

# Obituaries

## Evelyn Francis (Jones) Query

July 3, 1920 - June 30, 2014

Evelyn Francis Jones was born in Bird City to Jesse and Bertha Jones on July 3, 1920. Eventually, she became known affectionately as "EJay," taken from her initials for Evelyn Jones. Upon her birth, she joined her older sister, Irene. Following were three more sisters: Mabel, Annette and Betty.

EJay attended school in Bird City. In her early years, EJay worked as a telephone operator in Bird City. She remembered a time during a conference-type call connecting St. Francis, Bird City and Chicago during a thunderstorm. Lightning struck and the operator in St. Francis was killed. EJay also worked for persons and families in and around Bird City doing various jobs. One of her families was acquired because of her ability to make lemon meringue pies from scratch.

Feb. 2, 1942, she was united in marriage to Lowell William Query in the courthouse in Goodland. The early years of their marriage found them in such places as Kansas City, Mo., working on bombers for the war. And there were separate times while Lowell was serving in the U.S. Army. Their first residence was the Query farm 15 miles southeast of Bird City. In 1950, they moved to the Doc Sheets farm seven miles southeast

of Bird City. To this union was added five children: Ethel Mae, Roland Lowell, Carolyn Jolene, Linda Gaye and Lynn Rodney.

During EJay's years as a farm wife, she was kept quite busy; not only with raising five children and the necessary housework, but also with raising and dressing chickens, gardening, canning, cooking for harvesters, and sometimes even driving a tractor in the field! Some of her children's favorite treats were her fried chicken, fudge and fudge squares.

For fun EJay belonged to a bowling team and enjoyed working at the Antique Thresher Show and Kansas Day. She also enjoyed traveling and saw the sights in Jamaica, Mexico, Alaska, the Virgin Islands, Venice, Florence and Rome, Italy; Athens, Greece; Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Spain; the Panama Canal, and Tahiti. Her last cruise was special in that she traveled with her daughter, Ethel Mae and husband, Lou, and her son Roland, following the loss of his wife. They visited Copenhagen, Denmark; St. Petersburg and Moscow in Russia; Stockholm, Sweden; Helsinki and Lapland in Finland; and Berlin, Germany. In her spare time, she thoroughly enjoyed doing embroidery and playing Solitaire. In her later years,

she spent many hours reading.

Due to failing health, EJay moved from the farm to Wheat Ridge Acres Assisted Living Residence in Goodland in February of 2009. Needing more care, she moved to the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis in June of 2010. While there, she celebrated her 90th birthday with a host of family and friends in attendance. Following the fire at the Good Samaritan Village, she was transferred to the Hester Memorial Home in Benkelman, Neb. in October of 2011. She passed away there June 30, 2014. She would have turned 94 this year.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Lowell, her parents, Jesse and Bertha, and three of her sisters: Mabel, Annette and Betty. She is survived by her children: Ethel Mae Lamberson and husband Lou of Littleton, Colo.; Roland Query and wife Linda of Firestone, Colo.; Carolyn Schultz and husband Larry of St. Francis; Linda Cherry of Donnellson, Ill.; and Lynn Query of Bird City; sister, Irene Kehlbeck of Colby; 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren along with several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

## Clyde Burnham Gleason

Jan. 23, 1929- July 12, 2014

Clyde B. Gleason, 85, Hays, formerly of Bird City, died Saturday, July 12, 2014.

He was born south of Bird City on the family farm to Philander (Pood) and Cora Gleason.

He attended Bird City High School and played two years of football.

Clyde married Wilma Powell on Aug. 20, 1950. Together they lived on the Gleason family farm until years later they bought a house and moved to Bird City. Clyde farmed for all of the years his body would let him. Then he became a scaled down farmer, a gardener. While farming, Clyde worked for the Bird City Coop el-

evator for 25 years. He was also an accomplished wood worker and made furniture for his wife, children and grandchildren.

He enjoyed sports of all kinds. He talked football with his daughter Shona, and Nascar racing with his other daughter, Sandy and husband Merf. He always enjoyed hearing about the drag races when his son-in-law raced. He had a love of life in general and a great sense of humor which was seen in the gleam of his eye.

Survivors include his wife Wilma, Hays; two daughters, Sandy and husband Merf Kuhn, Hays; Shona, Ellis; a grandson, Wayne Lee and wife Kellie, Aurora,

two great grandsons, Jacob and Carson; two great granddaughters, Megan and Olivia; his twin brother Claude; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Joseph, Bill, Loyde, Tom, and Junior; three sisters, Erma, Francis and Louise (Sawyer); and his grandson Wade Lee.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Knodle Funeral Home in St. Francis.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice Services Inc. and cancer research.

# Free worship concert held next week

The Ambassadors Music Ministry Team from the Association Free Lutheran Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., will present an inspirational concert on Wednesday, July 23 at 7 p.m. at: Peace Lutheran Church, 202 North College, St. Francis.

The public is encouraged to attend. There will be a pie social in the fellowship hall following the concert.

