

Obituaries

Alila Mae Carpenter

Sept. 11, 1916 - July 5, 2013

Harold Allen was pastor. Murlin was one of the first wave of drafted personnel into World War II in 1942, and they corresponded throughout the war. When Murlin returned in 1946, he began courting her and they married June 18, 1947, in her parent's home in Bird City.

Alila continued to work at the grain elevator and she and Murlin formed a business partnership with her parents, renaming the elevator Kemp Carpenter Grain. After her first child was born she worked only harvest at the elevator.

She and Murlin had two children: Alila Murlene, and Steven Gladwin.

Alila accepted Christ as her personal savior at a very young age, having a very close and personal relationship with her Lord. She was a true prayer warrior and a steadfast supporter of her church and missions. She was a faithful attendant and member of the Assembly of God Church in Bird City until they transferred their membership to the St Francis Assembly of God Church, continuing with them until the doors closed. Alila then began to attend the Wesleyan Church in Bird City.

Alila was a tremendous blessing to her family and all around her. She was a quiet woman with an ornery sense of humor and a quick wit. She was the family encyclopedia of knowledge. She

could recall events and people very accurately, particularly if they lived in Cheyenne County or in the McDonald area. She remembered birthdays and anniversaries without fail. She was sharp as a tack with business throughout her life. Whenever anyone needed help of any kind, she was there ready to help with whatever she could do. She was always considerate of other people's feelings and did not want to offend anyone.

Alila was preceded in death by her husband Murlin, her parents, and two sisters; Albertine Anderson and Iola Wray.

Leaving to mourn her passing from this world but rejoicing in the Godly legacy she left are both of her children: Murlene and husband Bill King; Steve Carpenter and wife Lane; her grandchildren: Murlin Bettinger and wife Jill; Andrea Carpenter; Ailysa and husband Anthony Blair; step grandson Darren King and wife Stacey; great grandchildren Braden, Parker, Payton, and Delaney Bettinger; step great-grandchild Scarlet King; sister Marvel Gleason; sisters-in-law Floris Raile, and Dorothy Carpenter, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

Funeral service was held July 9 at the Wesleyan Community Church in Bird City with Pastor Dan Carson officiating. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Bobbie Lorene Miller

Nov. 19, 1922 - July 25, 2013

On Nov. 19, 1922, Bobbie Lorene Wagner was born, the fourth child of Robert E. Lee Wagner and Leavy Isabell O'Donnell, Texas. She loved people and parties and could always use that fun loving personality to cajole others into helping with her chores. When work and school were finished, Bobbie spent her time riding the old mare, playing house in the cottensed bin or dressing up the kittens in doll clothes.

During the Depression, the family had to make changes, which included having the kids stay home from school to pick cotton instead of hiring the job out. Isabell made-over clothes sent from her sister and Robert made new soles for the children's shoes out of the sidewalls from old tires.

The Dust Bowl was another part of these years and Bobbie often told stories about how the family covered the doors and windows of the house with wet cloths when the dust came rolling in from the north. Her sister Mildred remembers how calm she was in spite of it all.

It was important to Robert that his children get an education, and Bobbie headed to Texas Tech University to be a Red Raider in 1940. But, she had to quit before graduation to get a job and help with the family finances.

She found employment as an electrical instructor at Amarillo Field during World War II. There she met an airplane mechanic by the name of Charles "Chuck" Miller. The Wisconsin farm boy soon proposed to Bobbie, who he called "little one," and the couple was married on June 6, 1943.

Chuck and Bobbie walked through a season of sorrow in the beginning of their marriage

with the losses of their infant son Robert and three-year-old daughter Karen. God gave the couple grace to rest in his sovereign goodness and used the experience to lead Chuck into the ministry.

Eventually, the house filled with more children: Gary, Ron, Gayle, Dan, Steve, Becky and Deb. After seminary, Pastor Miller and the family moved to Glenvil, Neb., then Laurel, Neb., and finally settled in Bird City.

As the wife of a pastor, Bobbie's role was certainly that of the unsung hero who labored graciously behind the scenes to support the ministry of her husband. She cared for the children and made sure the home ran smoothly. In addition to these responsibilities, she was the official church hostess, welcoming any visitor into the parsonage and offering a listening ear and a cup of coffee to all who walked through her door.

Bobbie struggled with dementia for over 30 years. On July 25, 2013, God gave her rest from the fight and took her to heaven

Book Review

Backfire

By Barbara Coulter

San Francisco judge Ramsey Hunt, longtime friend to FBI agents Lacey Sherlock and Dillon Savich, begins the murder trial of Clive and Cindy Cahall only to have federal prosecutor Mickey O'Rourke, known for his relentless, aggressive style, suddenly turn tentative and distracted. Hunt suspects that something is very wrong - and then O'Rourke goes missing and Judge Hunt gets shot in the back.

Savich and Sherlock receive news of the attack as a mysterious note is delivered to Savich at the Hoover Building: "For what you did, you deserve this." Who sent the note? What does it mean? As Ramsey Hunt's life hangs in the balance, Savich and Sherlock race to San Francisco to answer the question: Why would anyone shoot the judge? When they discover one answer, more questions arise until Savich and Sherlock face the final shock.

Thresher Queen announced

This year's Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show Queen was crowned on Thursday during the first day of the show. She is no stranger to western Kansas.

Carol Oliver was born in 1933 in Mankato in Jewell County. Her family lived on her grandparent's farm with her grandfather. Carol had six brothers and one sister.

