

Obituaries

Erna Emma (Zimbelman) Schlepp

Nov. 11, 1914 - Dec. 6, 2007

Erna Emma Schlepp, 93 years and 25 days old, a lifelong resident of this area, died at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, Kan., on Thursday evening, Dec. 6, 2007. She was the sixth of 11 children born to John M. and Christina (Hoerth) Zimbelman. She was born Nov. 11, 1914 on the family farm 12 miles northwest of St. Francis.

Erna attended Northrup District 35 country school graduating from the eighth grade. With five younger brothers she decided to stay home to help her mother care for them believing it was more important for her brothers to attend high school. In 2004, Erna was honored to have her four surviving brothers, Robert, Clarence, Raymond and Calvin, all in their 80's, attend her 90th birthday party.

When Erna was 15 years old, she started working in various homes taking care of the young and old, including Grandpa Harrison, the Scoby and Cain children. She also took care of Ron Evans when he was a baby. He later became a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Astronaut with his first journey into space, occupying the Command Module Pilot seat for Apollo 17.

In the early 1930s, while attending a square dance in Haigler, Neb., Erna became acquainted with a young man by the name of Rudy Schlepp. On Sept. 16, 1937, Erna and Rudy were married in the Zion Evangelical Country Church. For a few years they lived on a farm owned by a Mr. Krien and then on a farm owned by Mr. Rath. In the late 1930s they purchased their own farm 13 miles west of St. Francis where they remained until they retired in 1980 and purchased a new home in town. In 2000 Erna decided to sell her house and move into an apartment.

Erna learned at a young age to work hard, cook for 10-12 people each meal and to be a care-giver even if it just meant sitting at ones bedside holding their hand when they were injured or sick. She loved her life on the farm and sharing that life with her very large extended family by the many family dinners and get-togethers she and Rudy would host. Erna was known as a great cook with many remembering her German schupfknoedels, kasekniple, haloopsies, along with her angel food cakes, dill pickles and homemade noodles.

Being a mom, homemaker and a farmers' wife, Erna often put in 14-16 hour days. She was always involved with school activities and 4-H projects with all of her kids. For 64 years she was a member of the Jolly Janes Club and in her spare time enjoyed collecting bells in which she was very proud of her over-200 bells.

Throughout her years, Erna was

very active in her church. She sang in the church choir for over 50 years and in 1995 received her life-time membership certificate from the United Methodist Church Women's Organization which she was a member for over 63 years. Her faith in God, along with her church family, sustained her through the trials and tribulations throughout her lifetime.

Erna lived by herself until March 2007 when she entered the Hester Nursing Home in Benkelman, Neb., due to knee problems. On Oct. 16, when a room became available, she moved to the Good Samaritan Village and finally, after 7 1/2 months, she was back in her home town of St. Francis.

Proceeding her in death were her husband Rudy, son Rodney, grandsons Kevin Williams and Tristen Schlepp. Also her parents and brothers and sisters which include Lydia (Philip) Raile, Emil (Anna) Zimbelman, Albert Zimbelman, August (Velma) Zimbelman, Ella (Lester) Roll, Ernest (Martha) Zimbelman and Robert Zimbelman.

Those that survive her are daughters: Connie (Carl) Williams, Marlene (Ernie) Lebfrom, Sheila (Jack) Davis and daughter-in-law Linda Miller. Grandchildren include Paul (Dolly) Williams, Theresa Halligan, Terry (Wendy) Davis, Corey (Kimberley) Davis, Justin (Kayla) Schlepp and Jennie (Jason) Elmore. Great-grandchildren are Cassie McLaughlin, Drew Halligan, Skyler Williams, Aaron, Jordan and Dalton Davis, Britney, Christian and Bryna Schlepp, and Pepper Elmore; brothers include Clarence (Ruth) Zimbelman, Raymond (Dorine) Zimbelman and Calvin (Dorothy) Zimbelman, sisters-in-law, Arrilla Zimbelman, Edna Zimbelman and Ella Monroe along with many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 10, at the United Methodist Church with Reverend Morita Truman officiating. Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Casket bearers were her grandsons, Terry Davis, Corey Davis, Justin Schlepp; great-grandson, Aaron Davis; nephew, Jay Zimbelman; and great-nephew Roger Jensen.

Honorary pallbearers were her great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Emma E. Aguinaldo

July 10, 1911 - Dec. 12, 2007

Emma Evelyn Aguinaldo died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Cridersville, Ohio, at the age of 96. She was born July 10, 1911, at Atwood, Kan., the daughter of the late Clayton Albert and Mamie Ruth (Egelston) Martin.

Emma grew up at McDonald, where she graduated from McDonald High School in 1931.

She began teaching in a one-room school house for several years to earn money to go to college. One of her duties in the early years was to come to school early and start the stove and warm the building in winter before the students arrived.

She was courageous as she traveled by herself on a long sea voyage to the Philippines where she married Richard Aguinaldo on June 12, 1938. When World War II broke out she had to leave their home while he remained to fight. She had no contact with him for two years after he was captured, but told everyone that she would know if he were not coming home and she never lost her faith that he would return to her, which he did.

