

Obituary

Elaine Rae Jensen

July 10, 1932 - May 30, 2014

Elaine Rae Jensen was born July 10, 1932, in a "chicken house" southeast of Bird City, Kan., to Daylon and Ollie Marie (Banister) Underwood. She was the second of four children raised on the family farm. She died on May 30, 2014, peacefully at home with her family by her side, following a long struggle with lung and heart disease.

Elaine graduated from Bird City Rural High School in 1950 and married Gene Hilty in 1951. To that union, three children were born. Elaine worked and raised her family in Broomfield, Colo., and McCook, Neb.

In 1980, she married the love of her life, Floyd Jensen. That union modeled a love of the ages to all. Elaine and Floyd spent their life in St. Francis, Kan., where she sup-

ported Floyd's law profession and extended her incredible hospitality and cooking to all. Her sugar cookies are famous in Kansas and Colorado where one recipient even sold them for \$5 apiece. She is well known and respected for her unconditional love, laughter, generosity, and joyful spirit.

She sang in the Methodist choir her entire life and had a deep and abiding faith. She loved flowers, picnics, playing cards and piano, strangers, and breakfast on the patio. Most of all, she deeply loved and supported her family.

Proceeding her in death were her parents and her older brother James.

Family members who continue to honor Elaine's legacy are husband, Floyd; son, Douglas; daughters, Ann Smith, and Tra-

cie Watkins and husband, Alan; sister, Twila Kramer; brother, Jay Underwood; brother-in-law, Chris Jensen and wife, Donna.

Her pride and joy were her nine grandchildren: Daylon (wife Nicole) and Zachary Hilty, Lynn Carrillo; Taylor, Joseph and Cameron Liggett; Nathan, Harrison, and Morgan Watkins; and her nine great-grandchildren. Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and acquaintances will miss her exuberant presence.

Funeral services were held June 3, 2014, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis, where her grandchildren and nephew, Roger Jensen, served as casket bearers. Her body was laid to rest at the Bird City Cemetery and she is now rejoicing in heaven.

'What is War' exhibit in Sainty

Stasser Galleries had the honor of being part of the opening of the awesome exhibit, 'What is War?'. Having family members who have served from WWII and forward we feel that it is vital that this exhibit not only goes viral, but that our Veterans receive the love, help, and support they need when they return. Help us by spreading the word about this exhibit, visit the Quincy Street Gallery and see for yourself the stories that have been shared... You will never forget." See Stasser Galleries posting of this exhibit at www.facebook.com/cheyennecenterforcreativity.

"The mental suffering caused by war is not a passing fad, or something that can be reduced or encapsulated into something our modern mode of thinking or communicating can translate, or even comprehend. The cyclical anguish spawned by war is the seed that becomes a tree of pain whose branches brush against us all. Its roots are iron, and its presence in our lives is so pervasive that we are unable to even SEE it.

With this project, we have presented a seemingly simple question - What is war? We have asked those who know, to SHOW us, and they have responded. We have collected and organized art dating back to the Civil War. We hope our efforts will demonstrate both the necessity and the potential for the creation of a permanent memorial that not only honors the sacrifice made by Veterans of all the world's wars, but allows the rest of us to SEE the suffering caused by war. SEEING is not only the first step, it is the most critical, as well as the most difficult." ~K. Joseph Carman Gallery Hours: Thu and Fri 9:30 to 3:30 and Sat 9:30 to 12:30 By appointment call 332 0308 or 332 3569



CASEY AND LEZLIE MCCORMICK view the exhibit "What is War" at the Quincy Street Gallery.

Ford Scholarships awarded

Local FFA members were among the 83 Kansas students awarded \$1,000 Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough scholarships during the third session of the 86th annual Kansas FFA State Convention on Thursday, May 29.

This year's recipients from Cheyenne County are: Ty Carmichael, Cheylin High

School, and Bailey Merklin, St. Francis Community High School. Scholarships were awarded through Yost Ford, St. Francis.

The Built Ford Tough FFA Scholarship Program recognizes FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their future academic achievements.

"We're proud to recognize these student leaders for their growth in the FFA and passion for the agriculture industry," said Daryl Simmons, Kansas FFA Association reporter. "We recognize Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough for providing financial support for our students' educational goals."

Club Invention being offered

Parents seeking to provide opportunities for their children to use Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) will appreciate what Club Invention has to offer. This year's model allows children to make a prototype of an alternative energy power source, make chasm crossers, and use a camera-bot while trying to rescue two characters, Echo and Axon.

Club Invention has been offered at the St. Francis Grade School for three years. Kids that participated enjoyed creating new things every day. Club Invention is nothing like school. Kids work in groups to design things, play games, and learn.

This year's club is offered at two times from July 21-25. The times are 10:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-2:30 p.m. and the cost is \$59. Instructor Kim Queen is hoping

that at least one of those times will be filled with the minimum of 12 students. Students entering grades 3-6 are eligible. Enrollment forms were sent home with students in Cheylin and St. Francis. However, if you still need a form, please stop by the St. Francis City Office. For more information go to <http://invent.org/camp-invention/> or call Kim at 785-772-7350.

Emergency loans available from Farm Service Agency

"Farmers in Cheyenne and Rawlins Counties, who suffered crop or livestock losses due to drought occurring May 13, 2014 and continuing, may now apply for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans," FSA Farm Loan Manager Patty Eckhardt said today. Applications for assistance will be accepted by FSA until Jan. 21, 2015.

"Loans covering physical and/or production losses are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay," said Eckhardt. The current interest rate is 3.125 percent but is subject to monthly changes until the loan is approved.

FSA's Farm Loan Programs staff is committed to new and existing customers, FSA customer goals and our rural communities. FSA's service extends beyond the typical loan, offering FSA customers ongoing consultation, advice and creative ways to make your farm business thrive. At the

Farm Service Agency, we want to be your lender of first opportunity to overcome these adverse weather conditions and rebuild your operation to get back on track. FSA's loan staff can refer customers to other public and commercial financing sources that can serve as a blend with FSA's farm loan programs.

FSA loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock, or buildings (including homes), lost through this disaster.

FSA loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to make payments on real estate and chattel debts. "Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses," Eckhardt said.

To be eligible for an emergency disaster loan, an applicant must be operating a family size farm or ranch, must be unable to get credit elsewhere, and must have suffered

a qualifying physical and/or production loss from the disaster.

Farmers who suffered at least a 30 percent reduction to at least one cropping enterprise, may have a qualifying production loss. Emergency disaster production loss loans cover 100 percent of qualifying losses.

Farmers and ranchers who think they may be eligible should contact the FSA County Office in Goodland, Kansas or call (785) 899-3070 for additional information and how to apply. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

The Gardener

By Kay Melia

Last Wednesday evening, my wife suffered a stroke and a serious injury when she fell. We flew her to Denver for treatment. The Doctors have now removed the life saving equipment, and the family is waiting.

I am 84 now, and have suddenly lost my inspiration to continue the garden column. I regret stopping it here in the middle of the gardening season, but just can't muster the strength to do so. We have enjoyed 64 years together,

but it now appears to be over. I sincerely thank you all for allowing me to write about my hobby and also for the subscriptions to your fine papers
Kay Melia

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