

# Obituaries

## Cody Daniel Barnhart

Dec. 27, 1985 - June 15, 2008  
Cody Daniel Barnhart died Sunday, June 15, 2008, at the age of 22 years and 6 months. He died suddenly at the home of his parents.



Barnhart

"Helper. The Lord is my rock; and my fortress; and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in Whom I will trust." Psalms 18:2.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." A time to be born." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2.

Cody was born Dec. 27, 1985, at the Cheyenne County Hospital to Delbert and Sharon Barnhart.

"A time to speak." Ecclesiastes 3:7. Although baptized at infancy and was a member of Salem Lutheran Church during his early childhood, Cody spoke of his confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for the free gift of eternal life as a teenager when he was baptized on July 26, 1998, at the First Christian Church.

"A time to love." Ecclesiastes 3:8. Cody had a great love for his immediate and extended family, friends and for people of all ages. He loved his mom and was always looking out for her from day one. He always had a hug ready for her, even in those years of life when it may have been thought by other people of his age that it was not "cool" to hug your mom, Sharon said. Every phone call that was made and every visit that was enjoyed was ended by telling me that he loved me, she said.

Cody loved his sister, Brandi.

As Brandi's big brother, he was always there to protect her, especially from some boyfriends who did not meet his standards for his little sister.

He loved his big brother, D.J., even though D.J., who really wanted a sister when Cody was born, refused to accept the fact that Cody was a boy and called him Katy for the first year of his life.

Cody loved his dad, the one who held him in the last moments of his life. I can only imagine, said Sharon, that the words used to describe him, words like "gentle giant" and "big Teddy bear," are the result of the impact upon his life from his dad whom he loved very much.

To sum it up, Cody was a prime example of what it means to love others. Cody had a big heart and was incredibly sensitive to other people, Sharon said. He loved helping people; he was a giver; he would have given the shirt off his back to anyone. He knew no strangers.

Finally, Cody loved every aspect of life, including fishing, hunting, camping and his motorcycle, and shared his life with everyone. He had, his mother said, a special personality that would make you smile instantly. Not everyone could create the spontaneous smile Cody had, the sparkle in his eyes, or the special wave when meeting him on the street. He just had a knack for making people feel good about themselves.

"There is a time to plant and uproot." Ecclesiastes 3:2. Cody lived the majority of his life in St. Francis with the exception of working for Mowry Seismic based out of Riverton, Wyo., for approximately 2 years, in which he traveled to many different locations during

his employment.  
"A time to be silent." Ecclesiastes 3:7. Cody was the calm and collected member of the family. When things became a little heated between family members, Cody was always cool.

"A time to mourn." Ecclesiastes 3:4. He leaves behind to mourn his death his father and mother; brother, Derek Barnhart and wife, Stephanie of Benkelman, Neb.; sisters, Brandi Barnhart of St. Francis and Cassidy Barnhart of Atlanta, Ga.; niece, Madison of Benkelman, grandmother, Barbara Barnhart of St. Francis; 14 uncles and aunts; 22 first cousins, along with numerous great-aunts, great-uncles and other cousins.

Cody was preceded in death by his grandfathers: Edwin Zwegardt and Jerdene Barnhart and grandmother, Alma Zwegardt. Also preceding Cody in death were his uncle, Danny Barnhart and first cousin, Cole Barnhart.

"A time to embrace." Ecclesiastes 3:5. In mourning, draw close to one another and console each other. As Sharon said, "This is not the end. Jesus died on the cross 2,000 years ago and was resurrected to conquer death. This is not goodbye — this is 'see you later' until the time that we are gathered together again one day in heaven with the Lord Jesus."

The funeral service was held June 18 at the First Christian Church, St. Francis with Pastor Jeff Landers officiating. The accompanist-pianist was Tema Trumbo and the soloist was Margaret Poling who sang "Fly Away." Other songs played were "Tears in Heaven" and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Casket bearers were Troy Zwegardt, Craig Zwegardt, Brett

Poling, Patrick Zwegardt, Jason Barnhart and Brandon Stewart. Honorary pallbearers included all cousins and friends of Cody.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery. Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home.

