

Obituary

Lavern Francis Goltl

March 30, 1926 - Sept. 12, 2006
Lavern Francis Goltl died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, Kan., at the age of 80. He was born March 30, 1926, in Ludell, the son of Mathias and Sophie (Toth) Goltl. He was the seventh of nine children born to Math and Sophie.

Lavern was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ludell by the Reverend Paul J. Strege. He was baptized on April 4, 1926, and was confirmed on April 14, 1940.

When Lavern was 3-years old, he moved with his parents and family to the Goltl farm south of McDonald, where his father built the house and farmstead. He attended 10 of his 12 years of school in McDonald. During his seventh and eighth grade years, he attended school in Ludell as he needed restricted activity due to rheumatic fever. The Ludell home was close to the school where he lived with his mother, brother, Elmer and sisters, Evelyn, Elaine and Jane.

He graduated from McDonald High School in 1944, and spent the next two years on the family farm. He attended Kansas State University for two years then returned to the farm to work with his father and eventually succeeded him on the farm.

On June 10, 1961, Lavern was united in marriage to Bethel Louise Ochsner at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland. They made their home on the family farm 4 miles south of McDonald in Rotata Township. Three sons and a daughter were born to their union.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. In earlier years he served on the church council and taught Sunday school. Lavern was an avid reader and

could pronounce and spell most words. His great enjoyments were attending farm sales and auctions, watching football on television and keeping up with the scores.

As his health declined and he became homebound, he enjoyed watching the birds and activity outside the window, and talking about the weather and crops. He always felt that his health was held in his Lord's hands.

Lavern was preceded in death by his parents, Mathias and Sophie; his brother, Elmer; two sisters, Helen Sherrod and Edith Norwood; and five brothers-in-law, Willard Sherrod, Ernest Kehlbeck, Elmer Spomer, Raymond Norwood and Joseph Botti.

He is survived by his wife, Bethel; four children, Matthew and wife, Marty Frick Goltl of Wichita; David Goltl of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Alan Goltl of Brooklyn and Amy and husband, Mike Waters of Haviland; five grandchildren, Jack and Sophia Goltl of Wichita, Ellen, Owen and Brynn Waters of Haviland; five sisters, Irene Kehlbeck of Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, Esther Spomer of Wamego, Evelyn Botti of El Sobrante, Calif., Elaine Johnson and husband, Oscar of Bird City and Lorna Jane Casa of San Miguel, Mexico; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held at St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, with the Reverend Charlotte Strecker-Baseler and PMA Shirley Daire officiating.

Memorials may be given in his name to St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City; Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis, or Hospice Services, Inc.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.



First National Bank and Peoples State Bank provided the Homecoming barbecue. Employees from Peoples State Bank who keeping the drinks full are Gina Krien, Neva Lou Holub and Bridget Pochop. Times staff photo by Melinda Basnett.

Bird City News

Grace Marie Wright was baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Sunday, Sept. 10. A lunch to celebrate the special occasion was held at the Don Wright farm. Guests attending the celebration were: Dennis and Dana Wright and Grace of Bird City, Bev and Tom Carpenter of Stockton, Scott Carpenter, Michelle Andregg and Breanna, Traci and JJ Johnson, Brady and Jolynn, all of Plainville, Ralph

and Mae Carpenter of Pottosboro, Texas, Ruby White and Pat Neff of Sharon Springs, Maynard and Lucille Wright, Duane and Melanie Wright, Dagan, Kaid, Parker, Mason, and Emma of Colby.

Phyllis Wright and Dave Krien joined the group after lunch. Grace was blessed to have five grandmothers and four grandfathers to share her day.

Emergency loans available to area farmers

"Farmers in Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties, who suffered crop or livestock losses due to natural disasters may apply for Farm Service Agency emergency loans," Farm Service Agency Farm Loan Manager Patricia Eckhardt, said recently.

Counties also became eligible under existing legislation which provides that farmers in counties bordering on those which have been designated for disaster assistance, may also qualify for such assistance. Applications for assistance will be accepted by Farm Service

Agency. Please contact the office for specific information and application deadlines.

"Loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at a 3.75 percent interest rate, and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay," Ms. Eckhardt said.

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

Farm Service Agency loans cov-

ering 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," Ms. 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 loss. Loan availability is limited to \$500,000, less the outstanding principal balance of any and all prior emergency loans.

Ms. Eckhardt asked that those farmers needing farm credit as a result of a natural disaster, and who think they are eligible for Farm Service Agency assistance, should make their applications at the Farm Service Agency County Office, 210 W. 10th, Goodland between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Public Notices

Petition filed to settle the Underwood estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGIE UNDERWOOD, a/k/a MARGIE L. UNDERWOOD, Deceased.

Case No. 05-PR-08
NOTICE OF HEARING
PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by John G. Kite and Vickie Thomas, a/k/a Vickie M. Thomas, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Margie Underwood, a/k/a Margie L. Underwood, deceased, praying that their acts be approved; that their account be settled and allowed; that the

Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the Estate be closed; that the Co-Executors be discharged and that they be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 10th day of October, 2006, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court in the City of St. Francis, Kansas, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Attorneys for Petitioner

Notice of hearing for will to be settled

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

W. E. HEMPLER, A/K/A WALTER HEMPLER, DECEASED
PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in this Court by Marsha A. Batt, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of W. E. Hempler, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allow-

ances requested for attorneys, fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of W. E. Hempler, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 13, 2006, at 10:00 P.M. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Marsha A. Batt, Executor
JAMES M. MILLIKEN, CHARACTERED
James M. Milliken #07001
101 W. Washington Street, P.O. Box 627
St. Francis, Kansas 67756
(785) 332-2101
Attorney for Executor

Resolution attesting an increase in taxes

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RESOLUTION 06-05
A resolution attesting to an increase in tax revenues for budget year 2007 for the County of Cheyenne.

Whereas, the County of Cheyenne must continue to provide services to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the county; and

Whereas, the cost of providing essential services to the citizens of this county continues to increase; and

Whereas, the Kansas Legislature has capped growth in revenue transfers counties at 1% above the previous year, and well below what is required by state statute (K.S.A. 79-2925b); and

Whereas, the state tax actual collections and state funding to the county has not kept pace with projected totals, thereby further reducing state revenue transfers to county;

the state law, the County of Cheyenne has conducted a public hearing and has published the proposed budget necessary to fund county services from January 1, 2007 until December 31, 2007.

Section Two: After careful public deliberations, the county commissioners have determined that in order to maintain the public services which are essential for the citizens of this county, it will be necessary to budget property tax revenues in an amount which exceeds the 2006 limit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Cheyenne County Commissioners that it is our desire to notify the public of the increased property taxes to finance the 2007 Cheyenne County budget as defined above.

Adopted this 15th day of September, 2006 by the Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

Andy Beikman, Chairman
Jane C.W. Brubaker, Commissioner
Ray Lee, Commissioner
ATTEST:
Terry Miller, County Clerk

Resolution expresses the property taxation

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RESOLUTION 06-06
A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Cheyenne County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2007 annual budget for Rural Fire District 1, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2007 Rural Fire District 1 budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2006 Rural Fire District 1 budget, except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year, or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebted-

ness, temporary notes, or no-fund warrants; and

Whereas, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all district services are the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners; and

Whereas, Rural Fire District 1 provides essential services to district services; and

Whereas, the cost of provision of these services continues to increase.

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