Clarence Ruben 'Zim' Zimbelman

Sept. 13, 1920 - Jan. 26, 2012 Clarence Ruben 'Zim' Zimbel- country for nearly two years at as well as tremendous sadness mond Zimbelman of St. Francis;

26, 2012, in Boulder, Colo. He Headquarters in New Delhi. was born on a farm outside of St. Christina (Hoerth) Zimbelman's 11 children.

In the year he was born, when John and Christina installed a gasoline powered electric gen- into China. erator in their farmhouse, thus a new technological era, the age of electricity.

ly to be born in the United States. Both of his parents were part of a wave of Russian-German immigrants who entered this country the Great Plains by the Homestead Act.

Clarence grew up speaking German at home, and got his early education at a one-room schoolhouse. His was a closeber, including the youngest children, had their designated daily chores.

Clarence came of age during many of his contemporaries, the experience of living through those hard times had a profound influence on his life and values.

Following his high school graduation and two years of business college, his adventurous spirit led him to work in two second was a 6-month stint in travel experiences. the Panama Canal Zone.

After returning to the States activities. in 1943, Clarence enlisted in the U.S. Army, and served his with joy in his role as a grandpa,

man, 91, died peacefully on Jan. the China-Burma-India Theater over the long illness and eventual sisters-in-law, Alma Zimbelman

For the rest of his life, he Francis, Kan. on Sept. 13, 1920, loved to tell stories about the Taj and was the ninth of John and Mahal, Lord Louis Mountbatten, and with more than a tinge of regret, the time he just missed being selected to board a plane Woodrow Wilson was president, to fly over 'the Hump,' the route that crossed over the Himalayans

When the war was over, he being among the first to usher in returned home to St. Francis. After a whirlwind courtship that started at a dance in Bird City, he Clarence and his siblings were married Ruth Elsie Zimbelman, the first generation in their fami- daughter of Peter and Margaret (Croissant) Zimbelman, on Feb. 20, 1946.

Clarence returned to his civil service career, embarking on at Ellis Island, and were lured to what was to be 40 years of employment with the Bureau of Reclamation. In the early 1950s, one of his coworkers gave him the nickname Zim, and it stuck

Zim took great pride in his knit family where every mem- career, and truly loved his job and the many coworkers that became his friends over the years. His signature personality traits were his wonderful sense of huthe Great Depression, and like mor and amazing ability to make people laugh and feel comfort-

Ruth and Zim had two daughters, Joan, born in 1951, and Margot, born in 1959. Zim was a devoted family man who modeled integrity, loyalty, and dependability. He was very generdifferent civil service jobs. The ous to both of his daughters, and first was for the War Department made it possible for them to have in Washington, D.C., and the many cultural, educational and

In 1981, Zim retired as the In the spirit of his boyhood chief administrative officer on hero, Charles Lindbergh, he the Frying Pan - Arkansas Projmade the journey to Panama in ect in Pueblo, Colo. Ruth and a propeller plane that narrowly Zim enjoyed many years of travmissed the treetops on takeoff. eling, gardening and Shrine Club

His later years were filled both

loss of his daughter Joan. Their of St. Francis, Dorothy Zimbelstrong marriage and faith in God helped Ruth and Zim endure this tragedy with grace and dignity.

Zim was a 32nd Degree Mason and a longtime member of the United Methodist Church.

In addition to his daughter Joan Dowdy, he was preceded in death by nine siblings: Lydia, Emil, Albert, August, Ella, Erna, Ernest, Robert, and Calvin.

