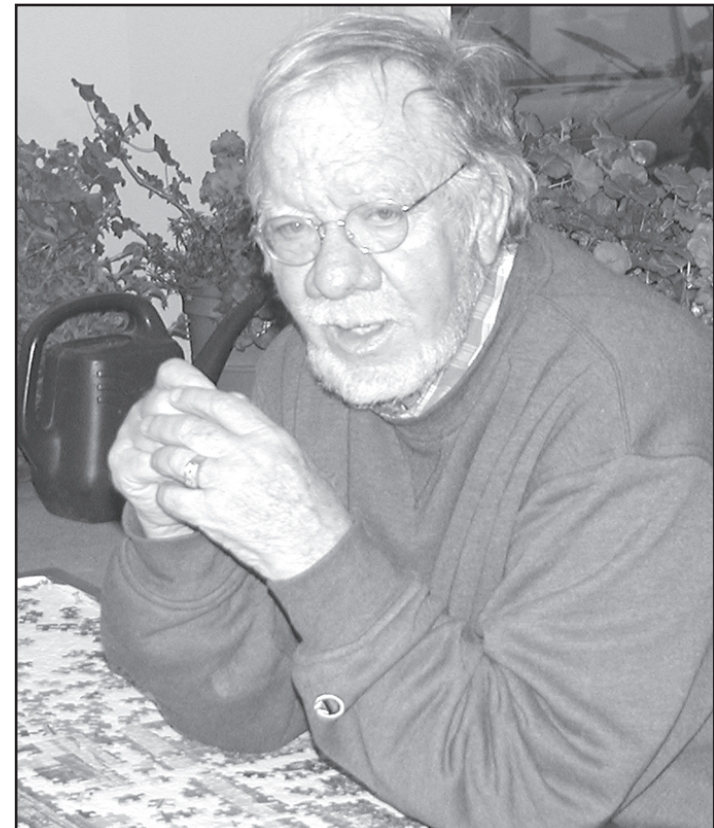
Longtime Sherman County, Kan. resident, Blanche Mary (Schild) Hallagin, 92, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 23, 1916, at Midvale, Idaho, the daughter of Joseph Vinzen and Anna Elizabeth (Nothdurft) Schild. The family moved to Kansas when she was 4-years-old, and she attended schools in Cheyenne County.

On July 24, 1937, she and Clarence Alvernon Hallagin were married at the Lutheran Church parsonage in Bird City, and they began farming and custom harvesting. They moved to Sherman County in 1957, farming and raising cattle until Clarence's death.

She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland, and County Line Hustlers.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Clarence Hallagin; infant daughter Betty Jean; son-in-law, Ron Jamison; three grandchildren, Michael Jamison,



STAN DORSCH gets a start to growing his beard for the 125th Celebration. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Program planned in Sharon Springs

Travel the world with Voyager, a fresh and original voice in World Music.

Midwest roots and world travels to Bali, Morocco, Ireland, Jamaica, Mali, and India give Marianne Payette Carter's music a unique perspective and a rockin' world beat.

In league with a coterie of fine musicians, dynamic accordionist John Thompson, inspired banjo and slide guitar artist Leo Posch, and expressive world percussionist Derek Sharp, Marianne weaves perceptive lyrics and artful melodies with global rhythms and textures to form and uncharted

cultural fusion that finds the common ground in us all. Sometimes quirky, always eclectic, Voyager is adventurous, eloquent, and just plain fun.

Marianne Payette Carter and Voyager will be appearing on Sunday, Nov. 1, in the Sharon Springs High School Auditorium, at 3p.m. (2 p.m. mountain time). This performance is jointly sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association and Kansas Arts Commission, a State agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

Bird City News

Keith and Hulda Dorsch spent the week in town with Bonnie Burr while their furnace was out of order. Great to have bed and breakfast in Bird City.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Mark Roesener, McDonald; Joy Anderegg, Bird City; Dr. Kenneth Stout, Benkelman, Neb.

Public Notice

Petition filed in court in the Browning estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CHARLES L. BROWNING, DECEASED

CASE NO. 09-PR-22

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on October 9, 2009, a petition was filed in this Court by Charlene K. Meyer, an heir, devisee and legatee, and co-executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Charles L. Browning, dated August 13, 1996, and the First Codicil of Charles L. Browning dated June 13, 2000", deceased, praying the will and codicil filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary, and the "Consent of Spouse," filed herein, be determined a valid consent.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 10, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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Stockholders annual meeting published

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF WHEELER COOPERATIVE MERC. EQUITY UNION

To be held in the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas, Wednesday, November 4, 2009. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meal following.

THE AGENDA:

- Reading of the annual report.
- Election of one director.
- All other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

To help us plan the amount of food needed for this year's Annual Meeting we need your help. Please call 785-332-2281 with the number of guests attending.

Robert Draper, Secretary

R.S.V.P. 785-332-2281

Petition filed in court in the Hitchcock estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MERLE D. HITCHCOCK, Deceased

CASE NO. 09-PR-23

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on October 23, 2009, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Lyle E. Hitchcock, an heir, devisee and legatee, of Merle D. Hitchcock," deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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