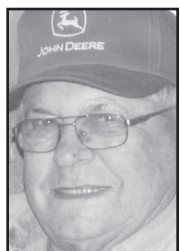


Obituaries

Ruben Albert Feikert

Sept. 12, 1921 - May 30, 2009



Feikert

Ruben Albert Feikert was born on Sept. 12, 1921, in Cheyenne County, Kan. He was the oldest son of Jacob and Katherine (Rath) Feikert. He died at the age of 87 years, eight months, and 18 days, on Saturday, May 30, 2009, at his home in St. Francis.

Ruben was baptized as an infant on Oct. 23, 1921, at Salem Lutheran Church and confirmed June 14, 1936, by Pastor O. H. Zeilinger.

After eighth grade graduation from East Gurney School, Ruben became directly involved in the operation and management of the family farm in Cheyenne County. He continued to be active in farming his entire life living on the farm his grandparents established making this a fourth generation family farm.

In 1942, Ruben entered the military during World War II and served his country as a member of the 50th Army Corps of Engineers. He was wounded in action in the Aleutian Islands in Attu, Alaska, and received the Purple Heart. He spent nearly a year in the hospital in Walla Walla, Wash., recovering from his battle wounds and was discharged from the service at Fort Riley on July 5, 1944.

After his discharge from the

Army, he returned to the family farm. He married Darlene Boll on June 16, 1946, and remained actively engaged in farming throughout his entire life.

This union was blessed with three children: Larry, Sharon and Bruce. They have eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Ruben has always shown great pride in his family and his extended family. He went to great lengths to support and encourage the pursuit of higher education in his family.

Ruben's primary interest included keeping up with the latest farming practices and technology. In his lifetime, he went from driving a team of horses to operating a tractor that drove itself with a guidance system.

He was a great fan of all the sporting activities of the community.

His greatest pleasure was derived from the frequent family gatherings and the card games that always took place. He truly enjoyed his expanding family complete with seven great-grandchildren all under the age of 4 that livened up the holidays.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Katherine; his brother, Kenneth, and his sister, Ann Clifford and her husband, Francis.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Darlene; his children, Larry and his wife, Kathy (Berger), Bucklin, Sharon and her husband, Randy Olson, Oberlin, and Bruce, and his wife, Sharon (Martin), St. Francis; grandchildren: Lance Feikert and his wife,

Heidi, Bucklin, Kyle Feikert and his wife, Amy, Bucklin, Kristy Ostmeyer and her husband, Matt, Ellis, Ashley Wright and her husband, Justin, Colby, Brent Olson, Oberlin, Amber Dunn and her husband, Dustin, Overland Park, Kerrie Wahlmeier and her husband, Nick, Ellis, and Andrew Feikert, St. Francis; great-grandchildren, Halie Nicole Feikert, Jace Randall Ostmeyer, Levi Kendall Feikert, Nicholas Alan Feikert, Tyler Matthew Ostmeyer, Cody Austin Wright and Lincoln Kale Feikert; brothers-in-law, Raymond Boll, Goodland, Merlyn Boll and his wife, Shirley, Goodland and Laverne Boll and his wife, Donna, St. Francis, and many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held June 2 at the Peace Lutheran Church with Pastor Ken Hart officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Kristy Ostmeyer, Kerrie Wahlmeier, Amber Dunn, Ashley Wright, Heidi Feikert and Amy Feikert.

Casket bearers were Lance Feikert, Matt Ostmeyer, Kyle Feikert, Justin Wright, Brent Olson, Dustin Dunn, Andrew Feikert and Nick Wahlmeier.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery. Military service was by Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Memorial suggestions are Peace Lutheran Church for Parish Education Sunday School Material or Cheyenne County Hospital for the Kitchen Remodeling Project.

Olga Anna Applegate

Sept. 10, 1916 - May 29, 2009

Olga Anna Applegate died peacefully Friday evening the 29th of May, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby, Kan.

She was born to Arnold and Anna Shields, who immigrated directly from Switzerland. She was next to the youngest of three daughters and two sons.



Applegate

She grew up on a farm southwest of Bird City and graduated from high school in 1934. She married Emmor Applegate, her St. Francis sweetheart and "dance partner" in 1936. She and Emmor worked faithfully side by side caring for the farm and caring for three children until his untimely death in 1962. She and her son, Rog, continued farming together

until shortly before her death.

