

Obituaries

Gail E. Miller

July 14, 1932 - July 19, 2014

Gail was born on July 14, 1932, in his parents home on a farm outside of Colby, Kan. His family consisted of a brother, Marlyn, three sisters, Kay Olive, Lila Lee and Twila Lou. They were preceded in birth by an older sister, Leanna who died at the age of 3.

The family moved to a farm south of Levant, Kan., and resided there until Gail was in seventh grade. They moved north of McDonald, where Gail attended country school through eighth grade. He attended McDonald High School and graduated in 1951. Gail accepted the Lord, was baptized and joined the Federated Church before going into the military.

Gail joined the service in 1953 and entered the Army Medical Corps. He served during the Korean War and was stationed in the hospital in Osaka, Japan. Gail was discharged in 1955 as a corporal and returned to McDonald, Kan. where he served in the reserves until 1961.

Gail met Kay in Benkelman, Neb., in May 1955. They were married June 23, 1956. Their first home was at the Glen Glasco Ranch, north of Bird City, where Gail worked for the Glascos. Gail and Kay had their first son, Loren and two years later another son, Randy, while living on the ranch. When Loren was two, they moved to Atwood, where Gail worked at the Texaco station. They lived in

Atwood for two years, which during that time they had a daughter, Lori.

The family then moved to the Bob Hilty farm northwest of McDonald where Gail worked and the family lived for 17 years. A couple of years after living at the Hilty farm, they had another daughter, Valarie. Then after eight years of pure enjoyment with their children, they decided to add to the family with another son, Jamie and two years after that, another son, Brian. The family was complete and these six children added many happy memories. All of the children attended McDonald Grade and Cheylin High School.

In the fall of 1978, the family moved into the town of McDonald, where Gail and Kay worked for the school. Gail worked as a bus supervisor and Kay as a supervisor aid for 15 years. In 1991, the oldest son, Loren, died in a car accident. Gail and Kay retired in the summer of 1995 and lived in McDonald until they moved to Bird City in 2012.

Gail was a loving husband and family man. He was devoted to his family and enjoyed spending time with his wife and children. He also enjoyed listening to Christian tapes as he traveled on his trips that he and Kay took throughout the years. Gail's family and grandchildren meant everything to him and he loved and enjoyed their company throughout his many

years. Gail's other big interest was KU basketball and you could find him enjoying the games throughout the seasons.

Throughout Gail's lifetime he was involved as a precinct chairman in the county, Scoutmaster, involved in M.A.D., member of the American Legion and Booster Club. Gail was a man that devoted his entire life to his family and served the Lord and his community throughout his life.

Gail leaves to mourn a wife, Kay of the home, sons, Randy and wife Sue of McDonald, Jamie and wife Robin of Clarksville, Ark., Brain and wife Dawn of Bird City. Daughters Lori Driskell and Clark Engbrecht of Wichita, Valarie and husband Blaine of Siloam Springs, Ark., grandchildren, Justin Miller, Montana and Kelsey Miller, Autumn and Ivy Miller, Mitch and Maggie Hubbard, Samantha Hickmon and a host of relatives and friends; sisters Kay and husband John Winfree, Lila and husband Howard Runge, and Twila Miller.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Marlyn, sister Leanna and son Loren.

Services were held Wednesday, July 23, at the Wesleyan Community Church in Bird City. Internment was in the Grace Cemetery in McDonald.

Maria Eva (Becker) Kamla

Aug. 10, 1936 - July 13, 2014

Maria Eva (Becker) Kamla, 77, died on July 13, 2014, in St. Francis, Kan.

Maria was born Aug. 10, 1936, in Munich, Germany. During WWII her family was forced to flee to Linz, Austria, where they lived for several years. Near the end of WWII, they returned to Munich. She completed a technical education in drafting and worked for Siemens.

In 1954, she met John Kamla of St. Francis, who was stationed in Munich after the Korean War. They were married October 23, 1954 and returned to John's parents' farm in February 1955, where they lived for a brief time and helped on the farm.

