

## Otto Fredrick Samler

June 29, 1922 - May 19, 2012

The funeral of Otto Fredrick Samler was held May 22 at Zion Lutheran Church in Haigler, Neb., with Pastor Chris Farmer officiating.

Otto was born on June 29, 1922, at home. He was the son of Elizabeth (Knorr) and Christian Samler.

He died May 19, 2012. He was 89 years, 11 months and 10 days old. He had lived in Cheyenne County, Kan., all of his life.

Otto was a lifetime Lutheran. He was baptized on July 2, 1922, and confirmed on June 13, 1937, by Pastor O.H. Zeilinger.

He married Thelma C. Rogers Snelling on June 5, 1955. Thelma had three children from a previous marriage: Beverly Jean, Richard Lee and Robert Eugene.

Otto and his brother, Bill, farmed together for many years. Otto semi-retired and worked in sale barns in St. Francis and Wray, Colo. He also helped different farmers work their cattle which was a joy for him.

He was a dedicated church goer until health problems started arising. He loved to sing. One time he was coming home on the tractor and he was

a half-mile from the house, we could hear him above the tractor noise, Beverly said. Elizabeth went with Grandpa to sales or whatever and remember him singing the refrain of "The Red River Valley."

Otto would watch and listen to western music on television. He also loved baseball. Otto and Thelma got to go to Kansas City to a Royals game.

Otto was preceded in death by his wife Thelma; parents, sister, brothers, stepsons Bob and Dick, one grandson and two nephews. Surviving are daughter Beverly and husband Kenneth Wilkening, grandchildren Starla and Tim Giere, JR Wilkening, Elizabeth and Mike Love, great-granddaughters Faith, Shelby, Shadow Love, Holly Wilkening, Chantell, Jasmine, Emma Giere.

Interment was at the Hope Valley Cemetery, rural St. Francis.

Memorials may be given to: Hospice Services (Kansas) or Zion Lutheran Church in Haigler, Neb. or the senior center in St. Francis.

Arrangements by the Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

## Clarence John Scheopner

February 20, 1916 - May 25, 2012

Longtime Goodland resident Clarence John Scheopner, 96, died May 25, 2012, at Cambridge Memorial Hospital in Cambridge, Neb.

He was born Feb. 20, 1916, at Fleming, Colo., the son of Anna Theresa (Nortman) and Clement Bernard Scheopner. The family moved to a farm east of Goodland in 1919. He attended country school.

He worked on the farm until he was hired at Knudson Brothers as a mechanic. Later he started the first Culligan Soft Water Service in northwest Kansas, as well as owning the KOA campground, and farming.

On June 2, 1937, he and Clara Anna Huber were married, and they celebrated 64 years of marriage together. He was active in the community, serving on the Goodland School Board, the Kansas Board of Education, and the Northwest Kansas Vocational-Technical Board. He was a charter member and active in Kiwanis and the Sherman County Historical Society. He enjoyed being a member of the 60+ Club at the Senior Center and Goodland Elks Lodge. He served on the boards of the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK) and Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC). He was one of the founders of Beamgard Learning Center in Atwood.

He was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, where he served on parish council. As a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus member, his family

was recognized as the Kansas Knights of Columbus Family of the Year in 1990, and the runner-up in the International Family of the Year in 1991.

Preceding him in death were his wife Clara, who died March 2, 2002; his daughter Judith, who died March 24, 2010; grandsons Jeffery Scheopner; great-grandsons Park Russell and Johnathan Davignon; his parents; brothers Edward, Clem, William, Bernard, and Leo; sisters Helen, Marie, Mildred, and Margaret.

Surviving family includes children Harold Scheopner and his wife Mary Lou of Atchison; Phyllis Gertge and her husband David of Fort Morgan, Colo.; Irene Light and her husband Harold of Cambridge, Neb.; Joan Charles and her husband James of Leadville, Colo.; Richard Scheopner and his wife Diane of Goodland; Cathy Esquibel and her husband Larry of Topeka; John Scheopner of Clay Center; Andrew Scheopner of Goodland; 28 grandchildren; 66 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, May 31, at 10 a.m., at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland, with Father Norbert Dlabal presiding. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas or OLPH Catholic Church, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

## Charles M. Merklin

April 4, 1934 - May 27, 2012

Charles M. Merklin, 78, lifelong Bird City resident died Sunday, May 27, 2012, at his home. Charles was born April 4, 1934 to Lemuel and Myrtle Merklin in Cheyenne County, Kan. He graduated from St. Francis high school with the class of 1951. On June 9, 1973 he married Barbara Ogden in St. Francis. He spent two years in the United States Army and spent his lifetime as a truck driver, retiring in 1998. He enjoyed golf and was a lifetime member of the VFW.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Dale and sister Nadine Miller.