Emma continued her education and received her bachelor of arts degree from college at Greeley, Colo., and her master's degree from the University of Kentucky at Richmond.

Richard and Emma came to Lebanon, Neb., in 1960. Emma taught school in several communities and also privately taught piano and organ to many students.

She was the church organist at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church for many years and also served as the city major of Lebanon.

Emma was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; three sisters, Hazel Clayton Schuyler and her husband, Dean; Lillie Carleton and her husband, Walt and an infant sister, Rachel Martin.

Emma is survived by nieces, Chery White and husband, William of Frederick, Md., Connie Nelson and husband, Robert of Lima, Ohio; Carla Carleton of East Lansing, Mich.; Cynthia S. Cooke and husband, William of Earlysville, Va., and nephews, Randall I. Schuyler and wife, Laverne of Lancaster, Va., Gregory C. Schuyler and wife, Connie of Ballston Lake, N. Y., and Spencer H. Schuyler and wife, Yulia of Greenbackville, Va.

Visitation is Thursday, Jan. 10, at Herrmann Funeral Home in McCook and a grave side interment will be held on Friday, Jan. 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lebanon Cemetery with Keith Theobold officiating.

Memorials may be given in her name.

A memorial service will be held in memory of Emma on Saturday, March 29, at 10:30 a.m. in the Lebanon Presbyterian Church at Lebanon.



KANSAS DAY is coming. (left to right) Sandy Smull, Helene Landenberger and Marsha Magley discuss plans for the annual celebration Jan. 29.

Photo courtesy of Janet Carmen

Kansas Day to be celebrated again in Cheyenne County

Cheyenne County has celebrated Kansas Day since 1930. On Jan. 29, Cheyenne County will continue its Kansas Day tradition, celebrating with the theme "Kansas Territory Days."

Leo Oliva, historian from Stockton, will present a special Kansas Day program, which he calls "Rowdy Kansas Territory".

"Not many communities in Kansas observe Kansas Day, so come on out to Bird City this year and join the celebration," said Janet Carmen, president of the Kansas Day Association.

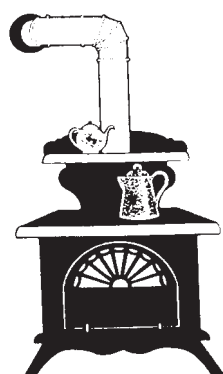
The Mother's Circle of the Bird City Methodist Church organized the first celebration, a "Kansas Day Picnic" which turned into an all day affair. Again in 1931 the

Bird City community celebrated Kansas Day with skits, dances, poems and songs.

Year by year, the Kansas Day celebration grew in popularity. In 1935, some by-laws were accepted by the Kansas Day organization. The object was to promote and maintain the proper observance of Kansas Day in Cheyenne County.

On Jan. 29, 1958, a blizzard struck Cheyenne County. This is the only time residents did not gather for the Kansas Day celebration. In 1971 the observance was moved to the Bird City Legion Hall. Kansas Day activities are still held there.

Elected officers plan for Kansas Day. Local churches rotate



responsibilities for kitchen duties and table decorations.

The celebration begins with registration and a potluck at noon. Students from St. Francis and Cheylin Schools entertain the group with songs, dances and skits. Speakers, whose varied themes have added flavor to the celebration, have presented programs including these topics: "Covered Wagons to Apollos;" "The Plains Indians;" "The Cattlemen;" "Flags Over Kansas;" "Homestead Heritage;" "Kansas Before the Plow."

The historical information was gathered from Cheyenne County History, Volume 1, 1987. "Kansas Day Celebration" by Marsha Magley.

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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

	09/30/2007			12/31/2007
	BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	BALANCE
General	\$464,046.47	\$790,959.62	\$232,000.89	-\$94,912.26
Road & Bridge	\$336,311.76	\$167,567.79	\$68,933.63	\$237,677.60
Bridge Building	\$25,734.59	\$9,137.33	\$461.83	\$17,059.09
Noxious Weed	\$17,937.27	\$9,891.86	\$804.14	\$8,849.55
Noxious Weed Special	\$8,731.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,731.70
Rural Fire	\$17,223.60	\$17,363.18	\$330.68	\$191.10
Hospital	\$47,583.92	\$99,803.93	\$120,514.27	\$68,294.26
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$8,985.41	\$6,827.74	\$6,145.25	\$8,302.92
Attorney Fund	\$1,865.69	\$49.50	\$48.00	\$1,864.19
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$928,420.41	\$1,101,600.95	\$429,238.69	\$256,058.15

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such statement shall be available upon request. K.S.A. 19-228

Terry Miller
Cheyenne County Clerk

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CCEAP Applications will be available starting Wednesday, January 1, 2008 at the following locations:

St. Francis - Cheyenne County Treasurer's Office
City Office
St. Francis Equity Co-Op

Bird City - City Office
Frontier Equity

SRS Agents - Goodland and Colby

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