## Neal Edward Zimbelman

Oct. 18, 1932 - June 12, 2008  
Neal Edward Zimbelman, 75, died June 12, 2008, at the Colorado Plains Medical Center in Fort Morgan, Colo.



Zimbelman

Mr. Zimbelman was born Oct. 18, 1932, in St. Francis, Kan., to Edward and Lydia (Croissant) Zimbelman. He married Marjorie Alles on June 20, 1951, in Fort Morgan. His wife died June 9, 1990. He married Betty Johnson on Sept. 4, 1992, in Fort Morgan.

Zimbelman was a member of the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Fort Morgan. He was a life member of the Elks Lodge 1143 in Fort Morgan. He was an active member of the Elks, serving on various committees through the years, and was twice named Elk of the Year. He was a Boy Scout leader, drove the Methodist Church's bus, the "Red Bomb," and enjoyed fishing, playing cards and traveling.

Neal spent his childhood years in Cheyenne County, Kan. He went to high school for one year, then deciding he would rather not go to school, he went work for Chet and Babe Holliman at the Palace Market in St. Francis. He left St. Francis when he was about 15 years old.

Survivors include his wife, Betty of Fort Morgan; one son, Rick Zimbelman of Morrison; one daughter, Cheri Jarrell of Aurora; two stepsons, Rick Johnson and Randy Johnson, both of Fairbury, Neb.; one stepdaughter, Susan Hale of Greeley; two sisters, Janet Rogers and Gertrude Lloyd, both of St. Francis; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his

parents; his first wife, Marjorie; and a sister, Martha Zimbelman.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, June 17, at the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Fort Morgan. Inurnment followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to either the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer or to the Fort Morgan Elks 1143 building fund.

## Nutrition workshop is planned in Idalia

By Julie Elliott, Rangeland Management Specialist  
Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wray, Colo.

Why do you feed, or not feed your cattle when you do?

Why do your cows calve when they do?

Are these decisions based on sound nutrition management, or are tradition, a sales pitch and the quest for higher weaning weights the foundation for these decisions?

The Yuma County and Burlington Conservation Districts are pleased to announce that Dr. Dick Diven will be at the Route 36 Grill in Idalia, Colo., on Thursday, July 17.

Come learn about the basic, and not so basic, principles of nutrition from the expert. Dr. Diven will give an overview of his nutrition and reproductive management philosophy and leave plenty of time for discussion and questions.

He enjoys working with pro-

gressive ranchers who recognize the value of working in concert with nature to enhance their profitability.

Rolls and coffee will be served at 9 a.m. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. There will be plenty of time for discussion and questions.

Reservations are needed by Thursday, July 10, for an accurate lunch count. Anyone is welcome to come last minute, but lunch will not be guaranteed. There is no charge if the entire program is attended.

To register, call the Yuma County Conservation District at (970) 332-3173 ext. 3 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. You may send a fax to (970) 332-4425 or email julie.elliott@co.usda.gov anytime. Please include the name(s) and number of attendees in your message.

For more information about Dr. Diven and his program go to: [www.lowcostcowcalf.com/](http://www.lowcostcowcalf.com/).

# 2009 Cheyenne County Young Miss



**YOUNG MISS 2008 CANDIDATES:** Front row: Joni Pevler, Cara Hunt, Mandi Walden, CJ Douthit; second row: Nikki Johnson, Jami Pevler, Taylor Kennedy, Andrea Holzwarth; back row: Sidney Busse, Kimberly Voeller, Holly Keller (2008 Young Miss), Sarah Guthmiller

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**Theme:**  
**Island Paradise**  
**Saturday, June 28**  
7 p.m. at the  
**St. Francis**  
**High School Auditorium**