She could outwork anybody and enjoyed it! Her stamina, even at age 90, was remarkable. She was a fantastic cook and kept her house very neat and tidy, although she claimed she disliked time spent indoors. Her real enjoyment was always outside activities. She strived for excellence in maintaining her farm: mowing, pitching thistles, raising a garden, as well as field work, including driving a tractor, hauling/harvesting wheat... she could do it all!

She was a little lady who loved laughing, taking road trips, flashy clothes, 1/2 gallons of ice cream and her dog, Chewy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emmor; sisters, Aria Bowans and Norma Wright, and brothers, Arnold and Fred Shields.

She is survived by her son, Rog Applegate, wife, Coleen, daugh-

ters, Sherry Krien, husband, Ken and Char Byrd, husband, Ron; three granddaughters, five grandsons, 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

At the age of 91, she surrendered her life to Jesus Christ at the encouragement and prayer of her son-in-law Ron Byrd. Her family and friends will surely miss her encouragement, inspiration, enthusiasm, her laugh, her boots and wigs and "one-of-a-kind" unique style.

Funeral services were held on June 3 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City, with Pastor Becky Davison officiating.

Great-grandchildren sang "You Are My Sunshine."

Casket bearers were Jason Applegate, Ronn Byrd, Jeff Byrd, Kerby Krien, Kody Krien, Chase Krien.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Roselyn E. Clair

March 18, 1925 - June 4, 2009

Goodland, Kan., resident Roselyn E. Clair, 84, died Thursday, June 4, 2009, at Good Samaritan Society — Sherman County in Goodland.

She was born March 18, 1925, in New York, N.Y., the daughter of Morris and Bertha (Steinberger) Kahn. She attended Public School 77 in New York.

On July 20, 1944, she and Joseph H. Doggett were married in New York, and made their home in Cheyenne and Sherman counties in Kansas. He preceded her in death Nov. 17, 1978.

On Sept. 25, 1979, she and Merton E. Howard were married at Goodland, and they made their home in Goodland. He preceded her in death May 6, 1985.

On March 25, 1986, she and Jesse W. Clair were married at Burlington, Colo., and they made their home in Goodland. He preceded her in death on August 22, 1988.

Her hobbies included dancing and playing bingo. She was a member of

the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Preceding her in death were her three brothers Robert Kahn, Gilbert Kahn, and Edwin Kahn.

Surviving family includes granddaughter, Tina Roe and her husband, Bruce of Goodland; great-granddaughter, Jennifer Armtt and her husband, Steven and their sons, Dalton and Wyatt, all of Goodland; and

William J. Cotter

Sept. 6, 1966 - March 9, 2009

William (Bill) J. Cotter, 42-years-old, of Denver, Colo., died March 9, 2009.

Bill is survived by his mother, Janice and stepfather, Maurice Barnhart; sister, Danna Cotter, stepbrother, Brad and wife, Mary Barnhart, stepbrother, Jack and wife, Char Barnhart, stepsister, Dee Barnhart and friend, Brad Yowell, stepsister Polly and John

many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held on Saturday, June 6, at Koons Chapel in Goodland, with Pastor Bob Willis officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Roselyn Clair Memorial, and left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Mosier, many aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends.

Bill's love of animals, passion for sports, dedication to serving others, and sense of humor will be dearly missed.

Memorial services were held on May 30, at the Christian Church in St. Francis.

Donations may be made to the Christian Church (kitchen fund).



KENNY BRACELIN (center), cancer survivor, has just finishing placing his order at the food stand. Also planning to order (from the left) are Mariah Beikman, Karly Bandel, Audrey Meyers and Kyla Bandel.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Fair board making final arrangements for this year

By Linda Schneider
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Cheyenne County Fair Board members met at the fairgrounds for the June meeting on Thursday. It was a good way to get an idea of what needs to be done before the fair's opening day on Aug. 5.

Lacy Reed, treasurer, reported on the account balance of \$7,164 and the bills that are due. After bills were paid, she said, there would be \$6,083 in the account. The board agreed to pay bills.