Today, her sister and three brothers are living. The queen and her siblings helped their mother with gardening (a big one each year) along with canning the produce for the family. They also learned to milk the cows, gather the eggs, and butcher fryers.

Her father was employed by a neighbor farmer. The children gathered her for the cook stove and heating stove. One time, when the brothers were chipping wood, little Carol wanted to help too. She laid her wood chip down; a brother swung the ax and took the first joint of her right index finger off! Ouch!

She said they carried her to the house where her mother quickly put the finger back on, wrapped it, and somehow got hold of the doctor. He un-wrapped it, examined, splinted and re-wrapped it. It healed fine. Carol says that's why she's left handed now!

Carol attended country school up to third grade. Then the family moved to Burr Oak, where she completed grade and high school, graduating in 1951. Following graduation, she was employed as a nurse's aide at the Atwood Hospital.

During her employment there, she met Ervin Peters, a patient, who became the love of her life! They married on July 16, 1952, at the United Methodist Church, Mankato. They lived on a farm near Oberlin for five years. Before they met, Ervin was from rural Bird City and had served the country in World War II during 1945 and 1946.

In 1956, they moved to El Cajon, Calif., where they operated a "Mel's Root Beer" stand. The building was shaped like a barrel and is still standing today where it houses a different business.

Carol and Ervin were blessed with their son, Darrell in 1953 and a daughter Sharon in 1955, while they lived in Oberlin. She was born with a birth defect and didn't survive surgery in 1957, while they were living in California.



PHYLLIS WRIGHT is introducing Carol Peters as the 2013 Thresher Queen. Her husband Ervin Peters stands by to help.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

In 1966, they moved to Broomfield, Colo., where they owned and operated the Dairy King in Lafayette, Colo., until 1975. While in Colorado their daughter Vickie joined them.

In 1975, Carol, Ervin, and Vickie moved to rural Bird City to take over Ervin's parent's farm. Son Darrell remained in Colorado. Then it was back to "life on the farm" where Carol raised a large garden, chickens and they also had hogs and cattle. They were a busy family. Irrigation and household chores were shared together.

Vickie attended school in Bird City and McDonald, where she graduated in 1985. The family attended the Methodist Church where Carol taught church school and Bible school in the summer. She was also a cook in Cheylin schools for 16 years. When Vickie joined 4-H she helped work in fair food stands,

holiday fairs and also sewing class, and the Thresher Show Country Kitchen (36 years).

Today, as always, Carol wears a pleasant smile and is always ready to do her part. She enjoys sewing, making quilts, crocheting, knitting, and cooking and baking. Her family supports her every interest.

Carol and Ervin's family consists of son, Darrell, Broomfield, his son Darrick and wife Naomi, with their three children, Nicholas, Jayden, and Brook, all of Thornton, Colo., and Darrell's daughter, Britany, who lives in Imperial, Neb.; and their daughter Vickie, and her husband, Dan Harshbarger, Heather and Rex who all live in Ingalls.

Since Carol and Ervin retired, they have enjoyed several vacation trips and try to attend as many of their grandchildren's events as possible.

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2013-2014

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NOTICE OF HEARING 2013-2014 BUDGET

The governing body of Cheyenne School District 103 will meet on the 12th day of August, 2013 at 6:30 PM, in the Board of Education room at Cheyenne High School for the purpose of hearing and answering objections to the proposed local and state tax levies and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information (including a detailed profile) is available at the Board of Education room at Cheyenne High School and will be available at this hearing.

The amount of 2013 Tax to be levied and Expenditures (including salaries) established in the maximum limits of the 2013-2014 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to significant change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code	Line	2012-2013 Actual		2013-2014 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2013-2014		Est. Tax Rate
		Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate (4)	Expenditures (5)	Tax to be Levied (6)	
05	OPERATING	1,444,338	20.020	1,436,627	20.000	1,374,368	383,021	20.500
06	Supplemental Contract (LOB)	406,090	21.097	489,826	26.628	471,739	440,474	73.364
14	Bilingual Education	36,210		34,047		28,233		
16	Capital Outlay	131,448	6.930	74,175	5.594	31,575	113.156	6.000
18	Driver Training	1,384		1,884		1,407		
24	Food Service	107,568		102,760		125,785		
28	Professors Development	26		0		7		
33	Special Education	242,694		224,110		273,112		
34	Vocational Education	78,767		78,955		85,289		
07	Federal Funds	114,572		107,499		98,500		
35	Gifts and Grants	49,000		47,486		66,052		
43	At Risk (K-2)	145,000		129,784		118,045		
51	KFFRS Special Retirement Contribution	120,974		11,955		115,707		
53	Contingency Reserve	0		0		0		
55	Textbook & Student Material Revolving	12,540		9,977		6,719		
56	Activity Fund	8,929		6,719		6,719		
100	TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	2,894,687	42.997	2,856,172	52.810	3,003,511	900,501	46.504
103	Less: Transfers	515,352		513,129		459,750		
110	NET USD EXPENDITURES	2,379,335		2,343,043		2,543,761		
115	TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	768,116		834,875		908,591		
124	Recruitment Commission	20,121	1.000	17,128	1.200	22,000	20,738	1.100
125	TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	694,457		851,983		930,591		
126	Assessed Valuation - General Fund	\$14,132,877		\$15,028,812		\$17,853,050		
126	Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	\$10,329,153		\$11,274,499		\$19,862,048		

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