He is survived by his wife of the home, daughters Belinda (Frank) Serrano of Bird City, Sonja (Jody) Turner of Douglas, Stacey

(Dale) Hazuka of McDonald, and son Steven Merklin of Benkelman, Neb., brothers Leon (Darlene) of St. Francis, Bill of Meade, Gary (Peggy) of Malvern, Iowa, Marlin (Peggy) of Hutchinson, sisters Janice Dey of Lawrence, and Lenna (Fred) Studer of Goodland, and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday, June 1, at 11 a.m. at the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 E. 2nd Street in Bird City, with Pastor Tom Bailey officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has been chosen. Memorials will be directed to the church or hospice services.

Bateman Funeral Home of Goodland is handling the arrangements.

## Albert "A.E." Zimbelman

April 9, 1921 - May 9, 2012

Albert E. "A.E." Zimbelman, age 91, died on Wednesday, May 9, 2012. He was born April 9, 1921, in St. Francis, Kan., the son of Peter and Margaret (Crossiant) Zimbelman.

On Sept. 20, 1945, Albert was married to the former Lucile R. Holzwarth in St. Francis.

Lucile survives her husband, as do their children: Sheila and husband, Steve McFarland of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Rick and wife, Kate Zimbelman of Stanton, Mich., plus four grandchildren, Sarah and Andy Middlestead, Jessica Zimbelman, Zach and Holly Zimbelman, and Matthew and Bethany McFarland; two great-grandchildren, Elijah and Abigail; one sister, Ruth

Zimbelman of Boulder, Colo., and several nieces and nephews.

Formerly of Battle Creek, Mich., Mr. Zimbelman had been a resident of Ionia since 2008. He was a retired meat inspector from the United States Department of Agriculture, and was also a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be missed greatly by all of his family as well as everyone who knew him.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 11, at the Simpson Family Funeral Home of Sheridan, Mich. Officiant was Steve McFarland. Interment was in the Fort Custer National Cemetery.



John Sauder III and Theresa Trumbo

## Couple announces wedding set for June

Theresa Lynette Trumbo and John Amos Sauder III, both of Lincoln, Neb., announce their wedding in June.

Theresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Trumbo of St. Francis. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sauder of Conroe, Texas.

The couple are attending school at Union College in Lincoln.

## Student recognized at awards ceremony

At the invitation of Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, Tilyn Bell, St. Francis Community High School senior, was selected to attend the 29th Governor's Scholars Awards Program on May 6 in Topeka.

The recognition ceremony honors the top academic 1 percent of Kansas high school seniors. Scholars are selected from accredited public and private schools in the state.

"These high school seniors have shown dedication in their studies and a commitment to learning. They've earned this honor and I want to congratulate them on this achievement," Governor Brownback said. "We also should recognize their families, teachers, and mentors for helping these outstanding students achieve their academic goals."

This program is coordinated for



Tilyn Bell

the Governor by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force. It is funded by donations from private sector businesses in Kansas.

## Fort Hays announces high honor roll list

Several area students are included on Fort Hays State University's Deans Honor Roll for the spring 2012 semester.

Listed are: Shaina Gohl, St. Francis, a senior majoring in elementary education; Maclain Frewen, St. Francis, a senior majoring in technology studies-industrial technology; Katherine Jones, St. Francis, a senior majoring in English-writing; Dara Loyd, St.

Francis, a senior majoring in nursing; Jessica Marshall, McDonald, a senior majoring in nursing; and Christopher Walden, Bird City, a senior majoring in education.

The roll includes only full-time (12 credit hours or more) undergraduate students who earned at least a 3.60 grade-point average for the semester. Both on-campus and Virtual College students are eligible.

## Student named to Fort Hays honor roll list

Heather Hempler, Hays, a junior at Fort Hays State University, has been listed to the Deans Honor Roll in elementary education-special education.

Heather is the daughter of Kathryn Hempler, Hays, and the late Dennis Hempler. She is the granddaughter of Don and Phyllis Whitmore, St. Francis.

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undergraduate students who earned at least a 3.60 grade-point average for the semester. Both on-campus and Virtual College students are eligible.



## Helpful Hints

### Expanding Frosting

When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar/calories per serving.

### Reheating refrigerated bread

To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

### Newspaper Weeds-Away

Start putting in your plants,

work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go, cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic, they will not get through wet newspapers.

### Broken Glass

Use a dry cotton ball to pick up little broken pieces of glass - the fibers catch ones you can't see!

### No More Mosquitoes

Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

## Golf Schedule

The Junior Golf League will begin competing in June, ending the middle of July. Golf instructor, George Banister, reported practice has started at Riverside Recreation and there will be a meet every week.

The schedule includes:  
June 4-meet at Colby.  
June 11 at St. Francis.  
June 18 at Goodland.  
June 25 at Oakley.  
July 2 at Oberlin.  
July 9 at Hoxie  
The East-West Regional Tournament will be held on July 16 at Atwood.

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**Hometown Heros**

*Submit the name of someone you think should be featured as a "Hometown Hero" and why.*

**Starting in June, The Herald will begin a "Hometown Hero" regular feature. Advertiser are needed to sponsor what will be a best read series**

**For more details, contact Tim Burr at the Saint Francis Herald at 785-332-3162**

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