Opening day is approaching and members needing to purchase items, need to sign the invoices clearly, she said. She continued that it would help her by not having to make many calls to locate the signer.

President Dick Bursch asked Mrs. Reed if the motel room for Manzini, one of the entertainers, had been paid for. She said it had.

With most of the events and repairs discussed, the members talked about a check list of details that are completed or need attention.

Jared Douthit reported Candance Douthit was finished with planting the pots that had been approved at the May meeting. She had been approved for \$315 and the total bill was \$289. He told the members, the planted pots could be used for other events.

Mr. Bursch had several items to report including: the hog water is in, the property exchange deed has been signed by the county commissioners then to be signed by Butch Ewing, ice for the fair has been taken care of, and Bill Johnson and Pam Stevens have been hired to do the janitorial work.

Dick said he had roofed his own barn and had enough tin left over to put a green roof on the office building, if the board agreed. He

scheduled June 18 to do the roofing.

He continued the check list by saying he had talked to the county concerning mowing the grounds and was told the airport had the mower for the week. He told them next week would be fine but the mowing would be done by June 11, if possible.

He said the weeds needed spraying. Mr. Douthit said he had sprayed the weeds just before the last rains and will have to go back to spray again.

Megan Downey said Peggy Moberly is scheduled to do some painting on the fairgrounds and the champion sign.

Shade for fairgrounds

Francis O'Leary, St. Francis Lions Club member, presented a proposed shade area.

Mr. O'Leary said the club wants to donate an 18- by 30-foot carport and showed a picture of the carport.

Mr. Bursch, mentioned any structure built on the fairgrounds becomes county property. Mr. O'Leary said it would be donated.

They talked about where the carport would be built and the insurance needed. Dick asked Mr. O'Leary to walk around the fairgrounds and look for a likely spot following the meeting. No further discussion.

Goat pens

Gary Cooper, member, mentioned the fair was four pens short for goats and suggested having

Greg Walz, welder, build them. "Do we have any materials left?" Mr. Bursch asked.

John Finley told him materials would have to be purchased and agreed to talk to Mr. Walz.

Mrs. Reed said some of the pens are presently using baling wire to keep them closed, why not have Mr. Walz install latches? However, there was no further discussion.

Tables and chairs

Mr. Douthit and Mr. Cooper were approached by a group to anonymously purchase much-needed tables and chairs for the fair building.

The board discussed the numbers needed and decided to let the group make the purchase based on 10 to 15 tables and 25 to 50 chairs.

Advertisement budget

After some discussion about the advertisement budget, the board agreed \$3,000 was enough to get started. Motion carried and adding the advertising issue can be revisited if needed.

Mr. Douthit discussed the idea of the derby being a type of "Triple Crown" and it would need the advertising.

Next meeting

President Bursch suggested having the July meeting closer to the fair day and take into account the harvesting. Members agreed to have the meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, at the fairgrounds.



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Cost-Share Funds Available

The Cheyenne County Conservation District will be accepting cost-share applications for conservation practices, June 8 - June 30, 2009 at the Conservation Office in St. Francis.

Conservation practices include: Terraces, Terrace Rebuilds, Diversions, Livestock Tanks, Wells and Pipelines, Cross-Fencing, Pumping Plant for Water Supply, Rangeland Seeding, Spring Developments, Windbreaks, (i.e. Trees, Fabric Weed Barrier, Drip Irrigation Systems), and Failing Septic System Replacement.

All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Conservation District Board of Supervisors and funded according to priorities recommended by the Kansas Water Plan. Cost-share assistance rates are 50%-70%. Deadline to complete work is December 31, 2009.

Funding for the cost-share programs is provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriations from the Kansas Water Plan and administered by the Cheyenne County Conservation District.

If you are interested, please contact our office located in the USDA Service Center on West Highway 36 in St. Francis or call 785-332-2341, ext. 101.

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**Saturday & Sunday
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7:00 P.M. Skydivers land at High School

Saturday, June 13
Sunrise: Hot air balloons fly.
Breakfast and Lunch on field.
3:00 P.M. Stearman balloon bust contest.
7:00 P.M. BBQ in the Park

Sunday, June 14
Sunrise: Hot air balloons fly.
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