Soon John bought land seven miles south of Bird City, where

he and Maria lived for the next 52 years. A tornado destroyed John and Maria's home in March of 2007, prompting a move to town.

Maria became a U.S. citizen on April 18, 1966, and was very proud of her achievement. Maria was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. Over the years, she attended Bible study groups and assisted with Vacation Bible School. Maria made several trips to Munich to visit her family, the most recent being in May 2013.

Those left to remember Maria are her children Frederick and Monika (Bonavia), granddaughter Ceara, sisters Elisabeth Huber and Monika Kammermeier, brother Wilhelm and nephew Robert, all of Munich, Germany, sisters-in-

law Louise Schlepp and Marie Pothoff, and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband John, four children David, Katherine, Edward and Bryan, and her parents, Heinrich and Monika (Koller).

The family suggests memorials to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Bird City Emergency medical technician services.

"Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy" - Eskimo Proverb.

Clyde Burnham Gleason

Jan. 23, 1929 - July 12, 2014

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

He was born on Jan. 23, 1929 south of Bird City on the family farm, the tenth child of Philander Clark (Pood) and Cora Gleason.

Clyde grew up on the farm with his older brothers and sisters and went on to attend 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 where they farmed and were blessed with two daughters, Sandy and Shona. Years later they bought a house and moved to town. Clyde continued farming and also worked for the Bird City Co-op elevator for

25 dedicated years. As time went on he scaled down his farming due to health reasons, but farmed for all the years his body would let him. They then decided to move to Plainville to be closer to their daughters. Clyde was an accomplished wood worker, a talent that some of us didn't know. He made furniture for his wife, children and grandchildren. He also had a hobby of gardening and was very good at it.

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 that his son-in-law would race in.

Clyde had a love of life in gen-

eral. He also had a great sense of humor which was seen in the gleam of his eye.

He is preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Joseph, Bill, Lyode, CL (Tom), Junior (JC), three sisters, Erma, Frances, Louise Sawyer, three sister-in-laws, Ida, Leila, Betty, and his grandson, Wade Lee.

Uncle Clyde leaves his wife Wilma of Hays, two daughters, Sandy and Merf of Hays, Shona of Ellis, a grandson, Wayne Lee and wife Kellie of Aurora, Colo.; two grandsons, Jacob and Carson; two great granddaughters, Megan and Olivia his twin brother Claude of Bird City and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Emergency medical service director sets town hall meeting

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When the county commissioners met on July 15, they were told that there will be two town meetings to increase public awareness of the emergency medical service.

Reid Raile, emergency medical service director, said he had scheduled two town meetings, one on Aug. 17 at the emergency building in St. Francis from 7 to 8 p.m. and, on Aug. 24, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the emergency building in Bird City.

Among the topics discussed will be: recruitment; the tax savings of a volunteer emergency medical service organization; Emergency Services Auxiliary organization; supporting the emergency medical service in the future and a time for questions and answers.

Mr. Raile discussed the work plan for the Total Notify program. If Sherman, Rawlins and Cheyenne counties go together in using the program, it will cost \$2,229. If Cheyenne County is on its own, the cost is \$3,750. Mr. Raile said the cost will be covered by 911 funds but a commitment needs to be made before Aug. 7 if the county wants to participate. The matter was tabled until the next meeting on July 31.

Stacy Kaup discussed the grant for a backup generator at the emergency medical service building. This grant is from the United States Department of Agriculture for small rural communities. She reported that the paperwork would need to be done by Aug. 17. The commissioners said they would like time to consider this request and asked that she come to the next meeting.

Audit

The county's former auditor has been ill and the audit has not been completed. A conference call was made to auditor, Jack Eldridge, who said he had enlisted the help of a colleague and would have a workable draft of the audit within a few days. The new audit company will be working on the budget on Aug. 15.