Kent, Wash.; his brother, Ray- United Methodist Church.

man of Burlington, Colo., and Arrilla Zimbelman of Arkansas; a brother-in-law, Albert (Lucille) Zimbelman of Michigan, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the Philips Chapel at Frasier Meadows Retirement Community, 350 Ponca Place, Boulder, Colo. In lieu of flow-He is survived by his wife ers, please consider giving a gift Ruth, daughter Margot (Ray) to one of the following chari-LaPanse, and grandchildren ties: The Frasier Meadows Fall Christopher and Alaina LaPanse, Prevention Program, Hospice all of Superior, Colo.; his son-in- Care of Boulder and Broomfield law, Dennis (Natalya) Dowdy, of Counties, or Mountain View

Vera Louise Duvall

Jan. 11, 1930 – Jan. 19, 2012

Jan. 11, 1930, to Charles and Kan., and Lisa Duvall of Great Lenna (Green) Keith in Penokee, Kan. She died on Jan. 19, 2012, at the Sheridan County Hospital Duvall of Edmond, Okla.; two Long Term Care in Hoxie at the age of 82.

Vera attended school in Penokee and graduated from the Morland High School with the class of 1948. On May 16, 1948 Vera was united in marriage to Guy Duvall. They had five children, Lana, Lisa, Debra, Gary and

Vera worked for the port of entry for many years as a motor carrier inspector. Vera was very good at what she did because of her ability to strike up conversation with anyone.

Vera had a good sense of humor, enjoying a good laugh at times. She enjoyed hunting fossils which included arrowheads and sharks teeth. She was very handy at fixing things.

Survivors include, two daugh-

Vera Louise Duvall was born ters, Lana Duvall of St. Francis, Bend, Kan.; two sons, Gary Duvall of Hoxie, Kan., and Bryan sisters, Thelma McAfee of Hays and Arvilla Taylor of Hoxie; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Lenna Keith; daughter, Debra Duvall; husband Guy; sister, Marjorie Toll; and six brothers, Ivan, Floyd, Russell, Otto, Howard and Lloyd Keith.

Memorial services were Friday, Jan. 27, at the Hoxie United Methodist Church with Pastor Cyd Stein officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date in Russell City Cemetery, Russell, Kan.

Memorials are suggested to donor's choice and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, P.O. Box 987, Hoxie, KS 67740.

Club meets with committee

The St. Francis Community Garden Club has been meeting since October. The idea came out of meetings with the Community Wellness Committee.

The goal of the group is to provide recreation and learning opportunities to the community through gardening. Produce from the garden will be available to volunteers who work in the garden, and also donated to the food pantry, the local schools and the local churches.

Everyone is welcome to volunteer and participate. It would be nice to have representatives in the club from the county and city governments as well as area business people.



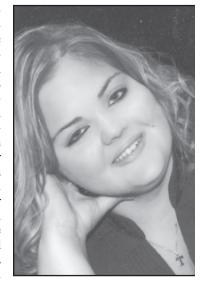
The St Francis Community Garden Club is looking for a piece of land to use for this year's garden. The location must get full sun and have access to water.

If you know of a lot we may use or you would like to be a part of the club contact Bernadette Luncsford at the Farm Service Agency at 332-2183 ext 104 or check out our group page on facebook: "St Francis Community Garden Club"

-Student News -

Washburn University

Taylor Kennedy-Finley has received a Certificate of recognition for her outstanding academic achievement at Washburn University in Topeka and has been named to the President's Honor Roll. She is a senior double majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology with possibly adding Spanish as a Minor. While in school she works in the Admissions office and is a tour guide for the school. She is also a Vice President of the Future Alumni Network there. Taylor is a member of Chi Alpha and lives in the Chi Alpha house. She is involved in the Criminal Justice Club and the Bod Squad. Taylor graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 2009. Taylor's projected college graduation date is May 2014.



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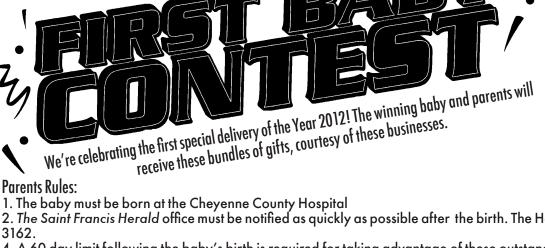
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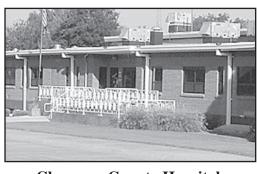
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