The Ambassadors features Christian music ranging from traditional to contemporary. The 60-minute

concert includes about 10 songs, two testimonies of faith, and a brief message.

Association Free Lutheran Bible School (AFLBS) is a two-year, college-level school of the Bible, which enrolled 115 students this past year. Founded in 1966, the school takes college students through all 66 books of the Bible and trains them in ministry-related courses. The campus is in suburban Plymouth, Minn., about 15 minutes west of downtown Minneapolis.

The 2013 Ambassadors team members include: Elika Korhonen (Radcliffe, Iowa), Josh Hedstrom (Oxford, Neb.), Seth Moan (Corcoran, Minn.), Julia Erickson (Badger, Minn.), and Esther Johnson (Boyerstown, Pa.).

The Ambassadors will travel for a total of 10 weeks this summer, traveling to the Pacific Northwest, Montana, Colorado, and several Midwest states, presenting concerts in congregations.

The concert is free.

# Many attend birthday party

By Norma Martinez

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Monday's perfect weather brought a big crowd for the birthday party at the senior center. Thirty one seniors were present to enjoy the cake and ice cream. Birthday cakes were provided by Mary Dorsch, Marlene Young, Bradley Waters, and Mike Rooney.

Deanza Ambrosier, the activities director from the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, brought seven guests from the Village to join the group. Enid Fredrick and Dorothy Shield had birthdays, and Lavera Beringer, Bernice Zweygardt, Florence Peacock, and Russell Roberts enjoyed the ice cream and cake. Sharon Schuricht entertained everyone by playing the piano and sharing her talent. She really made that piano sing.



ENID FREDRICK, Bradley Waters, Marlene Young, Mary Dorsch and Dorthy Schield enjoy cake and ice cream at the senior center to celebrate the July birthdays.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

# Seniors can apply for fresh produce

Cheyenne and Rawlins county senior citizens are encouraged to apply to receive food bundles of fresh fruits, vegetable, herbs and honey from High Plain's Food Co-op Farms.

Atwood, Bird City, Herndon, McDonald and St. Francis senior citizens may be eligible for a program that provides fresh and healthy food bundles from local High Plains Food Co-op farmers at Senior Center meal sites in each community.

The Kansas Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program is providing \$30 bundles of fresh fruits, vegetable, herbs and honey from High Plains Food Co-op farms to seniors who meet age and income requirements in Cheyenne and Rawlins counties. Bundles will be distributed at Senior Centers on designated Fridays in July, August, September and October.

"What make the Kansas Senior Farmers' Market Nutritional Program and other local food initiatives special is you are creating community investment around food!" said Chris Schmidt, President of the High Plains Food Co-op.

To be eligible seniors must meet the following criteria:

- Be 60 years old or older.
- Individual annual gross income must be at or below \$21,257.

Applications will be on a first-come, first-serve basis and available for sign-up at the Atwood, Bird City and St. Francis Senior Citizen Centers during hours of operation. Seniors may also apply or get more information by calling Northwest Kansas Healthy Communities Initiative members Tiffany Poet at 719-350-0001 or Chris Sramek at

785-626-6082.

Eligible foods from High Plains Food Co-op farms are defined as "fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, local produced honey and herbs for human consumption that are produced in Kansas and neighboring states under normal growing conditions."

The Kansas Senior Farmer's

market Program is a project of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program is coordinated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, which is collaborating with the High Plains Food Co-op and the Northwest Kansas Health Communities Initiative to identify and distribute the food bundles to eligible seniors.

# No-till on the Plains bus tour has spots available

Spots are still available for the 2014 No-till on the Plains bus tour, Aug. 5-8. The tour will start in Kansas and work through Oklahoma. The deadline for registration has been extended until July 31.

The tour will originate in Salina, with pick up points in Halstead and Stillwater, Okla. Participants will get to see long-term no-till fields, cover crop plots in Kansas and Oklahoma cover crops used for forage and soil pits at several stops. There will also be professional no-till experts and long-term producers riding the bus. Tour participants will get the opportunity to network with these people and learn about their work and production practices.

A visit to the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation is planned on Aug. 6. Tour participants will stay on the Noble Foundation campus, hear from Foundation staff, learn about the services offered and get a tour of the facilities. This is a great opportunity to experience a world-class agri-

culture organization and facility. Registration is available online at [www.notill.org](http://www.notill.org) under events or by calling 888-330-5142. The Points South Tour cost \$675 per person for double occupancy (lodging) and \$825 per person for single occupancy. Very limited numbers of single rooms are available.

The tour is generously sponsored by: Green Cover Seed, Sharp Brothers Seed, Kauffman Seed, Koch Agronomic Services, and Alva State Bank.

Established in 1996, No-till on the Plains is a nonprofit, educational organization run by a Board of Directors. No-till on the Plains works to bring the latest innovations and technology to farmers in a variety of formats including tours like these, seminars, field days, their renowned winter conference, and Agriculture's Innovative Minds Symposium. Find out more on No-till on the Plains by visiting the web at [www.notill.org](http://www.notill.org), follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.



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