Deb Lindsten, county clerk, said several of the county department heads had turned in their

budgets. Those who do not get their budgets in on time, said Dale Patton, commissioner, are at the mercy of the commissioners when we set budgets.

Health insurance

The county's health insurance plan is still a concern for the commissioners as well as county employees. At the last meeting, Tim Carson, representative for Corporate Plan, the county's insurance, estimated that there would be a raise of only 10 percent, if not lower. The commissioners had received information that there will be a 23 percent increase. The commissioners said they would not approve the increase.

Alejandra Juarez, group consultant for Blue Cross Blue Shield, met with the commissioners. She reported that the state of Kansas will be offering three options in the next calendar year. If Cheyenne County would like Blue Cross Blue Shield to look into their health care needs, the commissioners need to be making that request known around mid-August. No decision was made at this time.

District court computers

Natalie Stahlecker, clerk of the district court, said in the near future, they will no longer have paper fields in the court. She will need to be installing two new computers: one will be for a new e-filing system in the courtroom for the judge and the other will be a public access computer. Nex-Tech has the new server and will be installing it.

She has learned that, even after all the information has been removed from the old server, it will need to be destroyed. The emergency medical service director had asked for the server for his department but it will not be available.

Judge Robert Van Allen gave the old computer from his office for the public access computer. He estimated that the cost for the other computer and system will be around \$10,000 or less. Districts 23 and 17 will have the same criteria and rules, he said.

Mrs. Stahlecker said she would be back with more information.

Nursing home

Jeff Paulsen, administrator for the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis had a brief report. The financials for June had not arrived from the head office so he didn't have that report. Since Mr. Paulsen will be gone for a period of time, the commissioner said they would contact Randy Fitzgerald, operation manager for a copy of the the financials. Mr. Paulsen reported that the nursing home had been completely full for 10 days.

There had been some minor work projects completed. Work on the sprinkling system would start the following Monday. He noted that the grounds still needed asphalt repair. Mr. Patton said that it would be done.

In other business

In other business: Keary Carmen attended the meeting to introduce Staff Sergeant Folleh Tamba. They thanked the Board for their support in the community. Staff Sargent is a combat veteran making art. A Grunt's War Diary Exhibit is on display for the public in the Calvert Evins Memorial, 500 South Benton. The art will soon go on tour and will promote Cheyenne County.

Heidi Tice and Shawna Blankenship, representing the Cheyenne County Hospital, reviewed the volume for June, staffing, capital updates. The "Swing Fore You Health" golf tournament will be held on July 19. The proceeds will go toward purchasing a neonatal CPAP machine.

Scott Houtman, deputy clerk told the commissioners that he would be resigning his employment with Cheyenne County effective immediately. The commissioners approved the clerk to advertise for the open position.

Next meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 31.

Editor's note: Some of the commissioner's July 15 meeting was taken from the unapproved minutes.

Upcoming Promotions

For more information contact Tim Burr at:



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Tri-State Antique Engine & Thresher Show

July 31 - Aug. 2

Featuring stories about the demonstrations, buildings, history, shows and Queens.



Cheyenne County Fair

Aug. 6 - Aug. 9

Featuring 4-H'ers, fair and carnival activities, schedule of events and other interesting happenings at fair time.



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
Special District
2015

The governing body of
Sunflower Extension District #6
Sherman

will meet on August 14, 2014 at 4:00 pm MDT at Sherman County Commissioners Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

Detailed budget information is available at Sunflower Extension District #6 Offices and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2015 Expenditures and Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2015 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2013		Current Year Estimate for 2014		Proposed Budget Year for 2015		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	404,431	2.160	417,200	2.161	526,200	329,664	2.035
Debt Service							
Totals	404,431	2.160	417,200	2.161	526,200	329,664	2.035
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	404,431		417,200		526,200		
Total Tax Levied	300,737		320,476		XXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation:	139,467,389		148,334,385		162,034,931		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

	2013	2014	2015
Jan 1,			
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

Lynn Perry

Chairman - Sunflower Extension District #6

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